

# Green Timbers Heritage Society Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 Virtual meeting via Google Meet

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# In Attendance:

Nathan Evans, Don Schuetze, Nick McMahon, Amy Kim

#### Regrets

Allison Baker, Leana Kininmont, Jim Foulkes,

# **Meeting Called to Order:**

6:56 pm

Approval of last meeting minutes. Approved

# **Reports:**

# **SNAP October 1 Update**

Amy Kim, Program Coordinator

#### Past Month:

- Fall SNAP team starts next week!
- Planning and scheduling training week. Don and Ellen are giving a tour of GTUF on Friday, September 10, 1:30-3 pm.
- Writing summer wrap-up reports to send to MPs, Mayor and Council.
- The summer wrap-up presentation on Thursday, August 26 was cancelled due to a Covid-related issue.

#### This Month:

- The fall team has been working for about one month now.
- We are in the process of hiring the new program coordinator. I am working on a training and onboarding plan for them since we have never hired a coordinator while a team is currently running.
- We are final payments from the summer and advance payments for the fall from CSJ. I anticipate a healthy carryover in the budget into the new year.
- Nov 15 & 16 compensatory planting in Green Timbers; planning on inviting MP Sarai

#### Finance:

We have money and hoping to spend money.

SNAP is good; CSJ payments have come in.

Some rebates have come through for insurance, WorkSafe, etc.

GTHS fiscal year-end was September 30. Another year under our belts!

- T3010 charity information return is due March 31 to the CRA.

#### **Old Business:**

#### Share SNAP videos via Youtube channel

Green Timbers - YouTube

Uploaded to the Green Timbers YouTube channel.

#### Maps update online and possibly in print

Michael met with Allison, to go over the vision of the maps page. Idea to keep the user on the gt.ca site, even when using the map; use it for the QR landing page.

#### Tree survey and Fraser Highway

To Do: Follow up with Robin Landucci to obtain a running total of tree removals within the park and confirm replacement trees will be planted within GTUF?

TO DO: follow-up Nick McMahon -- did reach out to Ken Crosby last month, haven't heard back.

To Do: Ask Robin if there are any tree protection drawings showing measures to protect park trees during construction -- doesn't appear to to be drawings; Nick will follow up.

Allison has emailed Robin re: get copies of latest park/forest drawings provided to the Surrey Fire Dept so we can see what it is the Fire Dept sees, copy of Plan, protocols for who has what access to the parks. How they would handle multiple fires.

#### iNaturalist:

Create program for GT. Already there. Don Schuetze to look into creating.

#### **Contact at City:**

pamela.zevit@surrey.ca - City of Surrey, Biodiversity Planner.

Allison was looking into this, along with Merlin. Should be links on the website to these apps.

#### **New Business:**

#### AGM:

Restaurant idea again at Ricky's. Probably not going to happen in-person at this time, maybe wait and see how covid status turns out.

Notionally Tuesday January 18. Have an option for virtual attendees, even if it is in-person

#### Advertising for new members:

Director dinners:

- 1. Jim Foulkes, Nathan Evans, and Leana Kininmont met on Sep 26 and discussed some history, showed Jim his SNAP video. Quorum met and passed special resolution for Society to pay for dinner.
- 2. Jim Foulkes, Don Schuetze, Nathan Evans, and Leana Kininmont met for dinner on Oct 2 to catch up on activities and discuss the mailout postcard to advertise for new members. Special resolution passed to pay for dinner.

FSA postcards: 4x9 \$1600 for 5,000 (\$2850 for 10,000) printed and delivered to Canada Post; looks like it's easy to get to 10,000 people. Minimum of about 6,000 bordering the park.

Nathan enquired to MinuteMan Surrey re what pricing includes, and to Taradel (canada post snap admail) what their price includes because they are kind of similar and Taradel says price includes postcard, design, and delivery for 34.5 cents each @ 10,000 unit level. If MinuteMan Surrey also includes delivery to the postal codes, it is a better deal.

#### Other ideas:

- Google Ads and FB adverting.
- QR code on card to card
- Put stickers on existing didactic panels in park
- Print products are not ecologically friendly
- FB boosted post.
- Stickers on existing City signs, cor-plast signs on wire stakes. Apparently department-based, for particular programs.

Motion by Nathan to set a budget of \$100/month for two months for Google and Facebook advertising. Seconded by Nick. Passed.

# Things to do:

Don to look at the Google advertising, and FB.

Allison will create a FB post to boost.

Don/Nathan budget for two or three options for printed card.

#### Thank you

Send something to Amy Kim for a job well done.

## **EMail to members**

Email to our email list this week.

## **Urban Forest Strategy Workshop**

Nick went to urban forest strategy workshop. Very interesting. It seemed like everything was on the table for protecting trees, bylaw, owners for keeping trees, park acquisition. The time may be right to pursue some of our long-term wishes, ie parcel under 92 Ave.

Surrey engaged Urban Systems to undertake a study of the urban forest canopy. Excluding Park space, the majority of trees are located on Privately owned lands. The study also assigned a monetary value to certain services/benefits provided by trees (i.e., shade, interception of storm water, cooling, etc.). Don to-do: send Nick wishlist for a proposal/document of asks.

Nathan's takeaway was overall decrease in Surrey's tree canopy coverage due to development, but not as much as it would be using development strategies of two decades ago. Consultants used LiDAR to measure tree canopy from 200 randomly selected spots in the city and resulted in 24% of average overall tree canopy coverage for Surrey, heavily weighted to South Surrey.

# **Translink Transport 2050**

Translink's Transport 2050 Draft 3 was emailed to info@greentimbers.ca. Nathan forwarded to all directors.

## **Meeting Adjourned:**

8:11 pm

Next meeting November 9 @ 6:30pm