



## **Green Timbers Heritage Society**

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 2, 2017

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

### **Call to Order**

The August 2017 Meeting of the Green Timbers Heritage Society Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00pm on August 2, 2017 at the Surrey Nature Centre by Don Schuetze.

### **Attendees**

Don Schuetze, Nathan Ross, Tessa Perkins Deneault, Jim Foulkes, Ellen Edwards, Nathan Evans, Bill Potma, Antonio.

### **Approval of July Minutes**

Jim moves to approve July 6, 2017 minutes, Ellen seconds, minutes unanimously approved.

### **Approval of August Agenda**

The agenda for August 2, 2017 was unanimously approved.

Green Timbers DVD has been ripped and posted to YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/92rQ5B24w2k>

Our calendar has now been posted to our website: [www.greentimbers.ca/calendar](http://www.greentimbers.ca/calendar)

### **Upcoming events**

Aug 17: The Value of Our Trees

Where: The Ocean Park Community Hall (1577 128th St, Surrey)

When: August 17, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Dr Cecil C. Konijnendijk (main speaker)

Professor of Urban Forestry at UBC

Additional attendees:

Nadia Chan - Manager, Trees and Landscaping at the City of Surrey

Neal Aven - Urban Forestry Manager at the City of Surrey

Sept 9: The 19th Annual Surrey Fest Downtown at Holland Park

“A Celebration of Community”

11am – 4pm

We have been invited to host a community table at the event.

### **SNAP Update – Nathan Ross**

Nathan gave an update on the SNAP program. His report is enclosed.

**Financial Update – Jim Foulkes, Treasurer**

We should decide what to do with the general account funds. We have money for promotion — perhaps a video or updating the event booth.

Prospera general account balance: \$2,634.45.

There is also \$15,008.10 in three term deposits.

Prospera gaming account: \$424.02.

\$100 donation received from Gaila Foort. Directors have sent her a thank you card and Jim moves to give her an honorary membership for one year. Deanna seconds.

Unanimously Approved.

Note from Gaila Foort:

“I walk in Green Timbers Park and have for years. I wanted to contribute to the Society to keep up the work to save this lovely green space.”

Vancity SNAP account: \$21,645; Term deposit \$25,955

We’ve paid \$4,500 in petty cash to SNAP so far this year.

Zeemac has requested monthly payment of \$4,590.88. Jim moves that he write a cheque for this payment. Deanna seconds; approved. Tessa to mail cheque.

\$52,000 in funds still to come for SNAP.

**Adjournment**

The August 2017 meeting of the Green Timbers Heritage Society Board of Directors was adjourned at 8:35 pm by Don Schuetze. The next meeting of the GTHS Board of Directors will be held September 6, 2017.

Minutes submitted by: Tessa Perkins Deneault

**Enclosed:**

Appendix A: SNAP update

Appendix B: email communications

Appendix C: news mentions

## Appendix A- SNAP Update

August 2, 2017

Nathan Ross, Program Coordinator

### Past Month

- The SNAP volunteer days have kicked off in full force with 4 events: Kiyo Park, Green Timbers and twice at Claude Harvie.
- We completed phase 1 of the restoration project at the north end of Green Timbers (removing invasives and garbage). We will be revisiting the site on Friday for a checkup and then arranging dates for planting native species in the fall. Volunteers from the Vancity Surrey Centre Branch helped out all morning.



- Our Tree Care team reached the 1000 tree milestone! They have improved the health of over 1000 3, 4, and 5 year old trees across the City.
- MP John Aldag and a representative from the Cloverdale Youth Council volunteered removing invasive plants from Claude Harvie Park on July 28. They stayed for most of the day and worked really hard!
- Nathan Evans is using the SNAP budget as a case study for an accounting project. Some sort of report and/or recommendations for improvement will be provided.
- We have had two significant workplace injuries occur this summer, both on our Habitat Restoration teams. Tori Lahoda missed 3 weeks with an elbow strain and Sabrina missed one week with a dislocated finger. Both are now working on modified duties and have had their claims approved by WorkSafeBC.

### Next Month

- Already the final month of the 2017 SNAP season!
- We have two more volunteer events happening, one at Kwomais Point Park in South Surrey tomorrow and the other at Hazelnut Meadows Park on August 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The newly elected NDP MLA for Surrey-Green Timbers, Rachna Singh, will be visiting the SNAP teams this Friday.

An invitation to the SNAP Year End Brunch on Tuesday August 15<sup>th</sup> will be sent out tomorrow.

## Appendix B: Communications

July 10:

Hi Don,

I heard back from the documentation centre people, and here is the response:

I have taken a look and all that I could find so far is the decision letter informing the proponent that the subject was not recommended for designation; no sign of the first correspondence which initiated the nomination. A few things to consider, the first being that the subject was reviewed more than 15 years ago; if additional information can be provided, a reconsideration might be possible. The second point would be to really take a look at our guidelines and present their case in the optic of a national level designation. As you have seen in the Minutes, the Board deemed this topic to be of provincial importance at the time.

You should take a close look at the information on these pages to make sure that your new submission conforms to the criteria.

<http://www.pc.gc.ca/en/culture/clmhc-hsmbc/ncp-pcn>

As you have heard, I am now retired, so your contact will be Katie Cha.

Best of luck to you!

Mike Starr

Now retired.

Maintenant a la retraite.

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July 14

---- Delegation Meeting ---- Steve Pettigrew presenting----

They moved it up to an earlier session of council.

Location: City of Surrey's Hall, 13450 - 104th

Date: Monday, July 24th

Time: between 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

COME STAND WITH US AT COUNCIL.....THIS IS REALLY A PART OF THE GREEN TIMBERS FIGHT OVER ROADS AND OUR PARKS.

CONTACT STEVE PETTIGREW AT [stevengp@telus.net](mailto:stevengp@telus.net)

- can you walk-the-talk and collect "high-value" signatures which Council insists are those in immediate proximity to Hawthorne?
- can you, wearing a sign, walk or stand on major intersections/roads?
- can you make some signs and put them up in areas?
- can you get any high-profile citizens to attend (x-council, X-mayors, x-MLA, x-MP's) as there will be media coverage?

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REMEMBER: park your car, remember space, register with clerk for free parking while attending a council meeting

-Annie Kaps

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July 17:

Hello there,

In early 2016 Metro Vancouver established a Regional Invasive Species Task Force composed of municipal staff, senior governments, the Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver and several other interested parties. As one of its priorities, the Task Force is identifying disposal options for invasive plants and soil containing invasive species within our region. The Task Force is also interested in learning which companies are providing top soil and compost for landscaping and restoration projects.

As contractors and stewardship groups whose projects may involve invasive species treatment, removal, disposal and/or landscaping and restoration within the Metro Vancouver area, your feedback is very important to us. Please complete this ~10 minute survey by Sunday, August 20th, 2017:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHNWF3L>

Your responses will inform the best practices that are being developed for several invasive species found in the Metro Vancouver region.

The Task Force would appreciate input from as many contractors and stewardship groups across the Metro Vancouver region as possible, so please forward this survey to any relevant contacts in your network. Thanks very much for participating in this survey and for your hard work to stop the spread of invasive species!

Kind regards,

Laurie Bates-Frymel MCIP RPP

Senior Regional Planner, Electoral Area, Planning Analytics and Environment

Parks, Planning and Environment

t. 604.436.6787

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July 23:

Hello,

Here is a bit of an update concerning Hawthorne Park.

As it turns out, they are ONLY planning to remove the "protected" status of Hawthorne Park. But, it is setting a dangerous precedent. Once they remove the bylaw protecting this park, then ALL other parks are at risk of the same thing happening to them.

Please read through this email. I know that it is a lot, but this is the game the city has been playing with us. They give us an overwhelming amount of information just before the close of business on Friday and they make the decisions on Monday. They have had these plans in motion for weeks, but they are stonewalling us at every chance they get.

We need to stand together for all our parks/forests/ecologically sensitive areas.

Please rally your people, we need hundreds of people at the council meeting on Monday or the council will rubberstamp the corporate report and Hawthorne Park will be devastated. Remember if they can do this to this park then they can do it to any area they want.

----- Council Meetings Monday July 24th -----(we are #33 on the agenda...last place...they are hoping we all go home)

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - Hawthorne delegation speaks and is requesting that the bylaw be upheld.

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm - Council decides if they want to remove the bylaw or not. They will use the Alternative Approval Process to remove it unless we have enough public pressure.

We need hundreds and hundreds of people at this meetings.

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----- [http://www.surrey.ca/bylawsandcouncilibrary/AGN\\_RCPH\\_CURRENT.pdf](http://www.surrey.ca/bylawsandcouncilibrary/AGN_RCPH_CURRENT.pdf) -----

Regular Council Public Hearing Agenda - July 24th, 7:00 pm

G. CORPORATE REPORTS The following Corporate Reports to be considered:

ENGINEERING / CITY MANAGER'S Item No. R161 Changes to Reserved Parkland in Hawthorne Rotary Park File: 0910-40 BL 5400-80 (10500) Note: See Bylaw No. 19337 under Section H.

H. BY-LAWS AND PERMITS BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

33. "Surrey Removal of Reservation of a Portion of Hawthorne Park Bylaw, 2017, No. 19337" 3900-20-19337 - Council Initiative A Bylaw to remove the park reservation of a portion of Hawthorne Park in the City of Surrey. Approved by Council: To be approved Corporate Report Item No. 2017 – R161 Note: This Bylaw will be in order for consideration three readings should Council approve the recommendations of Corporate Report No. R161. First, second and third readings

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I know that you can't contact everyone, but you can pick three media outlets and three council members. This must be done! It will only take you fifteen minutes of your time.

Call the media:

Surrey Now Leader <http://www.surreynowleader.com/submit>  
604-572-0064

Omni ( which is Rogers) <http://www.omnitv.ca/bc/en/contact>  
<<http://www.omnitv.ca/bc/en/contact>>  
416-764-3005  
Vancouver Sun [vantips@postmedia.com](mailto:vantips@postmedia.com) <<mailto:vantips@postmedia.com>>  
604-605-6185 or 604-605-2000

Vancouver Province [vantips@postmedia.com](mailto:vantips@postmedia.com) <<mailto:vantips@postmedia.com>>  
604-605-7381

CBC TV <https://www.cbc.ca/television> <<https://www.cbc.ca/television>>  
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604-422-6494

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604-602-1002

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1-888-786-7821

Georgia Straight <http://www.staight.com/contact-us> <<http://www.staight.com/contact-us>>  
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604-331-2711

City TV 604-558-2527

Radio 1130 [www.news1130.com/contact](http://www.news1130.com/contact) <<http://www.news1130.com/contact>>

604-877-4400

Breakfast TV [www.btvancouver.ca/contact](http://www.btvancouver.ca/contact) <<http://www.btvancouver.ca/contact>>

Let the council know how you feel about their taking away the protected status of Hawthorne Park and building roads through a rare peat bog and 2 endangered creeks:

Mayor Hepner

Office phone: 604-591-4126

Email: [mayor@surrey.ca](mailto:mayor@surrey.ca) <<mailto:mayor@surrey.ca>>

Councillor Tom Gill

Office Phone: (604) 591-4634

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Councillor Woods

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-- Eileen Lindner

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July 24:

What about Green Timbers proposal to widen the highway through GT. It seems we should be off our butts over this calamitous scheme. GT. should only be used for the Skytrain extension (whenever) it comes up for proposal at city hall. I suggest using the Skytrain extension through GT. for this mode of transportation, closing 144th st. at the intersection, and using the Green Belt underneath for pedestrian and bicycles only; and throughput the extension to at least 160th St. Lets not have the developers have their way, its enough that they widen 100th Ave.

thanks,

Dave Arland

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July 27:

Hi Don,

Here is the message. Please send it to your people.



If you don't want to send it, that is fine. But, please don't edit it if you are going to send it.  
This is who I am and my passion shows through in my words.

Thanks,  
Steven

----- Message From Steven Pettigrew -----

A call to Arms! Our green space is under siege by the engineers!  
Over the top you say. You wouldn't say so if you spent 45 minutes talking to the senior manager of the city engineering department, which is what I did this morning.  
My name is Steven Pettigrew and I am involved in the Save Hawthorne Park organization. Don has graciously agreed to allow me to contact you through your email group. As you probably know the city is planning to remove the "protected" status of Hawthorne Park and put a road through an ecologically sensitive peat bog area and two red listed streams.  
Apparently a capacity group of angry community people (over 100) and over 5000 signatures was not enough to convince them to even consider working with us to come up with a compromise. They will go ahead regardless and destroy a large section of the park.  
We (the community of Surrey) plan to stop them.  
You have the experience and the ability and we need your help!  
Sign the petition: <https://www.change.org/p/save-hawthorne-park>  
Join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/443005682741874/>  
Contact me and get involved: [stevengpettigrew@gmail.com](mailto:stevengpettigrew@gmail.com)  
Stand with your community and preserve our green space!  
Remember if they can do this to Hawthorne Park, then they can do it anywhere.  
Get involved... you won't regret it.  
Steven

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August 1

Hello,  
Surrey Fest Downtown – a Celebration of Community – is one of the largest Community Festivals in Surrey. **The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Surrey Fest Downtown takes place on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 at Holland Park.** The festivities will begin at 11 am and will run until 4 pm.  
With all the talk about people feeling disengaged from the community, we want to invite community groups such as yours to come out with a small display and encourage attendees to volunteer/or participate in your activities. There will be no charge for you to participate and we will supply a table and chairs.  
Our goal is to encourage residents to come out and see what great programs and activities are available in Surrey that could use some help. We hope your group will come out and participate. **Please find enclosed a letter of invitation and registration form to fill out if you plan to attend.**  
We hope we can count on your support to make our community a great place to live, work, learn and play!  
Regards,  
Kyla Fraser  
Special Events Intern  
Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association  
c: [778.779.0061](tel:778.779.0061)  
w: [604.580.2321 ext 204](tel:604.580.2321)

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August 2

Hello Don,

I would like to extend an invitation to a presentation at the Ocean Park Community Hall on Aug. 17h. We are becoming increasingly concerned as many Surrey residents are about the tree canopy losses and uncontrolled housing developments.

Our small group under the direction of the OP Community Assn. has grown and we are hoping to present to Council some recommendations in September.

Your list of suggestions to me some time ago still encourage and inspire me to try to keep our wee bit of green here at the south end intact. You are doing an amazing job of advocating for Green Timbers and hopefully some of council's plans will be stalled. I cannot look at the current proposals without a deep sadness and sense of loss. My brother-in-law in the 60's went to Forestry School at Green Timbers when the forest still was intact.

Thank you for sharing with your members and hope to see you on the 17th !

Bev Ford  
Ocean Park Beautification Committee

## Appendix C: News mentions

### July

Grip and grin of Nathan Ross and a large \$5,000 novelty cheque from VanCity

<http://surrey604.com/2017/07/19/vancity-grant-allows-king-creek-headwaters-to-be-cleaned-up/>

Same story in *Business in Vancouver* July 25 issue (page 29)

<https://www.biv.com/article/2017/7/record-july-25-2017/>

### June

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