



Green Timbers Heritage Society

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 12, 2020
Via video conferencing

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In Attendance:

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

Regrets:

- Bill Potma, Deanna Welters, Jim Foulkes,

Meeting Called to Order:

- 7:00 pm

New Business:

Cheque from PayPal

Leana organized a birthday fundraiser on FaceBook. We got the cheque this past week. \$190 was raised.

PayPal problems with setup:

Still can't set up; needs items to confirm and wants something from Nathan. Don will call, since they didn't respond via their ticketing system.

Cheque for insurance renewal to Foster Park Brothers

\$636; comes from SNAP budget

New memberships

Need ideas for premiums/incentives for memberships

Priority should be getting PayPal working

Meetups:

Garbage pickups should be part of any events. Include tongs, garbage bags and gloves

Open House

We could start thinking about when we can do this. Amy will broach the subject with Colleen to see what the City is thinking about events.

RCMP building looking for images

Ampco graphics is working with the RCMP E Division on a Wall Mural Project for the interior of their building. They are looking for a high quality photograph of the park for this project.

Old Business followup:

To do list from March meeting

- Green Timbers on Wikipedia
- using Reddit more
- on surreyhistory.ca
- ask for drawings for SNC parking lot

Meeting Adjourned:

- 7:40 pm, Next meeting June 9, 2020

Appendix 1: SNAP Update

May 1st, 2020

Amy Kim, Program Coordinator

Past 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

This Month:

- Started Urban Forest Awareness project that seeks to connect Surrey's three designated urban forests (GTUF, SSAUF, Fleetwood). Through this project, I am looking at the old GTUF booklet/nature guide.
- Canada Summer Jobs sent an email with questions to answer regarding any potential modifications required in order to run SNAP. Colleen and I are working on those responses as they are due next week.
- We are working with City staff to come up with potential team structures. One potential structure we've identified is to have teams of 2 (1 team leader and 1 team member). Rather than have Habitat Restoration and Tree Care as separate teams, we're exploring the idea of having a 'hybrid field-based team' (ie. merging HR and TC). We would have 3 field-based team leaders with 3 field-based team members, and 2 outreach team leaders with 2 outreach team members. Through this team structure, we can offer 10 positions in the summer. Additionally, we are thinking of having a fall season. We could offer 6 field-based positions to help Natural Areas with plantings to make up for the reduced number of positions in the summer and space out the number of people working to make physical distancing easier. However, we have not been given direction from senior management yet.

Appendix 2: Communications

Zevit, Pamela

Pamela.Zevit@surrey.ca

2020-04-08 9:23

Participate in Surrey's City Nature Challenge April 24-27!

"Hello everyone, I hope this note finds you well and doing the best you can under present circumstances.

The City Nature Challenge is coming up April 24-27 and the City of Surrey is one of two BC cities participating. Given our biodiversity focus we are using iNaturalist (Canada) as our platform. This event will be the first project to launch our iNaturalist profile, with further projects to be added over time.

We recognize connecting to nature is important therapy for the challenging times we face, which is why we are going ahead with this initiative, and because we know participants can collect observations in a safe and comfortable way. Whether you contribute from your backyard, front yard, deck, balcony or local park, come April 24 join us in sharing with the world the incredible natural values found in Surrey! And if you choose to visit one of our local parks, reserves or greenbelts please ensure you are following proper safety guidelines.

The contributions of the community are an important part of our citizen science efforts to conserve biodiversity. Please visit our City Nature Challenge webpage to learn more www.surrey.ca/citynaturechallenge and share the event information with your networks.

I am working remotely from my home base in Coquitlam these days but still heading over the river to Surrey stay connected by doing site visits. I am really looking forward to getting Surrey involved in this initiative and if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out!

Pamela Zevit RPBio | Biodiversity Conservation Planner

CITY OF SURREY

Parks, Recreation & Culture - Parks Division, Urban Forestry Section

Richard Landale

2020-04-15 15:01

Please review

"Good afternoon Don, Jim, Bill and the Green Timber Society,

I know I should be paying more attention to these matters, but quite frankly this DVP is out of my depth.

I also am very concerned with the Map Appendix II Delete" Mixed Employment 9900 140 St, 9810 Foxglove Dr & 14150 Green Timbers Way.

There are two development proposals that are city initiatives, all of which will clear cut 3rd or 4th growth trees. DVP 7916-0013-00 https://www.surrey.ca/bylawsandcouncilibrary/PLR_7916-0013-00.pdf These properties are city owned, and phase 1 is currently being built. The second phase is to rezone in stages for a new Bio-diversified Wood Processing plant the city has long range plans for. And naturally city staff are avoiding to inform the public or council of these plans.

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The bio-energy facility will generate heat from the combustion of clean waste wood using state-of-the-art emissions control technology and meet or exceed the local air quality

· requirements which are regulated by Metro Vancouver. Clean waste wood will be sourced locally from activities such as land clearing from parks and City rights-of-way, clean deconstruction (i.e. demolition) waste, waste from wood manufacturing, etc. In most cases, this material is currently being sent to landfills, which creates significant greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation to the landfill as well as the release of methane when the wood decomposes in the landfill. The heat generated at this facility will be distributed to

buildings in City Centre using the City's hot water distribution system (i.e. district energy).

In the event you choose to represent this matter as a delegation, please find the following details I downloaded from the City of Surrey:

<https://www.surrey.ca/city-government/30948.aspx>

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https://www.surrey.ca/bylawsandcouncilibrary/CR_2020-R061.pdf

Refinement to Sensitive Ecosystem Development Permit Guidelines

Surrey's Sensitive Ecosystem Development Permit Guidelines were adopted by Council in 2016 and have been effective in managing riparian areas and Green Infrastructure Protection. Guidelines and application procedures have been adjusted over the past few years to ensure the application process remains valid and effective.

One minor adjustment is proposed to the Sensitive Ecosystem Development Permit Guidelines. The amendment proposes to combine the overall site requirements for both the Streamside Protection Areas and Green Infrastructure in order to provide consistency between the two categories. These proposed amendments are outlined in Appendix "I".

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The work of this project supports the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. In particular, this work relates to Sustainability Charter 2.0 theme of Inclusion, Built Environment and Neighbourhoods, Ecosystems, Health and Wellness, and Infrastructure. Specifically, this project supports the following Desired Outcomes ("DO") and Strategic Directions ("SD"):

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Streamside Green Infrastructure

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cheers Richard

Richard Landale

2020-04-17 11:07

Eco System OCP Text Amendment CR 2020-R061

"Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to file my written delegation during the Virtual RCPH set for April 20th, 2020 at 7:00pm
Agenda Item 5 page 3:

5. ""Surrey Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2013, No. 18020, Text Amendment Bylaw, 2020, No. 20008""

PURPOSE: To amend ""Surrey Official Community Plan Bylaw, 2013, No. 18020,"" as amended, to address recent changes to the:

1. BC Building Code regarding universal access improvements for parking;
2. More clarity for sensitive ecosystem application processes; and
3. Minor map amendments to update the Employment Areas map with respect to previously approved rezoning applications.

These amendments are described and outlined in Corporate Report 2020-R061.

RECOMMENDATION:

I propose Council consider suspending further action in regard to this item on the basis that the CR 2020-R061 is completely inadequate in providing Council with the full ramifications of this textual amendment, with particular reference to Appendix II Map, the area circled around Green Timbers Way & 140th Street. As generally described in my supporting reasons and citations.

GENERAL COMMENT:

The Corporate Report 2020-R061 lack information, detail and is generally lacking in transparency in regards to the proposed text amendments, which do not address the issues that encompass the DVP 7916-0013-00 city owned property site LOTS 9900 Bio Fuel Plant, from COSMOS: (OCP Text Amendment to allow a higher density in the Multiple Residential designation; OCP Amendment from Mixed Employment to Multiple Residential and Rezoning from RA to CD (based upon RMC-135 and RMS-2) to accommodate future institutional, residential, office and civic uses including care facility, emergency shelter/transitional housing, offices and bio-energy facility.

For specifics, please turn to page 5 of the CR under CURRENT PROPOSAL, quote: The City has identified the subject site as a possible location for a bio-energy facility, which in this case, proposes to use clean waste wood to produce heat for its district energy services.

Respectfully,

Richard T Landale

Tel# 604-496-3634

Additional supporting information that is generally available to the public. While Staff have been less than transparent in regards to this facility.

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Paul Bishop
Paul.Bishop@ampcomfg.com
2020-05-05 10:52

Park Photos

"Hi my name is Paul Bishop I am work for Ampco Graphics. We are working with the RCMP E Division on a Wall Mural Project for the interior of their building. They are looking for a high quality photograph of the park for this project. Does your group have archived photos you would be willing to share.

Thanks,

Paul Bishop

Account Executive

Ampco Manufacturers Inc

#101 - 9 Burbidge St, Coquitlam, BC, V3K 7B2

Tel:1-604-472-3800 <tel:1-604-472-3800> Fax 604-944-4017

www.ampcographics.com

Appendix 3: News Mentions January to May 12, 2020

January

Gunfire exchanged between two speeding vehicles in Surrey: police

BY LISA STEACY, Posted Jan 9, 2020

SURREY (NEWS 1130) — Police in Surrey have found shell-casings after closing an intersection near Green Timbers Park Thursday.

Mounties say they received calls about gunfire being exchanged between two speeding vehicles around 5:30 p.m. near 96th Avenue and 148th Street.

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

Shots fired near Green Timbers in Surrey, no immediate reports of injuries

BY SIMON LITTLE GLOBAL NEWS, Posted January 9, 2020

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Traffic was closed from Green Timbers Way to 150 Street on 96 Avenue while police investigated, but has since reopened.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/6391904/heavy-police-presence-near-green-timbers-in-surrey-traffic-blocked/>

February

Surrey road survey says 92.9% of respondents drove own vehicle to work, only 1.8% walk

SBOT says 'all major' infrastructure projects should be planned 'well in advance of increased demand'

LAUREN COLLINS, Feb. 7, 2020

In the survey, 92.9 per cent of respondents said they drove their own vehicle to work. That's up from 81.3 per cent in 2018 and 87.1% in 2016, but it's comparable to 92.6 per cent in 2017.

With that, only 1.8 per cent of respondents said they walked to work, which is down from 4.4 per cent in 2018.

Fifty-three per cent of respondents live and work in Surrey, which has "remained comparable to all levels since 2016." However, 23.5 per cent work in Surrey, but live south of the Fraser. That's comparable to data since 2016.

According to the survey, the top three corridors requiring attention are: arterial widening to five lanes on Fraser Highway between Whalley Boulevard, including through Green Timbers (52.2 per cent); South Surrey/Highway 99 interchanges at 24th, 32nd and 152nd Avenues (53.9 per cent); and widening 152nd street between 40th and 50th avenues (43.5 per cent).

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/news/surrey-road-survey-says-92-9-of-respondents-drove-own-vehicle-to-work-only-1-8-walk/>

Surrey road survey offers priorities for regional planning, road projects

Jennifer Saltman, February 7, 2020

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Respondents want five lanes on Fraser Highway between Whalley Boulevard and 148th Street, including through Green Timbers Urban Forest...

<https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/surrey-road-survey-offers-priorities-for-regional-planning-road-projects/>

Guided walk to Green Timbers Lake marks World Wetlands Day in Surrey

Feb. 1 event is open to participants 14 years and older

Jan. 30, 2020

Ducks Unlimited Canada, the City of Surrey, BC Wildlife Federation and Friends of Semiahmoo Bay will host a World Wetlands Day event Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Surrey Nature Centre, located in Green Timbers Park, 14225 Green Timbers Way, from 1-4 p.m.

<https://www.surreynowleader.com/community/guided-walk-to-green-timbers-lake-marks-world-wetlands-day-in-surrey/>

May

COVID-19: Surrey city council approves plan for post-pandemic economic recovery

Among the plan's key points are a 90-day extension on late payment penalties for residential and commercial property tax. The July 3 payment deadline has now been pushed to Oct. 1, 2020.

Jennifer Saltman, May 6, 2020

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The Green Timbers housing facility will also accommodate another 130 people.

[mention later removed]

<https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/covid-19-surrey-city-council-approves-plan-for-post-pandemic-economic-recovery/>

Appendix 4: Facebook postings

April to May, 2020

Posts and reposts to the Green Timbers Heritage Society Facebook page

From our neighbours in Delta.

Quote:

"Delta council at its online meeting will discuss a proposed Urban Forestry Action Plan aimed at increasing efforts towards enhancing Delta's urban forest, including adding to the tree canopy coverage."

<https://www.delta-optimist.com/news/delta-tree-plan-in-works-1.24131465>

Delta tree plan in works

www.delta-optimist.com

They'll be talking trees on Monday. Delta council at its online meeting will discuss a proposed Urban Forestry Action Plan aimed at increasing efforts towards enhancing Delta's urban forest, . . .

Beavers aren't out-and-about the same times as the rest of us, but Kristina was willing to share this photo and a video. She writes "There appears to be at least 3 beavers in there, possibly 4 that I've seen. I walk through the park often in the mornings and it's so lovely to see all the wildlife before the crowds drive them to hiding."

If you do manage to capture some interesting wildlife please use the hashtags #greentimbers #greentimbersurbanforest and #surreybc so people who search for these things can find them!

Beaver in the early morning at Green Timbers Lake, Surrey, British Columbia. Video by Kristina.

Beaver in Green Timbers Lake

Watch video on Facebook.com

What if... Nah, it could never happen in Green Timbers!

Quote from article: "Making Stanley Park car free has been a "tremendous success" in transforming people's experience of the park, according to the general manager of the Vancouver Park Board."

<http://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/covid-19-stanley-park-vehicles-ban-a-tremendous-success-says-park-board-gm>

[safe_image.php?d=AQAWgtyykJPTWqeU&w=720&](https://www.vancouversun.com/news/local-news/covid-19-stanley-park-vehicles-ban-a-tremendous-success-says-park-board-gm)

COVID-19: Stanley Park vehicles ban a 'tremendous success,' says park board GM

vancouversun.com

Making Stanley Park car free has been a "tremendous success" in transforming people's experience of the park, says Malcolm Bromley.

From our neighbours in Delta this story is about controversy over trees getting cut on private property, following all the rules. Counsellor McDonald says tree canopy growing despite this one case.

<https://www.delta-optimist.com/news/delta-losing-too-many-trees-1.24121739>

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Delta losing too many trees?

www.delta-optimist.com

Another new home and more trees being down, but is Delta really losing its canopy? The recent removal of eight healthy trees from a residential lot in Sunshine Hills to make way for a new house . . .

The Metro Vancouver Regional District recently completed a forest health survey to help identify problem areas.

Nathan Panchal, a Langley City councillor, gives a brief overview here, with a link (pdf) to the report:

<https://sfb.nathanpachal.com/2020/04/forest-health-in-regional-parks.html>

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Forest Health in Regional Parks

sfb.nathanpachal.com

A blog on transportation, urban planning, environment, and other issues that affect the livability in the South of Fraser.

Here's another initiative to see and record wildlife:

The City Nature Challenge is a global initiative to observe and record as many plants and animals as possible in just four days.

Participation is easy - all you need is a smartphone, or a camera and a computer.

Download the free iNaturalist app or visit www.iNaturalist.ca and make a profile. Then, join the "City Nature Challenge 2020: Surrey BC" project. Between Friday, April 24 and Monday, April 27, get your nature nerd on and share what you can see in your yard, neighbourhood, or from your balcony.

After the challenge, the photos you post on iNaturalist will be reviewed by the City's professional biologists. This data will help us to understand and better manage biodiversity in Surrey.

If you'd like to help, visit www.surrey.ca/CityNatureChallenge for detailed instructions, and spread the word

www.inaturalist.ca

iNaturalist.ca is a social network for naturalists! Record your observations of plants and animals, share them with friends and researchers, and learn about the natural world.

There's new signage at the trailheads north of 100 Ave in Green Timbers about the illegal tree bark stripping that has been happening.

Report issues: 604-501-5050, web: <https://www.surrey.ca/city-services/667.aspx>, or the MySurrey App. #surreybc #greentimbers #greentimbersurbanforest #urbanforest

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Report a Problem or Submit a Request

www.surrey.ca

Report non-emergency problems or submit service requests online with a MySurrey account.

Job to share:

We are hiring! Spend the summer with us - share your knowledge, work outdoors, help monitor and manage invasive species! More info at <https://fviss.ca/employment>

Looking for wildlife sightings!

You may have already seen this in the news: with less human traffic wildlife is moving in. Have you seen more coyotes, raccoons or -- who knows -- wild turkeys around where you live?

How about in Green Timbers or other parks? I've noticed a lot more people in parks since the covid-19 pandemic. Are you noticing the same? Are you noticing the same or less wildlife as a result?

Please share and reply in the comments what you've seen.

<https://www.msn.com/en-ca/news/canada/canadians-reporting-more-wildlife-sightings-during-covid-19-isolation/ar-BB12S1PN?li=AAggNb9>

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Canadians reporting more wildlife sightings during COVID-19 isolation
www.msn.com
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Engineers not willing to alter Boulevard design to save heritage tree:

Quote: "Fisher said the tree was not on the school's property, but on city land which would need to be developed to make way for a boulevard. "(The tree is) in direct conflict with the sidewalk.""

<https://www.northdeltareporter.com/community/possible-heritage-oak-in-clayton-to-be-cut-down/>

safe_image.php?d=AQBwleXBjFv7lxt0&w=683&
Possible heritage oak in Clayton to be cut down - North Delta Reporter
www.northdeltareporter.com
Cloverdale resident not giving up fight to save 'heritage tree'

Green Timbers update > April 2020 - <https://mailchi.mp/1b1ec8464639/green-timbers-update-march-4003225>

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Green Timbers update > April 2020
You've probably noticed more people in the forest and park now that people can't go shopping as much. If you're enjoying the fresh air and gentle quietude of the majestic sequoias and firs don't forget to keep 2 meters away from other humans!

Sammy the Salamander
Watch video on Facebook.com