

Green Timbers Heritage Society

Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2016

I. Call to order

Don called to order the regular meeting of the GTHS at 6:45 on June 8, 2016 at Jason's office.

II. Roll call

Travis conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Susan, Nathan, Ellen, Tessa, Jim, Amar, Don, Deanna and Jason

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Don made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Seconded by Jason.

IV. Open issues

- a) Financial Report (Attached) Jim to follow up with Leroy re: Financial record completion.
- b) SNAP report (Attached)
- c) Event Reports
- d) Petitions and Marketing

Provide well-worded petitions at our booth for special events. Educate/ Sign

V. New business

- a) Bylaw review
- b) RCMP Forensic Lab
- c) Civic treasure Nomination...
Jim Foulkes as civic treasure nominee
- d) Jim to create policy on reimbursement for personal vehicle use

- e) Gaming Grant is up to date - Jason
- f) Jason to re-write and digitize society constitution bylaws by for our AGM
- g) Stream Protection June 16th Jim to attend
- h) *Nathan to bring GT T-Shirts next meeting*
- g) Funding and logistics re: placing signs on Fraser HWY. Having a schedule for setting up a booth at the park for volunteers
- h) Party in the Park! Sept 10? 30/30 David Suzuki to speak? A “Thank You” for our Surrey GT residents. Sue Hammel to speak? Jason’s media connects.

VI. Adjournment

Don adjourned the meeting at 9:00.

Minutes submitted by: Travis

Minutes approved by: Jason

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead

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SNAP Update – June 8, 2016

Hiring:

- The federal government and respective MPs for Surrey approved *all* of our applications (although for only 10 of the 16 weeks). Historically we have not received funding for all the positions and so we applied for more positions than we actually hired for in hopes of getting closer to the amount we needed.
- I didn't want to turn down extra funding from the government, especially with all new MPs in office so I've hired on four additional team members: Olivia, Sam, Rosha and Pjot.
- Their start dates have been somewhat staggered depending on their availability and I've been running them through a condensed training and orientation process to get them out in the field working asap.

Budget:

- The hiring of additional staff has altered the budget and increased the cost of the program by roughly \$34,000 – roughly \$16,000 of which is covered by CSJ.
- The budget increase was approved by Nadia and Colleen and the additional \$18,000 will be supplied by the City.

Cheques and Petty Cash

- Petty cash is at \$102.76 – needs to be replenished.
- We spent \$441.53 on fuel and mileage in May but this is likely to increase as we begin to utilize the outreach team's personal vehicles.
- There will also be added costs of reimbursing the cost of the police information check for each new hire (4 x \$75 = \$300).

Habitat Restoration

- The HR team has been hard at work removing invasive plants, focusing on those that are time sensitive and going to seed ie. Scotch broom & Impatiens
- They also spent a full day down at Mud Bay Park doing a thorough shoreline cleanup and removing large debris - They completely filled two whole trucks!
- Tomorrow they will be meeting with instructors from BCIT to help with an ongoing collaboration project between the school and the City of Surrey.

Environmental Outreach

- The EO team has spent most of their time so far roving parks and canvassing neighbourhoods about yard waste dumping.
- We've also been to three events now – Children's Fest, our Nature Play Kickoff and World Oceans Day
- Today was our first visit to the Surrey Urban Farmers Market
- Tomorrow we will roll out our Nature Play program to engage kids in parks with nature

Other topics of interest

- A SNAP van was broken into at the Wally Ross parking lot at Sunnyside Acres. Two wallets were stolen and the van was damaged. An ICBC claim

- has been generated and we will need to pay a \$300 deductible plus GST for the repairs. An invoice for the amount can be sent to Don and/or Jim.**
- **Cassidy from the HR team sprained her wrist on the job and missed a day of work. An incident report was generated and sent to WorkSafeBC.**

Next Steps:

- **Hire two junior team members for Habitat Restoration to start in July**
- **Plan day camp visits and programming for July and August**
- **Continue work planning for both teams**
- **Plan volunteer involvement days in July and August**

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Financial report:

Vancity (SNAP) account:

BUSINESS JUMPSTART SAVINGS 00001	\$31.26
MEMBERSHIP SHARES 00001	\$71.58
COMMUNITY SERVICE ACCOUNT 00001	\$39,371.52

Prospera:

GENERAL ACCOUNT 2	\$2,054.83
Equity	\$59.00
Investment Savings Account	\$0.81
SuperSaver 5	\$3,000.00
SuperSaver 6	\$5,000.00

Gaming:

Organization Chequing	\$453.69
Equity	\$26.00