



Green Timbers Heritage Society

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 6, 2017

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

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In Attendance:

Don Schuetze, Nathan Evans, Jim Foulkes, Amar Virk, Nathan Ross, Kuldip Kang

Regrets:

Bill Potma, Deanna Welters,

Meeting Called to Order:

6:12 pm

Approval of minutes from February 6, 2018.

Minutes accepted by all.

Reports**SNAP Report:**

- See attached.
- Attended AGMs of two other SNAP partners.
- Hiring process: 230 applications. Interviewing over the past week. 14 positions. Strong candidates.
- UN Association of Canada funding received for new position Field Operations Supervisor (15th position)
- Work planning for the summer with the City for projects, budget, inventory of kit

Township of Langley presentation against oil pipeline:

Last night Jim attended the Township of Langley council meeting for presentations opposing oil pipeline. The Salmon River Enhancement Society pointed out the width of the path needed: compared "promised width" with actual result. Council needs a method to ensure the area is restored to the way it should be. Biggest concern with riparian areas. Third-party monitoring also important. Kwantlen Nation also presented (Brandon Gabriel). Jim talked to him, he asked about Green Timbers and was interested in the large erratic.

Langley Township has no tree bylaw, except in Brookwood.

FINANCIAL

"Finances look great," says Nathan Evan

Gaming account closed; folded into regular Prospera account

Accounting software to be looked for. Moved and carried that Nathan purchase Quickbooks from Tech Soup.

Other items

- Susan Lehmann's funeral
 - April 14 at Fraser Highway and 148th St. (her birthday) 2pm
 - 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

- Transportation meeting: next Wed, 14th 5:30 pm: going: Don, Jim...

- Event: Party for the Planet - April 14
- Event: GTUF 30th Anniversary - Saturday, June 9
 - Logging competition?
 - Tour volunteers
 - Could be a regular event, first Saturday of month for example
 - Create workshop for tour leaders

- \$4,000 cultural grant approved. Cheque for \$3200 here

Discussion of Tech Soup, going after specific people for membership, getting use of the renovated heritage storage shed (Green Timbers Cottage). Working group of Amar and Jim to explore further.

Communications

- See attached

Meeting Adjourned:

- 7:15 pm
 - Next meeting is Tuesday April 3, 2018 at our regular time of 6:30 pm
 - Strategic planning session followed
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Appendix 1: SNAP Update

March 6, 2018

Nathan Ross, Program Coordinator

Past Month:

- Presented SNAP and the benefits of partnerships at the White Rock and Surrey Naturalists AGM (Feb. 8)
- Attended the Sunnyside Acres Heritage Society AGM (Feb. 21)
- Hiring update:
 - Shortlisted over 220 applicants to SNAP!
 - Held 30 interviews for 14 positions
- Funding approved for a new “Field Operations Supervisor” position through the United Nations Association of Canada
 - Primary duty will be to help with field level logistics
 - Added support/mentorship for summer students
 - Act as primary contact on weekends
- Work planning with City staff for this summer’s projects

This Month:

- Finish interviewing process and finalize the 2018 summer team!
- Close “Field Operations Supervisor” posting and hopefully hire someone
- Continued work planning with City staff
- Finalize the 2018 budget and send to City staff
- Create order replenishment of shirts with AdCentives

Appendix 2: News Mentions Month, 2018

No news mentions in February (since our last meeting), but the following about Roy Strang of Sunnyside is of note:

March

Sunnyside Acres supporter moves his roots (March 1, 2018)

South Surrey's Roy Strang devoted more than three decades to the urban forest

A longtime Peninsula environmentalist left South Surrey in a hurry, but as swift as the decision may have looked, Roy Strang says it certainly wasn't an easy one.

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/community/sunnyside-acres-supporter-moves-his-roots/>

Appendix 3: Communications

Feb 6

DesLauriers, Chantelle

Hi Don,

Thanks for reaching out, that will be fine. If there is equipment that you need, feel free to give me call (604-598-5774) and we can chat about what dates the Environmental Extravaganza branded equipment is available for use before you complete the forms for any programs/events.

Best,

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From: Green Timbers Heritage Society [mailto:greentimberssociety@gmail.com]
To: DesLauriers, Chantelle
Subject: Re: EE Reminder: Reg Forms due February 5th

Feb 21

Green Timbers Heritage Society <greentimberssociety@gmail.com>

Hi Chantelle,

It looks like we're going to hang off the corner of the SNAP table this year. I'm not sure how that will look, but it allows us to pool resources with Nathan, and also the Sunnyside people.

Did Nathan of SNAP already put in a form?

Sorry about being so disorganized this year!

-don

Feb 17

Green Timbers Heritage Society <greentimberssociety@gmail.com>
to PATRICK, wendyjo
Hi Patrick,

Yes, I saw that. I wasn't sure if it was worth responding or not. Note their survey was done in partnership with the City of Surrey.

-don

On Fri, Feb 16, 2018 at 7:28 PM, PATRICK wrote:

In Wed., Feb. 14, 2018, edition of the Surrey Now-Leader, page A5, Amy Reid reports that the Surrey Board of Trade is advocating that we increase Fraser Hwy. to 5 lanes of car traffic through Green Timbers Forest. Sincerely, Pat O'Connor. 604-594-9508.

Sent from my iPad

Feb 19

Guildford Town Centre - 104 Avenue Plan - UPCOMING PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Dong, Andrew

The City of Surrey will be hosting a public open house on March 1 related to the Guildford Town Centre-104 Avenue planning process. The purpose of the open house is to present to the public the draft land use, transportation, and parks and open space concepts that have been developed for the study area. The feedback received from residents, owners and other stakeholders will be used to help develop the preferred land use and transportation concept.

We hope that you will consider attending this event. The details of the open house are as follows:

Thursday, March 1, 2018

5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Guildford Recreation Centre (multi-purpose room)

15105 105 Avenue

For more information please visit the project website: www.surrey.ca/104GuildfordPlan. Should you have any questions please contact me at adong@surrey.ca or 604-591-4195.

Sincerely,

Andrew

ANDREW DONG | PLANNING ANALYST

CITY OF SURREY

Planning & Development

Feb 20

Surrey Council moves to muffle freedom of speech

from: Annie Kaps

to info, bridgeview.hall, countrywoods, steve, karl, Elgin, contact, directors, nhmenzies, aneighbour, info, Green, stalebrd, stewardship, Liz, Ocean, Greg, semi.res.assoc, darlenebowyer, Deb, Surrey, b.causs, jeanette, Surrey, info

(1) RCMP---now there's a story to pursue, along with

MOURNING ANOTHER LOSS TO DEMOCRACY IN CITY OF SURREY

Corporate Report R026 accepted; Introduction Item 16. Passed unanimously. "Council Procedure Bylaw to ensure time limit", 1st, 2nd, 3rd reading without a call from mayor for persons wishing to make representation; so, couldn't speak to. .

Had this bylaw been passed before delegations, the evening's meeting would have been much shorter and councillors less informed.

Lot of problems with 7917-0012-00 (16th Avenue Zoning) as RCMP involved in a forged tree cutting application, non-consultation with community, OCP, and Signage. A rep spoke to say developer out of the country at present.

Then there was 7917-0337-00 crying to council about what was purchased as didn't know about items costing \$15,000 to rectify. As one councillor said "Trying to negotiate with us? It's buyer be aware and not council's problem."

Will have to read the council minutes.

Annie Kaps, 12541 Grove Crescent, Surrey, B.C., V3V 2L6

(2) Hi, I know you will think I'm daft, but I kept track of all the speakers covering the 6 development applications before council. 12 Speakers took an accumulated 72 minutes, which also included the mayor and councillors asking questions. Guess what? The average speaker spent 6 minutes.

So the Bylaw amendment (which took less than 30 seconds for all 3 readings) is a heavy-handed hammer tool to be used by the mayor when it suites her.

To further comment to Annie's point, which is having an open presentation with questions to be far more informative than a restriction in time.....The last development application took 46 minutes to discuss, while all the others averaged about 3 to 4 minutes.

Crying for freedom of speech and the failure of the democratic process.

Richard T Landale

Feb 22
park

I CHAPMAN

Has the park shrunk ? All the maps I look at have the park north of Fraser Hwy only and nothing south of that ? What happened can we do anything about it ?
Wendy Chapman

Green Timbers Heritage Society <greentimberssociety@gmail.com>
Feb 23

Hi Wendy,

Nope! It's all still there.

I've noticed that Google maps sometimes doesn't show it as green, like other parks.

You can see the outlines here:
<http://www.greentimbers.ca/maps-of-trails/>

The Urban Forest (technically not a park, but under the Parks Division), runs south to 92 Avenue.

I'm pasting in a image. I hope it shows up at your end. In it the dark green is urban forest/park, the white lines are trails, the red lines are creeks. Fraser Highway is that diagonal line.

Feb 18, 2018

David Hancock presents...March 04, Ocean Park Hall

Beverly Ford

Hello Ellen,

Thank you for sharing this poster with your members; we anticipate some lively discussion as there has been considerable habitat loss near Kwomais Park lately.

The Ocean Park Beautification Committee are delighted to have David Hancock, biologist and researcher known for his live Bald Eagle Video Cams attend the meeting on March 04. at Ocean Park Hall. We hope you can attend!

Feb 27

Beverly Ford

Hi Don,

Gee..sorry, .. missed this message until now.

No, we don't have anything planned in the future as we mainly spend our time trying to connect with tree types at city hall. But what a great idea to have a city wide calendar; thank you for spearheading that idea and I will contact you if we do have something planned.

The Ocean Park Beautification Committee is delighted to Invite David Hancock, researcher and biologist known for his live Bald Eagle live streaming video cams attend the meeting at the Ocean Park Hall, March 04 at 7:00 p.m.

Not a great night but we have trouble booking the hall... Hope to see you !

Bev

Mar 1

"Celebrating our Urban Forest" contest in Surrey Schools - poster contest link

Annie Kaps

to Chantelle.DesL., Green, allen_terry, Bob, larsen_laurie, mcNally_laurae, thind_garry, tymoschuk_gary, Shawn, Jordan, Rick, Christy, Lynda, Andrew, Ross, Catherine

<http://www.surrey.ca/files/EnvironmentalExtravaganza2018PosterContestDetails.pdf>

Do the contest judges even have an inkling of the shrinkage of the forest canopy in Surrey over the past decade?

Do they have access for students to 14-page "January 2018 Surrey Deforestation Report" attached?

Do they even know of the Green City Fund into which developers pay in lieu of adhering to by-law setbacks, tree removal? i.e. current DEVELOPMENT 7916-0265 for \$116,400

Do they have at their hands the Hawthorne Rotary Park video of devastation of urban forest?
We need our students to be educated and become advocates for the life-giving canopy.

Please advise how each principal in the 100+ K-7 schools in Surrey is assuring the Board of Education that an educated field of knowledge is being presented to them and passed on to their students.

Mar 8

Richmond Raptor Festival combines with the Garlic Festival

Sarah Drewery

Dear Exhibitor,

I have been given your contact details by Rich Kenny, of the Richmond Raptor Fest. In 2018 the Raptor Fest will be combining with The Sharing Farm's Garlic Fest. I am emailing to invite you to join us. The attached letter gives all the details and includes the application form. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

Sarah

Feb 18

Research request

Faythe Lou

To Whom it may concern:

Hello,

My name is Faythe Lou. I'm working on my Bachelor's in History at the University of Ottawa, but originally raised in Surrey. I'm currently working on a major undergraduate research paper on Green Timbers, specifically the public response to the proposed sports complex in 1987.

I was wondering if you had any records on this topic that I would be able to access. I am currently in Surrey, so I would be able to come see them in person if so. As well, I would be interested in interviewing one or more people that were involved in the activism that led to the designation of Green Timbers as an urban forest park.

Thank you for your time,
-Faythe

Feb 20

Transportation Discussion with GTHS Executive

McLeod, Douglas

to donschuetze, me, Philip, Rosemary, Neal, Paul

Good Morning Don

Philip passed me along your contact information so I would like to arrange an initial meeting with the GTHS executive about the many Transportation projects that are associated with Green Timbers Urban Forest. I am contacting you instead of Philip as I am the new Transportation Planning Manager and would like to also take this opportunity to introduce you to Rosemary Silva who is our new Communications Manager for Engineering. In case you were wondering Philip hasn't left the City but has moved over to be the new Transportation Engineering Manager and will still be a part of the process while we transition roles.

I have identified six different items that would make up an agenda for an ongoing dialogue between the GTHS and Surrey and includes example topics as follows:

1. 100 Avenue Widening and Arterial Improvements Project
 - a. Benefits (e.g. New trails, Cycling Facilities, Parking Lot)
 - b. Opportunities for improvement (e.g. communication with membership, etc)
2. 105 Avenue Connector Project
 - a. Benefits (e.g. increased park land, new park facilities, multi-modal connections)
 - b. Opportunities for improvement (e.g. consultation, share of information, etc)
 - c. GTHS and Save Surrey Parks role
3. Fraser Highway Widening and Improvements along
 - a. Confirmation on proposal as per Corporate Report 2015:R085 "Fraser Highway Design Through Green Timbers Urban Forest" ([link here](#))
 - b. Planned timeline for implementation
 - c. Consultation process required with public and membership
4. LRT on Fraser Highway
 - a. Mayor's Council Vision
5. 148 Street Works
 - a. Metro Vancouver plans for Major Water Main Upgrade
 - b. GTUF Interface
 - c. Opportunities for Transportation Improvements (multi-use path)
6. 92 Avenue Connection
 - a. Planned pedestrian cycling bridge
 - b. Reserving corridor for potential vehicle connection

Feel free to add other items that I may have missed and you would like to see added to this agenda. Please let us know what days of the week work best for the GTHS executive for the first meeting. We are available to meet after regular working hours if that helps.

I look forward to a potential meeting and working with the GTHS in the future.

Regards,
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