



# Green Timbers Heritage Society

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Virtual meeting

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**In Attendance:**

Allison Baker, Don Schuetze, Nathan Evans, Leana Kininmont, Nick McMahon, Amy Kim, Marsha Drake

**Regrets:**

Jim Foulkes

**Meeting Called to Order:**

7:00 pm

**Reports:****SNAP**

Starting May 3, 10 people in total. Still in hiring process, still waiting for Canada Summer Jobs.

Green Timbers Tour May 7, 1:15-2:30 pm: Ellen will do the history segment; Don has volunteered to do a walkthrough, but would someone else like the awesome responsibility? Leana and Nathan to do tour; Don will show up; Allison may be there with dog.

**Finance**

Same amount of cash as last month. Some SNAP activities, but nothing major.

**Website**

Top performance metrics

Stats compared to previous month

Users: 1.9K

Increase 52.9%

Sessions: 2.1K

Increase 54.2%

Bounce Rate: 73.6%

Change: 0%

Average Session Duration: 00:29

Increase 35.9%

**Old Business:****Fraser Highway: SkyTrain, BC Hydro, road widening**

- Mayors' council info
- Transport 2050
- BC Hydro
- Tom Zillich of the Now Leader -- *Contact sent to Nathan Evans*

**Computer for accounting**

- Don's contact isn't able to get into the office, so should look at buying. Aiming for \$500 with \$700 cap.
- Moved by Nathan Evans to approve purchase of laptop for accounting for between \$500-\$700 refurbished. Seconded by Nick McMahon. Passed.

**Enhanced booklet**

- Arts & Heritage grant of \$3200 burning a hole in the Society's pocket, ready to spend!
- Link to "booklet" folder in shared drive sent to Allison and Marsha Drake

**New Business:**

Allison suggests updating our maps page

Get QR code to go directly to map, post at kiosk at 100th Ave entrance;

### **Meetup**

Revisit if needed still. People do reach out with questions. Leana to monitor.

### **Environmental Extravaganza**

Anyone want to respond? Nick expresses interest.

### **Transport 2050 survey**

Volunteers to register for a session with Translink for 30-year planning. Exciting stuff!

-Nathan to attend.

### **City Parks survey by “park people”**

The survey explores how Canadians have been using city parks and green spaces during COVID-19, and how parks can be improved moving forward.

-- send to all members!

### **SNAP Outreach video project**

Amy: We are planning to equip the Outreach Team with a camera and video equipment this year to produce outreach content. One idea we have is to work with each of the partner groups on some video project(s). This idea is still fairly rough, and can be quite flexible depending on partner interests and needs, but some ideas include filming a nature walk, creating some shorter vignettes, promoting the partner group itself, etc. The plan would be developed in consultation with you and any GTHS members that are interested in participating but I think 2-3 people would be a good number for the team to work with.

The goal is to create some valuable materials for the society that could be posted on social media, website, etc.

Ideas:

- Common interest; goal;
- Short vignettes; tours;
- Safe use of parks; how to protect park; safe cycling; noise;
- Mid-May for ideas

### **Membership roundtable**

- Brainstorming ideas
- Create shared doc to get something -- anything -- down
- Support your local park idea: wildlife to see, help maintain park;
- So many people in there every day, would sign up naturally;
- Promos on kiosk, ie with QR code to map

### **Other**

Garbage bins fill very quickly

Garbage pickup needs to be more often; Monday (after weekend) and Thur.

Lake filling up with garbage

-- Allison to follow up.

More birds this year, including some not seen before.

Does the City track windfall and trees that fall on their own?

Someone has suggested the society's model could be expanded nationally. This would allow for better access to federal funds, etc. Potential problem: we're already pretty tapped out, so the implementation would have to be a separate team.

## **Communications**

Translink:

### **TransLink Transport 2050 Phase 2: Invitation to Online Stakeholder Meetings**

April 9, 2021

You are an important stakeholder that we need to hear from during our upcoming engagement.

TransLink is leading the development of Transport 2050, the region's next 30-year transportation strategy.

In 2019, during Phase 1, we launched our largest-ever public engagement to learn about your values, concerns, priorities, and ideas for the future of transportation.

Now, we're launching Phase 2 engagement and need to hear from you.

We need you to tell us if we're on the right track with draft goals we're proposing. And to give us input on three actions that could transform the future of transportation: people-first streets, next generation rapid transit, and automated vehicles.

These actions will be an important part of a more comprehensive final strategy, which we'll share with you for input later this year during Phase 3 engagement.

Register for online stakeholder meetings

As part of Phase 2 engagement, we want to hear directly from community and business leaders from across our region.

We invite you to register for one of the four meetings listed below. At each meeting, we'll present information about Transport 2050, the goals and actions that we are proposing, and provide an opportunity for small group discussion about each one.

The same information and opportunities for participation will be provided at each meeting. We will send you a link to engagement materials on April 19, for review ahead of the start of stakeholder meetings.

Please note that each meeting has a capacity of 40 people, so we encourage you to register soon.

These online stakeholder meetings are being hosted by Kirk & Co. Consulting Ltd. on behalf of TransLink.

Thursday, April 22

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27

1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday, May 6

10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Other ways you can participate in Phase 2 Engagement

Transport Phase 2 public engagement runs April 19 to May 14, 2021. If you are unable to attend a stakeholder meeting, there are a number of ways that you and your communities can get involved. Watch for another email from us when we launch Phase 2 engagement on April 19, which will have more information on how to get involved.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Transport 2050 Team

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From: Stephanie Stanov <sstanov@parkpeople.ca>

Date: Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 12:01 PM

**Subject: Park People Survey on Canadian City Parks**

Park People is conducting a survey, and we want to hear from you.

The survey explores how Canadians have been using city parks and green spaces during COVID-19, and how parks can be improved moving forward.

[Click here to begin the survey.](#)

Your responses will inform our 2021 Canadian City Parks Report, and we will share the findings with municipal parks staff and our network of park professionals and enthusiasts across Canada. Past Park People survey results have been cited in stories in the CBC, Globe and Mail, Walrus Magazine, Montreal Gazette, and more.

As a thank you, at the end of the survey you'll have the opportunity to enter a draw for one of three \$100 VISA gift cards. The survey will end on April 26th, 2021.

The survey is open to anyone living in a Canadian city during COVID-19, so please share broadly with your networks across Canada—including colleagues, neighbours, friends, and family.

Thank you in advance for your help supporting this important research that will make a difference for Canadian city parks.

All the best,

Steph

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**BC Hydro Structure Modification Project**

Please find attached notes from our meeting last week.

Regards,

Lea Anne Sexton

April 13, 2021

## **Summary**

We provided an update on our Structure Modification Project to accommodate TransLink's proposed SkyTrain expansion project from King George Station to 166th Street in Surrey. We are making changes to some of our existing power lines to ensure the safe operation and maintenance of the proposed SkyTrain as well as for any future BC Hydro work.

Those invited to this meeting have a particular interest in the work taking place at the Green Timbers Greenway. We provided detailed information about the vegetation management plan in this area. There were no significant issues or concerns raised regarding the project.

## **Questions and responses from the meeting**

### **1. Where will the lines go underground?**

The distribution and communication lines will go underground within the existing right-of-way across Fraser Highway at Green Timbers.

### **2. How much vegetation disruption will there be for the underground work?**

- Specifically, at Green Timbers for the underground work related to the distribution lines there will be hand removal of brush such as blackberries within the right-of-way.
- Vegetation management plans have been developed for both locations. At Green Timbers, mostly brush and young trees within the right-of-way will be removed for the safe access, construction, and maintenance of the power lines.
- Six hazardous trees (5 on the south side of Fraser Highway and 1 on the north side of Fraser Highway) have been identified just outside the right-of-way that need to be modified to secure the transmission lines. Five of the trees will be converted to standing wildlife trees and one tree will have long limbs removed.

### **3. When will the vegetation clearing work start?**

The vegetation work is planned to begin August 2021 outside the bird nesting season.

### **4. Has the impact on the Class A creek been reviewed?**

We have completed environmental assessments and have used the results in the design of our work. Given the timing of our planned work, we are not anticipating any significant impacts on the creek. We will have an Environmental monitor on-site to ensure the Environmental Management Plan is followed.

## **Next Steps**

- Provide Don and Liz with a copy of the project update for distribution to their membership (completed)
- Keep everyone informed of key milestones

## **Meeting Adjourned:**

8:22 pm

Next meeting May 11, 2021

## **Appendix 1: SNAP Update**

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

Amy Kim, Program Coordinator

### **Past Month:**

- Continuing the hiring process.
- Brainstorming engagement ideas for the Outreach Team considering Covid restrictions.

### **This Month:**

- Transitioning to working in the office two days per week in April and then full-time in May.
- Should be hearing back from CSJ re: application approval this month.
- Work planning for teams.
- Coordinating teams' training week on May 3-7. We are hoping that Don Schuetze and Ellen Edwards can lead a park tour at GTUF on May 7.
- Meeting with directors from SAHS (Ron Meadley) and WRSN (Liz Walker) to connect and discuss their societies' priorities and schedule park tours for the team's training week.

## Appendix 3: Facebook postings

### January to April, 2021

Each paragraph was a shared link, a repost or a picture

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#### April

Here's an international #urbanforest good news story: Auckland moves some mature trees back to the town's waterfront.

They use the term urban 'ngahere', which is a Maori term for forest.

<https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/articles/news/2021/04/40-year-old-pohutukawa-return-to-quay-street-in-overnight-crane-lift/>

40 year-old pōhutukawa return to Quay Street in overnight crane-lift

[ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)

While the city was sleeping, Auckland's urban ngahere/forest welcomed home the first two of seven mature pōhutukawa to Quay Street in a nine-hour crane operatio

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Fish stocking update!

1500 rainbow trout were released into Green Timbers Lake on Thursday (April 22). Hopefully the eagles get a few!

<https://www.facebook.com/104336039615129/posts/3776814902367206/>

Lower Mainland stocking update 🐟 These are your local lakes that have been stocked with catchable-size rainbow trout recently.

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Again and again we see cities across Canada struggling with preserving and enhancing urban forests and green spaces as our culture shifts to recognizing their immense value.

This article is about Toronto ravines, but touches themes familiar to Green Timbers.

Quote: "advocates and policy-makers are exploring how to protect ravine ecologies while also allowing more people to visit them. The need to experience nature has become especially clear during the COVID-19 pandemic, but balancing conservation and accessibility is a complex challenge. "

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-what-torontos-ailing-ravines-show-about-the-unhealthy-future-of/>

What Toronto's ailing ravines show about the unhealthy future of Canada's urban wildernesses

[www.theglobeandmail.com](http://www.theglobeandmail.com)

Invasive species and poor water management are threatening the web of rivers, creeks and valleys that define Toronto's landscape, and hard work is required to undo the damage. Other cities will face similar challenges as their ecosystems weaken

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Green Timbers Society 🌲 April 2021 update -

<https://mailchi.mp/89e7d55c2b39/green-timbers-societys-annual-meeting-another-election-4338329>

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#### March

The City of Surrey wants to update some planning documents for Surrey Centre and would like your input. One is for the area around 140th and Fraser highway at the entrance of Green Timbers. Put in your two bits!

City Centre Plan | Engage Surrey <https://engage.surrey.ca/city-centre-plan>

We are Kicking Off the City Centre Plan Update Surrey City Centre is undergoing a bold transformation from a suburban downtown into an energetic metropolitan centre. To guide this growth, we are updating the City Centre Plan.

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The Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC releases catch-ready trout into Green Timbers lake every year. This video from "Fishing with Rod" shows how they do it. Green Timbers features at about 8 minutes in.

Releasing THOUSANDS of RAINBOW TROUT into Vancouver's Urban Lakes | Fishing with Rod - YouTube

[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=FF0i\\_Lq-z8c&feature=youtu.be](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=FF0i_Lq-z8c&feature=youtu.be)

In this video, I tag along with @Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC to release thousands of rainbow trout into two urban lakes near Vancouver - Rice Lake in ...



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I haven't seen a coyote in Green Timbers recently, but I'm sure they are there. Anyone out there see one? Here's an article about how coyotes eating things they shouldn't can circle back and hurt the rest of the urban ecosystem.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/technology/coyote-diet-1.5942641?cmp=rss>

Urban coyotes are literally full of garbage — and that's risky for humans, study suggests | CBC News  
[www.cbc.ca](http://www.cbc.ca)

In the stomachs of urban coyotes, researcher Scott Sugden has found a pineapple, a doughnut, a fully wrapped burrito and even a leather glove. That's bad news for their human neighbours, since coyotes that eat food for humans tend to be unhealthy, carry more parasites and have gut bacteria linked to...

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Who would have guessed it? Regina is a UN 'Tree city of the world'

Regina named a 'Tree City of the World' by United Nations for second consecutive year | 620 CKRM The Source | Country Music, News, Sports in Sask <https://www.620ckrm.com/2021/03/02/277386/>

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The City of Regina is part of an exclusive club of only 120 cities accepted globally into the "Tree Cities of ...

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Surrey 2021 tree sale begins Friday - Peace Arch News

[www.peacearchnews.com](http://www.peacearchnews.com)

City of Surrey says it's selling quality trees for \$20 each

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## January

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Green Timbers: upcoming virtual meetings, lake depth 🌲 -

<https://mailchi.mp/3a2ea7d9a941/green-timbers-societys-annual-meeting-another-election-4255213>