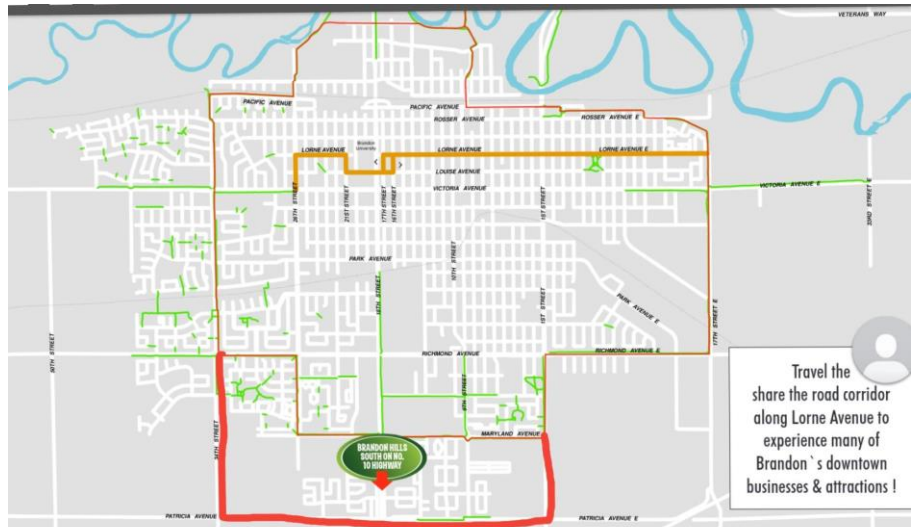


Canada Day bike around the city

16 bicyclists showed up at the Discovery Center at 8:30 a.m. to get an early start on what promised to be a warm ride. Our 23 km route just about circumnavigated the city, following the City of Brandon trail map, with a little extra jog at the South end of town along the newer bike paths on Patricia and 1st St.

James volunteered to take the lead, while Judy stayed at the back of the pack, with tire pump and kits to patch up tires and people. Fortunately, neither was needed!



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The highlight of the ride was a visit to Crow's General store, near the Green Spot, where we cooled our heels in the shade, explored the antiques and purchased ice-cream and drinks from friendly proprietor,

Don Ditchfield (far right). A few members tried out some new rides, but everyone elected to ride home on the bike they started with.



If you haven't visited Crow's recently—or even if you have, as it's ever changing—you should do so. Don's always eager for conversation or to take your picture, and the array of antiques is absolutely amazing.

Lots of new seating areas have been created outside, and he's working on a little village out behind the store.

From here, we headed back to the Discovery Center, losing members along the way as they passed turn-off points to their homes. The few that remained until the end made one final stop at Starbucks for a cool drink and/or some lunch.

Although the official route was 23 km, some of us added up to another 8 or 10 km to the route, to get to and from the "starting point".