



Green Timbers Heritage Society

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 5th 2017

Surrey Nature Centre | 14225 Green Timbers Way, Surrey, BC

Call to Order

The June 2017 Meeting of the Green Timbers Heritage Society Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05pm on July 5th 2017 at the Surrey Nature Centre by Don Schuetze.

Attendees

Don Schuetze, Amar Virk, Nathan Ross, Tessa Perkins Deneault, Jim Foulkes, Ellen Edwards, Nathan Evans.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved.

Meetings with city staff next week: Victor Jhingam and Paul Lee

Purpose of meetings discussed. It is important to present a unanimous vision to the city. Go in prepared, bring documentation. Ask questions that require research.

Succession planning

We need to make preparations for the passing on knowledge and archiving documentation.

Action item: brainstorm plan for knowledge transfer.

Perhaps we should hire filmmakers to create a film to educate the public about green Timbers. Including historical information and current threats to the forest.

Societies Act

There is a risk of having limits on tenure of President.

Financial Update – Jim Foulkes, Treasurer

Snap account: 5000 deposit from Vancity (grant)

City of Surrey deposit of \$50,000.

Deposits have come in from the federal government.

General account balance: \$2,476.95

GIC: \$15,000

\$4,590.88 per month for the trucks rentals. Tessa to mail cheque to Zeemac: 2293 Douglas road Burnaby V5C 5A9

Jim gave Nathan a \$750 cheque for petty cash. Jim to reimburse Nathan for printing \$385.28.

One five year membership received: Jackie Cameron.

SNAP Update – Nathan Ross

Nathan gave an update on SNAP activities. His report is enclosed.

Meeting with Neal Aven about potential new trails

In attendance: Chris, Jim, Don

Environmentally sensitive area from 92nd to power lines. To preserve, maybe we need to use that area and add trails.

Creation of trails and/or overpasses could done by city in return for road widening.

First step would be to study the nature preserve and see what is actually there now. It has not been studied since 2002.

Nathan to digitize VHS video about Green Timbers.

Meeting Adjourned

8:27pm by Don.

News Mentions

<http://www.surreynowleader.com/news/tree-loss-grows-as-development-gains-ground/>

LETTERS: Surrey's history preserved in its heritage trees

Surrey residents write to the editor about Surrey's heritage trees, Green Timbers Park

Jun 23rd, 2017

<https://www.cloverdalereporter.com/opinion/letters-surreys-history-preserved-in-its-heritage-trees/#>

BUCHOLTZ: Surrey trees take back seat to growth

Once again, the city is quite ready to sacrifice park land to move traffic

Jun 23rd, 2017

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/opinion/bucholtz-surrey-trees-take-back-seat-to-growth/>

Communications

June 9:

Hi!

Thanks for the reply!

This is the page I've mentioned: <http://www.greentimbers.ca/contact-gths/links> and the link to Other Ecological groups in BC (<http://www.innvista.com/science/ecology/bcmain.htm>) was down. There's another link that also

returns a 404 error — Birds Photo Gallery (http://enature.com/fotog/fotog_gallery.asp?fotogID=861) — hope that helps to keep your great website updated!

Pauline Brewer

June 12, 2017

Hi there,

I'm writing a story today about a report heading to Surrey City Council about trees.

I'm looking for people active on the tree issue who I can interview and through your organization might be a good fit.

I'm wondering whether the city is doing enough to make sure trees are either protected, or when they're cut down, replaced.

I can take an interview by phone as late as 2 p.m.

Please let me know if this is doable, or if you have suggestions for other people I might contact about this issue.

Thanks!
Matt

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June 14, 2017

Hi Don,

City Hall is aware of us now. They still have their heels dug in, but I am hoping to go before city council on June 26th. Just waiting to head back from the city on my delegation application.

The on-line petition has stalled, but we are doing paper ones now. We have a little over 200 so far. It is very tiring. I hope that we win soon as I cannot maintain this pace for an extended period.

Steven Pettigrew,
Re: Hawthorne Park

Good Morning,

I was wondering if you know of any groups in Surrey that are tasked with general oversight of tree removal throughout the entire city of Surrey? I am growing increasingly concerned with general development and rapid tree removal throughout the city and would like to see what can be done to provide some advocacy around this. I thought I would see who is already doing this before I start reinventing wheels!

Many thanks,
Nicole McLaren

June 23, 2017

Hi Don,

I have finally finished my newspaper article about green timbers and it was published in the Cloverdale Reporter, I have attached a link below. I hope that you like it and that I articulated my thoughts well.

<http://www.cloverdalereporter.com/opinion/letters-surreys-history-preserved-in-its-heritage-trees/>

Nikalen Edwards

June 23, 2017

Would sincerely appreciate your circulating, to your members, the following link:

change.org/p/save-hawthorne-park

Email sent to mayor and all council, plus parks and culture.

Congratulations to Steve Pettigrew for heading the fight to keep a road out of Surrey's beloved Hawthorne Park SurreyNowLeader, Friday, June 23/17, pages A11 (Frank Bucholtz), A1, A9, (Amy Reid) .

Can't the City of Surrey Mayor and Council realize that the taxpayers of Surrey still think that Surrey is the "City of Parks", regardless of whether the Council changed the logo to "future lives here"!!

When will Council and the developers they allow to cut down trees (cost of doing business, eh?) realize where our oxygen comes from....not the "Surrey palms" nor the short replacement-scheme trees?

Sounds familiar? Echos of fight to keep 84th Avenue out of Bear Creek---Bear Creek where ALL the council's minds had to be won over? Remember: a Surrey park user does not have to be a Surrey taxpayer, so all voices count!

Annie Kaps

June 28, 2017

Surrey-Newton-Guildford Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public Engagement - Open House 3

There is still one more opportunity for you to drop in to a public open house for Surrey-Newton-Guildford Light Rail Transit where you can learn more about the project, interact with the planning team and share your input.

Location	Date	Time
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[Peoples Church](#)
[14455 104 Avenue, Surrey](#)

Thursday, June 29, 2017

4 to 8 p.m.

Unable to join us? Have your say online.

Visit www.translink.ca/surreylrt and complete the online survey by July 7, 2017.

If you have any questions regarding the project, feel free to drop us a line at surreylrt@translink.ca

Regards,

The Surrey-Newton-Guildford LRT Project Team

June 30, 2017

Hi all,

As you are aware, the wood sign at 100 Ave and 148 St will be removed and stored until such time as we (as a group) determine the best approach to restore/replace the sign.

There are 2 other signs around the perimeter of Green Timbers Urban Forest that are in need of similar treatment. They are located at 96 Ave (west of 148 St on the north side) and on 100 Ave at the parking lot entrance.

Similar to the 110 Ave and 148 St sign, the Parks Division is proposing to remove these signs in the near future and store them temporarily until such time as we (as a group) determine the best approach to restore/replace the signs.

Your comments on this proposal are welcome. We would like to move towards removing the signs fairly soon so please let me know if you have concerns on the matter prior to July 7th.

Cheers,
Neal

GTHS Meeting – SNAP Update

July 5, 2017

Nathan Ross, Program Coordinator

Past Month

- Our Habitat Restoration Junior Team Members started yesterday – Alexander and Maria
- SNAP had our first volunteer event at Guildford Heights and had one volunteer show up.
- Our Tree Care team has started watering the Gary Oak trees on a weekly basis
- Our Outreach team has been at a number of events now: Oak Meadows Park Opening, World Oceans Day at Blackie Spit, Doors Open at Sunnyside Acres, Surrey Urban Farmer's Market, Park Play Palooza at Holly Park, and Canada Day in Cloverdale
- Site visit from MP Ken Hardie from Fleetwood - Port Kells
- Tori Lahoda from the HR team has injured her elbow and is currently off work. A claim with WorkSafeBC has been filed.

Next Month

- We were approved for a \$5000 grant from Vancity to undertake a restoration project in the very northern tip of Green Timbers - this work will start at on July 13
- We will be closing a number of unsanctioned trails leading down to King creek in the southern portion of Green Timbers
- I'll be conducting mid-summer evaluations with the staff and reviewing their goals with them
- We are organizing and attending a number of events for July:

SNAP Volunteer Days

- Kiyō Park
- July 6, 10am - 2pm

Community Picnic

- Magee Park
- July 6, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Bridgeview Community Fest

- Bridgeview Community Centre
- July 8, 11am - 3pm

Surrey Urban Farmer's Market

- North Surrey Recreation Centre
- July 12, 2pm - 6pm

SNAP Volunteer Days

- Claude Harvie Park
- July 20, 10am - 2pm
- o Surrey Fusion Fest
- Holland Park
- July 22 & 23, 11am - 7pm

SNAP & SHaRP Restoration Collaboration

- Kiyō Park
- July 26, 10am - 3pm

Surrey Youth Council Volunteer Day with MP John Aldag

- Claude Harvie Park
- July 28, 10am - 2pm

Proposals

- Petty cash cheque amounts be increased to \$750 from \$500 to deal with consistent shortfall
- Reimbursement cheque for \$385.28 be issued to Nathan Ross for reimbursement of flyer and display board printing at Surrey Digital