



Green Timbers Heritage Society Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 7, 2018
Surrey Nature Centre | 14225 Green Timbers Way, Surrey, BC



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In Attendance:

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

Regrets:

- No regrets!

Meeting Called to Order:

- 7:00 pm

Reports

SNAP Report:

Report attached. Highlights:

- TD Grant work - in Kiyu park, just south of Green Timbers
- Special Projects: tree assessment training, tree climbing demo, swallow box installation in 5 parks
- An event every weekend in July (744 people at Fusion Festival!)
- August: last month, last day Aug 24; waiting for \$7,000 + \$12,000 for Canada Summer Jobs Grant
- MPs doing site visits in August
- Nathan's last day August 10
- Year-end brunch Wed August 22

FINANCIAL

We're doing great, we have oodles of cash
SNAP doing on par with last year

WEB

July 1-31, 2018

Users: 880
Sessions: 945
Page Views: 1,267
Pages/Session: 1.34
Avg. Session Duration: 00:00:38
Bounce Rate: 84.34%

Most view pages

1. home page: 223 views
2. /maps-of-trails/: 187 views
3. /vegetation-wildlife/vegetation/coniferous-trees/western-hemlock/: 61 views
4. /vegetation-wildlife/wildlife/insects/beetles/: 41 views
5. /vegetation-wildlife/vegetation/coniferous-trees/western-yew/: 39 views

New Business:

Nathan Ross leaving

Discussion. Card-giving. Tears. Hugs. Much emotion.

Draw for book:

A draw was held from members who responded to the strategic survey in the Spring using Bill Potma's hat. Entries were mixed by Jim and the winner pulled by Ellen. Annie Kaps gets it!

Museum expansion: GT exhibit (?)

Ryan Gallagher is the Arts and Heritage guy. Bill will follow through on what's planned. Rumours on moving the GT museum there?

Approve expenses

\$72.80 for info postcards used at the Anniversary event approved.

Letter to Robin Landucci July 5.

Rob was on vacation and replied July 30. He'll respond in 7-10 days. The content of the letter is below:

1) the Environmental Sensitive Area

The Southeast corner of GT is labeled as an environmental sensitive area. It's not clear to me how much this includes. I think it was originally a rectangle bounded by the hydro right-of-way to the north, 144th and 148th to the West and East, and 92nd on the South. On the City's brochure it's a triangle, bounded by Fraser Highway, 92nd Street and 144th Street. *How do we find out what area is the ESA? Is there a document describing what that means?*

In previous conversations with Neal Aven (probably about a year ago) there was some discussion of doing an assessment of what's actually in that area. As I recall (with my sometimes faulty memory) Neal thought it should be fairly easy to do, and worth exploring. *Has anything happened with this? How can we help get the ball moving on this sort of project?*

2) Trail assessment and planning in Green Timbers

This is another left-over from a few previous conversations with Neal. The widening of 100th Avenue and the planning widening of 148th have opened up discussions with the road guys about multi-use pathways, and trails too. The new trail from 100th and 140th to the parking lot is part of that.

We think we should take a big-picture look at what we want to achieve with trails through Green Timbers, and how we can encourage people to go for walks of different lengths and types, and from different access points.

We're thinking we might even be able to take advantage of the road guys' works-in-process to enhance usability of the forest. *Would you be interested in exploring some of our thoughts and ideas on the subject?*

3) All-weatherizing trails

Obviously there are different types of trails through GT, and I personally find even the most rustic of them to be passable during the wettest months of the year. Some of our members did have a few concerns about boggy bits being expanded by walkers as they trod on the trail edges to avoid puddles, etc. You can see previous efforts to ameliorate this with cordwood near King Creek (apparently a heritage society initiative from 30 years ago).

We thought we should ask your opinion, and perhaps you or the trails team have techniques and methods to move water along, while still preserving the rustic nature of the trails. *Is this something worth exploring further?*

4) Edge effects from development

We're not sure if we should be concerned about edge effects from the planned widening of 148 Street. I know the specs are careful and well-thought out, but a member pointed out that after the subdivision went in next to Bose park a number of trees next to the road died. This would have been in 2015 to 2016 at the 62 Ave curve just north of 164 Street. *Are you familiar with this at all? Are we being overly concerned?*

Reminder from The Urban Forest Stewardship team

- **CITY OF SURREY)**
Water a boulevard tree

Boulevard trees can use extra help during hot and dry months.. If you would like to receive a watering bag for a young City boulevard tree near your property, call 604-501-5050. We can deliver a watering bag so you can help keep the tree healthy all summer long. Learn more at surrey.ca/trees.

Report harvesting in parks

We've noticed an increase in reports of people harvesting vegetation in our parks – most recently in Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest. The harvesting of vegetation in Surrey parks is prohibited by bylaw 13480, including berries, conks, mushrooms, fiddleheads and moss. Removing vegetation reduces food sources for wildlife, and walking off trail can lead to soil compaction, trampling of vegetation, and erosion in our sensitive urban natural areas.

You can help by reporting any incidents of people harvesting vegetation from Surrey parks to 604-501-5050.

Ellen announcement about the archives

Ellen has organized the archives! Done and ready for scanning.

Interurban group presentation proposal

Bill and Jim went to meeting with Rick Green, former mayor of Township of Langley who leads a group wanting to re-establish the inter-urban. This affects Green Timbers because using the existing line would mean the Fraser Highway corridor wouldn't need to be widened as much.

Discussion: should we host a public meeting? Have it after a short directors meeting? An alternative to over-widening of Fraser Highway.

Jim will contact Rick Green and ask what the presentation is; should we advertise, publicize, etcetera.

Susan's will, with addendums

- Memorial established for environment for Wady, Betty and Susan.
- Office files where appropriate to GTHS
- Monument for Wady's statue \$200,000

Should reach out to Douglas Cameron. Jim will reach out to lawyers and Douglas (again).

Strategic plan followup

Not everyone has a copy of the penultimate report. Don will send it out.

Communications

- See attached
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Meeting Adjourned:

- Meeting ended at 8:40 pm.
- Next meeting: Tuesday September 4, 2018

Appendix 1: SNAP Update

August 7, 2018

Nathan Ross, Program Coordinator

Past Month:

- Met with co-op advisors from both SFU and BCIT
- TD FEF grant project at Kiyo Park with volunteers and SHaRP
- Arranged a series of special projects for each team
- Events every weekend
 - o Bridgeview community fest – July 7th – 96 people
 - o Eat Play Live Well – July 15th – 62 people
 - o Fusion Fest – July 21/22 – 744 people!
 - o SYSS Summer Social – July 28 – 20 people
- Final invoice submitted to the City for \$15k

This Month:

- The last month of SNAP!
 - o SNAPers' last day is August 24
- Still waiting on the final cash "advance" from Canada Summer Jobs.
- SNAP will be at MP Ken Hardie's Community BBQ – Saturday, August 11th 12pm – 3pm at Fleetwood Park
- Site visits from local Members of Parliament
 - o MP Ken Hardie (Fleetwood Port Kells) visiting on August 14 at Godwin Farm Biodiversity Preserve
 - o MP John Aldag (Cloverdale Langley City) visiting on August 16 at Claude Harvie Park
- Nate's last day – August 10th
 - o Planning all of August's projects and scheduling activities before leaving
 - o City staff will take over day-to-day operations (Nate is providing a document to each City staff partner)
 - o Colleen Gillespie will be the primary contact for SNAP inquiries. Contact Nate before leaving for her contact info.
 - o Thank you for the little farewell gathering on August 1 at the Surrey Operations Centre!
- SNAP Year-to-date Finances will be sent to Nathan Evans this week
- SNAP Year End Brunch
 - o Wednesday, August 22 from 9:30am to 11:30am at the Surrey Operations Centre
 - o Please RSVP by August 10th
- Zeemac vehicle pickup happening on August 24th in the afternoon. SNAP summer students will hand off keys and do final inspection with the Zeemac reps
- SNAP summer students will be putting together a final report, but it will likely be much more basic than the past few years.

Appendix 2: News Mentions July-August, 2018

August

COLUMN: Pressures of change on longtime Surrey residents (August 22, 2018)

The ever-changing landscape along Fraser Highway is a microcosm of the change underway in almost all parts of Surrey.

By the 1970s, there were few signs of agriculture on the street, except in the lowlands near Fry's Corner. Some of the most significant growing still taking place was at the Green Timbers forest nursery near 140 Street.

The nursery and plantation on both sides of the street was part of a commitment made by the province in the late 1920s, after the original Green Timbers first-growth forest was cut down.

The city began a program to four-lane the road across Surrey in the 1990s, with the notable exception of the portion within the Green Timbers forest.

<https://www.peacearchnews.com/opinion/column-pressures-of-change-on-longtime-surrey-residents/>

July

Find shade and fresh air on a hot Surrey day (July 24, 2018)

Find info on heat-related illness by calling HealthLinkBC at 811 or visiting HealthLinkBC.ca online

There's nothing like a quiet stroll in a shady park to beat the heat here in Surrey.

The City of Surrey recommends the following "heavily shaded" parks in a neighbourhood near you.

In Whalley there's the [Green Timbers Urban Forest](#) in the 14600-block of 100th Avenue, [Kennedy Park](#) at 12171 90th Avenue and the [Brownsville Bar](#) park and beach, at 11931 Old Yale Road.

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/find-shade-and-fresh-air-on-a-hot-surrey-day/>

Appendix 3: Facebook postings

July to August, 2018

Each paragraph was a shared link, a repost or a picture

Green Timbers Urban Forest > September update from the Heritage Society -

You may have heard about the giant cottonwood with an eagle's nest in South Surrey that had to be cut down because of vandals.

Here's an opportunity to help make sure there are plans to keep the eagles:

<https://hancockwildlife.org/support-for-bald-eagle-nests-in-the-lower-mainland/>

Support for Bald Eagle Nests in the Lower Mainland - Hancock Wildlife Foundation

hancockwildlife.org

updated on Sun Aug 05, 2018 20:54

Green Timbers Urban Forest > August update from the Heritage Society -

updated on Tue Jul 31, 2018 00:44

Interested in roads? Congestion? Roads through Green Timbers?

The City of Surrey has approved a "Congestion Relief Strategy"

(<https://www.surrey.ca/city-government/27464.aspx>)

Report here: https://www.surrey.ca/bylawsandcouncilibrary/CR_2018-R162.pdf

Quote mentioning widening Fraser Highway through Green Timbers:

"Making Targeted Corridor Improvements

Residents often request the completion of widening on key north-south and east-west corridors to increase capacity and reduce or maintain travel times. Through a combination of delivering existing projects in the 10-YSP, and the new and advanced projects outlined above, the following key commuter routes have been targeted for completion in the Congestion Relief Strategy, 2019-2023:

- Fraser Highway widening completion and transit lanes from Whalley Boulevard to 148 Street (10-YSP);"

updated on Thu Jul 26, 2018 14:58

Source of soap unknown, but probably not commercial.

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/soapy-water-in-tynehead-park-raises-eyebrows/>

Soapy water in Surrey's Tynehead Park raises eyebrows - Surrey Now-Leader

www.surreynowleader.com

updated on Thu Aug 02, 2018 05:33

Well this is maddening:

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/prominent-eagle-nesting-tree-cut-down-in-surrey-2/>

Prominent eagle nesting tree cut down in Surrey - Surrey Now-Leader

www.surreynowleader.com

updated on Fri Aug 17, 2018 10:22

Help name the new east/west trail. It runs by the eratic on the north side.

updated on Mon Jul 16, 2018 03:18

Civic-minded people might be interested in taking this survey about the state of local government.

<https://t.co/tipPaILOZX>

It's from @YRLC_MetroVan, a group of young professionals who are passionate about planning & governance in our region.

Appendix 4: Communications

From: Zia, Leah
Email: LDZia@surrey.ca
Date: 2018-07-06 9:14:12
Subject: RE: Surrey Nature Centre - Inaugural plantation sign

Good morning, I hope this email finds you all well. There has been a lot of talk about the Inaugural Plantation sign (which is great!) and I have attached an updated copy of the new design with marked-up edits that Ellen and I discussed earlier this week.

Don, I started this process in April (see below) and it was a huge oversight not to involve you - I am really very sorry.

I have been working with my design group to refresh the sign, with content staying very similar to the two signs I have combined. It will be printed on aluminum (36" x 18") and installed on two rough-cut cedar posts as per the City standards. The sign will be placed near where the current sign is, but closer to the edge of the trail so that people can easily read it.

This site is steeped in history and I don't want to ever lose sight of why we have the forest, the park and the nature centre (and the people behind this - past and present) - I hope this sign conveys that.

Regards,
Leah

From: Zia, Leah [mailto:LDZia@Surrey.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, April 17, 2018 4:32 PM
To: Ellen Edwards; jimfoulkes@yahoo.com
Subject: Surrey Nature Centre - Inaugural plantation sign

Good afternoon Ellen and Jim, I hope this email finds you both well. As you know the Inaugural Plantation sign at Green Timbers is falling apart, and I would like to replace it with a sign that continues to respect the heritage of the site and the significance of the inaugural planting. I was wondering if you had access to any photos of the inaugural planting ceremony (like the one on the GTHS website) or of the plantation over the years? My idea is to combine both the Plantation sign and the sign about Harry Baker (also in need of replacement and currently installed below the map in the plantation) into one interpretive sign and install it where the Inaugural Plantation sign is now. I have attached my rough copy of the content and am hoping to find some photos that would work well on an interpretive sign.

In time I would like to replace the map as well, however, it seems to be fairing better than the other two.

Please let me know if you are able to assist.

Thank you,
LEAH ZIA | PARK OPERATIONS COORDINATOR - SURREY NATURE CENTRE

From: Park People
Email: info@parkpeople.ca

Date: 2018-07-11 7:59:58
Subject: Park People Insiders - July Edition
The inside scoop to activate your park

Your July Insider park news from your good friends at Park People

Latest Resources

Park People's latest resources focus on how you can leverage parks to reduce social isolation and build common ground--even in the early stages of your project.

Building common ground with Indigenous Communities

How can your park group meaningfully engage Indigenous groups so that multiple histories can co-exist in a single public space?

We trace the history of a newly formed park group which brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders to create a new model for collaboration and learning.

How a vacant space can heal a community

Considering creating a community garden?

We've gathered insights from a tenacious and passionate community builder who is working to bring the healing power of plants to her community.

** Tips to buzz, blossom & grow in community housing settings

From: DesLauriers, Chantelle
Email: Chantelle.DesLauriers@surrey.ca
Date: 2018-07-12 10:08:29
Subject: EE Meeting Minutes and Survey
Hello everyone,

I hope you're all enjoying your summer so far. Thanks again for all of your hard work during the Environmental Extravaganza this year!

Here are a few important things before we see each other again in the fall:

Meeting Minutes

The minutes from our wrap-up on June 20th are attached; please review at your convenience prior to our fall planning meeting. Thanks to all of you who were able to attend!

Wrap-Up Survey: <https://surrey.simplesurvey.com/f/EEPS2018>

If you hosted a program or event during the 2018 EE, please fill out this survey by July 31st.

Fall Planning meeting!

Our fall planning meeting has not been booked yet, we will follow up with a Save the Date soon.

Best,
CHANTELLE DESLAURIERS | STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS ASSISTANT

From: Graham Saul

Email: engage@naturecanada.ca

Date: 2018-07-13 8:51:37

Subject: Can we help you with your public engagement work?

Nature Canada is excited to launch our newest program aimed at helping nature organizations with their public engagement work. You can take advantage of this program in order to engage more people as supporters, volunteers, donors, and future leaders.

To support you, we have a variety of tools that you can choose from depending on your needs. These include:

- * A downloadable engagement organizing guide
- * A quarterly e-newsletter featuring case studies of nature groups trying new engagement strategies - sign up [here](#)
- * Webinars to share public engagement first practices - the first one is on Sept 9 make sure to RSVP
- * A Community of Practice for sharing experiences across organizations
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- * A small grants program (by invitation) to improve engagement practices at groups involved with Important Bird Areas

This assistance is available to national, provincial and local nature groups and clubs alike. The first step is to fill out the survey below so that we can get to know your situation better. This will take approximately 15 minutes.

If you are interested, we also encourage you to download the engagement organizing guide, sign up for the e-newsletter and register for an upcoming webinar.

We hope that you find value in our program and would love the opportunity to connect further with you to hear about your needs.

Also, feel free to pass along this information to other nature groups that you think could benefit from this assistance.

All the best,

Graham Saul, Executive Director

From: Hardeep
Email: hardeep.sidhu5@email.kpu.ca
Subject: Donation link
Message: Hello,

Your donation link does not work. Just thought I would let you know.

Thank you,

Hardeep

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This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Green Timbers Heritage Society
(<http://www.greentimbers.ca/>)

From: Nathan Ross
Email: snap.program@gmail.com
Date: 2018-08-03 12:10:30
Subject: SNAP End of Year Brunch
Good morning everyone,

I hope this email finds you well and you have been enjoying this short reprieve from the heat wave.

It's a bit hard to believe but August is here and so it is time to start winding down the SNAP summer season! In recognition of all the hard work the SNAP teams have done this summer, we will be having an end of year brunch event for the students to showcase their work and to offer our gratitude to each of you for supporting the program again this year. It would not have been possible without you!

The details of the brunch event are below:

Date: Wednesday, August 22, 2018

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

Location: Surrey Operations Centre (6651 - 148 Street, Surrey, BC

If you are able to *RSVP by Friday, August 10* it would be greatly appreciated! Please feel free to also invite anyone else from your organization that may want to attend. Some snacks and beverages will be provided, so please let me know if you have any allergies and/or dietary restrictions.

As you all know by now, I have stepped down from my role with SNAP and my last day will be next Friday, August 10. In my absence, please feel free to contact Shenae Borschneck, our Tree Care Team Leader at snap.trees@gmail.com if you have any questions about this event.

Thanks everyone, see you all soon!

Best,

Nathan Ross | Program Coordinator
Surrey's Natural Areas Partnership

From: Randeep Sarai
Email: Randeep.Sarai@parl.gc.ca
Date: 2018-08-13 16:50:37
Subject: Invitation: Open House

** MP Randeep Sarai invites you to attend Surrey Centre's Open House

Dear Friends,

I invite you to join me at my Open House taking place on Wednesday, August 15th for a chance to eat, meet, and mingle with myself, my staff, and other constituents!

Date: Wednesday, August 15, 2018
Time: 3 PM - 7 PM
Where: My Office (170-10362 King George Blvd, Surrey, BC, V3T 2W5)

I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Randeep S. Sarai, M.P.

From: Annie Kaps
Email: anniekaps38@gmail.com
Date: 2018-08-13 19:59:41
Subject: PLR 7918-0070-00 @ 8190 King George
City staff, *Mayor and Council*, per attached file, please preserve the ten high-value trees on this site! Please invoke Surrey Tree Protection By-Law 2006-16100!

*(1) * Surrey's tree canopy has declined from 30% coverage in 2014 to less than 22% in four years

(*2)* This site has ten high-value trees' whose significance---age, history, heritage---requires your intervention.

Annie Kaps
12541 Grove Crescent
Surrey, B.C.

From: Creekside Farms
Email: creeksidefarms@shaw.ca
Date: 2018-08-14 12:49:07
Subject: RE: Interurban Talk at Green Timbers
Thank you for the opportunity. One hour would be great.

In answer to your questions –

- Group name – VALTAC / Valley Transportation Advisory Committee
- www.langleywatchdog.com – Our first Interurban Rail posting will be posted on this site on or about August 23rd, 2018. Our NEW website will be up and running hopefully by the end of August.
- Reactivating the Interurban Corridor with a State of the Art Passenger Rail Service with Hydrogen (European) Technology to run from the Pattullo Bridge through to Chilliwack connecting 13 communities, 14 Post Secondary Institutions, the Abbotsford International Airport and much more.
- This presentation will feature a 25 minute Shaw Video Documentary, and 8 ft by 3 ½ ft map of the area affected, a flip chart to highlight our plan plus leave behind 8 ½ by 11 maps and campaign information.
- One of the key highlights is its unique interconnection with Surrey (Newton) and benefits by eliminating the threat to Green Timbers Forest.

We are looking forward to it, see you on the 4th

All the best, if there are any questions let us know.

Rick Green

From: Green Timbers Heritage Society [mailto:greentimberssociety@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 12:11 PM
To: Jim Foulkes; Creekside Farms
Subject: Re: Interurban Talk at Green Timbers

Hi Rick,

re: meeting with Green Timbers Heritage Society directors and interested public

Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 4 at the Surrey Nature Centre - 14225 Green Timbers Way in Surrey.

We'll get any society business out of the way before 7pm, when you (and whoever you want to invite) can give your presentation. Should we count on about an hour or so?

I'll let a few other groups know and try to get it into the paper too. To do that could you give me:

- * Your group's name:
- * Website address:
- * One sentence describing what you're aiming for
- * Another sentence (or two) summarizing the presentation.

Thanks and we'll see you on the 4th!

Don Schuetze
president,
green timbers heritage society

From: Transportation Talks Lecture Series
Email: Transportation.Talks@surrey.ca
Date: 2018-08-16 10:51:34
Subject: City of Surrey 2018 Transportation Talks Program
Good morning,

I would like to share with you an opportunity for you and/or your association members to register for this year's Transportation Talks program. If you could please distribute this invite to your members, it would be much appreciated, as we would love to fill this year's class with engaged Surrey residents who will bring their passion to weekly conversations on how transportation is shaping and impacts our city. Details are provided below, but please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Registration for Transportation Talks is now OPEN!
Care about transportation in your city? From commuters and cycling enthusiasts to transportation advocates, let's chat.

Presented in partnership by the SFU City Program and the City of Surrey, Transportation Talks is an annual 'citizen academy' program. It tackles hot topic urban issues through a comprehensive introduction to the transportation system in the Lower Mainland, with a particular focus on Surrey.

The 9-week program, starting September 6, will explore how transportation shapes our city. Sessions will take place on Thursdays from 6-9pm, except for the city bus tour, which takes place on a Saturday, as noted on the schedule<<https://www.surrey.ca/files/TransportationTalksProgram2018.pdf>>.

You'll hear from weekly guest speakers - policy- and decision-makers, planners, and engineers from city and regional governments, academia, private industry and the regional transit agency - and discuss the influence of community, mobility, accessibility and more have on how transportation is planned.

Visit Transportation Talks<<https://www.surrey.ca/city-services/7097.aspx>> to learn more, or register now<<https://webreg.surrey.ca/webreg/Start/Start.asp>> quoting program #4622856. Have questions? Reach out to the City of Surrey's Transportation Division at transportationtalks@surrey.ca<<mailto:transportationtalks@surrey.ca>>.

All the best,
Brian
BRIAN HANEY | TRANSPORTATION PLANNER

CITY OF SURREY
Engineering Department - Transportation Planning
13450 104th Ave, Surrey, BC, Canada V3T 1V8

From: Black Press Community News Media
Email: calendar.774181@trumba.com
Date: 2018-08-22 6:54:31
Subject: New event for Surrey Leader : Time to reactivate the Interurban rail?
Thank you for submitting the following event to the Surrey Leader calendar.

Time to reactivate the Interurban rail?
Date: Tuesday, September 04, 2018
Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm PDT
Where: 14225 Green Timbers Way
Description: From 1910 to 1954 a commuter train ran from Chilliwack to New Westminster. The rail lines still exist, just waiting for a new plan!

The Valley Transportation Advisory Committee (VALTAC) thinks they have one. Join the Green Timbers Heritage Society to hear about reactivating the Interurban Corridor with a state-of-the-art Passenger Rail Service to run from the Pattullo Bridge to Chilliwack connecting 13 communities, 14 Post Secondary Institutions, the Abbotsford International Airport and much more. A highlight for Surrey is it's unique interconnection with Newton and doesn't threaten the Green Timbers Urban Forest with extra widening.

From: Annie Kaps
Email: anniekaps38@gmail.com
Date: 2018-08-22 12:57:31
Subject: Panel Discussions re items which impact Surrey citizens
peoplefirstsurrey.ca

[image: Environment and Greenspaces Panel.jpg]

From: Graham Saul

Email: engage@naturecanada.ca

Date: 2018-08-23 6:00:11

Subject: We've got new opportunities for your engagement practices!

Nature Canada is excited to launch our newest program aimed at helping nature organizations with their public engagement work. You can take advantage of this program in order to engage more people as supporters, volunteers, donors, and future leaders.

In partnership with Bird Studies Canada we are also happy to announce a small grants program that we have opened up to non-profits and charities that are active on Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBAs). This program is designed to support transforming your organization with regards to public engagement, leaving it in a new and stronger place. For more information on the criteria and application process, check out our site here (<https://naturecanada.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b3e6701b306716a2a740b27a8&id=beb37d4079&e=63e308c4c6>) .

To further support you, we have created a free engagement toolkit for you to choose from based on your organizational needs. These include:

- * A downloadable engagement organizing guide

(<https://naturecanada.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b3e6701b306716a2a740b27a8&id=d53abcbf3d&e=63e308c4c6>)

- * A quarterly e-newsletter featuring case studies of nature groups trying new engagement strategies - sign up here

(<https://naturecanada.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b3e6701b306716a2a740b27a8&id=15a2131ca&e=63e308c4c6>)

- * Webinars to share public engagement first practices - the first one is on Sept 9 make sure to RSVP

(<https://naturecanada.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b3e6701b306716a2a740b27a8&id=f193dba26f&e=63e308c4c6>)

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Survey

(<https://naturecanada.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b3e6701b306716a2a740b27a8&id=6bb317d72b&e=63e308c4c6>)

For more information please visit our website page

(<https://naturecanada.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b3e6701b306716a2a740b27a8&id=fb285ca8f1&e=63e308c4c6>) . We hope that you find value in our program and would love the opportunity to connect further with you to hear about your needs.

Also, feel free to pass along this information to other nature groups that you think could benefit from this assistance.

All the best,

Graham Saul, Executive Director

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From: Nathalie
Email: Nathalie@burnsbog.org
Date: 2018-08-23 11:33:58
Subject: Burns Bog - Invitation to our Conference
Dear Green Timbers heritage Society and Surrey Nature,
My name is Nathalie and I'm writing from the Burns Bog Conservation Society in Delta, BC.
From October 11-13, 2018 we are hosting a Conference called Peatlands for People Revisited at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Surrey, BC. We will have speakers from Metro Vancouver, Quebec, and Germany speaking on the theme of peatlands, wetlands, and species at risk. I am excited to be part of the groundbreaking event.
I am writing to invite all your members, employees, and volunteers to attend. Registration is open now and early bird tickets are only available for a limited time! We also have senior and student rates available. Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing back from you!
Best,
Nathalie Scott-Hsiung
Conference Coordinator
Burns Bog Conservation Society
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The Burns Bog Conservation Society, in association with Kwantlen Polytechnic University, extends a warm welcome and invitation to attend our Conference
Peatlands for People Revisited
When: October 11-13, 2018
Where: Kwantlen Polytechnic University
Tickets and Registration: Nathalie@burnsbog.org, 604-572-0373 or toll free 1-888-850-6264. Early Bird pricing available until September 15.
Special discount rates for students and seniors.
Website: burnsbog.org/ConferenceAndCelebration
*Please ensure the appropriate words are capitalized in the website link above, or it won't work

From: Gail Miller

Email: gail_i_miller@hotmail.ca

Date: 2018-08-24 10:11:19

Subject: Environmental Panel Discussion this weekend

Iâ€™m Gail Miller from Peopleâ€™s First. There will be a panel discussion this Sunday at Semiahmoo Library on the environment and greenspaces in Surrey. The attachment has all the details. We would appreciate it very much if you could post this event or send out to your members. Thank you.

From: Nature Canada

Email: engage@naturecanada.ca

Date: 2018-08-27 5:59:44

Subject: Engagement Newsletter: Putting public engagement to work!

Introducing Our Newest Program

The Nature Network is a collection of organizations nation-wide that are active on issues of conservation while also encouraging their supporters to get out into nature!

The program

Nature Canada is excited to launch our newest program aimed at helping nature organizations with their public engagement work. There are many advantages to upping your public engagement game including attracting more people as supporters, volunteers, donors, and future leaders. This can lead to capacity building and the ability to do more with more committed participants.

What you can expect from us

This e-newsletter is part of the complimentary tool kit that we are offering. As you may be aware, we offer many other tools that we encourage you to consider. These include:

- * A downloadable engagement organizing guide

([http://naturecanada.ca/engagement/?mc_cid=386cfd17e5&mc_eid=\[UNIQID\]](http://naturecanada.ca/engagement/?mc_cid=386cfd17e5&mc_eid=[UNIQID])) (2nd tab)

- * Public engagement webinars

([https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/engagement-organizing-webinar-tickets-47722359863?aff=odeimcmmailchimp&mc_cid=386cfd17e5&mc_eid=\[UNIQID\]](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/engagement-organizing-webinar-tickets-47722359863?aff=odeimcmmailchimp&mc_cid=386cfd17e5&mc_eid=[UNIQID])) , including a community of practice for sharing experiences

- * Occasional in-person workshops as needed

- * Tailored coaching for organizations that demonstrate a real commitment

- * A small grants program ([http://naturecanada.ca/engagement/?mc_cid=386cfd17e5&mc_eid=\[UNIQID\]](http://naturecanada.ca/engagement/?mc_cid=386cfd17e5&mc_eid=[UNIQID])) (by invitation) to improve engagement practices of groups involved with Important Bird Areas (3rd tab)

This program is about supporting organizations across the country; depending on your needs this will look different for each group and we are happy to support you in whichever way works best for you.

Who we are

Nature Canada is pleased to introduce two new organizers for this program, Hannah Dean and Teagan Yaremchuk. They both love nature and travelling, and are excited to learn about your organization!

Hannah grew up in Ottawa, playing in rivers and exploring nearby parks which fostered a deep love for the Canadian landscape. After spending time living abroad, she is excited to be back in Ottawa working as an organizer to support the defense of lands and species she loves the most.

Teagan is from a small town, which showed her the power of local organizations to create big changes! She is excited to work with organizations of all sizes to help make important changes. Teagan loves almost anything that gets her out into nature, including hiking, biking or just spending the day on a lake.

** Green Teams of Canada: Mastering the Volunteer Experience

Lyda Salatian picked up the donated muffins for the first Green Teams event at Campbell Valley Regional Park near Vancouver, but feared that nobody would show up. Several years later, thousands of people have driven her fears away by volunteering at hundreds of such events and inspiring the creation of the charity Green Teams of Canada with chapters in the Lower Mainland and Victoria.

Continue reading here

([http://naturecanada.ca/engagement/eocasestudies/green-teams-of-canada/?mc_cid=386cfd17e5&mc_eid=\[UNIQID\]](http://naturecanada.ca/engagement/eocasestudies/green-teams-of-canada/?mc_cid=386cfd17e5&mc_eid=[UNIQID])) .

A Passport To Success: Couchiching Restructures Its Engagement

Mark Bisset had a problem.

Each year his organization – the Couchiching Conservancy located near Lake Simcoe, Ontario – put on a big nature festival. It was a major undertaking for a relatively small group of people, needing significant amounts of time and resources. In early years it seemed worth it, but over time attendance shrank. The cost-benefit was no longer worth it.

Losing Control And Gaining Ground In New Brunswick: Nature Trust Embraces Engagement Organizing

Since its founding in 1987, the Nature Trust of New Brunswick has historically been run through grassroots efforts, with volunteers incorporating the organization to conserve and steward critical natural areas of New Brunswick and to educate New Brunswickers about the importance of these spaces.

From: Creekside Farms

Email: creeksidefarms@shaw.ca

Date: 2018-08-27 10:35:13

Subject: NEW langleywatchdog BLOG Post just published on transportation South of the Fraser!

To Residents, Business Owners, Elected Representatives (Municipal and Provincial), Community and Business Associations South of the Fraser:

This is just a short notice to advise of a NEW Blog Post which should be of interest to ALL residing, doing business or elected to represent all of us South of the Fraser River from the Pattullo Bridge to Chilliwack with respect to our collective and urgent need for transportation. The answer -

IMPORTANT Please Read this feature - The ""Smart and Only Way""

To Fiscally, Economically and Environmentally

Solve the South of Fraser's Transportation & Transit Deficit!

""Pattullo Bridge to Chilliwack"", Tourism, Business or Community - WHAT IS STOPPING US?

To access this feature NEWS Item click on this link

www.langleywatchdog.com

NOTE: This BLOG Post is only the start of an intensive and extensive campaign to reactivate the Interurban from the Pattullo Bridge through to Chilliwack. Much more to come, stay tuned!

IF YOU WANT A PRESENTATION OF THIS PLAN? If your community association, business association, society, service club or political organization would be interested in a detailed presentation of this initiative our team would be pleased to do so. We have a very detailed presentation including an 8 ft. map, maps, Shaw documentary and much more. Our contact information is listed below.

The intent of our BLOG is to inform, educate and communicate on issues of interest to ALL residents and business owners!

All the very best

W. R. (Rick) Green
Mayor of the Township of Langley (2008 - 2011)

From:
Email: John.Aldag.C1A@parl.gc.ca
Date: 2018-08-28 12:10:13
Subject: FW: River Bank Cleanup

Good Morning - John Aldag, Member of Parliament for Cloverdale-Langley City would like to invite your group to join him on a cleanup along the banks of the Nicomekl River from 10 am - 12 noon on Saturday September 8. We will meet in Langley at the 203rd Street Bridge at the parking lot near Portage Park and access the river via the trail under the 203rd St. bridge. Please advise if you are able to join us and how many people we might expect in order for us to provide sufficient garbage tongs, bags and visibility vests. Thank you -

Lynn Whitehouse, Constituency Assistant
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From:
Email: Randeep.Sarai.C1B@parl.gc.ca
Date: 2018-08-28 16:16:45
Subject: Invitation: Community Cleanup Challenge - September 8, 2018
You're invited to...

Community Cleanup Challenge

I'd like to invite you to join me in the Community Cleanup Challenge! I'm teaming up with volunteers from across Surrey Centre to help clean up Brownsville Bar Park. It's a great opportunity to clean up garbage, plastic and pollution, and show our commitment to a cleaner environment for our kids and grandkids.

Here are the details:

DATE: September 8, 2018

TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 11931 Old Yale Rd, Surrey, BC V3V 3X3

WHAT TO BRING: Please dress for the weather and bring your own waterproof boots or shoes. Materials such as garbage bags will be provided.

RSVP: By email at Randeep.Sarai.C1B@parl.gc.ca

As Canadians, we have a deep connection to the water. We're home to approximately 8,500 rivers, 2 million lakes, and the world's longest coastline connecting three different oceans.

From fishers to paddlers, swimmers to sailors, Canadians visit our oceans, rivers, lakes, and streams to earn a living and to enjoy the outdoors. But every year, 8 million tons of plastic flow into our oceans, choking our wildlife and damaging the natural spaces that we love.

Together, we can make a difference in Surrey Centre. I hope you'll join me.

Sincerely,

Randeep Sarai
Member of Parliament for Surrey Centre

From: Nature Canada - Nature Network
Email: engage@naturecanada.ca
Date: 2018-08-31 6:59:51
Subject: Stand up for Protected Places in Canada!

** The Protected Places Declaration
A Natural Legacy

We have a generational opportunity to protect the biologically diverse areas that we have grown up loving. Consider adding your voice to the movement towards protecting our land and waters by signing this declaration.

Planet Earth is a shared home for humankind and millions of other species and our fates and well-being are interdependent. Recognizing our responsibility to the whole, we, the Signatories, urge governments, civil society and business leaders across Canada to:

- * Develop, initiate and invest in action plans to protect at least 17 percent of our lands and inland waters and 10 percent of our coastal and marine areas by 2020;
- * Ensure that these action plans are designed and implemented to achieve ecologically representative, well-connected protected areas networks in every province and territory, based on both Indigenous knowledge systems and science; and
- * Ensure protected areas identification and management decisions respect the right of Indigenous Peoples to free, prior and informed consent.

We have signed this declaration:

Because a mass extinction unlike any since the disappearance of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago has already resulted in global wildlife populations decreasing by over half since the 1970s;

Because protected areas directly address the primary driver of extinction, habitat loss and degradation;

Because a sustainable and equitable future requires that we address this threat and protect natural areas of sufficient size, diversity and number so that all life in Earth may continue and thrive;

Because international agreements, including the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change recognize the rights of Indigenous Peoples, including the right to free, prior and informed consent;

Because protected areas established and managed by or in cooperation with Indigenous Peoples can serve to sustain and strengthen Indigenous knowledge and value systems and cultural practices;

Because Canada signed the 1992 UN Convention on Biological Diversity, an international treaty that aims to conserve the diversity of life on Earth and ensure that its resources are sustainably and equitably shared by all;

Because Canada and the other signatory countries to the Convention adopted the 2010 Aichi Biodiversity Targets, which include Targets 11 and 18;

Target 11: By 2020, at least 17 percent of terrestrial and inland water areas, and 10 percent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved through effectively and equitably managed, ecologically representative and well connected systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider landscapes and seascapes;

Target 18: By 2020, the traditional knowledge, innovations and practices of indigenous and local communities relevant for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and their customary use of biological resources, are respected, subject to national legislation and relevant international obligations, and fully integrated and reflected in the implementation of the Convention with the full and effective participation of indigenous and local communities, at all relevant levels.

Because all of Canada's federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Environment, Parks and Wildlife signed A Statement of Commitment to Complete Canada's Networks of Protected Areas in 1992, and this work remains unfinished;

Because Canada has ample opportunity to protect natural areas and meet the Aichi targets given the country's vast size and relatively small human population;

Because it is in our collective interest to maintain the many ecological, social, cultural, health and economic benefits that are derived from natural areas, including clean air, clean water, wild foods, genetic resources, nature-based development opportunities, and much more.

Our common future and the health of the planet depend on protected places.
Sign the Declaration (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/nature-canada-protected-places>)

Thank you for taking the time to sign this declaration. We firmly believe in the wonder of Nature and are working to defend it for all Canadians. Every voice counts. To see other organizations who have already signed check out our website.
([http://naturecanada.ca/engagement/aichi-declaration/?mc_cid=ab4b08a430&mc_eid=\[UNIQID\]](http://naturecanada.ca/engagement/aichi-declaration/?mc_cid=ab4b08a430&mc_eid=[UNIQID]))
