



Green Timbers Heritage Society

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 30th 2017

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

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Call to Order

The August 2017 Meeting of the Green Timbers Heritage Society Board of Directors was called to order at 6:45pm on October 30th at the Surrey Nature Centre by Don Schuetze.

Attendees

Don Schuetze, Nathan Ross, Patrick, Tesa, Jim Foulkes, Ellen Edwards, Nathan Evans, Bill Potma, Amar Virk, Kuldip Kang.

Approval of July Minutes

Ellen moves to approve September, 2017 minutes, Amar seconds, minutes unanimously approved.

Approval of October Agenda

The agenda for August 2, 2017 was unanimously approved.

Financial

Jim Financial Reports Update.

- SNAP Account: \$42K
- Missing Invoice Provided by Nathan
- General Account: \$5679.00 in Chequing
- 12K In term Deposit @Prospera
- Thank you letter to Gaila Fort.

Jim moves to approve the Financials, Don Seconds. Approved by all in attendance.

SNAP Update – Nathan Ross

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

- SNAP donations given to Jim by Nathan
- 2017 Report Sent to BOD
- Sept Planting Event - 200x Plants completed by SNAP, 200x completed by the city.
- Canada Green Corps - Potential Funding (65% wage subsidy for you.) Same restriction as the Canada Government Grants.
- Meeting scheduled with Don to discuss the future of SNAP
- Meeting scheduled for 2018 Grants
- Needs to update SNAP section on GTHS website.
- Workplace Manual needs to be updated. (ie: Program Coordinator Manual)
- Focus on writing Grants for Nov-Dec.
- SNAP in the 10 Year Plan (Concern brought up by team)

- Nathan talked to Surrey Sustainability Office and SNAP is included.
- Nathan moves to accept the motion to accept SNAP report

Other items

GTHS Calendar

Don has updated the Calendar: <http://www.greentimbers.ca/calendar/>

AGM

- Subsidy of \$10 per member who attendance AGM to promote active participation.
- Amar will be out of the country on business and will miss the AGM. He would like to help in whatever capacity he can in 2018.

IT

Web hosting fee motion to pass by Don, Second by Amar. Agreed by all.

Special Resolution: Yearly Membership Fee

Raise old fee from \$5 a year in 1987 to;

New Proposed Fee: 1 Year \$10 or 3 Year \$20

Motion to pass by Don, Seconded Bill. Agreed by all.

Cultural Grant Application

- Don and Nathan attended.
- Nature and historical part.

Fallen Trees

- Found by Bill that collapsed (North point of the lake Oct 29th Storm)

Surrey Nature Centre

- Bill would like to acknowledge the planting done a month ago. Arbour Day Surrey, Nature centre. (Sept 30th).

GTHS Signage

- 2018 Planning parking lot for Strategic (Introducing Sing for Inaugural plantation & the Growth Rings Slab by Lake on the birch trail).

Membership

- Is down from 1000 to appx 66 over the decade
- Lack of volunteers to repair things.

Adjournment

The October 30th 2017 meeting of the Green Timbers Heritage Society Board of Directors was adjourned at 8am by Don Schuetze. The next meeting of the GTHS Board of Directors will be held Nov 27th at ABC 15373 Fraser Hwy 5:30pm, 2017.

Minutes submitted by: Amar Virk

Appendix 1: GTHS Meeting – SNAP Update

October 30, 2017

Nathan Ross, Program Coordinator

Past Month:

- Reports to Canada Summer jobs were submitted and all the final payment installments have been received and deposited
- The 2017 SNAP final report was completed and sent to the program partners, funders, and local politicians
- The SNAP planting event on Sept. 30 was a success! Six of the summer staff attended along with Nate, Ken Crosby from Surrey Parks, and our esteemed president, Don!
- Exploring new potential funding sources including the Canada Green Corps administered through the United Nations Association of Canada



This Month:

- The invoice from NATs nursery for native trees and shrubs to be paid (\$3,163.18)
 - Meeting with City staff to discuss 2017 SNAP year and plans any big picture plans for next year
 - Start applying for grant funding (Green Corps, HCTF, Vancity, TD Bank)
 - Updates to SNAP website, City of Surrey SNAP page, and GTHS SNAP page
 - Updates to the Program Coordinator manual and the SNAP Workplace manual
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Appendix 2: Communications

October 22, 2017

From: Haven Edward Subject: Vegetation and wildlife

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Message: Is there a small booklet or pamphlet available that contains the information provided in your Vegetation and Wildlife section? I find that the information provided is very useful and having some sort of small booklet containing said information would also be very useful and I would be very interested in acquiring one.

Thanks.

October 19, 2017

From: South of Fraser Rapid Transit <surreyLRT@translink.ca>

Public consultation on the draft terms of reference for the Surrey LRT Environmental and Socio-economic Review is now underway and we want to hear from you!

Public comment period now open October 19 – November 6, 2017

TransLink and the City are committed to delivering light rail transit in Surrey in a manner that respects the environment and considers its social, ecological, and economic effects.

TransLink and the City have developed an environmental review process that identifies and analyzes potential project-related effects and appropriately responds to them in finalizing project design, construction, and operating requirements.

Have your say online.

Visit the new project website, surreylightrail.ca to read about the environmental review process and provide your feedback.

The results of the environmental review will assist in refining project designs and support development of construction and operating performance requirements in delivering the new LRT line.

Additional opportunities to provide your feedback and view project designs will be provided in winter 2018.

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

Regards,

The Surrey LRT Project Team

October 11, 2017

From Kuldip Kang

Hello Mr. Schuetze.

Thank you for replying to my earlier text messages. Attached is the information I would like you to have as background for our phone call tonight at 7:30 pm.

Doc 1 is high-level information on what my university project entails and what the role of a client organization would be.

Doc 2 is specific information on the Balanced Scorecard. This is my preferred area of research. Ideally, I would like to work with an organization to get to the results on pg. 4 of this document. It would likely involve either a focus group session and/or individual interviews with management/directors.

Hopefully, this is of interest for the GTHS. The report may help you formalize objectives/targets you already had or the process could be useful in brainstorming/creating strategies on aspects you have not considered yet. I would eventually make recommendations to you based entirely on the discussion/statements that come from GTHS directors/management. These, of course, are for your consideration and not at all binding. You would have the option of keeping the report internal (i.e. only GTHS and the University of Victoria could access it) or having it accessible freely to any member of the public through the UVic website.

I hope this gives you a bit of a background. If this is something that GTHS is either not interested in or unable to accommodate me on for any reason, then there are no hard feelings I will seek another organization. Thank you for your time and I look forward to speaking with you tonight.

September 22, 2017
From: Andrew Dong

Hello,

I am following up in regards to the upcoming stakeholder session for the 104 Avenue-Guildford Town Centre land use planning process. You should have received a letter in the mail from the City of Surrey Planning Department inviting you to this event which is scheduled for Monday, October 2 from 1:30-3:30 pm. I hope that you will be able to join us to share your ideas on a vision for the 104 Avenue corridor and Guildford Town Centre. If you have any questions about the nature of this session please contact me at adong@surrey.ca or 604-591-4195.

Thank you,
Andrew
ANDREW DONG | PLANNING ANALYST
CITY OF SURREY
Planning & Development

September 19, 2017
From: Grant Rice

Dear Friend of the Environment,

The City of Surrey has initiated the Alternative Approval Process (AAP) and intends to pass final adoption of a bylaw to remove the protected status of Hawthorne Park in October. The AAP allows the city to avoid a referendum and force Surrey's citizens to gather 30,372 signed Electoral Response Forms. This loophole can be used by any local government in BC.

Once Hawthorne Park's protected status is removed, the 105 Avenue Corridor Project through the south end the park will cause fragmentation of wildlife habitat, destroy a large portion of forest, and remove an ancient bog.

On Saturday, Sep. 16, over 300 people gathered at Surrey City Hall on Kwantlen First Nation's territory to help "Save Hawthorne Park." A special thanks to Chief Marilyn Gabriel, Elder Kevin Kelly, and their son Michael Kelly-Gabriel for their welcome and blessing and to David Suzuki for advocating for our natural environment. The rest is up to us.

The Friday September 22nd deadline is looming. Please help us gather the forms we need to stop this project! Fill in your Electoral Response Form at: www.savesurreyparks.ca

Your completed form will be sent directly to the city clerk. Please pass along this email to all of your contacts in Surrey.

Thank you,

September 12, 2017
From: Kyla Fraser

Hello,

On behalf of the Surrey Fest Committee, I would like to thank you for attending Surrey Fest – a Celebration of Community this past Saturday September 9th.

The festival was a fun-filled day of celebrating community with food, entertainment, and a number of wonderful local non-profit groups and vendors. Despite the heavy rain, the turn out we received shows just how strong and supportive of a community Downtown Surrey really is. From dancing in the rain to the sounds of the music to stopping at each of the vendor booths to see how you can get involved or to support a local artisan, we hope you all truly enjoyed your time at the festival and got to interact with the community.

Thank you for helping to make our community a better place. If you were not able to make it due to the weather we understand, and we hope to see you all again next year!

Regards,

Kyla Fraser
Special Events Intern
Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association

September 12, 2017
From: Grant Rice

Dear Friend of the Environment,
Save Hawthorne Park Information and David Suzuki Rally

The Save Hawthorne Park group are Surrey residents opposed to the City's plan to put a two-lane road through our neighbourhood park. We need the help of community leaders like you to help us stop this initiative. We are looking for volunteers across the city to collect signed forms and establish drop off stations in all of Surrey's town centres. A list of current drop-off locations is available on our web site. www.savesurreyparks.ca Please send this on to everyone you know in Surrey.

Background

We have met with city counsellors and senior management to discuss alternatives to their plan. On July 24th with support of over 100 residents and nearly 7,000 petition signatures, we made a presentation to Council asking them to stop the proposal and engage in meaningful consultation.

That same evening Surrey City Council voted unanimously to launch an Alternative Approval Process to pass a bylaw to repeal a 1979 bylaw that protects a large portion of Hawthorne Park. This process now allows council to avoid a referendum and instead requires citizens to gather 30,327 signed response forms by September 22nd.

Council has dismissed wide-spread opposition to the proposed road and has rejected any of our efforts to compromise including a relocation of the 104th Avenue utilities to an existing sewer main path along 106th Avenue. The Engineering Department is fast tracking this road-building project without proper traffic analyses, impacts to properties, and the neighbouring school. No studies have been conducted on air quality, noise pollution, site drainage, or water table impacts.

The city's proposal does not consider the principles and objectives of the Sustainability Charter, the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy nor Surrey's Transportation Strategy. The isolation of a large portion of the forest is not taken into consideration. Neither has loss and fragmentation of wildlife habitat, Riparian Area Regulations, the affect on the Red-coded Creek, and species at risk. The value of undisturbed park and forest space to human health has been ignored.

Dr. Suzuki and the Blue Dot movement

Save Hawthorne Park has just announced an important ally to our cause. World-renowned environmentalist Dr. David Suzuki will be speaking at our rally on September 16th at noon in the City Hall Plaza. He will speak to the importance of environmental rights, as well as Surrey Council's failure to live up to its commitments to the Blue Dot movement. The Blue Dot movement is a campaign to support the groundswell of Canadians who want meaningful action to protect the people and places they love by recognizing the right to a healthy environment.

We are asking for Surrey residents to sign the Electoral Response Forms and/or volunteer to help us collect signatures. We are hoping to have a fillable form available online soon. In the meantime, we need to follow the City of Surrey rules in our response to the AAP. Please help as the next park in the city's road-building plans, might be next to you.

Attached is a copy of the Electoral Response Form and a poster for the Sept. 16th David Suzuki rally.

For further information, please contact: info@savesurreyparks.ca or reply to this email if you can help us in this campaign.

Visit our web site www.savesurreyparks.ca and join our Save Hawthorne Park Facebook group.

Appendix 3: News Mentions

September

Skeletal, calloused dog on the mend in Surrey

Eclipse the drool-filled Great Dane was found near Green Timbers Urban Forest on, you guessed it, the day of the eclipse (Aug. 21).

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/skeletal-calloused-dog-on-the-mend-in-surrey/>

Brian Minter: Green space galore in fast-growing Surrey

Trees in cities affect people of all ages and cultures in a very positive way, and the fast growing city of Surrey is committed to sustaining green resources

<http://vancouversun.com/homes/gardening/brian-minter-green-space-galore-in-fast-growing-surrey>

... *picture of the lake at Green Timbers*

Neighbourhood series: Green Timbers

"What is fabulous about the area of Green Timbers is this beautiful park right in the center, Green Timbers Park," said councillor Vera LeFranc.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3730291/neighbourhood-series-green-timbers/>