



# Green Timbers Heritage Society

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Outside the Surrey Nature Centre | 14225 Green Timbers Way, Surrey, BC

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<b>Regrets:</b>	<b>0</b>
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### **In Attendance:**

Don Schuetze, Nathan Evans, Bill Potma, Leana Kininmont, Amy Kim

This was the first in-person meeting of the directors in a few months. The Surrey Nature Centre was still closed, so we met outside. Overcast.

### **Regrets:**

Deanna Welters, Jim Foulkes

### **Meeting Called to Order:**

6:53 pm

## **Reports**

### **SNAP: attached**

Last day August 28. Can't have year-end event. Will have informal lunch with team to talk about the year. One week break before the fall team starts Sept 8. Six field teams, one outreach team, total of eight people. Will be planting where they removed invasives. Field teams run until Nov 27; outreach until Oct 31.

Orientation in Green Timbers will be Thursday, September 10th 1:30-3:00 pm, with Ellen Edwards and Don Schuetze.

### **Financial report:**

Not available at this time; fiscal year-end is coming up.

### **Trail report:**

Bill walked the Hemlock trail today.

### **Greentimbers.ca metrics:**

Stats compared to previous month

**Users: 1.5K**, Increase 10.0%

**Sessions: 1.7K**, Increase 10.1%

**Bounce Rate: 83.1%**, Increase 0.6%

**Average Session Duration: 00:49**, Increase 10.4%

Breakdown of visitors acquired by channel

Organic Search: 87.0%

Direct: 9.8%

All Other Sessions: 3.1%

### **Old Business:**

#### **SNAP and SHaRP meetup**

Hyland park July 24, with mayor and council dropping by. Leana and Nathan represented GTHS, getting in on the group photos too. SNAP has been working on that park for over 20 years.

### **PayPal thing:**

Set up and working for donations, but still need to send over membership packages to Michael of Deon Designs. Nathan still to be authenticated.

Discussion of family memberships and corporate memberships

### **Email newsletter:**

Got one out for June, but not for July.

### **Google Calendar updates:**

Idea: put the City's ESAC meeting on it; any other groups that we should get for this?

Concept: for the monthly newsletter we could have a better calendar section. Mind you, not a lot going on now.

### **Meetup:**

Nothing organized yet.

### **New Business:**

#### **Trees to be removed:**

From Ken Crosbie, Natural Area Technician with the City of Surrey:

Parks needs to remove a mature Douglas-fir tree within the Inaugural Forest Plantation at Green Timbers/SNC.

The tree is No58 – Mrs. AJ Christmas.

The tree unfortunately has significant internal decay (*Phaeolous schweinitzii* – a common fungus found in Douglas-fir trees that causes severe decay of tree roots and buttress) at the base of the tree. The tree has been assessed by staff who are certified tree risk assessors and involved drilling into the tree with a resistograph drill to determine the extent of the decay. The tree meets the City's risk threshold for removal due to the severity of the decay and the risk of failing onto people using the adjacent trails.



Location of tree

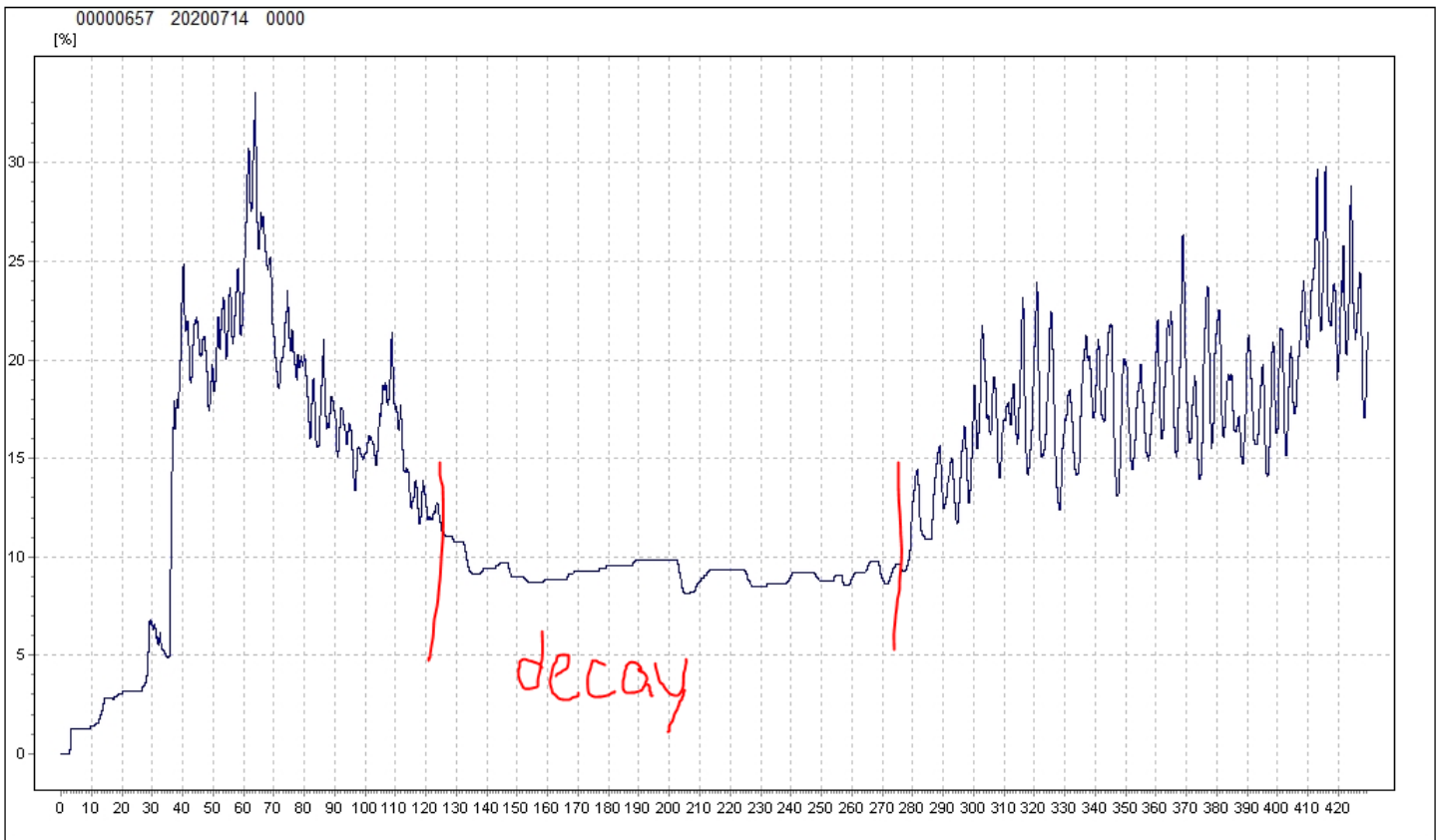


Tree to be removed





Tree marker



### Resistograph results

The tree is intended to be removed within 2 weeks with the debris left on site to cycle back into the forest. We will be planting young trees in the forest to compensate for this removal however we won't be able to plant a Douglas-fir in the same spot due to site conditions being too shady.

### More trees to be removed:

Some more tree work required in GTUF:

Parks needs to remove 7 trees at Green Timbers Urban Forest, within the 148<sup>th</sup> St road allowance (no trees are within the GTUF parkland).



5 trees are dead and 2 trees are dying. There is 1 hemlock tree, 2 cherry trees, 2 birch trees, and 2 big leaf maple trees. All 7 trees were assessed by staff who are certified tree risk assessors and the trees meet the City's risk threshold for removal. The trees are likely to fail onto 148<sup>th</sup> St.

The trees are scheduled to be removed within the next two weeks.

The debris will be left in the forest to decompose and to cycle back into the forest (the debris will be spread out to minimize any potential forest fire fuel loading). Over the winter we will plant 14 trees within GTUF to compensate for these removals.

The cherry trees often found in our natural area forests are native varieties, bitter or choke cherry. They are being affected by drought impacts that are affecting most of our native trees, especially along forest edges. There is probably the odd non-native cherry tree variety that was planted by a resident but otherwise most would be native trees.

**Membership:**

Discussion of USP and a planning committee

**Meeting Adjourned:**

7:28 pm

Next meeting September 8

## **Appendix 1: SNAP Update**

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

Amy Kim, Program Coordinator

### **Past Month:**

- The SNAP Field and Outreach Teams are officially one month into their summer season. The teams have been getting a lot of valuable work done in the field and having fun while doing so – at least it seems like it!
- The Field Teams removed 33 m3 of invasive plants from a total area of 745 m2. They also enhanced 440 m2 of tree wells for the specimen trees at Holland Park.
- The Outreach Teams have interacted with over 900 people in the parks and removed 4 garbage bags of litter from various parks.
- I posted the job postings on various online platforms on Monday, June 22 and set the application deadline for Monday, July 13. The Field Team's term is set for September 8-November 27, and the Outreach Team's term is set for September 8-October 31. The Outreach Team has a shorter term as we will not have as much work for them to do, considering COVID.
- I have already received a lot of applications which does not come as a surprise due to the job market right now. We are hiring 3 Field Team Leaders, 3 Field Team Members, 1 Urban Forest Outreach Team Leader and 1 Urban Forest Outreach Team Member. Please tell any youth (ages 15-30) that you know of that may be interested! All the job postings are on the SNAP website.
- I updated the SNAP website to reflect the current teams (Field and Outreach; not Habitat Restoration, Tree Care and Outreach) and removed Volunteer Opportunities as the City of Surrey has paused all volunteer events right now.
- SNAP has a few joint projects with SHaRP in July. They will be working in the same area at Walnut Park from July 6-9 and at Hyland Park from July 20-24. The Mayor will be doing a site visit on July 24 where the SNAP and SHaRP teams will be showing him the work they have accomplished at Hyland Park.
- They will also be participating in a joint event with SHaRP at Mud Bay Park mapping out Spartina spp. with Ducks Unlimited from July 15-16; however, this date is not set in stone. This is an event that happens every year.
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### **This Month:**

- Mayor Doug McCallum and Councilors Annis, Elford, Guerra, and Pettigrew visited the students in action at Hyland Creek Park on July 24<sup>th</sup>, where they were working on a joint invasive removal project with SHaRP.
- SNAP worked with SHaRP on 3 joint projects in July
  - Spartina mapping at Mud Bay with Ducks Unlimited
  - Invasive removal at Walnut Park
  - Invasive removal at Hyland Creek Park
- We are in the hiring process for our fall team of 3 Field Team Leaders, 3 Field Team Members, 1 Outreach Team Leader and 1 Outreach Team Member. The fall term will be from September 8<sup>th</sup> – November 27<sup>th</sup>.