

Green Timbers Heritage Society minutes

May 21, 2015

Field trip to the erratic

At 7pm we headed up to visit the erratic behind the RCMP headquarters: Jim blazed the path, followed by Deanna, Ellen, Stephen and Don. The rock is quite big, almost as big as White Rock and covered with moss. To one side is the stump of a tree that was growing right next to it before being cut. Protected by the rock the springboard cuts are quite fresh and axe marks are still visible on the stump. On the west side are some flat rocks that may have been placed there as prayer rocks.

We returned by 8pm. Deanna had to leave, but Susan had arrived.

Meeting

Minutes from April 9, 2015 were read.

Events

The Kwantlen Park Planting Day on April 22, was fun, according to Susan. There wasn't a huge amount of people passing through, but there was a steady trickle, including people who didn't know where Green Timbers was.

Susan gave a resume of the Party for the Planet event. We had more people stopping by than past years. Our booth was better positioned. Some visitors included David Simpson who built the lake, former director Ian, Brent Barron designer of Lake, Owen Croy and Neil Aven.

Painted Turtles is this Saturday, May 23. Ocean Day on June 7 (Sunday).

Discussion on the Burns Bog Nature Festival in October. Susan will see if we can commit after contacting Sara Mimick.

Communications:

Don had nothing to report, but there is a list of things to do.

Finance:

Vancity: 58,471.20 "That will last us a while", said Stephen. That will last for a month or so.

Prospera gaming account needs to be replenished from the VanCity account for 10,000, or carefully documented for the report.

Prospera regular account: 2,645.19. This doesn't include the \$1,000 cheque to Sunnyside.

Jim went over how we covered the initial 5,208 for insurance, and 3,758 for leasing. The initial cheque from the City was in on time. Jim covered it with his Visa.

SNAP report:

invoices: waiting on City to generate cheques. Stephen tells Nadia, who drafts invoice to Finance. About 40 days delay (Jim says). Nadia may not have hit "submit". Stephen should have the ability to submit directly.

A few of the Canada Summer Jobs in, enough for 7 positions. \$39,300 in total. None came in from South Surrey. The City of Surrey will cover the rest. There are still a few grants to come in. That's 10 paid workers in total.

Welcome Breakfast last Wednesday. Jim and Ellen attended. Outreach team at Childrens' Festival, the habitat team were at Blackie Spit this week.

The team will be gathering more information about who they talk to this year.

Wed July 15 - gathering with funders: MPs and City. Time to be determined.

Some discussion on how the SNAP assignments are set and who sets it. The City right now does all the assignments.

Current issues:

Fraser Highway Widening: Jim was looking for a current road 45 m wide. The only one he thinks is feasible is #10 and #15, maybe 104th at King George. How can we show how much wider it will be.

The municipal clerk had found the referendum results. The roads are shown as dotted lines, not with the 40m right-of-way. There was no mention of roads. The right-of-way was done after, in 1987. The roads were reserved in-house.

Parking at 100th Avenue. "They", someone at the City has authorized bylaws to ticket people who park on the road.

We gave the cheque to Sunnyside, in return for previous donations.

Douglas Fir beetle. Apparently Sunnyside has done research, and all experts say downed Douglas Fir needs to be removed. We should liase with Sunnyside for their opinions on removing beetle-infested wood.

We have to go Vincent Lalonde (city manager) to show the impact of how wide that road will be.

Lots of discussion about the Surrey Cemetery understory removal, and how that was botched up.

Next Advisory Committee meeting is June 10.

Statue: The Port Kells Firehall is closing. There are a few sculptures. If a little firehall could get that sculpture, surely we could do something.

Shovel and plaque: now at Jim's place. Museum and Archives causing no end of grief. They didn't want it put in the little museum. There's no formal working document and so it can't be processed. Jim will see Laurie Cavan, manager of parks.

Moved by Jim, seconded Don to re-imburse Susan \$619.45 for new display boards. Passed.

Next meeting June 18th. 7pm. Focus on Fraser Highway.

Meeting adjourned 10pm.