Edmonton Bicycle Commuters' Society BikeWorks Coordinator December Report Alex Hindle

BikeWorks Monthly Statistics

volunteer hours accrued: at least 208

volunteers who put in time at the shop: 24

patrons (estimated by # of transactions):61

bikes sold:5

\$ bikes sold: \$290.00

\$ parts sold: \$503.50 (total), \$199.50 New / \$304.00 Used

workshops/courses for public: 3

workshops/courses for volunteers (including new volunteer orientations): 1

new volunteers:3

Bike Building Monthly Statistics

Will add these stats to EBC Metrics docs asap.

Note: I put in fewer than normal hours over December due to holiday related activity and personal issues.

The Spoke

Planning for the Spoke rebirth is underway with chief areas of concern being a suitable space to run the program, completion of the curriculum and organization of a new session. Space remains the largest issue. We had hoped to be occupying the Eastwood School building by May and to run the program at that time but occupancy has been delayed until September. Other options discussed have included a shipping container, use of a community league space, use of space at the Bill Rees YMCA centre, or the leasing of space for both the Spoke/BikeWorks North. I will be viewing a potentially suitable space tomorrow with Anna and will inform the board of the details if it seems suitable. At this time a meeting of all Spoke stakeholders is planned for late January to discuss and hopefully decide upon the location issue. The general consensus being that the Spoke must be offered this spring or risk losing critical momentum, a decision must be made relatively quickly. Chris Chan has been working hard to develop curriculum materials for the program but he is very busy and I will be taking over and finishing the curriculum which will then be finessed and adapted to a digital display system by the folks at the Rotary Club.

Bike Rental Program

The final report was completed in December but not submitted due to a discrepancy between our submitted proposed budget and actual expenses. I have written to the MEC representative asking if we are eligible for the full funds (as we have concrete plans to use the money this year), if we should and can wait to submit the grant until we have spend all the money, or if we should submit the report as is at this time. The rep is due to be back this week so I am still waiting for a reply. Will act accordingly based on her recommendation.

Bike Storage

Offsite bike storage continues. We now have 20 finished bikes worth around \$2120 in storage in Adam B's garage with more on the way.

Metal Recycling

We are now experimenting with separating the aluminum from our scrap metal in the hopes that we can make money or at least reduce the expenses of the metal recycling. With aluminum selling for around one dollar a pound I expect this project to be useful.

Volunteer Management Plan

Development of the plan is ongoing. Should be done within the next month.