



Green Timbers Heritage Society

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 14, 2020
Via Google Meetings (virtual meeting)

In Attendance:	0
Regrets:	0
Meeting Called to Order:	0
New Business:	0
Cancellations and delays:	1
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In Attendance:

- Don Schuetze, Nathan Evans, Leana Kininmont, Amy Kim

Regrets:

- The rest

Meeting Called to Order:

- 6:35 pm

New Business:

Because of COVID-19 and stay-at-home orders, the meeting was conducted via Google Meetings.

Cancellations and delays:

- Party for the Planet: cancelled
- Open House May 31: postponed, perhaps cancelled
- Meetup.com messaging - Leana, maybe you can update on what the wording there is She updated with the term "COVID-19", which says it all.

- SNAP program: delayed - see Amy's report below

- GrantStation vs Grant Advance - Amy did some work on this

Grant Station vs Grant Advance

Grant Advance accesses private funding that's available through info on the CRA Recognition of donors may be problematic; need to make sure value aligns with City of Surrey Expensive -- \$495 special right now, \$79 per month

Grant Station is for grants everyone knows about, may not have a lot of new grants for us. Does have other resources.

Here is a link to our meeting where you can see how to navigate the website - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OMYpEzOfMLYtU-tA7gbhZAZcn8nQYUbM/view>

- FaceBook donation via PayPal -- uh, did this ever come in?

Amy will check when next at the Nature Centre

Things to discuss generally

- **magnets:** were these ever done?

Yes, Leana showed off the magnets we have. Now we need an event in which to give them away...

- **paypal:** beat ourselves up over not doing anything

Nathan attached the filed T1235 to the Whatsapp group, which contains all directors' addresses, birthdates, phone numbers

Don will follow up.

- **wildlife cam: for discussion** - like for seeing what the beavers are doing.

Good idea. Don't know if the City of Surrey is already doing this. Security and wireless data are practical logistic issues.

Some interest - how to secure from vandals was brought up.

Does the City have wildlife cams anywhere else?
... follow up with City

- **anyone following up from Translink discussions and open houses?** No one has been giving this much thought. A few weeks ago someone in Translink PR called to say they would be doing some environmental assessment at Fraser Highway and 140th.

Discussion about membership

- Need to find the value proposition

Communications

- See attached

Meeting Adjourned:

- 7:42 pm
- Next meeting

Appendix 1: SNAP Update

GTHS – SNAP Monthly Update

April 1st, 2020

Amy Kim, Program Coordinator

Past Month:

- Shenae drove back to Edmonton and made it home safely!
- Hiring update: process has been halted due to the COVID-19 situation. Colleen and I drafted an email out to all candidates that have been given official/conditional offers informing them that we are not certain about the impacts that this season will have.
- Contacted Canada Summer Jobs and Eco Canada to see if they are operating as per usual through this time and they both confirmed yes. We just need to let them know if there are any changes to the program.
- Vehicles are secured for the season, but I've been in contact with Zeemac to consider different options for the lease (ie. delay start date or cancel the lease if we must cancel the program). They seemed quite understanding.
- Received 5 new smart phones (plus my old smart phone) for team leaders.
- Working on Youth Team plan and drafting a Social Media Strategy/Schedule.
- Contingency planning for 2020 season.

This Month:

- Contingency planning for 2020 season continues
- Find projects for Amy to work on if the season is delayed
- Procurement of equipment and supplies for 2020 season

Communications from November 2019 to March 2020

Denise Campbell
2019-11-29 18:47:49
Tree vandalism

I noticed this damage this week

Denise Campbell
2019-12-08 10:21:26
Re: Tree vandalism

Entered at 148 and 100th... some was by the bridge/walkway over the slough

Randeep Sarai
2019-12-16 14:35:02
You're invited to MP Sarai's Holiday Open House!

Please join us at MP Randeep Sarai's Holiday Open House!

Join us for some holiday cheer at our constituency office
on Wednesday, December 18th from 4-7pm.
Meet MP Sarai, his staff, and your neighbours in Surrey Centre.
There will be food, warm drinks, and much more!
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Landucci, Robin
2019-12-19 9:02:50
RE: World Wetlands Day Celebration

Hi Annie,

Thank you for your email and sorry for the delay in my response. We value our relationship with Green Timbers Heritage Society and the various programs that we partner together on. We also recognize that our volunteer partners may have limited capacity to be involved in all of the events and programs we deliver.

The City hosts numerous programs throughout the year at the Surrey Nature Centre with many different partner groups. In 2020, World Wetlands Day is one of those events. This event was initiated in 2018 by the Friends of Semiahmoo Bay Society, who are also active in stewardship in Surrey. The event is intended to highlight different wetland areas throughout Surrey; last year it was held at the Elgin Community Hall and in 2021 it will be in a new location. The Green Timbers Heritage Society is not actively involved in the delivery of this event, which is why they were not included on the program poster.

We have extended an invitation to Green Timbers Heritage Society to participate in this year's event and have offered to share information related to the Green Timbers Heritage Society to the participants.

Feel free to call or email me if you would like to discuss further.

Thanks,
Rob

Rob Landucci, NRP, BSc | Urban Forestry Manager
CITY OF SURREY
Parks Recreation & Culture Department
6651-148th St., Surrey, BC, V3S 3C7

Landucci, Robin
2020-01-15 12:14:49

GTHS - Fraser Highway

Hi Don,

I was unable to locate the letter that GTHS sent regarding Fraser Highway in 2005. If you are not able to track it down, you could contact Jamie Boan for a copy.

Thanks,

Rob Landucci, NRP, BSc | Urban Forestry Manager
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Lei Liu
2020-01-17 12:54:31

the ducks after the snow

Hi There

It has been a week since the park has been covered by snow and the lake is frozen, since then I have not seen any ducks on the water anymore.

very worried about them, are they removed to other warmer places by you guys? or they are hiding somewhere in their own nests?

Hope they are all fine and we will see them soon.

Lei Liu

Landucci, Robin
2020-02-06 8:30:24

RE: Meeting b/w Surrey Langley SkyTrain project team and the Green Timbers Urban Forest Advisory Committee

Hi Tanu,

1. I'd like to know how much TransLink has for the presentation so I can prepare one accordingly. Would a 20 min presentation, starting at 6pm, with 25 mins for questions. Liz, thoughts?

1. Also, are there any specific items related to the SLS project that you'd like to discuss? I will leave this for Liz to respond to.

1. I'm guessing there will be a Q/A after our presentation? Is there a set duration allotted for this? See question 1.

1. How long is the meeting for? See question 1.

1. I remember you'd said we're up first - confirming if that's still the case? See question 1.

1. Question for Don - are you attending? I will leave this for Don to respond to.

Rob

Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2020 4:15:56 PM

Subject: Re: Meeting b/w Surrey Langley SkyTrain project team and the Green Timbers Urban Forest Advisory Committee

Hi Tanu,

Rob isn't back until Wednesday so this is likely the reason you've not heard from him. Below is the brief Agenda proposed for the January meeting, prior to being able to set a date with the Translink group and ensuring you'd be attending. We can either put Translink at the beginning or at the end of the agenda.

Our current agenda items are:

- * 2020 SNAP update
- * 2019 operational summary for Green Timbers Urban Forest
- * Beaver activity update
- * 148th St water main update

Naturally,

Liz Walker

GTUFAC Chair

Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 5:42 PM

Subject: Re: Meeting b/w Surrey Langley SkyTrain project team and the Green Timbers Urban Forest Advisory Committee

Hi Tanu,

Nice speaking with you this morning. Below is the schedule that the GTUFAC was considering for a meeting date. The dates that work best for me are the 22nd, 28th and 30th of January. Otherwise, if it's necessary to move into February then at first glance they are all fine for me.

I would like to schedule our next meeting for mid to late January, please review the proposed dates and times and respond to me directly by the end of day January 10th, with the date(s) that you can attend:

- * Tuesday January 21st, 6:00pm
- * Wednesday January 22nd, 6:00pm
- * Tuesday January 28th, 6:00pm
- * Thursday January 30th, 6 :00 pm

Rob,

Please note the dates Tanu has proposed. I'm sending this email to both of you because Tanu has suggested some dates and then we have those dates in January, one which may also be a possibility for Translink...that's why I've sent your list to Tanu.

Okay so for both of you...Tanu and Rob...is what I've done clear to both of you?...We now have 9 possible dates for a meeting, we just need to know everyone's availability. Rob has put a deadline of 10 January for notice. Rob please note that in my message to Tanu that I've indicated the dates that work for me.

Thank you to both of you...hopefully we can find a date that works for all.

Naturally yours,

Liz Walker

GTUFAC Chairperson

White Rock and Surrey Naturalists, President/Education

Surrey Environmental Partners, Director

ps: As I was out performing a count during the White Rock Christmas Bird Count I remarked to team members about the noise from traffic in some of our areas where we were searching for birds. In some areas the noise was incredibly loud and distressing, I couldn't imagine birds being able to communicate effectively in order to seek out a mate, to give a distress/warning call or to even hear their young. I asked team members if they could imagine the noise levels that would come from adding "Skytrain" to the currently distressing levels of noise from the local traffic corridors...we would just shake our heads with a sense of dread. My thoughts are now that it could be very instructive to invite the Translink team and others to walk those areas to get a sense of what they are planning for our urban forest. Thoughts? Comments?

Hi everyone,

I'm writing to let you know of several auxiliary (part-time) job postings currently open with the City of Surrey's Urban Forest Stewardship and Surrey Nature Centre teams.

Community Services Assistant 3 - Stewardship Programs Assistant

Community Services Assistant 5 - Stewardship Programmer
Community Services Assistant 3 - Surrey Nature Centre Programs Assistant
Applications for all three positions are due by Friday, February 21st.
Please forward to anyone you know that may be interested, and feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions about the positions.

Thanks!

Colleen

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Jim Foulkes

2020-02-18

Re: A draft of my issues with Sktrain through Green Timbers

Thanks for the CC Don. I was also given a copy by Liz. Very great amount of effort. Many excellent points.

This is great, thank you!

I hope your meeting went well. The GTHS directors were meeting at the same time, but fortunately we have enough to allow the GTUFAC members to go to your meeting.

This document looks like a good "foundation" document; sort of a first-principles kind of thing. I suspect it would be a long slog trying to reverse 100 years of traffic engineering, however if anyone can shift the needle I'm sure it's you.

Perhaps this can continue to poke at underlying transportation assumptions.

Don Schuetze | president

Following tonight's meeting I hope to be able to draw a complete picture of the issues...it will be dependent upon what we learn from Translink tonight. Anyway, I'm sending you a draft document regarding some of my concerns and if you have anything you'd like to add let me know. I think we need to put a case together for the Mayor's committee (Metro Van), the media and the BC Government (Claire Trevena, Transportation) and others.

Hoping this will build dialogue.

Hope I don't put you to sleep:)

Thanks,

Liz Walker

Landucci, Robin

2020-02-24 8:35:20

RE: Surrey nature Centre Plaza redevelopment

"Hi Don,

Due to engineering drainage requirements at the Nature Centre, we have had to expand the size of the rain garden adjacent to Green Timbers Way. This expansion will impact the existing hedge row of beech trees along Green Timbers Way and they will need to be removed. Thirteen of the beeches have a dbh of greater than 30 cm and there are approximately 17 trees with various dbhs under 30cm. All of the beech trees have been heavily pruned in the past due to the previous hydro distribution line that was there. That being said, these removals will significantly impact the visual aesthetics of the site. Once the parking lot has been built, the area will be replanted with shrubs and trees as part of the landscaping plan. We are looking into tree species that would match the character of the arboretum for the areas around the parking lot.

This work will begin this Friday February 28th.

Sorry for the short notice and please call or email me if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Rob

Landucci, Robin
2020-02-25 7:37:30

RE: Surrey nature Centre Plaza redevelopment

Hi Don,

We are still moving in that direction for the parking lot, specifically the stand alone trees. It will depend on species availability.

Thanks,

Rob

Sent: February 24, 2020 9:40 AM

Subject: Re: Surrey nature Centre Plaza redevelopment

Thanks for the heads up!

I see it's been almost exactly a year since we last communicated about the parking lot.

We had kicked the idea around of sort of extending the arboretum in that direction, or at least the tree signage, so that the SNC experience would start as soon as people got out of their cars. Is that still a possibility?

Thanks,

Don Schuetze | president

The Green Timbers Heritage Society

Landucci, Robin
2020-03-02 13:39:04

SNC Lobby

Hi Don,

I just want to give you a heads up that we will be starting a small renovation project in the lobby at the SNC in the next week or so.

We will be reducing the size of the lobby desk and relocating it to the north end of the lobby area, just in front of the cabinets. This desk was built using wood milled from a red oak tree that was removed on the north side of Green Timbers Way during the RCMP E division development. We will be salvaging the material that is cut off (~24" on either end of the desk) and will look to repurpose it on site. The goal of this renovation is to make the lobby more inviting to visitors and to create additional space to eventually provide more interpretive materials in that area.

Let me know, call or email, if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Rob

Landucci, Robin
2020-03-04 7:50:51

RE: SNC Lobby

Hi Don,

When possible we do provide wood to a local woodworkers group. Typically this would be would from a street tree and unfortunately we have limited capacity to collect and store this material. We do not do this for natural area trees due to the optics around removals and the benefits of leaving the wood in the forest to decompose.

I will keep this in mind moving forward and we can discuss more next time we see each other.

Rob

Sent: March 2, 2020 3:12 PM

Subject: Re: SNC Lobby

Sounds good, thanks for the heads up!

Incidentally, I had this idea for using downed trees as supplied materials for some kind of arts/crafts event/fundraiser. Yeah, it's not fully thought out. The idea is really nice pieces of downed trees are kept for local woodworkers to create objects of indescribable beauty that can then be displayed and auctioned off. Promotes local artisans, local materials, etc. Think it has any merit?

Brenda Olsen

2020-03-05 12:07:03

information

Hello!

I was searching for some tree info online and came across a douglas fir drawing that I liked on your page.

I work for the Battle Ground School District in Battle Ground Washington. I run the Science Resource Center to furnish hands on science for our students.

I am trying to locate some tree illustrations that would print onto an 11x17 sheet of paper.

These are for Kindergarten children.

I was trying to navigate your page, but could not figure out how to get to specific trees, like the doug fir on the google search.

Do you have any that can be printed or purchased?

We are looking for douglas fir, big leaf maple and cedar.

The ones furnished in the original kit are not locals, so the kids cannot relate to them.

Thank you

Brenda Olsen

Battle Ground Schools

Science Resource Center

Janusz Zurawski

2020-03-09

Beavers

Hello,

Did you bring beavers to the park or they came on its own?

Thank youJanusz

Brenda Olsen

2020-03-09 9:27:56

Re: information

Hello Don

We found some good art specimens.

Thank you so much for your time.

Brenda

Janusz Zurawski
2020-03-10

Re: Beavers

Do you have some plan? Sooner or later park will be flooded more
Thanks for asking!-don

Janusz Zurawski
2020-03-11

Re: Beavers

We live next to the park for over 20 years. We see beavers activity just recently. Do you know when and where from they arrived? We never saw beavers. What would be the best time to see them?

-d

Do you have some plan? Sooner or later park will be flooded more
Thanks for asking!-don

Janusz Zurawski
2020-03-16

Re: Beavers

Hi Don

Today I was in the park about 7.20pm. I saw one muskrat and couple of beavers. It was a nice experience to see it 2st time in my life. Being there I got an idea. How about if you ask city to install infrared webcams. That would advertise our city and park. They start to build the shelter. I saw in TV or internet your fight against this project. Thank you for doing that. At least they won't touch area btw 144 & 148stln coming days I'm planning to take camera and do some pics and video. I will show you it when done Cheers Janusz

The beavers have been there for about two years I think. Maybe it's three. It's not very long. There are actually two houses: one in the swampy area above the lake and another on the far side of the lake. They've caused quite a stir because of all the dam building. Every now and then the City will send someone in to poke holes in the dam to allow some water through. I think it was the winter of 2018-2019 the overflow almost washed out one trail.

It's the sound of running water that triggers the beaver to start building, so solutions tend towards getting the water moving without making any noise.

The current plan is to try to co-exist with them. They can't be relocated apparently -- they're very territorial -- and killing them is unpalatable to everyone.

Beavers are out and about, doing beaver things at dusk and dawn, in those dark grey parts of the day where most of us are thinking about supper. I haven't seen these beavers either. I'd love to see a picture of them! Something I was asking at the Nature Centre was if a webcam couldn't be set up so we could spy on them and see what they're up to.

What do you think of that idea?

If you do see them, please let me know... I'm curious!

Thanks for writing, -don

SNAP
2020-03-16 14:50:31

2020 SNAP Welcome Meeting Invitation

Good afternoon SNAP partners,

In amidst of the uncertainty with the COVID-19 crisis, I hope you are all

doing well and staying healthy.

With that being said, I would like to formally invite you to the 2020 SNAP Welcome Meeting. Please extend this invitation to a few members of your executive. Since it is my first season as the program coordinator, I'd love the opportunity to meet you all. And, I know that the SNAP team always enjoys meeting the partners.

The Welcome Meeting will take place in the Bear Creek Pavilion at Bear Creek Park on *Thursday, May 14th* *9:30 am-11:00 am*, with presentations starting promptly at 9:45 am. I have attached a map to reference for parking.

If you are able to RSVP by Monday, April 14th it would be greatly appreciated. Additionally, please let me know if anyone has any dietary restrictions, as we will be providing some refreshments.

Kind regards,

*Amy Kim | *Program Coordinator
Surrey's Natural Areas Partnership
Green Timbers Heritage Society

Facebook postings August 2019 to March 2020

Mar 2020

This tree sale thing seems to be catching on. I shared a link a while ago of Kelowna practically giving them away. Readers pointed out Surrey is doing something similar. Here's New West jumping in too. This is one bandwagon I think we can all jump on!

<https://www.newwestrecord.ca/news/new-west-residents-keen-on-trees-1.24100949>

New West residents keen on trees

www.newwestrecord.ca

Dozens of trees have found new homes in New Westminster. In an effort to help grow the city's tree canopy to 27% by 2030, the City of New Westminster has a strategy that includes the planting of . . .

Mar 2020

On March 15, 1930 -- 90 years ago today -- the Inaugural Plantation officially began. There were 121 trees planted, forming a square of 100 feet by 100 feet with 11 rows of 11 trees in each row.

To prepare the site which had been recently logged Harry and Fred Baker had to haul stumps and debris away and dig channels for water to run off. Stumps were blasted out and the holes filled in by horses dragging a scraping device. Planks were laid down so dignitaries wouldn't sink into the mud.

[source: Green Timbers, Surrey's Urban Forest Park by Pam & Duane Duff]

Some of the trees still stand, an enduring testament to a pivotal point in BC's history. You can get to the Inaugural Plantation on the trail between the Surrey Nature Centre and Green Timbers Lake.

Mar 2020

Green Timbers update for March 2020 - <https://mailchi.mp/65b9413d89dc/green-timbers-update-march-2020>

Green Timbers update > March 2020

mailchi.mp

We now have an account with meetup.com. Visit <https://www.meetup.com/GreenTimbers/> to see upcoming walks, meetings and events. This is part of our efforts to reach people using tools they are already using.

Mar 2020

Here's what Kelowna is doing to encourage home owners to plant trees:

<https://www.kelownanow.com/watercooler/news/news/Kelowna/Neighbourwoods2020/>

[#urbanforest](#)

City of Kelowna offering 6 types of trees for homeowners to buy and plant

www.kelownanow.com

Are you looking to spruce up your property a bit this year? If so, look no further than the NeighbourWoods program, offered by the City of Kelowna.

Mar 2020

File this under... something about being socially aware when planning a reforestation effort.

Detroit residents weren't keen on getting free trees for their neighbourhood. Turns out no one asked them if they wanted them first.

https://getpocket.com/explore/item/why-detroit-residents-pushed-back-against-tree-planting?utm_source=pocket-new-tab

Why Detroit Residents Pushed Back Against Tree-Planting - CityLab - Pocket
getpocket.com

Detroiters were refusing city-sponsored "free trees." A researcher found out the problem: She was the first person to ask them if they wanted them.

Mar 2020

Green Timbers Heritage Society updated their cover photo.

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Mar 2020

Green Timbers Heritage Society updated their cover photo.

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Feb 2020

Article about how urban forests' values are changing:

Quote:

"Urban trees stand guard against storm damage, raise property values, boost wellbeing and even help other city systems like roads work more efficiently, according to urban forestry experts.

So, should city officials treat them as core infrastructure — as a utility themselves?"

<https://nationalpost.com/pmnenvironment-pmn/money-trees-u-s-cities-find-new-ways-of-valuing-urban-forests>

Money trees: U.S. cities find new ways of valuing urban forests
nationalpost.com

By Carey L. Biron WASHINGTON, Feb 20 (Thomson Reuters Foundation) – Urban trees stand guard against storm damage, raise property values, boost wellbeing and even help other city systems like r...

Feb 2020

Erratic Appreciation walk today (Sunday, Feb 16, 2020). You can join our walks at [meetup.com/greentimbers](https://www.meetup.com/greentimbers)
#greentimbers #greentimbersurbanforest #surreybc #urbanforest

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Feb 2020

Good news everyone! Thunder Bay is recognized as a Tree City by a United Nations agency for its management of urban trees and forests.

Thunder Bay recognized as a Tree City

<https://www.tbnewswatch.com/local-news/thunder-bay-recognized-as-a-tree-city-2090379>

Thunder Bay recognized as a Tree City

www.tbnewswatch.com

Read the full story and comment on Tbnewswatch.com

Feb 2020

Can you spot the heron?

Green Timbers walk Feb 8 -- look for "Green Timbers" on meetup.com for future walks.

[#greentimbers](#) [#greentimbersurbanforest](#) [#surreybc](#) [#urbanforest](#) @ Surrey, British Columbia

Photos from Green Timbers Heritage Society's post

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[86189853_1721869761271079_58706499047952](#)

[84209496_1721869834604405_80556594852192](#)

Feb 2020

The skytrain from King George Station along Fraser Highway will cut through Green Timbers. If you like reading business case studies and that sort of thing here's a library of documents:

https://surreylangleyskytrain.ca/document-library?utm_source=Surrey+Langley+SkyTrain&utm_campaign=08bf3c94fa-Surrey_Langley_SkyTrain_Feb_6_2020_8_49_COPY_0&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c90303e1d8-08bf3c94fa-382386917

Document Library | Surrey Langley SkyTrain

surreylangleyskytrain.ca

Find materials, engagement results, and reports in the Surrey Langley SkyTrain document library.

Feb 2020

Another "TrueSurrey" mention for the Green Timbers Urban Forest, in a post called "Winter Walks":

Green Timbers is known as the birthplace of reforestation in British Columbia, making it a special park to visit no matter the season. With a whopping 10 kilometres of walking trails, Green Timbers Urban Forest also features a lake abundant with wildlife, making for incredible photo-ops. Winter mist over the meadows and fog over the lake make for stunning scenery as you weave your way through the available 20 trails.

<https://truesurrey.ca/winter-walks/>

True Surrey | Winter Walks

truesurrey.ca

From discovering a new trail, to admiring the change of season, bust out your best toque because we're sharing our favourite winter walks in Surrey, BC.

Feb 2020

Nature walk this Saturday at Green Timbers. Meet at the info board off the 100th Ave parking lot at 10:30 am. See you there!

<https://www.meetup.com/GreenTimbers/events/268471662/>

Log in | Meetup

www.meetup.com

Find Meetups and meet people in your local community who share your interests.

Feb 2020

Urban forest/tree canopy plans in New Westminster:

"The City of New Westminster's 2016 urban forest management strategy has a goal of increasing the tree canopy in New West from 18% to 27% by 2035. To accomplish that goal, the strategy proposes the planting of 3,330 new trees on private land and 8,500 new trees on public land, including new street trees (6,300) and new trees on city-owned park and civic lands (2,200)."

New West launches three initiatives to grow city's tree canopy

<https://www.newwestrecord.ca/news/new-west-launches-three-initiatives-to-grow-city-s-tree-canopy-1.24068546>

New West launches three initiatives to grow city's tree canopy

www.newwestrecord.ca

New West residents can buy trees, plant trees and water trees to help grow the city's tree canopy. The City of New Westminster's 2016 urban forest management strategy has a goal of increasing the. . .

Jan 2020

Watch video on Facebook.com

Jan 2020

February 1, 2020, 1-4pm at the Surrey Nature Centre:

Celebrate World Wetlands Day! Learn about the importance of our urban wetlands with presentations by local experts. Take a guided walk to Green Timbers Lake.

Celebrate our wetlands by learning from local experts and take a guided walk to Green Timbers Lake.

https://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/30435.aspx?startDate=Jan-08-2020&utm_source=Your+City+&utm_campaign=Your+City+%7C+January+2020&utm_medium=email

World Wetlands Day Celebration

www.surrey.ca

Celebrate our wetlands by learning from local experts and take a guided walk to Green Timbers Lake.

Jan 2020

Sharing because it happened right on the edge of the forest.

<https://www.citynews1130.com/2020/01/09/gunfire-exchanged-between-two-speeding-vehicles-in-surrey-police/>

Gunfire exchanged between two speeding vehicles in Surrey: police

www.citynews1130.com

Police in Surrey have found shell-casings after closing an intersection near Green Timbers Park Thursday.

Jan 2020

Photo contest at that other Urban Forest in Surrey... Sunnyside.

81561309_1053812271645336_64709165698986

Great location. Some impressive prizes in both the adult and youth categories. We look forward to your entries. More info on our website

Nov 2019

Another version of the same story of the Skytrain to Langley consultation, this time from the Vancouver Sun.

TransLink asks public to weigh in on proposed Surrey to Langley SkyTrain extension

<https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/translink-asks-public-to-weigh-in-on-proposed-surrey-to-langley-skytrain-extension>

TransLink asks public to weigh in on proposed Surrey to Langley SkyTrain extension

vancouversun.com

TransLink says it's looking for input on how to minimize impacts on environmentally sensitive areas, property and traffic.

Nov 2019

Public consultation begins for the next phase of the Skytrain to Langley, part of which runs through Green Timbers. Survey link is at the bottom of this article:

Fraser Highway SkyTrain extension project enters design public consultation

<https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/fraser-highway-skytrain-public-consultation-november-2019>

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Planning for SkyTrain's Expo Line Fraser Highway Extension is moving swiftly, with planners at TransLink now seeking public feedback on the essential design elements of the project. This latest stage of consultation focuses on the proposed locations of the stations and elevated SkyTrain guideway, ...

Oct 2019

Plan to expand Surrey's downtown to edge of Green Timbers.

There's a little bit between the hospital and 140th they want to add in.

Surrey's downtown plans under review

<https://www.vancourier.com/surrey-s-downtown-plans-under-review-1.23991852>

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www.vancourier.com

The City of Surrey intends to create a concentrated business district and expand its downtown core southward to accommodate the approved SkyTrain extension along Fraser Highway. A proposed . . .

Oct 2019

A reminder of what happens when arterial roadways run through our urban forests: traffic chaos when a tree falls. Should we cut them down and replace with low shrubs? Should arterial traffic go around instead?

Tree falls on power lines in Surrey <https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/tree-falls-on-power-lines-in-surrey/>

Tree falls on power lines in Surrey - Surrey Now-Leader
www.surreynowleader.com
Traffic delays expected

Oct 2019

Delicate little grey mushrooms on rotting logs.
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Puffballs are mushrooms that are sort of upside down and curled into a little pot... a pot of spores!

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Rain beeded on a fallen leaf in the Green Timbers Urban Forest.
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I'd like to think the guy who tossed this cart 20 feet into the bush did so because it was no longer needed. Certainly the squirrels and woodland creatures have no use for it. We removed it along with a few other items thoughtlessly left behind by other ramblers. Green Timbers saved again!

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Oct 2019

Now is the perfect time to see mushrooms in the forest! All shapes and sizes and popping out of the litter and any bits of wood lying or standing.

Mushrooms and lichens of Green Timbers Urban Forest, October 19, 2019
photos.app.goo.gl
42 new photos added to shared album

Oct 2019

Green Timbers makes the Daily Hive's "10 places to see fall leaves in and around Vancouver" list:

10 places to see fall leaves in and around Vancouver

<https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/10-places-fall-leaves-vancouver>

10 places to see fall leaves in and around Vancouver | Etcetera

dailyhive.com

Fall is officially here, and you now have permission to hunker down at home and watch movies to your heart's content. Of course, you could also get some fresh autumn air, wrapped up in a cozy sweater and scarf, and enjoy all of Vancouver's glorious fall colours. Here are 10 of the most gorgeous ...

Oct 2019

Green Timbers Urban Forest > October update from the Heritage Society > let's meet, and looking ahead!

Our next meeting is this TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 at the Surrey Nature Centre. We'll gather to meet and chat at 6:30 pm, start our business part at 7:00 pm, and wrap up by 8:30 pm. There will be a special presentation from some special guests about the planned SkyTrain down Fraser Highway. This isn't a pu...

Oct 2019

Good news from Kelowna: tree canopy growing faster than expected.

Quote: "A recent light detection and ranging study using data from planes flying overhead, done for the Okanagan Basin Water Board, puts Kelowna's tree coverage at 23%". It was 13% in 2007.

http://www.kelownadailycourier.ca/news/article_f46c9e2e-e407-11e9-99bd-075ac9c2b5cb.html

City's tree canopy goal achieved 11 years early

www.kelownadailycourier.ca

Oct 2019

National Tree Day this Saturday, Sept 28.

From the City of Surrey's website: "Help grow Surrey's urban forest by planting native trees and shrubs! Round out your National Tree Day celebration with live music, face painting, nature activities and a free hotdog lunch (while supplies last)."

Maple Park, 14939 – 84 Avenue

September 28, 2019, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

<https://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/27599.aspx?startDate=Sep-28-2019>

National Tree Day

www.surrey.ca

Help plant some trees and enjoy nature activities at this celebration of Surrey's trees!

Oct 2019

It's National Forest Week (Sept 22-28).

From the Canadian Institute of Forestry website: "Canadians are invited to learn more about Canada's forest heritage and to raise awareness about this valuable and renewable resource. Forests are fundamental to our economy, culture, traditions and history – and to our future."

<https://www.cif-ifc.org/national-forest-week/>

Oct 2019

Higher density -- more apartments -- means more trees. Who'd have thought?

High-density neighbourhoods leave room for trees says Metro Vancouver

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/tree-canopy-metro-vancouver-dense-neighbourhoods-have-more-trees-1.5291636>

Trees and high rises better together than at single-family homes says Metro Vancouver report | CBC News
www.cbc.ca

A new report from the region found that high-rise neighbourhoods often have more room for trees than those with single-family homes on small lots.

Oct 2019

A Vancouver Parks board commissioner discusses stresses visible in the Vancouver Urban Forest.

Dave Demers: Vancouver's urban forest—a canary in the gold mine

<https://www.straight.com/news/1302376/dave-demers-vancouver-urban-forest-canary-gold-mine>

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www.straight.com

A Vancouver park commissioner explores the impact of a changing climate on the city's trees.

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A spider in its dewy web.

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An interesting plaque found by a long-time member at the transfer waste station (here held by our treasurer).

From the "Forest History Newsletter" #76 from 2005:

"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. "

https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/library/Forest_History_Newsletter/76.pdf

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Green Timbers Urban Forest > September update from the Heritage Society > Summer catch-up -
<https://mailchi.mp/c309003db130/ki6xlgq4zj-3591813>

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