

Green Timbers Heritage Society Board Meeting Minutes 25 November 2013



Welcome by Ellen Edwards in the Chair, to Directors Jim Foulkes, Susan Lehmann, Don Schuetze, Ian McLean, and Peter Maarsman.
Regrets received from Deanna Welters.

Agenda – Peter/Ian/approved.

Minutes from Board Meeting of September 16: Correction under New Business #2 - that Deanna (not Jim) attended the Sept 11 GTUF Advisory. Ian/Jim/approved as amended.

Business Arising:

Comments on AGM – Well planned, Neal Aven gave a fine SNAP Review (as Stephen and Nadia unavailable), Everyone had input, Jim Foulkes and Deb Jack gave reactions to recent at risk tree felling and a proposed 92 highway, Everyone enjoyed the refreshments!

Malcolm Aspeslet donated \$1000 in memory of his wife Barb. During research on Malcolm, we discovered that he had won a Carnegie Hero Award for saving his wife's life from mauling by a grizzly bear, resulting in him losing his scalp and needing many surgeries

(early 70s). We wrote a letter of acknowledgement, and all signed it. We asked if he would like to name a specific project. *

Storage of Award Shovel – We shall check with Neal Aven re storage and plans. We feel it is a golden shovel (instead of a gold watch? for the retirement of Helmar von Hahn after 40+ years at GT Nursery). Ellen gave Helmar a thank you card and photos on Nov 9. (Photos: when he gave the shovel on October 12 to Jim and Ellen, representing GTHS and SNC). *

Reports from Environmental Groups

SEP – Nov 6 at 7 PM with Deb Jack, Chair.
Attending: Don Schuetze, who provided a written report with a discussion appendix, and spoke to several points: Roberts Bank Terminal 2 advocacy – suggest Terminal purchase large tracts of land and allow no development; Deb shared her planned presentation to City Finance Committee to include environment; Rivers Day may be continued with tours to Tynehead & Campbell Rivers; how SEP can reach the public with awareness messages; should SEP continue as an organization with group reps for strategy purposes? Next mtng likely in March 2014.

GT Urban Forest Advisory Committee

Sept 11. Attending: Ian McLean,

Deanna Welters, Susan Lehmann.

Ian and Susan commented. For details, please read the GTHS Sept 16

Minutes. Many questions were tabled by the Chair – Neal Aven (City of Surrey Urban Forest and Environment) - (eg. roads through the forest) because the issues related to engineering. To ensure more effective discussion and negotiation, we request that a representative from Engineering be present at all future meetings. The topics that we submitted were on the Agenda, but not resolved. *



NEW BUSINESS

A. Financial Report – Statements remain the same as AGM. Jim Foulkes has agreed to remain as Treasurer if there is approval to hire a bookkeeper to prepare year end annual reports and tax rebate forms. Jim to find bookkeeping services, to check costs, and return for approval. December deadline.*

The Directors agree with the concept and need to decide which account to use for payment. Jim showed us his detailed, extensive binders, and was commended for his diligence and many hours of service to the society.

SNAP Finances – Jim reported a problem withdrawal of payments by CityFone during Sept and Oct (SNAP workers no longer on duty). We agreed to remove automated bank withdrawal approval for CityFone, which handles admin/expenses for all phones for our SNAP Workers. Jim investigating*

SNAP Coordinator – Stephen McGlenn – works Fridays.

Address Change to BC Registry

Services – we approved to pay the \$25 fee. City promises to reimburse, as the 2nd address change was their decision. *

B. Directors Share in Chairing Meetings and Taking Minutes. Agreed!

Also Agreed that:

The Chair prepares the Agenda. (Directors may suggest input for the Agendas). Don Schuetze will take the Minutes, except for Jan 8.

THANK YOU, DON!



2014 - 5 Board Meetings + AGM

Mtng Dates and Director in the Chair:

January 8 - Don
(Ian Minutes) *

March 12 -
Deanna (Don
Minutes)

May 14 - Ian
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July - Ellen
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Sept - Jim "

Nov AGM - Ellen "



Ellen with heartfelt gratitude thanks every Director who has taken on these responsibilities, relieving her of much stress for this next year.

C. Board Positions – 2013 to 2014

Agreed by all Directors:

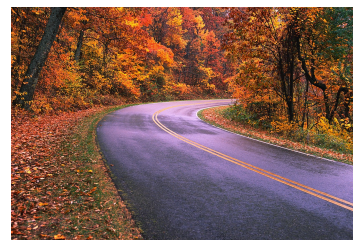
Past President: Peter Maarsman

President: Ellen Edwards

Communications Manager: Don Schuetze

Finance Manager: Jim Foulkes

Partnering Directors: Susan Lehmann, Ian McLean, Deanna Welters.



* indicates follow-up needed.

Next Meeting – January 8.

D. 2014 RESPONSIBILITIES

SNAP Supervision - Ellen, **Finances**

- Jim

Minutes/Marketing &

Communications - Don

Membership Files/Updates - Don

Website Updates - Don

Lehmann Grove **Kiosk** - Susan

Watering **Oaks** - Susan

Surrey Events Booths/Supplies -

Susan

Urban Forest Alert - Action re 92nd -

Jim, Susan

GTUF Advisory Com- Ian, Deanna,

Jim, Susan

SEP/ Environmental Committees -

Call for reps

as needed.

Our Major Discussion Tonight:

E. Urban Forest Alert – Is 92 Avenue to become a highway curving through the east side of the forest? What is this secretive plan Jim has discovered? Jim explained to us the planned location of this highway. and its extraordinary width. No one can understand why such a road is needed. Skytrain??

It would cause much disruption to the School Board buildings on 140, to residents along 92, and cause excessive damage to a mile and a half of the Green Timbers Forest all the way to 96 Ave at 148 St. We must remind the City that Green Timbers Forest was promised in 1930 to be “a forest in perpetuity.” We must act against this plan, and call for a referendum, or take it to the Mayor, or speak to the local newspapers. More research is needed. Immediate Action designated to Jim and Susan. *

F. Letters were read from Jinny Sims (MP - Newton/N.Delta) and from Jasbir Sandhu (MP - Surrey North), encouraging us to apply again for SNAP funding. Stephen McGlenn will reply.*

G. Notice from Neal re Filming by Lake this week.

H. Special Events this weekend: Peter and the Versatiles; Deanna and Surrey Art Gallery Show.