



# Green Timbers Heritage Society

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 6th 2017

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

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**In Attendance:**

- Don Schuetze, Nathan Evans, Bill Potma, Kuldip Kang, Cheney Cloke, Nathan Ross

**Regrets:**

- Jim Foulkes, Amar Virk, Deanna Welters

**Meeting Called to Order:**

- 6:50pm

**SNAP Report:**

- See attached

**New Business:****Assigning of board roles:**

- Don (President)
- Bill (Vice President)
- Nathan (Treasurer)
- Amar (Secretary)

**Approval of expenses**

- Nathan motions to approve expenses not exceeding \$900 for duties of a director.
- Don seconds
- Passed

**Cultural grant**

- Don submitted grant application for reissue of the Green Timbers pamphlet
- Decision should be made in January
- Action item: Old booklets could be mailed to local neighbourhood by postal code. Price to be investigated. (Evans)

**Nathan Evans digitized the Green Timbers VHS**

- One video was through City of Surrey
- One video was through Rogers
- GTHS does not have the copyright for either video.
- Action Item: Connect with City and Rogers to learn about how to share these videos (Don)

**Events**

- Environmental Extravaganza beginning on April 14
- Nature Knowledge Fest in May or June

### **Communications**

- See attached
- Don curious as to disseminate information amongst board members while avoiding the standard chain email format?

### **Hawthorne Park Meeting Update from Bill**

- City of Surrey has approved the rezoning and new road
- “Save Hawthorne” group still fighting the decision

### **Park usage update from Bill**

- Talked to park user about playing hockey on the lake

### **Archive digitization**

Nathan will be meeting with Gary from “Micro-Com” to get a quote on the cost associated with the digitization of GTHS records and files.

### **Special Presentation - Kuldip Kang**

- Introduction to strategic planning process
- Action Item: Planning workshops to be scheduled for January (Don)
- Action Item: Send Don the strategic planning documents (Kuldip)

### **Next Meeting:**

- To be changed to Tuesdays
- Action Item: Don to arrange dates

### **Change to Membership Fees:**

- Nathan motions for new fee schedule to be adopted immediately with a 2 month grace period for members to adopt.
- Don seconds
- Passed

### **Meeting Adjourned:**

- 7:45pm

## **Appendix 1: SNAP Update**

Dec 6, 2017

Nathan Ross, Program Coordinator

### **Past Month:**

- Development of new position in progress to be funded through United Nations Association of Canada and City of Surrey (tentatively “Field Operations Supervisor”)
- Updates to City of Surrey webpages complete
- AGM presentation
- Writing grant application for TD Friends of the Environment Fund at Kiyoo Park
- Preliminary planning of January partners meeting – tentatively Tuesday, Jan. 9 in the afternoon
- Co-op Community Spaces Grant
- Began updates to the SNAP Workplace manual



### **This Month:**

- Complete job description of the new position and register with the United Nations Association of Canada
- Prep for partners meeting in January
- Prep for job postings in January
- Updates to SNAP website and GTHS website
- Updates to the Program Coordinator manual
- Continued updates to SNAP Workplace manual

## **Appendix 2: News Mentions November, 2017**

### **November**

#### **Road through Hawthorne Park approved via Alternative Approval Process**

Construction will begin in January despite public pressure to drop the project (December 4, 2017)

"He [Pettigrew] speculates that the City of Surrey will likely use the same process with Green Timbers Park, where another road has been slated for construction."

<http://runnermag.ca/2017/12/road-through-hawthorne-park-approved-via-alternative-approval-process/>

#### **COLUMN: Next year's campaign has already begun**

Transportation, parkland and the LRT promise to be election issues (Nov. 14, 2017)

"The precedent set by extending 105 Avenue and cutting through a park will be followed if council gets its way and builds a second phase of LRT down Fraser Highway. The Green Timbers forest will be hacked away on each side of Fraser Highway to accommodate the corridor."

<https://www.peacearchnews.com/opinion/column-next-years-campaign-has-already-begun/>

#### **Letter: Join the call for Expo Line to Langley**

A letter writer calls for SkyTrain, not light rail. (Nov. 2, 2017)

"This route avoids going through Green Timbers park."

<https://www.langleyadvance.com/opinion/letter-join-the-call-for-expo-line-to-langley/>

## Appendix 3: Communications

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Nov 1

From: Annie Kaps

Presentation on the Brookwood Aquifer this Thursday, November 2/17

Surrey and Langley residents interested in learning more about the Brookwood Aquifer are invited to attend the Environmental and Sustainability Committee (ESAC) meeting on Thursday, November 2nd, at 6 pm, in '2e Community Room B' at Surrey City Hall.

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November 2

From: Eileen Lindner

Help Save Hawthorne Park~please see attached flyer!

Save Hawthorne Park is in its final few days of the campaign and the council has committed to making a decision about the park at the next council meeting on Monday, November 6th at 7:00 pm at City Hall located on 104th near King George Blvd (just minutes away from sky train).

We are asking that you support this movement to Save Hawthorne Park by attending the upcoming meeting and by sending this information out to your contacts.

If we fail here then the city will have that much more confidence when they go after a park that is nearer to you. FYI - Green Timbers is slated to be the next green space the city will use the Alternative Approval Process (AAP) against, just like they are doing at Hawthorne Park.

Only united as a community will be able to stand up for our parks and ensure that they will be preserved for future generations.

We hope to see you there,

Thank-you,

Steven Pettigrew

[www.savesurreyparks.ca](http://www.savesurreyparks.ca)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/443005682741874/>

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Nov 16

From: Coyote Creek Action Committee <[savecoyotecreek@outlook.com](mailto:savecoyotecreek@outlook.com)>

Our Story

We bought homes in Fleetwood to raise our families in a quiet green neighbourhood. Our community follows the same neighbourhood and home footprint as most of our neighbours south of the Fraser Highway.

Now the City of Surrey is considering approving the development of approximately 23 acres of legacy recreational green space, approved initially in 1993.

This proposed development does not:

- Adhere to the Official Community Plan
- Protect the Fleetwood Habitat Corridor
- Recognize the major traffic problems to be caused
- Respect the need to reduce school over crowding
- Account for additional pressures on medical and emergency services
- Value the benefits of legacy recreational green space for future generations
- Consider the serious environmental/pollution impacts with replacing green with asphalt

In an effort to STOP this development, the community has formed the Coyote Creek Action Committee and has implemented the following initiatives:

Developed an Official Submission documenting our community and neighbourhoods' reaction to the proposed development(attached).

Mailed the Submission to and met with Mayor and Council (in-process).

Developed marketing and communication materials in the form of brochures, posters, handouts, etc (brochure attached).

Began a social media campaign, website and on-line petition (links below).

We are contacting you to ask you for any support you may be able to provide to assist with our resistance to this proposed development and stop the elimination of invaluable urban recreational green space.

Your support could be in any form, including, but not limited to:

Contacts to support our campaign.

Links to research reports, studies, previous attempts at greenspace removal, etc.

Strategies to influence the City, developer, the neighbourhood, etc.

Sign, and distribute our petition to colleagues, friends, neighbours, etc.

Follow us and post on our social media channels.

Invite us to contact you directly to discuss our campaign and your suggestions/experience.

Unlike the Developers and the City politicians and staff, we as a community are new to this type of community action, and we do not have the resources compared to the former groups. We are however passionate about doing everything possible to retain the legacy green space for our children and their children.

Thank you in advance for supporting our resistance to the destruction of Coyote Creek. Any support you and your membership determines appropriate will be gratefully accepted.

We look forward to discussing how we may connect with you further. Via Return E-mail please provide us with approval to add you to our Database to keep you up to date.

Sincerely,

THE COYOTE CREEK ACTION COMMITTEE

Web Site: <http://www.surreyparklandoverprofit.ca/>

Facebook: Surrey Parkland Over Profit

Please sign our Petition: <http://www.goonline.ca/coyotecreekpetition/index.php>

Nov 20

From: Kyla Fraser

Hello,

A reminder that there is still time to sign up for our newest event, Gingerbread Village.

Gingerbread Village is an exciting new event coming to Downtown Surrey. This event is designed to engage the community, add some creative fun to the Holiday Season, and raise some money for the Surrey Christmas Bureau at the same time. Build a gingerbread creation to add to our display at Central City Shopping Centre and you could win a prize of up to \$1000! This is a great event to get your friends, family or staff into the holiday spirit.

Registration is due December 1st and gingerbread entries December 14th. For more information on how you can participate in this community-building event or to register, please see the attached documents.

Please feel free to forward this email on to anyone else you think may be interested. We look forward to celebrating the holidays with you!

Regards,

Kyla Fraser  
Special Events Intern  
Downtown Surrey Business Improvement Association  
w: 604.580.2321 ext 205

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Dec 1

Mackas-Burns, Lindsay

Hello everyone,

I'm writing with some updates about the upcoming Environmental Extravaganza, our 21st year!

First off, I'd like to thank everyone who was able to make it to our planning meeting in November. It was great to see all of you and welcome some new faces around the planning table - we were able to generate lots of great ideas! For a summary of what was discussed, please see the attached meeting minutes.

Upcoming Tasks and Deadlines:

Submit survey responses by	January 5
Submit registration forms by	February 5
RSVP to Party for the Planet by	February 5

Survey:

Tell me how many promotional materials you need and contribute to the planning process by filling out the online survey! Link: <https://surrey.simplesurvey.com/f/1/EnviroExtrava2018>

Registration Forms:

Please fill out one of the attached forms per program/event and send back to me. I will follow up in the new year regarding any requests for equipment or support.



Party for the Planet:

Interested in hosting a table in the Environmental Extravaganza's area at Party for the Planet on April 14?

Let me know! Spaces are limited so requests will be honoured on a first-come, first-served basis. At this point, no commitment is necessary – just let me know if you're interested and I will follow up with more information closer to the date.

Once I have all your registration forms in February, I will narrow down the 2018 mailing list to this year's participating partners only. If you would like to be removed from Environmental Extravaganza communications permanently, please let me know.

Looking forward to another great year! Let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Best,

LINDSAY MACKAS-BURNS | STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMMER – URBAN FORESTRY

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Dec 1

Confirmation of Filing  
Transition Application  
THE GREEN TIMBERS HERITAGE SOCIETY  
C/O SURREY NATURE CENTRE  
14225 GREEN TIMBERS WAY  
SURREY BC V3T 0J2

This confirmation letter has been sent to the primary and alternate email addresses.  
We welcome your feedback on our service. Take our survey.

Form Filed: Transition Application  
Name of Society: THE GREEN TIMBERS HERITAGE SOCIETY  
Incorporation Number: S0022972  
Business Number: 14038 8216 BC0001  
Date and Time of Filing: December 1, 2017 06:33 PM Pacific Time

Your Society's receipt is available on the Filing History, where it can be viewed and printed at any time.  
Your Certified Documents are available for you on the Filing History tab.

The Societies Act requires all Societies and Extraprovincial Non-Share Corporations to file an annual report each calendar year and to promptly notify the registrar of any changes in its information. For information regarding these filings visit [www.gov.bc.ca/Societies](http://www.gov.bc.ca/Societies).

Review your documents carefully to ensure there are no errors or omissions. If errors or omissions are discovered, please contact the Corporate Registry for instructions.

PLEASE DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL. It was sent from an unmonitored email address and the Corporate Registry is unable to respond to any replies.

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Dec 2

From: Eileen Lindner

The Save Hawthorne Park Group Needs Your Help!

On Wednesday, December 6th, City of Surrey staff will host a Public Engagement Meeting on the future of Hawthorne Rotary Park and the 105 Avenue Connector Project. The City plans to start the road in January, 2018.

Please attend and promote the meeting to show your support for our parks.

When: Wednesday, December 6th, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Riverdale Elementary School, 14835 - 108A Avenue, Surrey, BC, V3R 1W9

The Save Hawthorne Park group asked that City of Surrey provide a town-hall-style Q&A session at this open house; however, the City has denied our request.

Over 11,000 Surrey citizens completed elector response forms (ERFs) and expressed their opposition to the City's 105 Avenue Connector project.

Save Hawthorne Park is asking a number of questions (see enclosed attachment for more info).

Please plan to attend and bring your questions.

All parks and green spaces in Surrey are vulnerable to the same process which Hawthorne Park was subjected to, namely the Alternative Approval Process~the AAP.

The AAP required obtaining signatures from 10% (30,000+) of the voters in Surrey in order to stop development or roads going through the park. This process did not comply to provincial guidelines. The process could be used at any time or place in Surrey.

For more information, please visit: [www.savesurreyparks.ca](http://www.savesurreyparks.ca) <<http://www.savesurreyparks.ca/>> or "Save Hawthorne Park" on Facebook

Riverdale School:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/14835+108+Ave,+Surrey,+BC+V3R+1W2/@49.2012367,-122.8086543,53m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m5!3m4!1s0x5485d70a5fbc9fd5:0x5a048f2ba35fa515!8m2!3d49.199431!4d-122.810886>

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Dec 5

Chris Lim

Hi all,

Thank you for your interest in Nature Knowledge Fest (NFK) 2018.

I am writing to bring us together and see if our interest and (most importantly) our availabilities align. The following organizations have indicated interest in NFK 2018:

Burns Bog Conservation Society

A Rocha

Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society

Green Timbers

BC Wildlife Federation

\*I am also extending an invitation to Metro Vancouver Parks.

Step One: Availability

From my correspondence with each of you, I have gathered that April is a very busy time for all of us. That leaves May and June for this event to happen.

Please click here for a poll I have created with dates between May 1 and June 8.

Please indicate the dates you are available and write your "organization name" as the "participant name."

Deadline: DECEMBER 15, 2017

I will email a follow up with the results after the deadline.

Step two: NKF Meeting

Once we have set a range of dates, I believe it would be fruitful for us to meet and discuss what we want the event to look like this year. I can offer our office as meeting space. However, I do not think we will have this meeting until January 2018, so no immediate worry but please keep dates in January in mind.

TBD: ~ January 2018

Thank you again everyone for your interest. I hope we can move forward with this event and make NKF 2018 and major event with the Environmental Extravaganza!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments.

Looking forward to hear from all you soon!

Yours in conservation,

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