

# Green Timbers Heritage Society

Directors Meeting  
October 13, 2016  
Surrey Nature Centre

Attending: Amar Virk, Bill Potma, Nathan Ross, Jim Foulkes, Ellen Edwards, Don Schuetze, Deanna Welters

Started meeting at 7:05

June 2016 minutes were read and approved.

## Events coming up:

### **Sat, Oct 15**

Help the local wildlife at the Fraserglen pond by planting native vegetation!

Join us, (Fraser Valley Conservancy) in partnership with the City of Surrey, to add native plants around the pond. Learn about the local species at risk that call the area home.

11:00 am to 1:30 pm

Supplies (such as tools and gloves) and snacks provided.

Meet at the pond ([Fraserglen Drive and 104th Avenue](#))

### **SEP meeting Nov 2**

7 PM at Semiahmoo Fish & Game Club, South Surrey

### **Nov 2**

ACCOUNTING & LEGAL ISSUES FOR CHARITIES

Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

LANGLEY EVENTS CENTRE

### **Nov 5**

Metro Vancouver's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Parksfest event, a day of learning with practical workshops and inspiring presentations.

Fall Parksfest is a way to thank park partners and volunteers who support regional parks and to inspire future volunteers and partners. Please feel free to extend this invitation to others in your network who may be interested in this opportunity.

#### EVENT DETAILS

Date: Saturday, November 5, 2016

Location: Blusson Hall, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby Campus

Time: 9:00 am – 4:15 pm (but feel free to join us for any part of the day as suits your schedule)

Registration: [www.parksfest.com](http://www.parksfest.com) REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

Or call 604-432-6359 to register.

## Financial information

### VanCity

SNAP program account: \$33,291.96

### Prospera

Regular membership

Chequing \$3,404.96

Equity 0 \$59.00

Investment Savings Account 0 \$0.81

SuperSaver 6 \$5,000.00

Promotional 7 \$3,000.00

### Gaming account

Chequing \$453.69

Equity \$26.00

## Email subscribers:

398 subscribers

## Membership:

86 paid members

## Old business:

### Filming dollars

We haven't received a cheque for the filming that was done in the meadow over the summer. Nathan will check into that. There was some discussion over why we receive money when filming happens. Is it to keep the Society from organizing protests? Amar pointed out this was an opportunity to leverage the use of the park for publicity; engage with the film crew, publicize it, because it makes Green Timbers more visible.

*Update from Nathan Oct 14:* I just had a brief chat with Ken Crosby, the parks technician for GTUF (and former SNAPer I might add!) about the cheques we are expecting for the filming that happened this summer. He's going to follow up for us with the folks who organized the filming.

Some background on the donations...

At some point there was a rule put in place that stipulates a mandatory \$1500 donation to the GTHS paid by each filming company per production as a fee to film in GTUF. I think the Parks folks suggested it a while back as an opportunity for the GTHS ... *[It's possible]* the funds are intended to be used for some sort of added benefit to the park (ie. a new kiosk) but I'm sure that could be up for discussion.

## SNAP:

Nathan went over the summer's activities. A summary is attached here. Some plans for the coming months are:

- 1) Ideas for projects in Green Timbers area for next year
- 2) Wants to meet the other societies in the partnership, plus the City folk to do some strategic planning.

## Surrey's Natural Areas Partnership (SNAP) – 2016 Season

### Background

Founded back in 2001, Surrey's Natural Areas Partnership (SNAP) is a unique collaboration between the City of Surrey Parks Division, the Green Timbers Heritage Society, the Sunnyside Acres Heritage Society and the White Rock Surrey Naturalists. Each year these partner groups employ secondary and post-secondary students to restore and enhance natural areas while promoting environmental stewardship in Surrey's parks. As a founding member and the chief administrator of the SNAP program, Green Timbers Heritage Society plays a critical role in maintaining this unique partnership.

The SNAP students are divided into two teams to best reach our objectives: a Habitat Restoration team and an Environmental Outreach team. The Habitat Restoration team works towards improving the ecological integrity of our parks while our Environmental Outreach team reaches out to park users and local neighbourhoods inspiring nature appreciation and stewardship.

### SNAP 2016

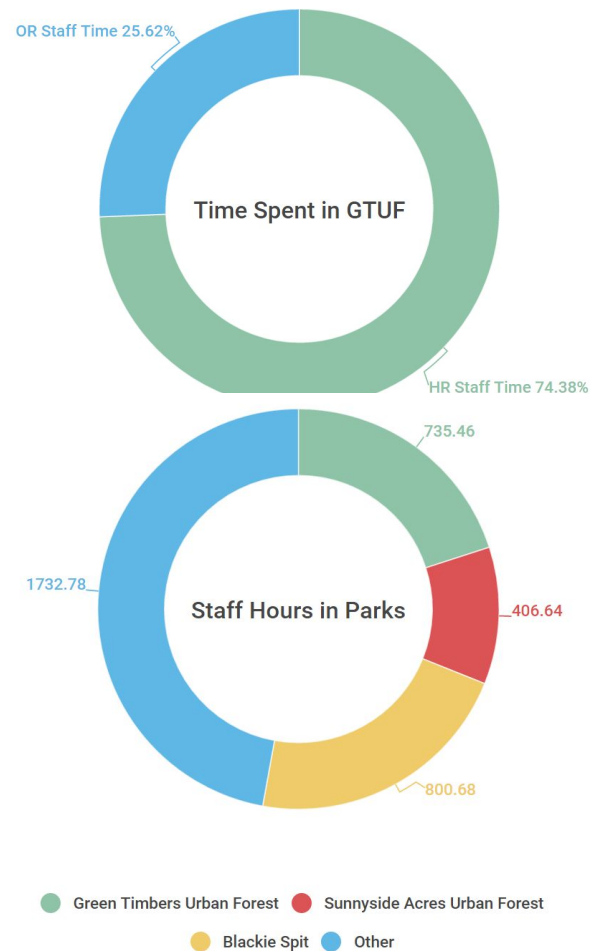
This past summer marked SNAP's 16<sup>th</sup> year and with more students employed in the program than ever before, it was a flagship season for the program. Over the 4 months of the program, we had 15 students put in over 7,500 staff hours in our parks and neighbouring communities. Collectively, our teams were able to remove over 8,600m<sup>2</sup> of invasive plants and garbage from natural areas and engage over 14,000 people across the city.

Special priority for work is given to the parks stewarded by our non-profit partner groups. This summer roughly 735 hours of SNAP staff time was spent in Green Timbers Urban Forest.

The majority of this time was put in by our Habitat Restoration teams which took on a variety of projects including invasive plant removals, lake shore clean ups, litter and refuse removals, decommissioning of unsanctioned trails, and the maintenance of the trail network, the unique meadow area and existing restoration sites.

The Environmental Outreach team spent roughly 190 staff hours in Green Timbers engaging park users with information about the park's history, park use bylaws and also facilitating on-the-fly interpretation. Three door-to-door canvassing projects were also taken on in the neighbouring communities to educate residents about proper yard waste disposal procedures. In total, our team reached roughly 1,200 people in Green Timbers alone.

Planning has already begun for the 2017 SNAP year so ideas and suggestions for the coming SNAP year are welcome and encouraged!



## **New business:**

### **Deanna's sign**

Deanna showed her banner, silver paint on green. She needs some help to parade it along Fraser Highway during rush hour. Don will send an email to people who expressed an interest in being more activist to see who is available at what day and time.

### **Surrey Civic Treasure**

Ellen let us know that our nomination for a Surrey Civic Treasure, Jim, was beaten out by an equally deserving Heritage Railway person, Allen Aubert, Managing Director of the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society, which operates Tram Rides on a restored interurban car to and from Cloverdale and Sullivan.

## **Next meeting:**

Our next meeting is the Annual General Meeting, Wednesday November 9, 2016 at the ABC restaurant in Fleetwood.