



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