

Green Timbers Heritage Society

Board of Directors Meeting
December 11, 2014
Surrey Nature Centre

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Ellen Edwards. Present were Ellen Edwards, Jim Foulkes, Peter Maarsman, Susan Lehmann, Don Schuetze and Stephen McGlenn. Visiting were John Palmer, Coordinator for the Master of International Forestry Program at UBC and Janette Bulkan, Assistant Professor of Forestry at UBC.

During introductions Mr. Palmer pointed out that UBC was set to launch an Urban Forestry program in August, 2015. There may be possible synergies between the program and the Green Timbers Heritage Society.

1. Duties of directors for 2015

Ellen presented proposed duties for the directors for the coming year:

Jim Foulkes

President/Forestry Consultant
Stays aware of Forest Activity
Parks/City Liaison
SNAP Contact
Prepares Reports
Attends Environmental Committees (take turns)

Susan Lehmann

Activities Coordinator
Festival Booth Coordinator
Artistry Consultant (Yale Road Sculpture)
Garry Oaks Watering
Attends Environmental Committees

Don Schuetze

Vice President/ Communications Coordinator
Writes Minutes when not chairing
Creates Newsletters
Updates Website
Mailouts
Marketing
Treasurer
Chairs Meetings
Attends Environmental Committees (take turns)

Deanna Welters

Coordinator – Garry Oaks
Aristry Consultant
Booth Service
Attends Environmental Committees

Ellen Edwards

Past President/Administrator
Coordinates Activities
Prepares Agendas
Writes Minutes when not chairing
Writes Letters
Mailouts
Chairs Meetings
Attends Environmental Committees (take turns)

Peter Maarsman

Historian
Advisor

After some discussion the duties were accepted as presented.

2. SNAP program for 2015

Stephen McGlenn gave an introduction to SNAP to guests, then launched into the various grant applications under way.

The Canada Summer Jobs applications are now open. We still have to decide what jobs to apply for. Strategic planning is needed. We'd like to get all four MPs involved. We've never had funding through the South Surrey MP.

Environment Canada has a grant, the Science Horizons Internship program that's more for research than in-field work. Some ideas for applying for this grant are to list the benefits the Urban Forest provides residents as well as what services are provided. They would report to the City and help create strategy.

We used to apply for the Evergreen grant, but will need a different strategy.

The City will be applying for the TD Bank grant.

There are other potential grant opportunities to investigate as well.

The BC Lottery Gaming Grant did give us \$10,000, which was deposited Nov 7. They're waiting for the 2011 report. This is for environmental outreach and coordination of habitat restoration volunteers.

Stephen will be organizing a meeting in January for all the SNAP partners: Green Timbers Heritage Society, Sunnyside, White Rock Naturalists and the City of Surrey. This will be for strategic planning: what kind of teams will we want, what kind of work, and what kind of geographic distribution. We'll work on SNAP's vision.

3. Fraser Highway widening report

Jim Foulkes presented the City's proposed plan for widening Fraser Highway. City engineers have met with Green Timbers Heritage Society Directors three times to discuss the widening of Fraser Highway to accommodate four lanes, plus enough space for eventual light rail.

After a brief history of this square mile, now somewhat less, of what was once promised 'in perpetuity' by the government of B.C. Jim honed in on how the City would like to proceed.

In brief, the City proposes to relook at the rights of way the City had after the referendums and do a few land swaps. In return for taking an additional 5.6 acres along Fraser Highway, and the potential for a bit more up 148th Street, the City would be willing to give up their rights to 12.5 acres along 92 Ave and at the corner of 92 Ave and 148 St.

This is a net gain of 6.9 protected acres.

The proposed width of Fraser Highway will be between 40m and 45m, depending on intersections and proposed light rail stations. It would consist of two car lanes in one direction, room for two rail lines (one in each direction), two car lanes in the other direction, a verge and then a mixed-use trail.

Jim estimates this is the equivalent of 10 lanes. For comparison the Stanley Park causeway (in the news recently because of a controversial proposed widening) is currently 15m wide. The Patullo bridge is 12m wide for four narrow lanes.

It needs to be stated the City has had three meetings with directors of the GTHS, where they have sought input and discussion on the plans, and have tried to find ways to save as many significant trees as possible. The current estimate is 24 trees of significant size (more than 30cm diameter) will have to be felled.

The City would like to come to a shared agreement with the Green Timbers Heritage Society, because there is a lot of pressure to develop plans for light rail along Fraser Highway from King George Station to Langley.

After a lot of debate and discussion the directors could not come to a consensus. It was decided to go to the membership for further input before creating a response.

4. Next meeting

A date for the next meeting was not set.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

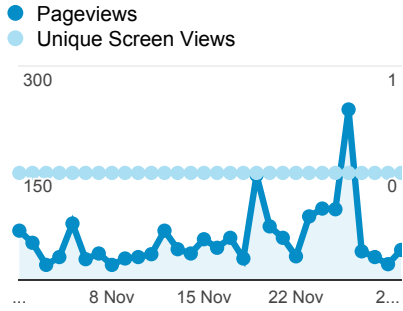
The quick overview

1 Nov 2014 - 30 Nov 2014

All Sessions
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+ Add Segment

Pageviews and Unique Screen Views



How many unique visitors?

800
% of Total: 100.00% (800)

Pages / Session

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Site Avg: 1.93 (0.00%)

How many unique laptop/desktop v...

604
% of Total: 75.50% (800)

How many unique smartphone/tabl...

196
% of Total: 24.50% (800)

Bounce Rate

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In which cities do your visitors live? - Top 5

City	Users	Bounce Rate
Surrey	104	51.82%
Vancouver	82	76.14%
Edmonton	26	73.68%
Burnaby	24	62.50%
Richmond	21	74.19%

Your visitors' favorite devices - Top 5

Mobile Device Info	Users	Bounce Rate
Apple iPad	70	67.12%
Apple iPhone	70	79.52%
Samsung SGH-I7 47M Galaxy S III	4	75.00%
Apple iPod	2	100.00%
BlackBerry 9900 Dakota	2	100.00%

Your visitors' screen resolutions - T...

Screen Resolution	Users	Bounce Rate
1366x768	174	72.56%
1280x800	80	83.15%
1920x1080	78	75.00%
768x1024	70	67.12%
1440x900	55	71.43%
320x568	51	74.14%
1024x768	39	95.45%
1680x1050	33	79.49%
1280x1024	29	86.67%
1600x900	28	77.42%