



Green Timbers Heritage Society

4 February 2015

2nd Meeting of 2014/15 **Board of Directors**

Welcome by Chair, **Don Schuetze**, Vice-President. Regrets from Peter Maarsman.

Today's Agenda and December Minutes: Jim Foulkes/Ellen Edwards/approved.

Financial Report: Balances for 31 January: Prospera Gaming – \$10,400, Prospera General – \$12,672, VanCitySNAP – \$17,000. 2014 Financial Statements to be reviewed by Leroy Mickelsen at Advent Accounting in North Surrey, and tax forms prepared, by month end.

Approval of Signing Authorities: The Directors in attendance approved signing authority at both Van City and Prospera - for Jim Foulkes, Don Schuetze and Ellen Edwards. Longtime GTHS Executive member, Peter Maarsman, has stepped down from signing authority, as well as Betty Agren and Shawntel Hildebrandt, no longer on the GTHS Board. Don will check requirements, and our legal signing authority details will be finalized within the week, at both banks.

Financial Report: Jim/Don/approved.



SNAP Planning for 2015 - Stephen

McGlenn: Funding Proposals/Suggestions:

Canada Summer Jobs, BC Gaming (outreach & coordination), Van City, Evergreen/ Walmart (Arboretum), MtnEquipmentCo-Op, Heritage Canada (Research re Surrey Reforestation Nursery Sign), Environment Canada – (Science Horizon Internship to examine ecosystem services), Beautification Grant (July)?

Mission Statements – SNAP Vision and Purposes to be drafted by Stephen, with input from all SNAP partners. **Hiring** – Job Postings went to Colleges, Universities, Co-Op Program Bulletin Boards. 150 applications received, 60 meet qualifications. **Schedules - Federal Funding Decisions** – by Riding – occur during early spring, for May start dates. **Stephen is working four days each week:** planning funding; marketing and reviewing applications; formalizing SNAP purposes; scheduling SNAP 2015 activity, training manuals, supplies and equipment. **SNAP Welcome Breakfast** – Tentative Date – May 13 – 8 AM.



Fraser Highway Widening Details and Discussion - led by Don

Three times we have met the Transportation staff of City Hall Engineering Dept, in January requested input from our members, and have received several. This is an example of a “public response” to our website request for input:

The land swap may be reasonable as long as the extra 5 acres south of 92 Avenue are included. (Green Timbers would get 17.5 acres for giving up 5.6 acres). There should be a provision that no trees are cut until the transportation expansion is fully funded. It would be a travesty if the trees were cut and the transportation project got delayed for 15 or 20 years.

Jim displayed Newspaper articles on the topic of the planned six lane widening, the increased traffic at 144th and Fraser Hwy, the new lights, more accidents than before, etc. He spoke of Portland, and how Transit lanes there are shared with cars. We reviewed the archival files about FHwy four lane widening, discussed our personal opinions, and Don will provide a general message to the Transportation Committee. However, Jaime Boan, Philip Bellefontaine and Jeff Pang still await our unified statement.

We agree with Jim’s opinions: *We are all concerned about the continuous erosion of our designated forest reserve. Green Timbers is our Stanley Park. This is an opportunity for the City of Surrey to be a visionary leader in transportation*

development, while saving parks. We can urge City Councillors to create a legacy of their urban forest.

Ellen named the new Surrey Council, recommending we keep in touch with those councillors whose online bios indicate an interest in heritage or environment.

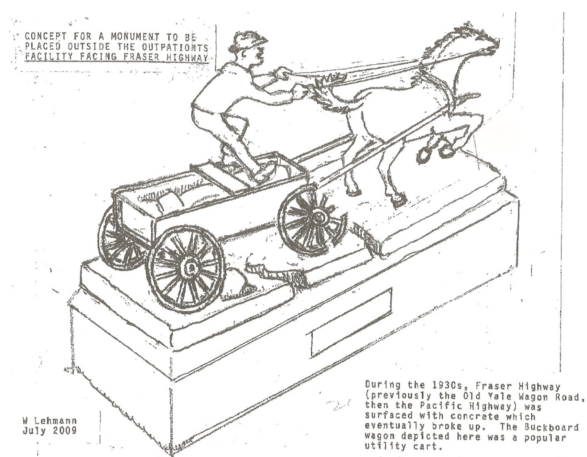
Jim wrote a letter to the Editor, thanking Frank Bucholtz for his article in the January 14 Peace Arch News, "City targets Green Timbers trees."

The Special Events Planning topic was forwarded to next meeting. We shall contact Ashley at the **Surrey Nature Centre** re Spring Extravaganza and other events. Susan Lehmann is continuing to be in charge of the **GTHS Booth** and supplies. We need updated maps and posters for our booth.

Don to provide an **updated trail map** and handout.

We received special requests to participate in **National Forest Week** - September 20 to 26, and **Burns Bog Nature Festival** in October 2015.

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Sculpture Project

The hospital long ago approved space on its property at 140th and Fraser Hwy. Various formats have been discussed over the years, with no final concept. Full sculpture of driver and cart – as designed by Wady Lehmann? A relief carving? Storyboard? Stone or Cement or Steel?

To Do: Decide upon format. Research costs and sculptors. (Ask Cloverdale Main Street sculptor)? Plan Budget. Sponsors? (Neal Aven, Sry City Parks, gave permission to use the Film Company fees to help fund the Sculpture).

Other Topics: **Surrey's Stories** – Red Cedar Stump at 8920 **Queen Mary Blvd** –



Don wrote the article for our GTHS page, imagining how it must have been with trees this size everywhere! Jim advised re the City's excellent restoration around its base, and how he had constructed the metal framing inside the hollow interior. Jim gave a childhood story about the property owners' goats using the huge stump (then 80 feet tall) as an overnight barn, complete with doors, and how the neighbourhood boys hid inside. It's over 500 years old, still 9 metres around, but only 4 m tall.

Rethinking and Updates - Website - We need new ideas to gain readers' attention. Don will instruct Michael re new articles/illustrations. **Perhaps** we need to hire an Executive Director to take charge of continuous marketing and action? Perhaps hire a student to record our stories and preserve our memories?

Posters from former Surrey Hall: Where are they?

GT Forest Observations: Garbage dumps noted on 92 Avenue and 100 Avenue. Must report to Parks.

Next Monthly Meeting: Thursday, March 12 at 7 PM, at the Surrey Nature Centre.