



Green Timbers Heritage Society

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 11, 2021
Virtually, via Google Meet

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In Attendance:

Nathan Evans, Leana Kininmont, Nick McMahon, Amy Kim, Ellen Edwards

Regrets:

Jim Foulkes, Don Schuetze, Allison Baker

Meeting Called to Order:

6:41 pm

Approval of last meeting minutes

Reports:

SNAP:

See Appendix 1

Finance:

Rogers cell prepayment of \$378.56 for SNAP did not go through. Perhaps because this Vancity account requires duplicate signatures on cheques, so single-user money transfers will not work? Could not transfer unused \$ to a savings account using web portal last year so this seems likely. May need to write a cheque.

- Amy to provide mailing address and account number, Nathan and Don to sign cheque to mail it.
- OR it may require second user to login and authorize. Do not know if Don or Jim have a web-banking account for Vancity, so this seems unfeasable.

Old Business:

Transport 2050 meeting

- Nathan attended an online Translink 2050 Stakeholder hearing for Phase 2
- All directors and members (of society and of the public) asked to take survey at <https://www.transport2050.ca>

Computer for accounting

- Still looking for a good deal on refurbished laptop for society.

Enhanced booklet (for next meeting)

- Link to "booklet" folder in shared drive sent to Allison and Marsha Drake.
- After looking at the brochure holders in the kiosks at the park Don wonders if we shouldn't have two projects:
 - 1) the big detailed book that we got the funding for;
 - 2) a revised postcard (it's just a tad too wide to fit properly, and too short for the holder), or
 - 3) 3-fold brochure for more casual pick-ups, which leads to:

Maps update online and possibly in print (for next meeting)

- Concept so far is to update the online maps to include trail names (and distances?)
- Have a QR code leading to this information available for printed materials (possibly on a sticker at the back of the brochure holder at the kiosks, or on the kiosks proper
- New idea: create self-guided itineraries like:

- 1 km, 5 km, 10 km walks
- Sight-seeing walks (ie to see the erratic, the inaugural plantation, a hobo encampment (just kidding))
- Can we get an electronic copy of an original so we have a starting point? Which source would be good? There is one on the back of the current postcards used for promotional material, but it is small (4" x 6" approx)

Meetup

- Any update here? Are we monitoring for interest?
- No interest emails or messages yet, which is probably a good thing considering provincial rules against gatherings and such. Still listening in!

Environmental Extravaganza

- Nick has been in touch with Shannon from City to put together an activity
- Activity is to take a selfie with a predetermined list of things and post to social media.
- Difficulty is in where to post them. Nick to contact Don through Whatsapp regarding where people can post their selfies.
- People asked to post using hashtag #GTHS so we should be able to do a search for this tag and offer up t-shirts as a prize or something.
- Nathan made motion to pre-approve cost of mailing t-shirts to selected pictures, Leana seconded. Motion passed.

Garbage report (postpone to next meeting)

- Allison got things changed.

New Business:

SNAP Outreach video project

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

Ideas:

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

Would anyone like to take this on?

- Hour meeting to discuss what can be done, what should be deliverable.
- Second meeting in June for feedback and to get footage.
- Some meeting online and in person.
- workload just a few hours in total.
- Reach out to members via June 2021 GTHS e-Newsletter asking for feedback and to reach out to outreach team at snap.outreach@gmail.com

Change request for director meeting email

Please include Ellen Edwards ellenonpine@shaw.ca (former president)

Ellen to read article written by her father in 2000 (86 yo)

- Her father's memories from when he was 8 and in a Model T, the forest looked amazing out to Johnson Road (now 152 st)
- Around 1926 (when he was 12) logging was active. He watched the logging happen (from now 92 ave). Logs done one tree at a time using donkey trains to haul them
- King Farris Lumber Co, rail lines all ending at King mill
- One rail went through her father's property

From Ellen's email:

“Today I came across a page about Early Green Timbers, written by my father John Tompson, in 2000, at age 86.

If you have time at the meeting, **may I read it?** It's about the 1920s when the family of my grandfather Henry Tompson, moved to their 20 acre property along the railway trail, and over to what became the Archibald Road, down to the Bear Creek Bridge.

Later, the driveway off Archibald into the property was the border, Hunt Road, now known as 80th Avenue.

The story page is mostly about the forest of Green Timbers, and life in the 1920s and 30s.

Walking on railways and trails to school in Newton, the logging railway line to King's Mill in Newton.

Watching the loggers saw down the huge trees. The spar tree lifted the logs to the railcars.

And how work was provided to the local men to do logging and loading and blasting stumps and replanting.”

BC Historical Federation

- June 3-5 (Thur-Sat) virtual meeting
- <https://www.bchistory.ca/>

Surrey Historical Society Website

- Ellen is director, membership coordinator
- Was secretary until computer crashed
- <https://www.surreyhistory.ca/>
- (we should also have all of their members in our society)

City extending 84 Ave through Bear Creek park.

- Add link to our website about it, or to join in the conversation
- Survey on Surrey Speaks

Inventory of T-shirts here

Golf shirts: 4xM, 1xL

T-shirts: 5xXL, 1xL, 4xM, 6xS

Communications

Friday April 30, 2021, from Ken Crosby, Natural Areas Coordinator for the City of Surrey

Hi Nick and Don,

Hope you are both doing well. Nick – it was great to meet you in person last week!

We have some tree risk mitigation work in GTUF that is required:

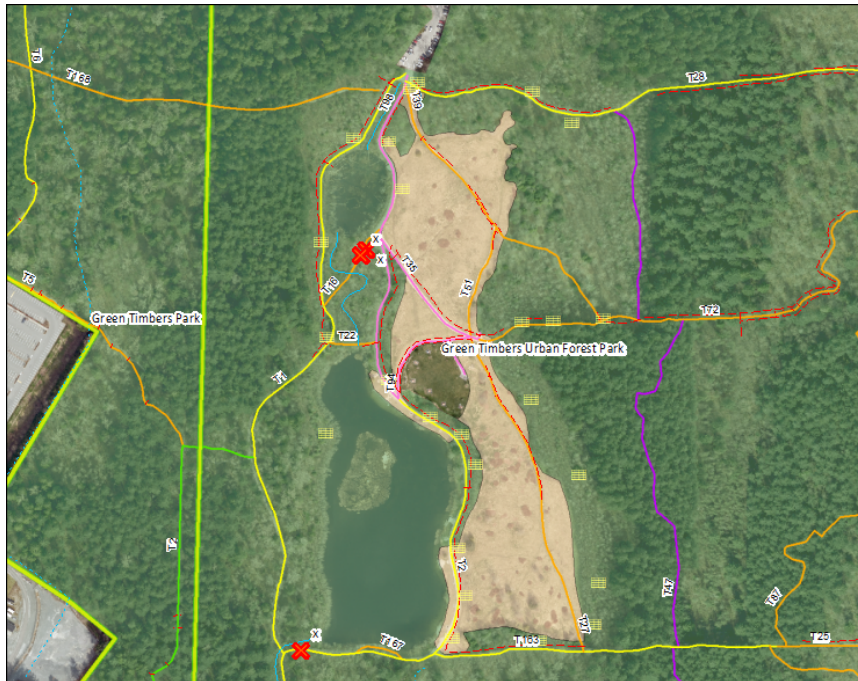
Site 1: North end of the park

Five alder trees require removal as they are dead or dying and pose a high risk to the private properties to the north. The alder trees range in dbh from 17 cm to 52 cm. We will be planting replacement trees at a 2:1 ratio to compensate for these removals.



Site 2: By the marsh and lake

Two dead willow trees require removal by the marsh and the lake and one Cottonwood tree by the marsh has been compromised. The three trees pose a high risk to fail in publicly accessible areas. All three trees have a dbh of less than 20cm. We will be planting replacement trees at a 2:1 ratio to compensate for these removals.



The tree works is scheduled to be completed by the second week of May. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Ken Crosby | Natural Areas Coordinator

Email from BC Hydro to Nick regarding some work to be done in their right-of-way.

- Work should not be impactful to existing trees due to existing infrastructure that is not to be disturbed. Their work will be more than 12m from northern treeline and 8m from southern treeline.

Meeting Adjourned:

8 pm

Next meeting is Tuesday June 9, 6:30 pm via Google Meet

Appendix 1: SNAP Update

May 1st, 2021

Amy Kim, Program Coordinator

Past 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.

This Month:

- We were approved by all five ridings from Canada Summer Jobs for a total of \$133,833 which is approximately \$40,000 more than 2020.
- SNAP teams start on May 3.
- Invited to and participated in the Canada Summer Jobs Roundtable with Minister Qualtrough, MP Sukh Dhaliwal and MP Randeep Sarai to speak about our experience with CSJ and how they can continue to improve the program.
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Appendix 2: News Mentions January - April, 2021

January

We're building the Quibble Creek Pathway and Pedestrian Bridge

City of Surrey @TheCityofSurrey

Jan 2021 via City of Surrey (Facebook)

We're building the Quibble Creek Pathway and Pedestrian Bridge to provide a continuous multi-use pathway for pedestrians and cyclists along the Green Timbers Greenway. This work will complete the 11km greenway starting from 120 St. and Nordel Way to the Tynehead Perimeter Trail.

<https://www.facebook.com/114312524502/posts/10158003730489503>

Our woodsy walks are one of our greatest joys lately.

City of Surrey @TheCityofSurrey

Jan 2021 via City of Surrey (Facebook)

"Our woodsy walks are one of our greatest joys lately. I'm so blessed to live close to the forest, to be able to stay close to home, and to take in nature's magical rejuvenation." - Surrey resident, Jen

As one of Surrey's largest parks, Green Timbers Urban Forest has over 10 kilometres of nature trails and is dubbed British Columbia's "Birthplace of Reforestation".

<https://www.facebook.com/114312524502/posts/10158006079114503>

March

Have you seen one of our stocking events in-person?

Go Fish BC @gofishbc

Mar 2021 via Go Fish BC (Facebook)

Have you seen one of our stocking events in-person? Witnessing thousands of fish being released into a lake is exciting to see. If you haven't had the chance yet, check out Rod's video of Friday's stocking events at Green Timbers and Rice lakes. It's a behind-the-scenes look at how we stock the Lower Mainland's urban lakes 🐟

<https://www.facebook.com/104336039615129/posts/3654374571277907>

Development pressures prompt need for Surrey City Centre Plan update

Two surveys are part of public engagement campaign launched by city hall

TOM ZILLICH Mar. 24, 2021

Surrey's City Centre Plan needs an update due to changes happening in the heart of the city.

... The public engagement campaign includes two surveys, one focused on two City Centre neighbourhoods where new growth is expected: Bolivar Heights and also Green Timbers, near the proposed 140 Street SkyTrain station.

<https://www.peacearchnews.com/news/development-pressure-prompt-need-for-surrey-city-centre-plan-update/>

April

Are you a seasoned birder, or just starting out?

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April via City of Surrey (Facebook)

Are you a seasoned birder, or just starting out? Explore Surrey's parks and natural areas to find songbirds, waterfowl, raptors (birds of prey) and shorebirds. Hotspots include Green Timbers Urban Forest, Blackie Spit, Mud Bay, Surrey Lake, and Bear Creek Park.

<https://www.facebook.com/114312524502/posts/10158198162774503>

Lower Mainland stocking update

Go Fish BC @gofishbc

April via Go Fish BC (Facebook)

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

...Green Timbers: 1,500 rainbow trout...

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

Surrey planning 84 Avenue extensions for a continuous east-west road across the city

Kenneth Chan Apr 30 2021

The municipal government is planning to extend 84 Avenue south of BC Hydro's Ingledow substation from 124 Street to 128 Street, and south of Bear Creek Park from King George Boulevard to 140 Street.

...As part of the SkyTrain extension project, there are also plans to widen Fraser Highway between 140 Street and 148 Street — within Green Timbers — from the existing two-lane width to a new four-lane standard....

<https://dailyhive.com/vancouver/84-avenue-extension-surrey>