



Green Timbers Heritage Society Meeting Minutes

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



In Attendance:	0
Regrets:	0
Meeting Called to Order:	0
Special Guests:	0
SNAP	0
FINANCIAL	1
GTUFAC	1
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In Attendance:

- Don Schuetze, Nathan Evans, Bill Potma, Deanna Welters, Jim Foulkes, Shenae Borschack

Regrets:

- Amar Virk

Meeting Called to Order:

- 6:50 pm

Special Guests:

Translink to go over SkyTrain plans for Fraser Highway through Green Timbers

SNAP

Regular report attached

FINANCIAL

SNAP bank balance Oct 8 \$24,266.29.

GTUFAC

Nothing planned

Special presentation by Translink and City of Surrey

Surrey Langley Skytrain Project

Surreylangleyskytrain.ca

This is an overview, meant to get feedback from stakeholders such as ourselves. This is the first time this info is being presented

Intro: 13.9 percent growth 2017-2018 - highest in N.A., being led south of the Fraser

Proposal: extend Expo line from KG Station

16km of elevated guideway, 8 stations, bus stations

- Important: all will be elevated

Stations 140, 152, 160, 166, 184, 190 196, 203

- Based on projected growth

Other outcomes: increased access to opportunities, improve transpo experience, support economic development, healthy communities

Funding context: LRT funding had to be shifted to SkyTrain in Dec 2018. 1.6B available, a full length would cost 3.12B.

First phase will use that 1.6B, ending at 160th station

SkyTrain GHG friendly, but will cause GHG during construction

Expecting: 600 people per train every 6-8 minutes

62,000 in 2035, 71,200 in 2050

Will take about half the time of the current express bus - 22 minutes

Context: 40,000 / day using Evergreen corridor

Expo currently over 200,000 daily

Canada line 130,000 daily

First phase to Fleetwood: 7km 4 stations 25 vehicles

39,900 in 2035; 44,200 in 2050

Line could open in 2025

Public Engagement (including this meeting)

Spring 2019, late fall 2019, Winter 2020

Motivation here is to start that dialogue

Also will be interacting indigenous nations

Timeline:

Public engagements: Fall 2019, Winter 2020, Business case ready Early 2020, Investment plan approval Spring 2020, project approval summer 2020, procurement Fall 2021, Construction early 2022, Open 2025 Phase 1.

Engagement:

Are the principles valid?

Sharing information

Objectives:

Minimize footprint impacts

Minimize impacts to properties (buying property)

Maximize consistent alignment (straight lines)

Minimize disruption to the existing road network (not dig up road)

140 street location station:

On hospital property, more than 30 m setback from creek

On Fraser Highway, will jig to south side to minimize tree removal. More valuable heritage on the north side.

Track sections

Telus (maybe Shaw too) will be buried or hung under the track

Power substation possibly at 96th in right-of-way? BC Hydro won't allow it on their right-of-way.

- How can it be disguised? Screen of shrubs?

Environmental screening review:

- Doesn't trigger a big review, but Translink wants to do one
- Describe existing conditions, study those effects and evaluate how much impact will have, identify mitigation measure or action to avoid or reduce potential negative effects, develop construction and operations requirements that the project contractors will have to meet.
- Separate parallel engagement with first nations: six nations meeting with
- Noise; study is ongoing, some lessons learned - harder rail to reduce wear.
- Archaeological impact assessment desired by First nations. Did contaminated soil and geological studies
- Completed around summer 2020
- Went 100m on either side of the highway for enviro studies, including dna samples in streams

Next steps:

- Share notes
- Spread the word for November engagement
 - Input on alignment
 - Input on scope of project (ie objectives correct?)
 - Come back early next year with feedback

Discussion:

- Washrooms in stations
- Meaning of the word "engagement" - how are we engaging
- Noise
- Can side track not be closer to King George?
- Trees in falling distance of track? What's the abatement policy? - part of environmental study
- Usefulness of having transit through this area (rant)
- Question of tunnelling instead of elevating. Have to slope down from 140th St, and up from 148th. It would only have a bit of space underground. Not a new idea. Greater impact to park and more expensive.

New Business:

- Tree bylaw survey: From Councillor Pettigrew: Please let people know about the **open house** for the Tree Protection Bylaw Review:
<https://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/30158.aspx>
And let them know about this **survey** for the new tree protection bylaw:
<https://surrey.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=79512FC2-5A44-4526-82EB-47703B62EA41>
- AGM: November 14
- Tree plantings: Saturday, October 12
10am-12pm
Bolivar Park, 13400 Block 115 Ave
Saturday, October 19
10am-12pm
Walnut Park, 16200 Block 82 Ave
(Parking available at Walnut Grove Elementary)
Saturday, October 26
10am-12pm
Godwin Farm Biodiversity Preserve Park, 9016 164 St
Saturday, November 2
10am-12pm
Elgin Heritage Park, 13500 Block Crescent Road (west parking lot)

Meeting Adjourned:

- 7:45 pm

Appendix 1: SNAP Update

October 1st, 2019

Shenae Borschneck, Program Coordinator

Past Month:

- Activity reports were submitted to Canada Summer Jobs
- A final report summarizing the 2019 SNAP program was sent to partners and local politicians
- Partner park summaries were completed
- Scheduled the SNAP fall planting for November 2nd, 2019
- Shenae transitioned to a part-time schedule
- Updated the SNAP website

This Month:

- Start applying for grant funding
- Finalize details for the SNAP fall planting
- Meeting with City staff to review the SNAP 2019 season, including recommendations from the teams for future consideration
- Updates to Program Coordinator manual