



Green Timbers Heritage Society

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes for 1 March 2017 – 6:30 to 8:40

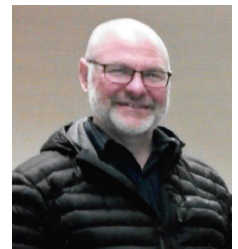


1. Attendance: Members and Directors welcomed by our President, Don Schuetze, were Jim Foulkes, Nathan Ross, Dennis Hutton, Michael Gibbs, Bill Potma, Nathan Evans, Ellen Edwards.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 1, 2017. Bill/Jim/approved. Many current issues were noted. Minute-taker appointed: Ellen.

3. Federal Heritage Project to nominate a Surrey National Historic Site - The Arboretum and

Inaugural Plantations were recommended. Don, Amar and Grant to prepare application forms (online instructions provided), and get letters of support from other heritage groups (eg. Michael for SHS). No deadline date.



4. Outreach: Don working on these strategies.

Paypal setup on website - Community organization outreach - News organization outreach - list of contacts - media kit - PR plan / communications strategy - our website - PR Volunteer: Job Posting - We've had a few responses from people interested in volunteering to help with PR efforts.

FaceBook - Activism and rabble-raising: letter-writing campaigns, news organizations, politicians... DS

5. The parking lot developments on either side of the RCMP buildings have -- apparently -- been approved by council. I don't know what the timeline is. Thanks to everyone who shared their thoughts and concerns with Chris Atkins, and/or City council. Ellen wrote a letter for GTHS, giving reasons why save the forest.

Basic solutions: Use underground parking or take a bus, or arrange a frequent shuttle. DS

6. 100th Avenue Widening - yes, we've been in contact with the City!



is proceeding. These photos supplied by members, and other environmentalists from the I Grieve program . Victor (City Project Manager) advises that 60 trees will be cut, and none are from the 1930s planting?? Fences have been put up along 100 Avenue to mark the widening boundary. Many concerned residents and GT Members have contacted us.

7. Events:

Party for the Planet April 22, 2017 City Hall – Application sent Feb 27. Booth Refresh? New signage?

Don calls for Volunteers to help man the booth, as our faithful Susan Lehmann is not available. Please come!

No World Oceans Day:

"After lengthy deliberation we have decided against organizing the World Oceans Day celebration again this year. Instead, we will be focusing our resources on educating weekend beach-goers and park users, and increasing our presence at Blackie Spit Park/Crescent Beach." - Leah Zia at City Parks

8) Green Timbers Urban Forest Advisory Committee:

Three GTHS reps allowed. To have 4 meetings annually. No recent meetings. Need one soon, with Minutes provided. Neal Aven, Manager of Urban Forests, is the Chair. Should the Chair be City Staff? Current GTHS representatives, Deanna and Susan have served their two 2-year terms, from Jan 2013 to Jan 2017. Jim has one year left, from Dec 2014. Reps need to be appointed. Bill Potma will let his name stand. Proxies need to be allowed so that GTHS always has a strong voice. Other reps from: White Rock, Sunnyside, Surrey Environmental Partners, Burns Bog.

9) New business:



Nathan stays good buddies with GTHS Financial Manager, Jim!

a) SNAP Coordinator Winter Update - Nathan Ross reports: Jan 10 - SNAP Partnership Mtng at SNC, and Feb Nathan gave SNAP History to White Rock Group. (They have speakers which bring in members). Nathan and Parks Staff (Billie Jo, Ken Crosby, Leah Zia, Cam Bennett) reviewed 558 applications from UBC, Kwantlen and SFU - and interviewed 30! Exams are in April, Plan to hire Leaders May 8, 15 workers altogether. City (Neal Aven) will draw up contracts soon. Need to purchase TShirts (3 each), Canopy, Table Covers, Caps, Vehicle

Signs. Needs \$500 in Petty Cash - cheque tonight.

b) Financial Report - Jim Foulkes reports: VanCity SNAP Balance - \$27000; Prospera GT Account Balance - \$16700; Gaming Account Balance - \$424. Year 2015/16 Finances completed with required reports submitted, taking many hours. 2016 SNAP - 4 Vehicles - Lease Costs \$21,200, Insurance \$8000, \$2250 fuel.

Total GST paid - \$1400. (50% rebate coming). Thanks, Jim, for all this detailed recording.

c) Events: Surrey Historical Society meets March 11 at the old 1881 Town Hall, part of the Truck Museum. All welcome to attend. 5 members indicated an interest.

Dennis Hutton reported that Surrey Trekkers walked through Green Timbers trails today and also last Sunday.

d) Job Opportunity announced by Caitlin MacDonald for a Parks Worker. (E-mailed to members earlier).

Many Events and Updates from City Parks and Heritage are distributed by e-mail via GTHS.

10) Next Meeting: April 5 at 7pm