



# Green Timbers Heritage Society Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Surrey Nature Centre | 14225 Green Timbers Way, Surrey, BC



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## **In Attendance:**

- Don Schuetze, Nathan Evans, Bill Potma, Shenae Borschack, Gordon Rebelato, Annie Kaps

## Regrets:

- Jim Foulkes, Amar Virk, Deanna Welters,

## Meeting Called to Order:

- 7:00 pm

## New Business:

- Bambora fee structure.

## Reports:

### SNAP

See attached. Teams up and running!

### FINANCIAL

GTHS current bank balance is \$12,544.73 operating and \$7,186.42 in term deposit.  
Deposited membership renewal of \$20 for May.

SNAP current bank balance is \$36,200.09 operating.

### WEB

#### April performance for your website vs. previous month

Users: 930 Increase 5.56%

Sessions: 1.0K Increase 0.59%

Bounce Rate: 86.47% Decrease 4.88%

Average Session Duration: 00:41 Decrease 17.47%

### GTUFAC

Walk-through of around the lake with Ken Crosbie, Natural Areas Coordinator May 9, 2019

#### Notes:

##### 100th ave entrance:

- The kiosk at the entrance: the back is not seen; could be moved front and centre, like Redwood Park, to become a central focus point
- Poor pedestrian access from parking to the trails
- Missing bike tracks in the lot, perhaps a bike rack by lake?
- Existing gate is super wide.
- Handicap access could be better
- Painting stalls lines would allow more spaces for vehicles
- Goal: make a more welcoming entrance

##### Trail to lake area:

- SNAP will be doing blackberry removal on main path to lake
- The main trail is a vehicle access trail for fish-stocking, garbage etc
- Water access before lake... the area needs the fence back up -- it's a risk
- Muskrat found in swamp area too

##### Beaver biggest challenge:

- Not all bad: some invasives like yellow iris that may be drowned by rising water
- Need to stabilize fluctuations of water levels before reconstruction
- Lower lake has dam too, but not a priority, it has a bigger bowl to contain pond
- Fire risk with fine branches in dam

- 2 lodges
- Policy is to co-exist. Beavers can't be relocated
- Beaver are all along Surrey's river systems.

**The meadow:**

- Meadow is managed to stay a meadow
- Mowed to 6 inches or so annually
- Voles and vole runs in there
- Hardhack bushes are kept for bird habitat
- Reed canary grass is tall, invasive, non native. Too tall for Raptors to get through to catch critters. Difficult to remove

Dogs off-leash and feeding wildlife education issues

**Nature play area edge of picnic area:**

- Non native shade trees -- some trees were getting planted when we were there
- Gets a lot of use, older stumps starting to go, will need fixing in a few years
- Forest is good shape, keeping deciduous as a buffer

**Green Timbers Lake:**

- Water is fed into system from well, bubble up just below the dam
- Asking engineering to help with water stuff
- Fish stocking done by Freshwater fisheries, Gofishbc website
- SNAP team picks up lost hooks once a month
- Best stocked lake in lower mainland
- 5 meters at deepest point
- Some concerns over ducks getting hooked, but that's very rare
- Cat tails can't take over because of depth of lake, check on Cosmos!

Overall: this is one of the top natural areas in Surrey!

**Green Timbers Pop-up event**

Sunday June 9, 2019. also BC Fishing day.

**Surrey Clean Sweep**

Sunday, April 14, 10 am to noon. Meet at the Surrey Nature Centre. Went down GT Way, right at 96th, crossed the highway and we were full!

**Current projects, events and issues to be discussed**

**Watermain along 148 Street**

Link: <http://www.metrovancouver.org/Search/Pages/results.aspx?k=148%20Street>

I haven't looked at this since then? Has anyone else?

**SNC plaza**

Outdoor washrooms. Follow up! New drawings available.

**Fire?**

Gordon notice there was a fire truck in Sunday or Monday at the 100th Ave parking lot around noon. No one knows what that was about.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

- 7:49 pm, Next meeting: Tuesday, June 11

## **Appendix 1: SNAP Update**

April 1, 2019

Shenae Borschneck, Program Coordinator

### **Past Month:**

- Hiring:
  - Held 32 interviews for 14 positions
  - All reference checks have been completed
  - All driver's abstracts have been received
  - Hired three Team Leaders and five Team Members
  - Waiting on Police Information Checks to be approved for other hires
- Work planning with City staff for this summer's projects
- Updated SNAP 2018 Operations Budget to reflect financial activity since August 2018
- Almost finished the SNAP 2019 Operations Budget
- Created a draft schedule for SNAP team orientation and training. Contacted City staff to confirm if they can assist with training during the scheduled activities.

### **This Month:**

- Finalize the 2019 summer team
- Talk to City staff about invoices for the 2019 SNAP contract
- Finalize the SNAP 2019 Operations Budget
- Schedule partner park tours
- Continue work planning with City staff
- Finalize the orientation and training schedule
- Finalize order replenishment of shirts and hats with AdCentives
- Coordinate vehicle delivery with Zeemac and arrange paperwork signing