

Bike to Work Week Commuter Challenge Results

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Victoria - The Commuter Challenge event was held this morning to demonstrate the convenience of cycling in and around Greater Victoria. Teams consisting of a cyclist and car driver “raced” in following the rules of the road from Colwood, Oak Bay, Strawberry Vale, Gorge/Tillicum and North Saanich.

The results:

Of the 19 teams that officially participated, 10 bikes were victorious while only 9 cars won the match. The average time difference between the driver and cyclist ranged between less than one minute to as much as 8 minutes. The exception – a team from Central Saanich where the car pulled ahead by 23 minutes.

The finish line was the Starbucks Coffee at Fort and Blanshard Street – downtown Victoria.

Here is a summary of results:

Starting Location	Winner (car or bicycle)	Time between
Central Saanich	car	23 minutes
UVic	Bike	3 minutes
Delta Ocean Point	Bike	5 minutes
Oak Bay	Bike	1 minutes
Saanich	Bike	Car wouldn't start
Saanich	Bike	5 minutes
Strawberry Vale	Bike	?
Fort & Foul Bay	Car	Less than one minute
Selkirk Waterfront	Bike	2 minutes
	Car	1 minute
Strawberry Vale	Motobike	6.5 minutes
Royal Oak Centre	Bike	4 minutes
West Saanich Road	Car	8 minutes
Saanich Municipal Hall	Bike	30 seconds
View Royal	Car	1 minute
Colwood	Car	2 minutes
Gorge/Tillicum	Bike	30 seconds
Dockyard	Car	7 minutes
Highlands	Car	1 minute

Many teams participating in the commuter challenge race are interested in speaking with the media about their experience. Please contact me to arrange.

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