



Green Timbers Heritage Society

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 6, 2017

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

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In Attendance:

- Don Schuetze, Nathan Evans, Bill Potma, Jim Foulkes, Amar Virk, Nathan Ross, Ellen Edwards

Regrets:

- Deanna Welters

Meeting Called to Order:

- 6:05 pm

There was a ceremonial handing over of the financial books from Jim Foulkes to Nathan Evans

Nathan moved, Jim seconded, to accept the minutes of January 9

Reports:**- SNAP**

- All-new vehicles to be ordered. Five: three trucks, two vans
- Postings up until next Monday; just over 100 applications so far, not including co-op students which will come after Monday. Nathan anticipates about 130
- Grants applications in. Requested \$105,000; hoping to get between \$50,000 and \$60,000
- Applied for outreach team for \$50,000 from the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions
- Next month: finish the hiring process; order shirts; calendar

- FINANCIAL

- SNAP regular account \$4,081
- \$27,000 in term
- Need to move some money into the regular account as Nathan Ross goes back to full-time.

New Business:

- Susan Lehmann's funeral
 - April 14 at Fraser Highway and 148th St. (her birthday)
 - Don: get obit pricing at Leader/Now
 - Coroner to get death certificate to Jim (not yet done)
 - Jim took load of GT stuff (per public trustee). May be more to come
 - Doug Cameron is the executor
- GTUFAC member: we need a new member for this committee
 - Don: will send info to Amar
- Event: Nature Knowledge Fest Meeting - January 18, 2018 (see communications)
- Event: Party for the Planet - April 14
- Event: Raptor Festival (combined with the annual Terra Nova Garlic Fest) on Sunday, Aug 19 from 10am-3pm
- Event: GTUF 30th Anniversary - Saturday, June 9
 - Tour volunteers: Ellen, Amar (running tour), possibly Meriam (former SNAPper)
 - Could be a regular event, first Saturday of month for example
 - Create workshop for tour leaders
- \$4,000 cultural grant approved

Communications

- See attached
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Meeting Adjourned

- 6:45 pm
- Next directors' meeting: Tuesday March 6, 2018

Strategic planning session followed the meeting until 8:15 pm
Next strategic planning session: Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Appendix 1: SNAP Update

February 6, 2018

Nathan Ross, Program Coordinator

Past Month:

- Preparation for summer is well underway
- Our fleet of vehicles have been ordered with Zeemac again this year
- Over 100 applications for our student jobs have been received so far with one week remaining to apply
- Applications for grants have been submitted:
 - 5 Canada Summer Jobs applications were submitted for over \$100,000
 - TD Friends of the Environment Foundation application was submitted for approximately \$7,000
 - Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions application was submitted for \$50,000

This Month:

- Begin hiring our summer students!
 - Shortlisting the applicants
 - Coordinating interviews with Parks staff
 - Processing and hiring!
- Take inventory of uniforms and replenish if needed
- Begin planning the calendar of events and work this summer
- Meet with new Parks staff that are working with SNAP this year
- Program Coordinator will be going back to full time after Family Day (40 hours/week)

Appendix 2: News Mentions January-February, 2018

January

Roses and Rotten Tomatoes (Jan. 19, 2018)

Our weekly collection of compliments and complaints sent in by readers

Rotten tomatoes to the person/people who stole one of the big bird feeders at the Surrey Nature Centre. They have been there for several years (thanks to we, the taxpayers). And for the first time, someone has chosen to make it their own. Have you no idea how many families/children learn about these birds as they are feeding? This is part of the beautiful Green Timbers park. Please use your conscience and return the feeder. Did you also take the suet feeder at the same time? Shame on you.

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/opinion/roses-and-rotten-tomatoes-jan-19-2018/>

February

Dog who came into Surrey shelter emaciated now has a new home (February 1, 2018)

After being found on the side of the road in horrific condition near Green Timbers forest last year, Eclipse the Great Dane has now found a new home. "We are so happy for him," said Shelley Joaquin, manager of Surrey Animal Resource Centre (SARC).

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/community/dog-who-came-into-surrey-shelter-emaciated-now-has-a-new-home/>

Surrey Board of Trade releases road survey (February 1, 2018)

A recent report suggests each of those roads should be widened to five lanes: Fraser Highway between Whalley Boulevard and 148th Street (including through Green Timbers park), 160th Street between 26th and 32nd Avenues, and 100th Avenue between King George Boulevard to 140th Street.

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/surrey-board-of-trade-releases-road-survey/>

Appendix 3: Communications

January 11, 2018

Update For Hawthorne Park

Eileen Lindner <el9@telus.net>

Please send the following to others who may be able to join us.

Save Hawthorne Park!

The city started cutting down the trees en mass today, but thanks to the efforts of a few brave souls the bulldozer was stopped.

The city has said that they will not seek an injunction against us but will instead wait us out.

We need your help!

Please join us Thursday or Friday or Saturday. We will be starting at 7:00 am and be on site all day until 5:00 pm. Some of us will stand on the street and some of us will stand in front of the tractor. We will be safe and not take any chances that will cause someone to be hurt. Drop by for half an hour or stay for a few hours, every bit helps.

Just so you know. I run all these plans and actions by the RCMP and they tell me that we are not breaking any laws and that they will not intercede on behalf of the city to remove us.

Location 1) Entrance to Hawthorne Park - 144th Street and 105A Avenue

Location 2) West end of Hawthorne Park - end of 140b Street (enter from 104th Avenue)

Please tell everyone what is going on and get people to join us in shifts.

By the way the City's final environmental report is due to be completed in a few weeks. How typical that the city has already killed so many trees and destroyed animal's homes before they have even completed their environmental survey.

See you on the front line,

Stand Strong!
Steven

January 11, 2018

NFK Meeting Agenda - January 19, 2018
Chris Lim via bcwildlife.onmicrosoft.com

Good morning everyone,

I've created the agenda for next Friday's (January 19th) meeting. Like I mentioned before it is a google doc and can be added to. Please try to add to the google doc by next Wednesday (the 17th) so we can ponder the material for 2 days. Of course, if you have a brilliant idea on Thursday or Friday morning, please share and add it, but it'll be nice to know what we are going to talk about 48 hours in advance.

As part of the agenda, I've put myself as the moderator/facilitator of the meeting, I'd like to request another organization be our notary and take notes during the meeting. Please just fill in your name and organization on the doc under the heading. First come, first serve (I know everyone loves to take notes).

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1P82b9JcztRJuoJowARZdrj31-hZK0gORzcAMV6jajzw/edit?usp=sharing>

If for any reason you cannot follow the link, please let me know and I'll email a word doc to you or get a new link.

Lastly, please RSVP and let me know if you are attending. This will allow me to purchase the right amount of refreshments.

Hope everyone is enjoying their January!

Best,

Chris Lim, BA
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January 11, 2018

Urgent Report.~Please join us~144St. And 105A Ave.

Eileen Lindner

They have done it again!

Yesterday the city had a media event and told the press that they would not seek an injunction and try to negotiate with us. They would give us some time to discuss things with them and see if we would go away.

During the night they had workers go into the woods with flashlights, secure the fences and put up warning signs everywhere. The city then called the RCMP and asked them to enforce a mischief law.

Yesterday the RCMP told me that we could go anywhere in the park as long as we were safe and did not cause any danger.

Today they tell me if anyone crosses the fence line they will immediately be arrested with 'mischief' charges.

So, the city does not need to do an injunction as they have sidestepped it with by getting the RCMP to enforce a mischief violation.

The "tree-killer" machine is going full steam and trees are falling every few minutes. The bog will be destroyed by the end of the day and the final evaluation report will be finished in a few week.

Standard city tactics.

2018 - time for a change

Tent set up at the 144 location (144th St. and 105A Ave.) by 9:00. Dress warm and stay dry. See you there. All you working people can hopefully take over for the weekend shift. We will be doing this Saturday and Sunday.

Bring some candles, (food) and flowers...if you wish:)

January 11, 2018

Lindsay is leaving the EE!

Mackas-Burns, Lindsay <LMackas-Burns@surrey.ca>

Hello everyone,

It is with a mixture of sadness and excitement that I announce that I am no longer working on the Environmental Extravaganza.

From now on, Chantelle DesLauriers will be taking care of the day-to-day administration of the series. Her supervisor, Bree Greve, will be overseeing the partnership as well. I have cc'd both Chantelle and Bree on this e-mail. Please send all future inquiries to Chantelle (including your registration forms and Party for the Planet RSVPs, both due Feb 5).

As of Wednesday, I have moved to the Surrey Nature Centre where I will be responsible for overseeing many onsite programs and events (including school field trips, day camps, and teacher workshops). I am very excited about this new direction but will miss the EE very much. Thank you for a great couple of years - I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet and share ideas with all of you, and will be carrying lots of valuable lessons from this experience into my new role. Fortunately, I'm sure I'll still see many of you around the Nature Centre and maybe even at your EE events (as a participant, this time!)

Best of luck this year, and in all your future ventures.

Thanks again,

LINDSAY MACKAS-BURNS | NATURE CENTRE PROGRAMMER

January 11, 2018

Canada Summer Jobs 2018 Funding Application Deadline Feb 2nd

John.Aldag.C1@parl.gc.ca

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely holiday with your family and friends.

On behalf of John Aldag MP for Cloverdale-Langley City, I would like to give you some information in the hope that you might be interested to apply for the Canada Summer Jobs program for 2018.

Canada Summer Jobs 2018 is currently accepting applications from eligible employers. The application period runs until February 2nd. This can be a valuable cost saving resource for your company or not-for-profit and we hope you will take the time to apply.

The link to apply for Canada Summer Jobs can be found at:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html>
and I will also provide additional information below.

I would also like to invite you as a business in our riding to attend our annual Constituency Open House at our Constituency Office from 4-7pm at our Constituency Office 19211 Fraser Hwy, Suite 105. We would love to see you there.

Please feel free to contact me at our constituency office 604-575-6595 if you have any questions.
Thanks!

Sincerely,
Carly Haugen

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January 12, 2018

Hawthorne Park - Sat. Vigil
Eileen Lindner

Hi Folks,

Sad news... 85% of the road area has been cleared and the remaining trees will come down tomorrow.

We are having a vigil Saturday night at 7:00 at Hawthorne Park. It will be a time to share stories and meet people.

I have already cleared it with the RCMP and asked Tracie to MC the event.

We will have canopies and propane fire pits set up. Some people are bringing food.

I hope that you can join us.

Steven

January 12, 2018

Re: Lindsay is leaving the EE! and sad news from GTHS too

Hi Don,

I'm so sorry to hear about Susan's passing. That came as quite a shock - she will be missed.

I see you included Chantelle and Bree on your e-mail, so I'll let one of them touch base with you about moving forward with the EE.

Take care, and thank you for the well wishes.

LINDSAY MACKAS-BURNS | NATURE CENTRE PROGRAMMER

January 23, 2018

Re: Lindsay is leaving the EE! and sad news from GTHS too

DesLauriers, Chantelle

Hi Don,

I am very sorry to hear about Susan's passing. Sorry it took us a little while to get back to you, we've been trying to look at what some options may be. We would definitely like to have you involved in the EE despite this news.

Something that is going to sneak up quickly is Party for the Planet. How are you feeling about having staff/equipment able to attend P4TP (April 14th) in our community hub? The plans for the hub are going to be really getting into gear after Feb 5th. We would be happy to have some of our volunteers or staff support to cover breaks etc if you are only able to have one person attend. If there are any specific ways we could help GTHS attend, please let me know and we will look into further options.

Best,

Chantelle

CHANTELLE DESLAURIERS | STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS ASSISTANT

January 19, 2018

Nature Knowledge Fest Meeting - January 19, 2018 Minutes

Chris Lim via bcwildlife.onmicrosoft.com

Good evening everyone,

We had a very successful meeting today at the BC Wildlife Federation. I would like to thank Green Timbers (Bill Potma), Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society (Jude Grass and Al Grass), Burns Bog (Hillary

Rowe and Cherry Tam), and Metro Vancouver Parks (Lisa Ferris) for their attendance. We missed A Rocha and Surrey but we know your thoughts were with us and will make it next time you are available.

I would also like to thank Lisa Ferris in particular for her service as notetaker for the meeting. Thank you, Lisa!

She has also shared here critter caper model which we spoke about during the meeting. This is model we are thinking of basing the NFK on (Self-Guided Discovery). The document is attached.

During the meeting we were able to review what happened during the last NFK back in 2016 and talked about how to move forward with 2018. The goals we came up with as follows:

Connect kids with Nature
1 day event
200 students (Grade 4-5)
Location: Surrey Bend Regional Park
Self Guided Discovery Stations
Staggered arrival of schools
Multi-Point Entry

If I have forgotten or misinterpreted something, I apologize. Please email me back and I will send out a revision.

If none of the above made sense (especially for those who could not make it) I have attached the meeting minutes to this email. If the minutes do not clear things up, please feel free to give me a call and I can get you up to speed.

NEXT STEP:

Though we decided on what sort of event we want to happen we have not settled on a date or the logistics of executing our vision. That being said, our next step is to set a date for the NFK.

I have made another Doodle Poll that can be accessed here. I have set the range from March – First week of May.

Please highlight days you are available

Link: <https://doodle.com/poll/4rzk3i8ksitkgwvf>

Deadline for entering available dates: Thursday, January 25th at 12:00 PM.

After setting a date we will have a meeting about the logistics of the event and event stations. This meeting will preferably be in Surrey Bend Park. I will send another email either on January 24th or 25th after everyone has gotten back to me with dates.

Thanks again everyone! Feel free to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Happy weekend!

Chris Lim, BA
Youth Program & N.A.S.P. BC Coordinator

January 24, 2018

Richmond Raptor Fest 2018

Kenny, Richard

Attn. Previous Richmond Raptor Festival Exhibitors

I just wanted to share some news of big changes for the 2018 Richmond Raptor Festival. The Richmond Raptor Festival event will be combined with the annual Terra Nova Garlic Fest on Sunday, Aug 19 from 10am-3pm. This change is a great opportunity for your groups and organisations to reach a wider audience of 4000-5000 people during the new event. In previous years Raptor Festival usually attracts 1000-1500 visitors each year.

The Pacific Northwest Raptors flying demos will be hosted in the same area but the exhibitor area will not be next to the red barn. Raptor Fest and Garlic Fest exhibitors will be located east of the previous event area closer to the Sharing Farm. This will allow the exhibitor area to be visible from the flying area.

I really hope you will be able attend this year's event? I will not be your main point of contact for the festival as we are dividing up duties to manage this much larger event. A staff member from the Sharing Farm Society will be sending out further information to all exhibitors in February or early March. The new exhibitor package sent out by the Sharing Farm Society may mention a charge for using a tent for this new event. If this happens I have tents your group can borrow free of charge if are not able bring you own tent. Please let me know if you require a tent.

If you have any questions please let me know?

Cheers

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January 25, 2018

2018 Cultural Grants

Ayotte, Todd <Todd.Ayotte@surrey.ca>

Hello all:

On Monday, January 22, recommendations for the 2018 Cultural Grants were reviewed and approved by Council. Attached is a spreadsheet of the approved grant allocations. I have been reaching out directly to those organizations that did not receive funding for their proposed project, and to those organizations who's award release is contingent upon receiving additional information. Letters for all applicants will be sent out within the next 2 weeks.

For new recipients and 2017 grant recipients who have completed all requirements for the 2017 cycle, a cheque for 80% of the 2018 award will be distributed along with the award letters. For those groups who

have outstanding final reports from the 2017 grant cycle, we will not be releasing any funds until your 2017 project final reports have been submitted and approved. I have attached a copy of the 2017 final report form and 2017 statistics table for your completion.

If you have any questions, please contact me via culturalgrants@surrey.ca.

Thanks,
Todd

Todd Ayotte | Cultural Development Coordinator

[GTHS has a \$4,000 project grant]

January 25, 2018

EE Reminder: Reg Forms due February 5th

DesLauriers, Chantelle <Chantelle.DesLauriers@surrey.ca>

Hello everyone,

I am writing as a reminder to please send me your Extravaganza registration forms and Party for the Planet RSVPs by Monday, February 5th.

Registration Forms:

Please fill out one of the attached forms per program/event and send the completed forms to me if you have not already done so. I have updated this form with my contact info.

Party for the Planet:

If you are interested in hosting a table in the Environmental Extravaganza's area at Party for the Planet on April 14, please let me know. Spaces are limited so requests will be honoured on a first-come, first-served basis. As before, just let me know if you're interested and I will follow up with more information closer to the date.

There will be some updates in regards to the EE survey results coming next week!

Best,

CHANTELLE DESLAURIERS | STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS ASSISTANT
CITY OF SURREY

January 30, 2018

EE survey results and more

Inbox

x

DesLauriers, Chantelle <Chantelle.DesLauriers@surrey.ca>

Jan 30 (6 days ago)

to

Hello everyone,

I hope that you are all doing well and getting excited for Extravaganza this spring!

I am writing with some new information about the upcoming EE. I've included a summary of the survey results and some changes that will happen this year.

Survey Results:

We had a totally of 13 responses, as well as some additional feedback outside of the survey. Thank you for everyone who filled out the survey, your feedback is very valuable.

1) Passport contest

The results from the survey indicated that 65% of you wanted to stop printing passports and try something new. The other 35% percent wanted to continue with the passport but modify the format again.

Considering the low numbers in returned passports and using your feedback, we have decided to try something new.

Using your feedback about new contest ideas, we have decided to develop an EE postcard that has some similar characteristics as a passport. The goal of the postcard is to encourage participants to attend multiple events, while still having something tangible for kids to work towards. With the postcard, there will be blank spaces to write "secret words". There will be five spots to fill in these secret words. Each week during Extravaganza, there will be a new secret word that we'll all post at our events (a 8.5x11" poster) or verbally tell participants if not using tables. Each secret word will be worth one entry for a grand prize, and a bonus entry will be given to anyone who gets five secret words. The postcards will be pre-addressed; participants can mail in the postcard or drop it off at the Surrey Nature Centre.

2) Other new contest ideas

For new contests, 50% of responses wanted to see a photo contest. The remaining 50% was fairly evenly distributed amongst three other ideas: pre-paid postcards, something challenge-based, and business card drop boxes. We decided to hold a photo contest again this year and look into more options available for submitting photos. We also plan on featuring photos to encourage participation. Details to come.

3) Social media for contests

The general opinions for social media were either neutral or agreed that social media is a good platform for contests. Considering your comments about it excluding children, we hope the postcard contest will work well to provide an all-ages alternative.

We are also working on increasing our activity on the Environmental Extravaganza Facebook page. We encourage you to share and "like" the page, it can be found here:

<https://www.facebook.com/EnvironmentalExtravaganza/>.

Thanks for taking the time to review this information. Please feel free to get in touch with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Best,

CHANTELLE DESLAURIERS | STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS ASSISTANT

January 30, 2018

We have a date!

Chris Lim via bcwildlife.onmicrosoft.com

Hi again everyone,

Hope everyone had a good weekend (hopefully stayed dry). We have a date:

April 25, 2018.

Everyone has confirmed their availability, save for Green Timbers. If someone from Green Timbers can check if this date can work for them, that would be greatly appreciated.

Action Item:

Our next step is to schedule our next meeting with the objective of deciding event logistics and activities.

Please click [here](#) to submit your available dates. I have put dates for February (weekdays). I have set the meeting time to the same range as the last meeting, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM. I also recommend that we opt for a date sooner rather than later. This allows us more time to develop our activities, plan the logistics of the event, and promote/market the event (are allowed to in Surrey, Hillary?).

Deadline: January 31, 2018 at 12:00 PM

I will send out the official meeting date by February 2nd.

Chris Lim, BA

Youth Program & N.A.S.P. BC Coordinator

February 2, 2018

Surrey Bend Regional Park Meeting: Monday, February 5 @ 1:00 PM

Chris Lim via bcwildlife.onmicrosoft.com

Hi all,

I apologize for cutting things close. We have a date for a Surrey Bend Park Meeting!

Monday, February 5 @ 1:00 PM

Directions, [click here](#).

We will meet in the parking lot.

We will do a tour, hopefully Lisa will be able to provide support with that, in order to visualize and run through the logistics of the event.

Of course, dress appropriately.

Thank you and see you then,

Chris Lim, BA

Youth Program & N.A.S.P. BC Coordinator

Hi Chris,

Thanks, as always, for the invite. I'm not sure we can find someone for the tour and walk-through tomorrow, and things are looking grim for volunteers for the event itself. I'm going to ask again at our director meeting this Tuesday, but I suspect the GTHS may have to slink away from direct involvement for this year.

I'll let you know once I have a clearer picture.

Thanks,
-don

February 4, 2018

Chris Lim

Good morning Don,

No problem. Thank you for keeping the line of communication. I'll have my fingers crossed for GTHS staying involved but understand if you cannot contribute directly. Would GTHS be interested in contributing to the event indirectly? For example, providing a walk-through interpretive activity that we can have volunteers run? This allows for flexibility to work and no staff commitments during the event. Let me know your thoughts on this.

Keep me posted on how your Directors' Meeting goes.

All the best,

Chris Lim, BA
Youth Program & N.A.S.P. BC Coordinator

February 5, 2018

Nature Knowledge Fest - Event Logistics

Chris Lim via bcwildlife.onmicrosoft.com

Good afternoon everyone,

I cannot believe it is February already! Hope you are all coping with the lack of sunshine we have been having. Today, Metro Parks and the BCWF made a site visit to Surrey Bend Regional Park. It is unfortunate no one else was able to join us but we knew you were there in spirit.

While viewing the site we discussed potential activities and ran through some logistics. The main outcomes are as follows:

We are using the whole Spirea Trail (30 minute – flat loop)

We are looking at 6 stations

Stations will be 5 minutes

Schools will come in staggered time slots

At the start and end of the loop will be 'Holding Activity Stations' (areas with interactive games, crafts, or other activities where students can wait before they start and after they finish)

The following is a map of Surrey Bend Park with station locations:

Quick Summary / Explanation of what the event will look like (thank you Lisa!):

Each class that arrives will have around 20 kids, and will be divided into 4 to 5 smaller groups (of five). Timing for each class will look something like this:

- Class A arrives and gets a brief intro (2-3 min)
- Head to 'Holding Activity Station' under red picnic shelter:
- Class A – first sub group heads out; every 5 min the next subgroup is released; those waiting can be doing crafts/games
- This will be repeated at the end at the yellow picnic shelter when the first sub group of Class A finishes and is waiting for their class mates
- At the start/finish students will be spending up to 20 min waiting for their class mates doing crafts/games
- We should repeat these activities to give everyone an opportunity to try them
- On the trail: we only have time for 6 stations (5 min each) for a total of 30 min!
- 30 min travel time on the loop

We will follow the 'Critter Capers' arrival model for schools to arrive (see Critter Caper doc attached for more info). Schools will choose from the following start times and will be asked to arrive 20 mins early:

9:50
10:30
11:10
11:50
12:30
1:00

This will allow them to arrive and leave within school hours.

Lastly, we have our action items until the event:

Activities – ALL (Metro Vancouver Parks – 2; BCWF Youth - 1; BCWF WEP – 1; we need 2 more)
Volunteer Recruitment – (BCWF Youth & ALL)
Registration Website – (BCWF Youth)
Operations and Logistics – (Metro Vancouver Parks/EE via BCWF Youth)
Teacher Handouts – (Metro Vancouver Parks)
Promotion – (Surrey EE & ALL)
Check in Meeting in Late February/Early March – poll to come

For those who do not think they can contribute due to lack availability / providing a physical presence (Green Timbers and A Rocha), please consider creating one of the 6 activities which we can deliver on your behalf via volunteers.

Sorry for the long email everyone, I hope this provides everyone with some good information. I have also attached some resources that Hillary (Burns Bog) has providing. They give great insight into how plan an activity, timing, and a hand out for teachers that will help guide them through an activity such as ours.

As always, please feel free to bring me questions, comments or concerns.

Chris Lim, BA
Youth Program & N.A.S.P. BC Coordinator

February 2, 2018

Green Timbers Advisory Committee - proposed meeting and brief trail update

From Aven, Neal

Hi folks,

2018 is well upon us and I would like to propose our next meeting at the Surrey Nature Centre for one of the following dates:

Thursday, March 1st, 6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 7th, 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 8th, 6:00 pm
Wednesday, March 14th, 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 15th, 6:00 pm

Please respond to me directly by the end of day Friday, February 16th with the date(s) that you can attend. I will find the date that works for as many as possible, then send out a meeting invitation.

Also, if you have any agenda items to suggest, please forward your topics along to me.

I have attached the minutes from our last two meetings for your reference.

In addition, I wanted to provide a brief update in this email, in advance of our next meeting, regarding the short connector trail to the corner of 96 Ave and Green Timbers Way that will be installed in the coming couple of months. The City will be removing 5 trees along the trail route... 4 are standing dead and 1 has a previous root failure (shown on the map below). Please contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

Cheers,
NEAL AVEN
Manager of Parks

February 02, 2018

mari golds
To: Ellen Edwards
Subject: GTHS
Hi Ellen;

Just noticing the deterioration of Green Timbers and was wondering if my idea is worth putting forward:

There is a great deal of erosion occurring, especially due to rainwater and wind as I have witnessed since we moved here 3 yrs ago. Often there are washouts on the pathways as well, despite efforts to amend with gravel.

Solution is to somehow give the Forest better drainage - upgrade and install more piping outlets to run off to street or dig some trenching to guide water likewise, or both. Also, I would be happy to help spread a few truckloads of peat and topsoil so that the roots of the trees have more to anchor themselves in, which I view as quite important to the stability and future of the bigger trees. And lastly, plant many more new trees and shrubs to make up for the losses the forest has incurred.

Yes it is a big project and may take some time to accomplish but even with a few volunteers I believe these suggestions could be completed by summer's end and I feel like something should be done to maintain some shrinking populations of landmark trees and ensure the healthy future of our beautiful Green Timbers.

Let me know if we can help or if something else has been planned.

Thanks for your clear dedication and valuable time!

February 5, 2018
Green Timbers

to mmmarigolds, Ellen, me
Hi Naomi,

Thanks for reaching out to Ellen and GTHS regarding your observations in our forest.

The SNAP summer program hires students to do lots of work in Green Timbers and it sounds like these could make great projects for us.

The Parks folks keep a pretty close watch on Green Timbers, so some of these projects may even already be on their radar. They would be the best people to talk to first about any suggestions you may have (drainage, soil amendment, plantings, etc). Their service request phone number is 604-501-5050 (if you mention GTHS and/or SNAP you might get fast-tracked!).

Alternatively, if you know specific locations that need service, I can reach out to the Parks directly to inquire.

Thanks again Naomi, talk to you soon.

Regards,

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