



## Green Timbers Heritage Society Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2019  
Surrey Nature Centre | 14225 Green Timbers Way, Surrey, BC



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**In Attendance:**

- Don Schuetze, Nathan Evans, Bill Potma, Amar Virk, Deanna Welters, Jim Foulkes, Shenae Borschack, Annie Kaps

**Regrets:**

- No regrets!

**Meeting Called to Order:**

- 6:45 pm

**Approval of minutes from July 9, 2019.****Reports****SNAP**

See attached.

**SNAP/SHaRP event**

A joint event hosted by SNAP and the Salmon Habitat Restoration Program (SHaRP). Youth from both programs will be working on a joint project which includes the removal of invasive plants and the creation of wetland habitat for native amphibian species at Chantrell Creek Park in South Surrey. This is a small-scale event to demonstrate the work of both programs to representatives of partner organizations and funders of the programs. The Mayor and Councillor Pettigrew were in attendance.

Wednesday, July 31, 2019, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Chantrell Creek Park, 13741 - 24 Avenue

**SNAP End of Year Brunch**

Partners and Councillors Annis and Pettigrew were present.

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

**MP Aldag visit**

SNAP met with MP Aldag Thursday, August 22, 2019 at Clayton Park

Also met up with MP Dhaliwal

**FINANCIAL**

Lost access to Ellen's web banking login for Prospera. Need to call and make a new one for Nathan.

SNAP account balance \$26,419.27

SNAP savings balance \$544.94

GTHS account balances from last minutes:

- GTHS operating account balance = \$12,544.73 at June 30.
- GTHS savings account balance = \$7,194.76 at June 30.

Need Ceridian login details.

**GTUFAC**

Nothing planned

**WEB****August performance for your website vs. previous month**

Users: 999 Decrease 11.67%

Sessions: 1.1K Decrease 21.06%

Bounce Rate: 85.26% Decrease 9.13%

Average Session Duration: 00:38 Decrease 58.84%

### How did you acquire your users this month?

Percent of Sessions by Channel

Organic Search: 78.64%

Direct: 19.68%

All other sessions: 1.68%

### Ideas:

- Director walks through Green Timbers (suggested by Amar):
- Directors' Photo Walk, once or twice a year. Meetup.com has nature walk photography group. Send invite to admin
- Erratic: map of where the erratics came from. 7500 years there. Didactic panel there?
- Vine maples should be significant trees: slow growing, etc etc
- GSuite for non profits ad grants
- Community award - people who have made a contribution to Green Timbers Urban Forest and the Green Timbers Square Mile; Junior Achievement Award
- List of people to send Solstice/Season's Greetings cards to
- Landscape Artist of the Year - plein air painting in Green Timbers. WRSN tried something for May 25, 2019 but I know nothing about it.
- WCB - ask for annual remittance instead of quarterly
- Wikipedia article on Green Timbers Urban Forest  
([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Articles\\_for\\_creation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Articles_for_creation))

### Youth & Multicultural Connection to Heritage

From SNAP group - a short piece for Surrey Stories

Below is a story that the SNAP Urban Forest Outreach team would like to submit.

At Green Timbers Urban Forest we had an interaction with a local park advocate, who was also a previous BC school teacher. He had extensive knowledge about the history of Green Timbers and told us about an erratic that was deposited in the park. He explained the erratic was broken off from Mount Garibaldi and was moved by glaciers.

We were intrigued by his story and went in search for the erratic. When we discovered the enormous boulder, we were immediately in awe. It was such an amazing find that we had to show the rest of our team.

On our second venture into Green Timbers, we trekked back into the forest with excitement to showcase the erratic. Through this experience we gained knowledge on the history of the Urban Forest and continue to share our stories with our friends and colleagues.

### Jim found a plaque in the dump:

The 5.5 billionth tree

Planted by the minister of forests

Mike DeJong

On the 75th Anniversary of reforestation in BC

April 17, 2005



[https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/library/Forest\\_History\\_Newsletter/76.pdf](https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/library/Forest_History_Newsletter/76.pdf)

75 YEARS OF REFORESTATION CELEBRATED ON APRIL 17, 2005 AT GREEN TIMBERS As described in newsletter number 62, the first plantation was created by the Forest Branch in 1930 after a permanent forest nursery site was established at Green Timbers, in Surrey, in 1929. Although the Forest Branch planted logged-over land on an experimental basis in 1932, on West Thurlow Island, operational planting did not begin until 1936. The Green Timbers property was part of a large old-growth forest and was renowned for the 200-foot tall trees which bordered the Pacific Highway – the only old-growth forest along the highway between San Diego and Vancouver. After efforts to preserve the property failed, the last stand was felled in 1930, bringing to a close seven years of logging by King and Farris Company, which operated a sawmill at Newton. The Inaugural Plantation was established on March 15, 1930 and still exists today. An arboretum was added along with a group of Garry oak and an experimental plot of red pine. The Forest Service Ranger School, later renamed the Training School, was built in 1945 (see newsletter number 67) and graduated its first class in 1946. On April 17th the Minister of Forests, the Hon. Mike de Jong, assisted Surrey Green Timbers Heritage Society President Peter Maarsman, community activist and Green Timbers Heritage Society Past President Wady Lehmann, and Surrey Mayor Doug McCallum to plant a ceremonial tree to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Green Timbers and representing the 5.5 billionth tree planted in B.C. The Forest Service's interest in Green Timbers has diminished over the years but they still have two "archived" plantations which were established to study Sitka spruce and the leader weevil and western white pine and the white pine blister rust.

### Random notes

- Annie's idea: the City's site should have a history of each park on that park's page
- We should everyone be going to the Environmental Sustainability Action Committee as observers - put on email newsletter
- How to protect the erratic, and the stump going around it? You want people to see it, but not touch it.
- Trevor Kavanaugh really good at finding community groups to do events with, ie Big Brothers SYSS Amazing Race. Great for SNAP; community engagement, good profile.
- Translink 2050 survey -- might be of interest to members
- Translink to come to our next meeting in October for a presentation on what the current plans are.
- Pump not working at swamp above lake
- Lots of discussion about erratics
- Ocean Park meeting about the value of trees

**AGM**

- Nov 12 at Ricky's in Fleetwood: Need to reserve.
- Ideas: Steven P for bit about tree bylaws; Nadia Chan? Robin Landucci? State of the Urban Forest?
- Marketing to a broader audience
- Shenae for SNAP report

**Communications**

See attached.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

- 7:55 pm
- Next meeting: October 8

## Appendix 1: SNAP Update

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Shenae Borschneck, Program Coordinator



### August update:

- Work in Green Timbers Urban Forest continued:
  - Tree Care team continued watering Garry Oak trees and performed base maintenance on the trees in the picnic area
  - Outreach team spent 50 hours hosting within GTUF
  - Restoration team performed a litter pick, meadow maintenance, trail pruning, planting maintenance and removed a variety of invasive species
- SNAP x SHARe demonstration event at Chantrell Creek Park
- Had site visits with MP Sarai and MP Hardie
- Habitat Restoration Junior Team Member orientation and training
- Conducted mid-term evaluations
- Tree Care team hosted their first Neighbourhood Tree Care Party
- Restoration team assisted with a volunteer invasive removal event that included the Surrey Youth Stewardship Squad and the Surrey Youth Sustainability Network
- SNAP attended several events

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|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Day             | Urban Farmers Market | New Community Festival |
| Fusion Festival | Park Play            | Community Picnics x 4  |

### This Month:

- Final month of the 2019 SNAP season
- SNAP End of Year Brunch
- Sending the monthly update of SNAP's progress to each MP and City Councillor
- Site visit with MP Dhaliwal at Hazelnut Meadows Community Park
- Habitat Restoration team assisting with a volunteer invasive removal event
- Tree Care team will be hosting a Neighbourhood Tree Care Party
- Continued work in Green Timbers:
  - Restoration team will spend time removing invasive species and doing some planting maintenance
  - Tree care team will continue to water Garry Oak trees
  - Outreach team will continue to have a strong presence in GTUF (goal is to spend 50 hours in GTUF this month)
- Events this month:

|                                     |                      |                       |
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| Hardie's Community BBQ              | Cycling Race         | /                     |
| Chantrell Creek Neighbourhood Event | Urban Farmers Market | Community Picnics x 2 |

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

Shenae Borschneck, Program Coordinator

**Past Month:**

- The 2019 SNAP program ended
- SNAP End of Year Brunch - Cllr. Pettigrew and Cllr. Annis attended
- SNAP vehicles were returned to Zeemac on August 23<sup>rd</sup>
- SNAP phones have been discounted 100% until May 2020
- Site visits with MP Dhaliwal and MP Aldag
- SNAP was featured in [Surrey Now-Leader](#)
- Sent the monthly update of SNAP's progress to Mayor and Councillor and to each MP
- Work in Green Timbers Urban Forest continued:
  - Tree Care team continued watering Garry Oak trees
  - Outreach team spent 33.5 hours hosting within GTUF and helped to host the SYSS Amazing Race which took place in GTUF
  - Restoration team performed a litter pick, removed a variety of invasive species and installed a swallow box
- Tree Care team hosted their second Neighbourhood Tree Care Party
- All three SNAP teams assisted with a volunteer invasive removal event that included the Surrey Youth Stewardship Squad
- SNAP attended several events

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| In Hardie's Community BBQ   | Amazing Race         | Day                   |
| R Creek Neighbourhood Event | Urban Farmers Market | Community Picnics x 2 |

**This Month:**

- Activity reports will be mailed to Canada Summer Jobs
- A final report summarizing the 2019 SNAP program will be completed and sent to partners and local politicians
- Partner park summaries will be completed by the end of October
- Logistics for fall planting – will likely set a date for October or early November
- Determine which grants SNAP will be applying for
- Shenae transitions to a part-time schedule

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

### **August**

#### **Volunteers help remove invasive plants from Surrey park (August 16, 2019)**

Environmental groups can be a ‘stepping stone’ for future career

A park in Newton was buzzing with volunteers removing invasive species recently, but the evening wasn’t all about habitat restoration.

Members of SNAP (Surrey’s Natural Areas Partnership) and SYSS (Surrey Youth Stewardship Squad) were at Hazelnut Meadows Park in Newton to remove blackberry bushes, an invasive species, but Shenae Borschneck, the program co-ordinator for SNAP, said the day was mainly about SNAP youth getting to mentor SYSS volunteers aged 13 to 17.

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/volunteers-help-remove-invasive-plants-from-surrey-park/>

#### **RCMP to relocate forensic lab from Vancouver to new facility in Surrey (August 13, 2019)**

RCMP National Communication Services Cpl. Caroline Duval responded to questions from the Georgia Straight about the new National Forensic Laboratory Services (NFLS) laboratory in Surrey.

Cpl. Duval said that the RCMP’s NFLS in Vancouver is being relocated to the RCMP B.C. Headquarters (which opened in 2013 and cost \$1 billion, according to CBC News) at 14200 Green Timbers Way in the Green Timbers area of Surrey.

The new facility, which covers 7,446 square feet, is approximately twice the size of the previous location and will be staffed by 105 employees (NFLS has a total of approximately 300 employees).

<https://www.straight.com/news/1284001/rcmp-relocate-forensic-lab-vancouver-new-facility-surrey>

#### **Youth volunteers improve South Surrey’s Chantrell Creek Park (August 7, 2019)**

Invasive species removal among initiatives of SNAP, SHaRP groups

Young Surrey nature enthusiasts were out in force last week, as part of a team that gathered to enhance Chantrell Creek Park.

In total, 38 volunteers – from Surrey’s Natural Areas Partnership (SNAP) and the Salmon Habitat Restoration Program (SHaRP) – worked to creative native amphibian habitat, improve beaver-protection fencing and remove invasive plants from the park, which is located at 13741 24 Ave., near the headwaters of Chantrell Creek.

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/community/youth-volunteers-improve-south-surreys-chantrell-creek-park/>

#### **Surrey Youth Team Up to Enhance Chantrell Creek Park (August 6, 2019)**

Surrey, BC – Surrey’s youth were out in full force last week caring for nature as members from sister programs, Surrey’s Natural Areas Partnership (SNAP) and Salmon Habitat Restoration Program (SHaRP), took on invasive vegetation and created new wetland habitat at Chantrell Creek Park.

[www.surrey.ca/city-government/29820.aspx](http://www.surrey.ca/city-government/29820.aspx)

### **Appendix 3: Facebook postings**

#### **August, 2019**

updated on Mon Aug 26, 2019 21:26

And that's (almost) a wrap! The 2019 Surrey Natural Areas Partnership (SNAP) poses for one last group photo with partner groups. Over 6,000 meters square of invasives removed, 5500 people reached and many, many trees protected and cared for. # greentimbers # greentimbersurb anforest # surreybc # urbanforest

updated on Tue Aug 20, 2019 11:29

I know there was a contest recently to name this trail in Green Timbers, but I can't find the winner! It's a good addition to the trail system, connecting 140th Street (at 100th Avenue) to the lake and trails starting from there. My app says it was 1200 steps and just shy of a full kilometer.

updated on Sun Aug 18, 2019 17:42

A poor sad little creature hanging from a tree on the new trail running from 100th Ave at 140th St to the 100th Ave parking lot. I'm guessing it fell from a backpack and was put here so it could be found again. Or maybe as a sinister warning... # greentimbers # greentimbersurb anforest # surreybc # urbanforest

updated on Thu Aug 15, 2019 01:50

The SNAP and SHaRP teams joined together today to work at Chantrell Creek Park in South Surrey. A few important people dropped by for a tour, including Mayor McCallum.  
#surreybc #urbanforest

## **Appendix 4: Communications**

### **Surrey Nature Centre Plaza Redevelopment**

September 2, 2019

Hi Maria,

Going through my notes, I can't find any responses to my previous email -- you noted you were away on maternity leave (congratulations!). It's possible someone responded and I, in my confusion, have managed to not manage my emails!

If it's not too late to provide feedback on the Surrey Nature Centre plaza development, there were two notes:

1) several people have commented the lack of outdoor bathrooms in the redesign. Yes, there are bathroom in the SNC, but it isn't open on Sundays or holidays. This is a major entrance point to the park, it seems like a natural thing to add!

2) in an informal discussion with Robin Landucci we discussed continuing the concept of labeling the trees that will be planted around the parking in a similar manner to the arboretum and around the SNC. The concept is to start the SNC experience as soon as people get out of their cars (in a safe manner of course).

Thanks for your attention, and my apologies for the tardy reply.

Don Schuetze  
Green Timbers Heritage Society

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On Mon, Jul 8, 2019 at 11:06 AM Fish, Maria <MEFish@surrey.ca> wrote:

Hi Don,

I just got back from Maternity Leave and I'm not sure how things developed while I was away. I'm hoping that you got my out of office response and were directed to someone who could help. If not, please let me know.

Thanks, Maria  
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### **Estate of Susan Lehmann - our file 52185**

Helen Li <hli@kzellaw.com>

Tue, Jul 2, 11:23 AM

Attention: Green Timbers Heritage Society, Garry Oaks Plantation, Lehmann Commemorative Grove and Outpatient Unit of New Hospital

We confirm that you have consented to being served by email with the attached application materials relating to the estate of Susan Lehmann and that such is sufficient service as required by the Supreme Court Civil Rules.  
Accordingly, please find attached for service upon you:

Amended Notice of Application filed June 27, 2019; and  
Affidavit #3 of Brian Douglas Cameron filed June 11, 2019.

Regards,

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### **Community Involvement Opportunity**

from: Elizabeth Theemes-Golding <ETheemesGolding@refunction.ca>  
Fri, Aug 2, 10:13 AM

Hello,  
I am from Re:Function Health Group, a physiotherapy and occupational health clinic. We are located in Surrey City Centre 1 on 96th Avenue. We are reaching out to nearby community associations in the hopes of connecting and forming relationships with surrounding organizations. We would be interested in providing sponsorship, education, or other beneficial services to become more involved in the community. If we could discuss with more about your association's needs and how we can be involved and learn more about what you provide please contact us via email, or by phone at 778-732-1541.

Thank you,  
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Physiotherapy Assistant

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### **City of Surrey Climate Emergency Declaration**

Erin Pedersen <[sustainability@kusa.ca](mailto:sustainability@kusa.ca)>  
Tue, Aug 27, 3:16 PM

Hello,

My name is Erin Pedersen and I'm part of Surrey for Future, a group of Surrey citizens working with Councillor Steven Pettigrew to have the City of Surrey declare a climate emergency and commit to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with the most recent IPCC targets.

So far, seven Metro Vancouver municipalities have done this, along with the Metro Vancouver board.

In order to demonstrate public support for a climate emergency declaration in Surrey, we are trying to mobilize citizens to do two things:

1. Commit to attending one or more Surrey City Council meetings - with signs/banners - leading up to and including the meeting where the motion will be put forward.
2. Send emails to Surrey City Councillors on a regular basis supporting a climate emergency declaration and adoption of the most recent IPCC greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets.

We are holding a meeting of interested community group leaders on Monday, September 16th and we hope you'll be able to attend!

We plan to attend the Surrey City Council meeting at 7:00pm for approximately 10 to 15 minutes, after which we will walk across the plaza to the City Centre Library (Room 405) to discuss plans for mobilizing support for the climate emergency declaration.

Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further. If you know of other community organizations who may be interested in supporting this work, could you please let us know, or forward this email to them. We hope you can come to the meeting. Thank you very much for your time!

Best,

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