



Green Timbers Heritage Society

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

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

Call to Order

The September 2017 Meeting of the Green Timbers Heritage Society Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00pm on September 6, 2017 at the Surrey Nature Centre by Don Schuetze.

Attendees

Don Schuetze, Nathan Ross, Ellen Edwards, Nathan Evans, Bill Potma and Susan Lehmann.

Approval of August Minutes

The minutes from August 2017 were approved as read.

SNAP Update – Nathan Ross

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

- Season wrapped up August 25
- A final tree planting on September 30 at the North End.

Upcoming events

Sept 9: The 19th Annual Surrey Fest Downtown at Holland Park
“A Celebration of Community”

11am – 4pm

We will have a community table at the event.

Sept 16: A Hawthorne Park rally at City Hall, featuring David Suzuki

Discussions

Cultural Grant application:

Don will send an “expression of interest” before the September 25 deadline. Some ideas for projects this grant could help are the statue (at 140th and Fraser Highway) or updating the GT booklet.

National Historic Site:

Went over briefly what we knew of the previous application, which was it was submitted in the late 1990s. We haven’t found it in the archives yet.

Green Timbers Urban Forest Advisory Committee:

They will meet tomorrow, Thursday September 7. Part of their discussion will be the wooden sign cleaning

Gaming Grant:

Nathan Ross went over the history of our previous applications and his understanding of what they are looking for now. In brief: the grants should be for projects that have been going for at least a year and not be part of an existing ongoing funding structure. Thus, SNAP itself, or any project currently done by SNAP that is part of our existing contract with the City would be eligible.

Financial Update – Jim Foulkes, Treasurer

Jim delivered his report via telephone:

Vancity SNAP account: \$37,105; General: \$2634; Term deposits: \$15,008.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting of the GTHS Board of Directors will be held October 4, 2017.

Enclosed:

Appendix A: SNAP update

Appendix B: email communications

Appendix C: news mentions

Standing information:**GTHS calendar:**

www.greentimbers.ca/calendar

Websites:

- greentimbers.ca
- savegreentimbers.ca
- <https://sites.google.com/view/greentimbers/>

Social:

- <https://www.facebook.com/greentimbers/>
- https://twitter.com/green_timbers/
- Email newsletter archive (MailChimp):
<http://us3.campaign-archive2.com/home/?u=92723290dccb61995ff1d1fa2&id=d1c3c32d25>

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Appendix A: SNAP Update

September 6, 2017

Nathan Ross, Program Coordinator

Past Month

- The 2017 SNAP program has ended!
- All the SNAP vehicles were returned on August 25th (damage free!)
- SNAP phones were discounted 100% for the winter. Cityfone may try to charge us for holding the numbers next fall.
- The SNAP teams presented their work at a year-end brunch event to representatives from the partner organizations, a representative from MP Ken Hardie's office, and Councillor Starchuk



This Month

- Final reports to Canada Summer Jobs will be mailed in and final payments should arrive by late October.
- A budget summary for the GTHS fiscal year including all petty cash transactions will be completed by the end of September.
- A final SNAP report summarizing the work that we undertook this summer will be completed by early October and sent to the partners, City staff and local politicians.
- A request to present our summer's accomplishments to Mayor and Council and/or the PRSTC for October.
- Nate will be away on holidays from September 11th – 22nd and will be transitioning to part-time in October
- There will be a planting event on September 30th at the very north end of GTUF as part of the Vancity grant project. GTHS volunteers are welcome!

Appendix B: Communications

August 2, 2017

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

August 12, 2017

Hello,

The city is using the AAP (Alternative Approval Process) on Hawthorne Park to take away its protected status. That means we need 10% of all the voters in Surrey to sign the ERF(Elector Response Form). So we are working on getting 30,000+ signatures in 30 days.

Hope you can help us out by sharing this info with others in your group-thanks for any help you can give.

The City of Surrey wants to remove the "protected" status of Hawthorne Park (located in North Surrey) and put a two- lane road through an ecologically sensitive bog and through the forested part of the park.

Our group, Save Hawthorne Park, is trying to stop this road and preserve this park. The political process the city is using will be used on other Surrey parks if they succeed in putting a road through this park.

We are asking you to stand with the Community of Surrey and stop this road from going through this beautiful area. If we don't stand up for our future and the creatures living in the forest, then who will?

There will be a rally in support of preserving Hawthorne Park. Please make this information available to your people and encourage them to attend. We have also attached an invitation for people to print and hand out.

Location: Our Lady of Good Counsel (school gym) -10504 139th Street

Time and Date: Thursday, Aug. 17th at 6:45pm

The purpose of the rally is to inform people about what is going on, and to make available to them the forms that the City of Surrey wants to be completed.

Volunteers can contact Steven Pettigrew at stevengpettigrew@gmail.com or Eileen el9@telus.net

Our on-line petition is at: www.change.org/p/save-hawthorne-park

We look forward to working with you to preserve Surrey's parks for the enjoyment of all people.

Sincerely,
Eileen Lindner

Aug 16

I'm all about nature. The beavers have been entertaining everyone for a while however, they are visibly becoming quite destructive. Some one suggested wire mesh around the bases of the trees which is a good idea. I am seeing the beavers venturing into the other streams and beginning to place branches there as well. Is there any proactive measures planned for our little friends? It's not going to stop. As soon as the big rains come, that lake will fill up and cause a huge mess.

Doug

August 18, 2017

Subject: cigarettes and liquor in the park

Message: My wife and I walk in the park daily and have noticed a few things that have concerned us. There appears to be more people drinking liquor in the park in full view. They are also smoking cigarettes which you can see littered on the ground. With the recent small fire in the park, you'd think there would be a greater effort on sending a message out not to ignite cigarettes in the park. There have even been people with camp stoves at the park benches. We have even viewed people tossing used diapers onto the ground. I have only seen a police presence once in June and the Soldiers of Odin in July. I hope this message can make it to the right source. Its a wonderful park and should be managed better. Thank you. Doug

August 24, 2017

We are excited to have you participate in this year's 19th annual Surrey Fest Downtown – A Celebration of Community.

The festival is just around the corner and we want to make sure you have received confirmation of your participation so we are sending you this update.

We will be sending out a vendor package that will include load in and set up instructions on the day of the festival. It will also include details for parking in the area of the festival.

If you have any questions please email us or give us a call.

We look forward to seeing you on Festival Day

Tracey Gravel
Administrative & Special Event Assistant
Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association

Appendix C: News mentions

August

Brush fire breaks out in Surrey's Green Timbers

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/brush-fire-breaks-out-in-surreys-green-timbers/>

KATYA SLEPIAN - Wed Aug 16th, 2017

Surrey fire crews spent over an hour dousing what is likely a human-caused fire in Green Timbers Urban Forest on Tuesday night.

According to assistant Chief Brian Woznikoski, two units arrived at the northwest corner of the forest at about 7 p.m. to find a 40 ft. by 40 ft. area burning.

“It appeared there was some mulch and bark that was burning,” Woznikoski said. “The problem with these types of fires is that they get deep seated... but because it’s a small fire we were able to use foaming agent so it seeps into the ground and acts like a deterrent.”

There was no cause determined but Woznikoski said “it was obvious that there was no lighting strike so it would be caused by humans.”