



# Green Timbers Heritage Society Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 9, 2019  
Surrey Nature Centre | 14225 Green Timbers Way, Surrey, BC



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**In Attendance:**

- Don Schuetze, Nathan Evans, Jim Foulkes, Amar Virk, Deanna Welters, Shenae Borschneck

**Regrets:**

- Bill Potma,

**Meeting Called to Order:**

- 6:48 pm

## Approval of minutes from May 14, 2019

Accepted by acclamation.

## Reports

### SNAP

See attached.

Lot of work in GT last month; meadow work, built a fence by the pond; hired two junior team members. Canada Summer Jobs first advance hasn't come yet. Apparently can be quite variable.

MP Sarai came by July 4 and visited the team at the Lake.

Trying to contact the other MPs

GT Open house: 163 people June 16; find the anniversaries for next year, ie when GT was reforested

### FINANCIAL

Regular report.

- SNAP operating account balance = \$34,804.86 at July 9.
- GTHS operating account balance = \$12,544.73 at June 30.
- GTHS savings account balance = \$7,194.76 at June 30.
  - Earning 0.7% annual interest for a savings account, which is very low. Logistical problems in moving banks?
- Request approval to delegate read-only access to SNAP Coordinator for Vancity bank accounts. The amounts are not secret and are needed by the coordinator for budgeting purposes.

Motion to delegate read-only access to the SNAP Coordinator. Moved by Amar, seconded by Don.

Passed.

- Learned about proper charitable donation receipt layout and rules from CRA Charities Directorate.
- Jim got a call from Revenue Canada about quarterly returns for employees. Ceridian does this monthly. Nathan will look at making sure he's the main contact for the CRA.

### GTUFAC

Nothing planned

### WEB

May performance for your website vs. previous month

Users: 1.3K Increase 44.19%

Sessions: 1.4K Increase 40.2%

Bounce Rate: 87.27% Decrease 0.93%

Average Session Duration: 00:41 Decrease 0.53%

How did you acquire your users this month?

Percent of Sessions by Channel

Organic Search: 72.73%

Direct: 25.31%

All other sessions: 1.96%

### Green Timbers Day

June 16, 2019 - with SNAP and City of Surrey

- Trash collection by Trevor and Jen. Another family found a snake skin
- Shenae counted 163 visitors to the tents

### **Erratic vandalized**

Severely vandalized: it was its own ecosystem, covered with moss. All the moss is gone, and slabs chiselled off. Should it have a sign? A fence? The stump next to it was attempted to be pried away. -- should we contact Neal Aven?

### **Train tracks**

The King Railway tracks by 140th Street. This is a SHS project committee looking at where the railway was. There's also a heritage oak grove at 140th and 96th. Jim asking for input from GTHS. Plaque? BC land. Contact MLA Singh

### **Brand strategy discussion**

Part of this would or could include site and social media to match our strategic plan

We have an old approach to communications, we haven't adapted to how people are actually consume information, and that shows in our membership.

Have to make sure we're aware of how we communicate and if it's appropriate to the market

What is the message and what are we asking people to do to get involved?

Scorecard update: how are we doing? This is the brand strategy thinking.

Discussion about surveying people about seeing what they know or think about GT and the society, or what is the best way of communicating with them. Note we sent one out by email and post last year.

### **Archive scanning**

July 20. Nathan available, Amar not

### **Susan Lehmann's will**

Updated contact info from lawyer, wanted to know how to communicate with us and updated contact information.

See Appendix 4: Susan Lehmann will

Scanned file "GTHS-Minutes-2019-07-09 Appendix A: Susan Will.pdf"

### **Meeting Adjourned:**

- 8:16 pm
- Next meeting: Aug 13

## Appendix 1: SNAP Update

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

Shenae Borschneck, Program Coordinator

### Past Month:

- Work in Green Timbers Urban Forest continued:
  - Tree Care team continued watering Garry Oak trees
  - Outreach team spent 71 hours hosting within GTUF
  - Restoration team spent time maintaining the meadow, built a section of fence around the upper pond and did a litter pick around the lake
- Restoration team assisted with a volunteer invasive removal event that included the Surrey Youth Stewardship Squad and the Surrey Youth Sustainability Network
- Hired two Habitat Restoration Junior Team Members
- SNAP attended several events

side Acres Urban Forest Open House	Oceans Day
Surrey Fest Downtown	GT Open House Pop up event
Park Play Palooza	Surrey Urban Farmers Market

### This Month:

- Habitat Restoration Junior Team Member orientation and training
- Submitting Canada Summer Jobs documentation for Junior Team Members
- Sending the monthly update of SNAP's progress to each MP and City Councillor
- Co-op site meetings with Co-op Coordinators
- Conducting mid-term evaluations
- Site visit with MP Randeep Sarai at Green Timbers Urban Forest
- Will continue to schedule site visits with MPs
- Continued work in Green Timbers:
  - Restoration team will spend time trail pruning, maintaining the meadow, mulching and doing some planting maintenance.
  - Tree care team will continue to water Garry Oak trees and will be providing base maintenance to the trees in the picnic area
  - Outreach team will continue to have a strong presence in GTUF (goal is to spend 64 hours in GTUF this month)
- SNAP & SHaRP collaboration event is happening at Chantrell Creek Park on July 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Partners, Mayor, Council and MPs invited
- Lots of events this month:

Canada Day	unity Picnic x 2
Park Play Event	Bridgeview Community Festival
Surrey Fusion Festival	Surrey Urban Farmers Market

## **Appendix 2: News Mentions July, 2018**

### **Surrey-Langley SkyTrain would cost \$3.12B, TransLink says (July 19, 2019)**

...Green is concerned about the impact to the Serpentine River and the Green Timbers Forest.

"They're going to have to clear-cut a good chunk of forest on either side of Fraser Highway," he said.

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/surrey-langley-skytrain-would-cost-3-12b-translink-says-1.4515564>

### Appendix 3: Facebook postings

#### April to July, 2019

Spirea is native to western North America and in an interesting twist, is invasive in Europe. This sample is close to the boggy area in Green Timbers, next to the lake. Wikipedia article:

[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spiraea\\_douglasii](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spiraea_douglasii) #greentimbers #greentimbersurbanforest #surreybc

Fluffy pink florettes (spirea?) help frame a tree cut down by one of Green Timber's industrious beavers.

Worth reading: ZYTARUK: And just like that, Surrey's trees disappear - Surrey Now-Leader

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/opinion/zytaruk-and-just-like-that-surreys-trees-disappear/> An editorial about tree loss to development. ZYTARUK: And just like that, Surrey's trees disappear - Surrey Now-Leader [www.surreynowleader.com](http://www.surreynowleader.com)

MP Randeep Sarai with the SNAP team at the Green Timbers Lake July 4, 2019. The federal government provides significant funding to hire students for the summer for habitat restoration, tree care and community outreach.

The SNAP team with MP Randeep Sarai of North Surrey, in Green Timbers Randeep S. Sarai [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Red winged blackbird strolls along the shore of Green Timbers Lake. #greentimbers #greentimbersurbanforest #surreybc

The SNAP habitat restoration team will be in Green Timber's meadow by the lake on Thursday removing invasives and installing a fence around the upper pond. They will probably be there until at least 2:30 pm. The outreach team will be there for part of the day too. If you're in the area make sure to say "hi!"

Here's a bachelor button (I think) with one of the old "Cape Cod" forestry buildings nicely blurred in the background. The buildings date back to when this area was a nursery; built in the ... guessing here ... 1930s.

Green Timbers Urban Forest > June update from the Heritage Society > June 16 Green Timbers Day - <https://mailchi.mp/70d11a4d035d/ki6xlqg4zj-3441097> Green Timbers Urban Forest > June update from the Heritage Society > June 16 Green Timbers Day [mailchi.mp](http://mailchi.mp)

Green Timbers Heritage Society, along with the Surrey Natural Areas Partnership Outreach team, and some parks people from Surrey are hosting a small "pop-up" event at Green Timbers Lake on Sunday, June 16, from 1-4 pm. Yes, that's Fathers' Day. Should be fun and relaxed with activities for kids and adults, plus some snacks and some free plants. Meet us at the Lake, off 100th Avenue. Depending if there are any volunteers we'll do walking tours to the first reforestation effort in BC (yes, it's in...

The Daily Hive article about environmental concerns of SkyTrain through Green Timbers: New SkyTrain along Fraser Highway could mean some logging of Green Timbers (May 16, 2019) There are renewed concerns over what rapid transit along Fraser Highway will mean for the strip of land adjacent to the roadway through Green Timbers Urban Forest in Surrey. A roughly 1.5-km-long section of Fraser Highway runs through the forested park, which also happens to be the same route the proposed SkyTrain extension...

After the Now-Leader article other news organizations wanted an opinion on SkyTrain down the Fraser Highway. I was all-too-willing to offer up opinions. Here's the News1130 offering, where I managed to use the word "ineffable": Green Timbers group worried about Surrey-Langley SkyTrain (May 16, 2019) <https://www.citynews1130.com/2019/05/16/green-timbers-group-worried-about-surrey-langley-skytrain/> Green Timbers group worried about Surrey-Langley SkyTrain [www.citynews1130.com](http://www.citynews1130.com)

In the Now-Leader: Green Timbers forest advocates raise concerns about proposed Surrey-Langley SkyTrain route (May 15, 2019) TransLink says it plans a 'comprehensive' environmental screening project review Advocates for the Green Timbers Urban Forest are voicing environmental impact concerns for the proposed Surrey-Langley SkyTrain route through the forest. The proposed SkyTrain route would go down Fraser Highway toward Langley and through the Green Timbers Urban Forest.<https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/green-timbers-forest-advocates-raise-concerns-about-proposed-surrey-langley-skytrain-route/Green...>

Green Timbers Heritage Society is proud to be a founding partner of SNAP. Here's an article about the 2019 season starting on VoiceOnline: Surrey Natural Areas Partnership (SNAP) team helping to preserve natural heritage for future generations (May 15, 2019) SPRING is in the air and that means boots on the ground for the 14-member Surrey Natural Areas Partnership (SNAP) team. Fourteen post-secondary students and recent graduates will be employed from now until the end of August, thanks to the...

Reflections in the upper beaver pond at Green Timbers. #urbanforest #greentimbers #greentimbersurbanforest #surreybcTimeline Photos[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Green Timbers Urban Forest > May update from the Heritage Society > Tallest tree walk, more... - <https://mailchi.mp/19151060795d/ki6xlgq4zj-3432109>Green Timbers Urban Forest > May update from the Heritage Society > Tallest tree walk, more...[mailchi.mp](http://mailchi.mp)

The marsh north of Green Timbers Lake is flooded because of the beavers in the upper lodge. There's a lower lodge too. No one wants to get rid of these industrious residents, so a balancing act is needed to protect some trees, but leaving some for the critters to do their beaverish thing. #urbanforest #greentimbers #greentimbersurbanforest

This Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 - 8:30 pm Regular Directors' Meeting at the Surrey Nature Centre After a brief meeting we'll go for a group walk to look for the tallest tree in Green Timbers. Everyone interested in the Green Timbers Urban Forest and Green Timbers Square Mile is welcome to our Directors' Meetings. They're friendly, casual and inclusive. Please RSVP to [info@greentimbers.ca](mailto:info@greentimbers.ca) if you're interested in popping by.

The lupins are starting to bloom! This one is on the meadow next to Green Timbers Lake, but they can be seen in open areas through the forest. #urbanforest #greentimbers #greentimbersurbanforest #surreybc

**Appendix 4: Susan Lehmann will**

RE: RE: RE: Susan's service

• **entcam@telus.net** <entcam@telus.net>

To: 'Jim Foulkes'

June. 13 . 20 19 at 9:03 p.111.

Hi Jim,

Time passes quickly and yet things with Susan's estate are going slowly indeed.

The house needs to be sold and contents disposed of due to it being vacant and costly to maintain. To that end, we are seeking permission to have me appointed as administrator.

Could you please update contact information: telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and mailing addresses for Green Timbers, Gary Oaks plantation, Outpatient Unit of new Hospital. And the Lehmann Commemorative Grove?

Many thanks,

Doug

**From:** Jim Foulkes <jimfoulkes@yahoo.com> **Sent:** June 11, 2018 2:22 PM **To:** Doug Cameron <entcam@telus.net> **Subject:** Re: RE: RE: Susan's service

Thanks for the response Doug.

Let me know and I will meet up with you

Cheers Jim

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