



Green Timbers Heritage Society

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Virtual meeting, via Google Meet

In Attendance:	0
Regrets:	0
Meeting Called to Order:	0
Reports:	0
SNAP:	0
Web performance over the last 3 months	0
Old and Ongoing Business:	1
PayPal setup:	1
Meetup:	1
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In Attendance:

Don Schuetze, Bill Potma, Leana Kininmont

Regrets:

I've had a few...

Nathan Evans, Deanna Welters, Jim Foulkes, Amy Kim

Meeting Called to Order:

6:35 pm

Reports:

SNAP:

See Appendix 1, attached.

Fall program started; a few familiar faces. All-female team for the Fall -- two firsts.

SNAP will be part of turtle project this Fall - Sept 18; someone has found turtle eggs, the idea is to see if they're native turtles or not.

Web performance over the last 3 months

3,235 total web search clicks

Top performing queries
green timbers trail: 63
green timbers park: 25
green timbers urban forest: 10

Top performing pages
227: <https://www.greentimbers.ca/maps-of-trails/>
78: <https://www.greentimbers.ca/vegetation-wildlife/vegetation/coniferous-trees/western-hemlock/>
52: <https://www.greentimbers.ca/vegetation-wildlife/vegetation/coniferous-trees/western-redcedar/>

Devices by clicks
Desktop: 362
Mobile: 533
Tablet: 58

Old and Ongoing Business:

PayPal setup:

Membership partially setup

Meetup:

None set up. Membership renewed. Good for another six months. \$134.77.

Communications

Letters from Ken Crosby about dead trees being cut down, and replacements

Date: Thu, Aug 27, 2020 at 8:06 AM

Subject: GTUF alder tree removals

Parks needs to complete some tree work in and around the marsh and creek inflow to the lake. There are a total of 33 dead alder trees at the two beaver dam location that pose a high risk to staff when they are managing the beaver dam. These trees have died due to the flooding caused by the beaver activity. As well, there are 4 alder trees that have uprooted and are leaning over the Birch Trail. If unmanaged, these trees are expected to fail within the next year which would put staff and the public at risk. We are planning to dispatch this work as soon as possible.

All of the alder trees are dead. All of the trees are 25cm dbh (diameter at chest height) or less with 34 of the trees less than 20 cm dbh. Parks will compensation these removals by planting trees in GTUF at a 2 to 1 ratio.

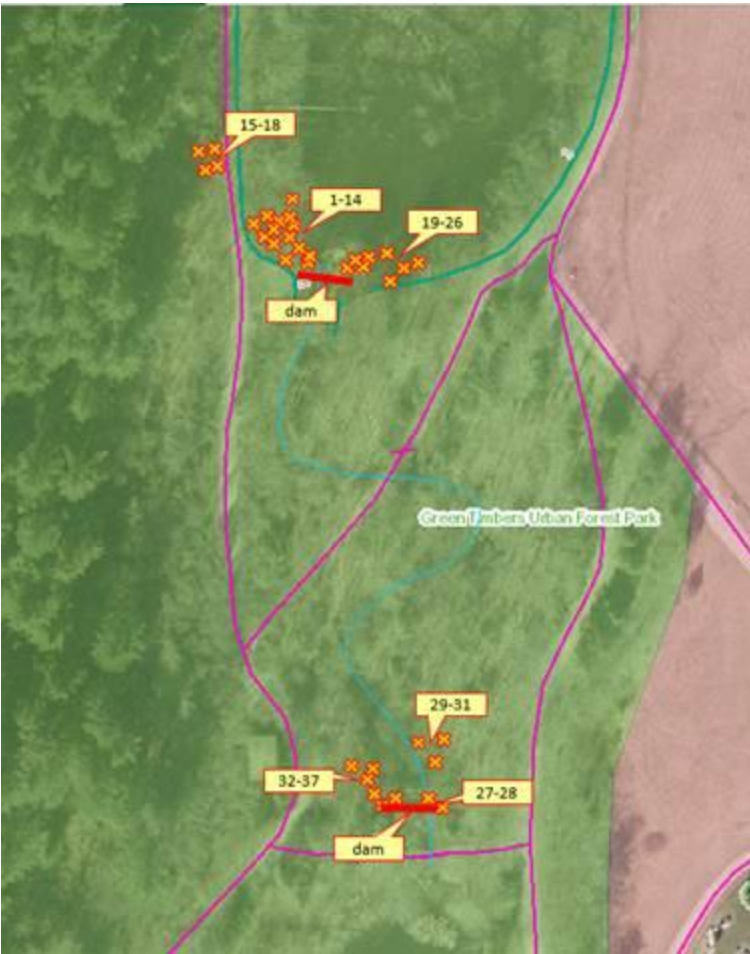
Despite the beavers changing the habitat in these areas which are causing some of the alder trees to be killed, the beaver ponds actually enhance the diversity of these sites. Staff regularly see wood ducks, herons, and muskrats in these areas.

We are still working on installing a beaver leveller at the main marsh area (northern dam). The dam by the inflow to the lake (southern dam) isn't appropriate for a leveller.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ken Crosby | Natural Areas Coordinator



Date: Fri., Aug. 28, 2020, 10:04 a.m.
Subject: RE: GTUF alder tree removals

We will look more closely in the fall as to specifically where we will plant the trees to find an appropriate location. Ideally it would be in the same general area but will depend on the beaver activity and pond water levels. If these areas are not appropriate we will look elsewhere in the GTUF to find a good spot. Generally we

are looking for where there is an opening in the canopy for a tree to fill (possibly caused by a previous failure) or where we can plant a longer living tree (eg. cedar) within a shorter living tree stand (eg. alder). As the shorter living stand naturally dies back, the conifers planted will then emerge as the next phase in the forest. The majority of replacement trees we plant are conifers (Western red cedar, Douglas-fir, Sitka spruce, Western hemlock and grand fir) however the site conditions may be more appropriate for deciduous trees (Big leaf maple, black cottonwood, red alder, bitter cherry, paper birch).

We do keep track of how many trees are removed and where we are planting new trees and the number of trees planted. This can definitely be provided as part of our year end summary to the AC.

Sincerely,
Ken Crosby | Natural Areas Coordinator

Meeting Adjourned:

7:03 pm

Next meeting Oct 13:

Plan our AGM for November

Appendix 1: SNAP Update

September 1, 2020

Amy Kim, Program Coordinator

Past Month:

- Mayor Doug McCallum and Councilors Annis, Elford, Guerra, and Pettigrew visited the students in action at Hyland Creek Park on July 24th, 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 8th – November 27th.
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This Month:

- MP Sarai visited the teams at GTUF on August 20!
- The summer SNAP team had their last day on August 28.
- The fall SNAP team's first day is September 8. The Team Leaders will start on September 8, due to Labour Day being on September 7 this year, and the Team Members will start on September 9.
- Training week is September 8-11.
- Fall Field Team work plan (term = September 8-November 27)
 - September – mainly invasive removal; helping with Releaf preparation
 - October and November – restoration plantings
- Outreach Team work plan (term = September 8-October 31)
 - Assist at Releaf on Saturdays
 - Hosting and roving
 - Additional projects TBD