



Green Timbers Heritage Society Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

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



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New Business:	1
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In Attendance:

- Don Schuetze, Bill Potma, Deanna Welters, Nathan Ross

Regrets

- Nathan Evans, Jim Foulkes, Amar Virk

Meeting Called to Order

- 5:50 pm

New Business:

Approval of April minutes

Approval of expenses

- post cards for Party for the Planet and other events
- Susan Lehmann's obituary
- Membership survey printing and stamps

Deanna moved reimbursement of \$885.85 for expenses incurred by Don, seconded by Bill.
Passed.

Reports

- Metro Vancouver Watermain on 148 Street
 - Meeting April 25 with City
- SNAP report: starting next week! See attached report.
- Party for the Planet: GTHS hung off the side of the SNAP table on April 14. Around 200 people dropped by and said 'hi'.
- Susan's memorial was April 14 and was well-attended with relatives and people from the environmental community. Lots of attendees from the GTHS.

Upcoming events

- GTUF 30th Anniversary Saturday June 9
 - To do: establish time (with Surrey Nature Centre event)
 - Noon to 4 pm? Contact SNC to see what they want to do.
 - Posters for JP Outpatient Centre, Police HQ, Schools (?)

Meeting Adjourned

- 6:50 pm
- Next meeting: Tuesday June 5, 2018

Appendix 1: Website performance

Green Timbers UA-46826356-1
View: All Web Site Data 80591576
<http://www.greentimbers.ca>

April performance for your website vs. previous month

Users

873 Increase 21.08%

Sessions

976 Increase 21.85%

Bounce Rate

83.4% Decrease 0.16%

Average Session Duration

00:44 Decrease 36.65%

How did you acquire your users this month?

Percent of Sessions by Channel

Organic Search

84.12%

Direct

12.81%

All other sessions

3.07%

Appendix 2: SNAP Update

May 1, 2018

Nathan Ross, Program Coordinator

Past Month:

- Finalized last few applicants
- Created training plan for SNAP students
- Finalized AdCentives order
- Initiated phone plans
- Confirm Canada Summer Jobs Funding (\$58,595 / 57%)

This Month:

- Pick up SNAP vehicles from Zeemac
- SNAP students start on Monday, May 7th
- Host SNAP Welcome Brunch on Wednesday, May 9th at Bear Creek Park Pavilion
- Tours of Partner Parks on Friday, May 11th
- Training and onboarding new staff
- Native shrub planting at Fraser Heights Park
- Pay AdCentives invoice (\$2030.24)
- Deposit first City of Surrey cheque

Appendix 3: News Mentions

April 2018

Green Timbers Urban Forest

An Urban Oasis

Surrey is surprisingly spacious. As the second largest city in the province by population and the third largest by area, there is A LOT of space to play with. The cool thing about Surrey is that its vast area is occupied by such a diverse mix of urban and rural. Rolling farmland? Surrey.

Lush forests and parks? Surrey. A booming town centre? Surrey. Stunning beaches and heritage sights? Also Surrey. Does that mean you can truly have it all? We think so. After all, where else can you find the amenities of a big city next door to all this glorious nature?

We do have one problem, though... With over 6,000 acres of parks and green spaces to choose from, it's practically impossible to choose a favourite. Of course, if we're going to celebrate the marriage between urban and rural, green and grey, city and scenic, then we can't not mention Green Timbers Urban Forest. It's to Surrey what Central Park is to New York City, what Hyde Park is to London, and what Stanley Park is to Vancouver. Green Timbers is the quintessential urban park.

<https://discoversurreybc.com/explore/parks-trails-gardens/green-timbers-urban-forest/>

Appendix 4: Facebook postings

April 2018

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

Video: Quibble creek burbles past Green Timbers Way

Pic a day: historically significant? A culvert that was poured in place when the Pacific Highway was paved still serves, now under the Fraser Highway. This is Enver Creek, at the eastern end of the forest.

Pic a day: fungus. I don't know if those rings indicate years, months or if they're just random.

Pic a day: unfortunately piles of garbage in Green Timbers is all too common.

Pic a day: the erratic, with well-preserved stump. A new trail goes right by it.

Environmental Extravaganza events today: Sat, Apr 28 10:30–11:30am DiscARTed — Adult Craft: Books into Seeds Drop in to learn how to fold biodegradable seed pots out of newspaper and take home seedlings to start your summer veggie patch! Ages 10+ (children 10-13 yrs with caregiver). Semiahmoo Library; 1815 – 152 St #200 Hosted by: City of Surrey – Surrey Libraries Sat, Apr 28 10am–1pm Semiahmoo Heritage Trail Work Party Join us to help restore nature along a section of the historic Semiahmoo Heritage Trail. All ages welcome; no experience necessary. 3132 Semiahmoo Trail Road (Meet at the pond) Hosted by: Friends of Semiahmoo Heritage Trail Sat, Apr 28 10am–1pm Nature Work Party Get your hands dirty removing invasive plants to prepare the park for fall tree planting events. Bring your friends and family - everyone is welcome to volunteer! No experience needed; tools, training, and light refreshments provided. Please dress for the weather and wear closed-toed shoes. Royal Kwantlen Park; 13035 – 104 Ave Hosted by: City of Surrey – Urban Forestry Sat, Apr 28 11am–2pm Nicomekl Enhancement Society Annual Open House and Fish Release Help the NES release over 50,000 Chinook salmon! Take a tour and learn about the importance of these small urban rivers. Hotdogs and drinks by donation. Please dress for the weather. Nicomekl Enhancement Society; 5263 – 232 St, Langley Hosted by: Nicomekl Enhancement Society Sat, Apr 28 11am–3pm Get Growing – Darts Hill Open House Celebrate the growing season among mature trees and flowering shrubs in the beautiful Darts Hill Garden. Take a guided tour (11:30am – 12:30pm), get advice from Master Gardeners, watch demonstrations and purchase garden plants – all while enjoying treats and live music! No pets please. Wheelchair access is limited. Darts Hill Garden Park; 1633 – 170 St Hosted by: Darts Hill Garden Conservancy Trust Society, City of Surrey – Park Partnerships <http://www.surrey.ca/culture-recreation/22493.aspx>

Pic a day: King Creek tumbles through near Fraser Highway.

Pic a day: Douglas Fir pinecone

North Van opts to keep an urban forest instead of developing a sports field. Quote: "Once gone, it will never be replaced." <http://www.nsnews.com/news/soccer-stumped-as-district-of-north-van-preserves-park-1.23279368>

A Langley City Councillor shares his opinion on why a train along Fraser Highway is important, along with a concern that extending the not-yet-built Broadway extension to UBC might trump it. Some interesting points and worth reading. The train along Fraser Highway will mean Fraser Highway through Green Timbers will be widened to between 40 and 45 meters, as wide as King George at it's widest. <https://sfb.nathanpachal.com/2018/04/population-projections-show-critical.html>

Pic a day: mushrooms poke out of the side of an old moss-covered stump.

Pic a day: would you consider this telephone pole a heritage or historical item? The date tag shows it was installed in 1955. It's on Fraser Highway just East of 144th. Am I misreading that? Is it possible it could last 63 years?

There are *5* events this week <http://www.greentimbers.ca/calendar/> City of Surrey: Neighbourhood Tree Party Apr 25 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Queen Elizabeth Meadows Park (9400 - 134 Street) Semiahmoo Trail: invasive species removal and replanting Apr 28 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Semiahmoo Heritage Trail, Surrey, BC V4P 1H4, Canada Fraser River Discovery Centre: Biodiversity "Walk and Talk" Apr 29 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Surrey Bend

Regional Park, 17710 104 Ave, Surrey, BC V4N 4X6, Canada Delta/Surrey Heritage Farm Fair April 27th, 2018 at Harris Barn in Ladner Delta/Surrey Heritage Farm Fair April 28th, 2018 at Harris Barn in Ladner

Pic a day: an old stump is full of delicious bugs. At least birds think so!

<http://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/rewilding-vancouver-parks>

Pic a day: an old can, possible grease for logging equipment, near the erratic (north of the RCMP headquarters).

Pic a day: someone noted the trilliums were out yesterday. Here's a bunch in the area between Fraser Highway and 96 ave.

Time for another "picture a day" series! The bleeding hearts are just starting to bloom. These ones are just north of the RCMP headquarters.

Party for the planet: It's not just concerts. There's a bunch of environmental stuff here too. GTHS is hanging off the edge of the SNAP table this year. Come by and say 'hi'.

Repost: I've seen the trilliums in Green Timbers but not the fawn lillies. Have you?

Tourism Surrey (Discover Surrey) has a piece about Green Timbers:

<https://discoversurreybc.com/explore/parks-trails-gardens/green-timbers-urban-forest/>

Repost: If you haven't been to Darts Hill it's worth the trip.

Appendix 5: Communications

Feb 22

Has the park shrunk ? All the maps I look at have the park north of Fraser Hwy only and nothing south of that ?
What happened can we do anything about it ?
Wendy Chapman

Green Timbers Heritage Society
Feb 23

Hi Wendy,

Nope! It's all still there.

I've noticed that Google maps sometimes doesn't show it as green, like other parks.

You can see the outlines here:
<http://www.greentimbers.ca/maps-of-trails/>

The Urban Forest (technically not a park, but under the Parks Division), runs south to 92 Avenue.

I'm pasting in a image. I hope it shows up at your end. In it the dark green is urban forest/park, the white lines are trails, the red lines are creeks. Fraser Highway is that diagonal line.

beverly ford
Feb 18
to me, ellenonpine

Hello Ellen,

Thank you for sharing this poster with your members; we anticipate some lively discussion as there has been considerable habitat loss near Kwomais Park lately.

The Ocean Park Beautification Committee are delighted to have David Hancock, biologist and researcher known for his live Bald Eagle Video Cams attend the meeting on March 04. at Ocean Park Hall. We hope you can attend!

2 Attachments

Green Timbers Heritage Society

Feb 19
to beverly

Hi Beverly,

Thanks for sending this over. I'll pass along to GT members.

-don

Green Timbers Heritage Society
Feb 19

Hi Beverly,

Do you have this as just straight text? The Word and PDF appears to be placed images so I can't copy-and-paste.

Also, does the Ocean Park Beautification Committee have a calendar of events for the rest of the year? I'm thinking of trying to amalgamate all the environmental/natural/heritage group calendars in the region. Would you be interested in participating? I don't have anything particular in mind.

Thanks,
-don

beverly ford
Feb 27

Hi Don,

Gee..sorry, .. missed this message until now.

No, we don't have anything planned in the future as we mainly spend our time trying to connect with tree types at city hall. But what a great idea to have a city wide calendar; thank you for spearheading that idea and I will contact you if we do have something planned.

The Ocean Park Beautification Committee is delighted to Invite David Hancock, researcher and biologist known for his live Bald Eagle live streaming video cams attend the meeting at the Ocean Park Hall, March 04 at 7:00 p.m.

Not a great night but we have trouble booking the hall... Hope to see you !

Bev

"Celebrating our Urban Forest" contest in Surrey Schools - poster contest link

Annie Kaps

Mar 1

<http://www.surrey.ca/files/EnvironmentalExtravaganza2018PosterContestDetails.pdf>

Do the contest judges even have an inkling of the shrinkage of the forest canopy in Surrey over the past decade?

Do they have access for students to 14-page "January 2018 Surrey Deforestation Report" attached?

Do they even know of the Green City Fund into which developers pay in lieu of adhering to by-law setbacks, tree removal? i.e. current DEVELOPMENT 7916-0265 for \$116,400

Do they have at their hands the Hawthorne Rotary Park video of devastation of urban forest?

We need our students to be educated and become advocates for the life-giving canopy.

Please advise how each principal in the 100+ K-7 schools in Surrey is assuring the Board of Education that an educated field of knowledge is being presented to them and passed on to their students.

Research request

Faythe Lou
Feb 18

To Whom it may concern:

Hello,

My name is Faythe Lou. I'm working on my Bachelor's in History at the University of Ottawa, but originally raised in Surrey. I'm currently working on a major undergraduate research paper on Green Timbers, specifically the public response to the proposed sports complex in 1987.

I was wondering if you had any records on this topic that I would be able to access. I am currently in Surrey, so I would be able to come see them in person if so. As well, I would be interested in interviewing one or more people that were involved in the activism that led to the designation of Green Timbers as an urban forest park.

Thank you for your time,
-Faythe

Survey - Improving Stewardship for Species at Risk

Mar 19

Hello,

I'm reaching out on behalf of the South Coast Conservation Program (SCCP) to those involved in stewardship activities for nature and wildlife across BC's South Coast. We are looking for some valuable feedback from you and your organization on how we can improve our support in regards to species at risk stewardship. We have a quick on-line survey for you to fill out – click [HERE](#) to take the survey by March 29.

We are currently doing some planning for our stewardship activities for the next few years. By taking a few minutes to fill out the survey, you will be helping us to focus on how we can best provide stewardship-based support to help individuals, communities, groups and organizations (like yours) to undertake conservation actions and activities that will benefit species at risk across the South Coast of BC.

The South Coast Conservation Program (SCCP) is a multi-partner conservation program working to protect and restore species and ecosystems at risk on BC's South Coast. Since 2005, many of the SCCP's activities and programs have included stewardship-based activities engaging communities across the South Coast. Activities have ranged from on-the-ground advice and habitat enhancement work for landowners through the Nature Stewards program, to providing a range of stewardship information through the website, social media, workshops, events and guidance documents.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Regards,
Tamsin Baker, MSc
Stewardship Coordinator
South Coast Conservation Program
www.sccp.ca
604 202 2381

On Tue, Mar 20, 2018 at 9:21 PM, colleen macdonald wrote:
Super ... let me know and I'll add them

On Tue, Mar 20, 2018 at 9:15 PM, Green Timbers Heritage Society wrote:
Colleen, this is awesome!

I love the presentation. You've done a great job. Can I offer a small suggestion? A rider/walker might be interested in knowing the length of the different trails, but it's a small quibble.

I don't see any errors.

Thanks for sharing this. Coincidentally, I've been slowly building up a table of trail lengths with the goal of creating different routes for different lengths (ie, 2km, 5km, 10km).


Sincerely,
-don

On Tue, Mar 20, 2018 at 2:56 PM, colleen macdonald wrote:
Hi ... before I go to print, could you possibly check over this map and see if I've got things right?
And if you know anyone else who I could ask, please forward it or send me their emails?

Much Appreciated !!!

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Happy Riding ~
Colleen MacDonald
Let's Go Biking
letsgobiking.net

On Tue, Nov 21, 2017 at 8:56 PM, colleen macdonald wrote:
okay... if possible, ... please keep your eye open and if you see it, then please grab and scan!


On Tue, Nov 21, 2017 at 7:51 PM, Green Timbers Historical Society wrote:
There's another brochure somewhere. I've only seen it printed though.

On Tue, Nov 21, 2017, 7:06 PM colleen macdonald, wrote:
I found the brochure map, but alas! the trails are unreadable ... but it's a nice drawing of the trails!

Will see what I can do with it.

[http://www.surrey.ca/files/\(13069\)%20Nature%20Trails%20Brochure%20-%20Green%20Timbers.pdf](http://www.surrey.ca/files/(13069)%20Nature%20Trails%20Brochure%20-%20Green%20Timbers.pdf)

Thanks again for all the help and use of your photos ... oh wow!

On Tue, Nov 21, 2017 at 6:42 PM, colleen macdonald wrote:

Super, thanks so much for all the info ...

I didn't know about the Cosmos Map ... very handy

Much appreciated!

On Tue, Nov 21, 2017 at 2:00 PM, Green Timbers Historical Society wrote:

There's a paper map of trails, labeled, in the Green Timbers brochure. You can find that at the Surrey Nature Centre, or probably in libraries, etc.

It might also be in Cosmos. I don't have time to check now, but recommend that as a fantastic mapping tool. google for "cosmos surrey".

In the meantime I've attached a PNG with the Skyline trail marked in red. It cuts across the field north of the lake. That picture, if I'm remembering correctly, is where the "T" in "Green Timbers" is.

I hope that helps!

-don

Inline image 1

On Tue, Nov 21, 2017 at 1:40 PM, colleen macdonald wrote:

I'm working on a map for the blog (see attached)

and can't find one with all the trails named. I've looked on GoogleMaps, OpenStreetMap, and google searched.

Can you tell me which is the Skyline Trail?

On Mon, Nov 20, 2017 at 8:42 PM, Green Timbers Historical Society wrote:

Every user is different on Flickr. Use the search options to look for "creative commons" artwork.

On Mon, Nov 20, 2017, 8:40 PM colleen macdonald, wrote:

found it ... and also didn't even think about searching Flickr for photos ... opens up lots of options!

How do I give proper credit if I use yours or anyone else's photos from Flickr?

On Mon, Nov 20, 2017 at 8:21 PM, Green Timbers Historical Society wrote:

Neat! I'll have to check your site out more carefully later. If you try <http://flickr.com/waferboard> and look under "albums" you should be able to find Green Timbers that way.

On Mon, Nov 20, 2017 at 3:09 PM, colleen macdonald wrote:

Wow !!! Your photos are outstanding!

(I was able to open the Tynehead link, but not the one above)

I would love to use some ... will have a look through later and let you know which ones will work for the blog and map! Thanks!

My blog is:
Let's Go Biking
letsgebiking.net

On Mon, Nov 20, 2017 at 9:13 AM, Green Timbers Historical Society wrote:
Hi Colleen,

No, I don't know whose photo that is. You'd have to check with the city's web services to see if you can use it.

I post my own shots to Flickr at:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/waferboard/albums/72157627354992190>

And some of Tynehead:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/waferboard/albums/72157632594137003>

Those are "creative commons" so you can use any of those (If you like).

Your project sounds interesting. What's the URL?

Thanks
-don

On Mon, Nov 20, 2017, 7:30 AM colleen macdonald, wrote:
Hi ... I am working on maps from Green Timbers to Tynehead Park.

I am looking for photos to include on the blogpost and on the map. I spotted this one on the Surrey website and wonder if it is one of yours ... and if so could I use it for the blog and map, with proper credits!

Do you have a gallery of photos?

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Happy Riding ~
Colleen MacDonald
Let's Go Biking
letsgebiking.net

On 2 April 2018 at 18:08, Green Timbers Heritage Society wrote:
Salut Valentin,

My responses are below yours.

Thanks, and feel free to reach out any time.
-don

On Mon, Apr 2, 2018 at 4:46 AM, Valentin Cartier wrote:

Hi Don,

Thank you very much for your reply and your help. You can answer then in the evening, not a problem.

The article will talk about how the Surrey community protects the environment and gives nature its place. In the context of the fast transformation and growing of the city of Surrey, here are a few general questions:

1- Urbanization vs green areas: how does the city of Surrey reconcile both?

The City has a Sustainability Charter that's supposed to inform all decisions. See

<http://www.surrey.ca/community/3568.aspx>

They have a goal of a certain amount of parkland per 1,000 residents -- I can't remember what it is -- and they seem to be able to do that (last I heard from an environmental person at SEP [Surrey Environmental Partners])

There are other facets as well: riparian setbacks, a biodiversity strategy that's supposed to encourage wildlife corridors and that sort of thing, and a plan to plant several trees for every one that's removed.

These are all taken into account when developers present plans for approval to the City Council.

That said, the city is urbanizing, which means areas that were once backyards, scrub and brush or otherwise something are turning into asphalt, concrete and vinyl siding. That can't be denied. Variances seem to be regularly allowed to reduce the riparian setbacks, and the tree bylaw is probably seen as another development tax by developers. The nature of the area is changing and residents who have lived in neighbourhoods for a long time aren't always pleased to see them change from semi-rural or suburban into dense townhouses filled with people who clog up the streets with their cars.

2- Is this fast growing a risk for the green areas in Surrey?

Yes, of course it's a risk. Development means money for the City, along with prestige. The City is cognizant of these risks, which is why they do have the sustainability charter, and a lot of effort is spent informing citizens of plans. There are open houses, surveys, discussions with special interest groups.

There is -- I believe -- a genuine interest in green technologies (ie for drainage, or narrow-focused LED street lighting). There's a lot of pride in the natural heritage of Surrey (la patrimonie!). It's a selling point when the City presents itself to the outside world.

But -- once again -- I'm not convinced you can have both. Deer get hit on roads with more traffic (they can't read the "walk" signs). Birds' habitats are cut away. Wet swampy areas are filled with garages and townhomes, leaving reptiles and salamanders to starve. The canopy cover is shrinking, and replacing one large fir tree that's stood in someone's yard for 60 years with 2 or three small cultivars on the edge of the road doesn't help any remaining wildlife.

Consider what we mean by "green areas". Are they the grassy edges of the road, with a spindly domesticated magnolia? Are they carefully pruned playgrounds and golf-course-like lawns? Are they untouched areas where coyote sulk among rotting stumps? We're slowly but inevitably moving from green areas meaning "untouched" to "manicured" or "carefully controlled". And... how can it be otherwise? So... will we have green spaces in 100 years? Absolutely. Will there be wild spaces? That I'm not so sure.

3- What actions are being taken in the community to preserve and protect environment and green areas?

The City has a Sustainability Charter that's supposed to inform all decisions. See

<http://www.surrey.ca/community/3568.aspx>

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There are other facets as well: riparian setbacks, a biodiversity strategy that's supposed to encourage wildlife corridors and that sort of thing, and a plan to plant several trees for every one that's removed.

4- What are the eventual events or activities organized in the city for Earth Day?

Sorry, you'll have to ask one of the City people for the schedule!

5- Do you have any pictures of green areas in Surrey? If yes, what are the photo credits?

You bet. Check out a few of my albums on my flickr page at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/waferboard/albums/72157627354992190> -- Green Timbers Urban Forest and Park (my fave!)

Feel free to use any (all are Creative Commons). Credit to Don Schuetze.

Thank you again for all your support. I'm looking forward to hearing back from you.

Regards,
Valentin.

On Fri, Mar 30, 2018, 9:22 PM Valentin Cartier, wrote:

Dear Green Timbers Heritage society members,

My name is Valentin Cartier and I'm a contributor of the bilingual (English/French) newspaper named The Source in Vancouver. Party for the Planet takes place on 14 April, Earth day on 22 April.

On the occasion of these two events, we would like to publish an article to know how the City of Surrey protects environment and enhances natural areas. As well, we want to promote the Party for the Planet event. I'd be very pleased to have the opportunity to discuss with any of your members about such an interesting topic.

Do you know if any of your members would be available for a quick interview early next week? If not, could you give me some contacts of people who could be interested in doing an interview regarding the topics?

I just want to let you know that the deadline for my paper is Thursday 5th, April. The interview can be done via any medium of communication (Skype, telephone or email). Please see the link below to get more information about our newspaper:<http://thelastsource.com/en/>

Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Regards,

Valentin Cartier.
Contributor at The Source.

On Wed, Apr 4, 2018 at 8:29 AM, Fish, Maria wrote:

Hi Don,

That is wonderful news. We look forward to meeting with them.

Thank you for coordinating things. I hope to meet you another time.

Cheers,

MARIA FISH BCSLA | PARKS OPERATIONS COORDINATOR
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From: Green Timbers Heritage Society [mailto:greentimberssociety@gmail.com]
Sent: April-04-18 6:20 AM
To: Fish, Maria

Subject: Re: Surrey Nature Centre - Plaza and Parking Development
Hi Maria,

Thanks again for the invitation.

Two representatives from the Green Timbers Heritage Society will be there to see and participate on Friday: Jim Foulkes and Bill Potma.

This sounds like an exciting project!

Thanks,
Don Schuetze

On Tue, Apr 3, 2018 at 1:04 PM, Fish, Maria wrote:

Hi Don,

I'm sorry that you won't be able to join us. Please let me know if you aren't able to find someone and Leah and I can meet with you separately, at a better time.

Also, I didn't mention where we would be meeting in my email. We will be meeting at the Nature Centre in one of the meeting rooms there.

Thank you,
MARIA FISH - BCSLA | ACTING PARKS AND RECREATION PLANNER

From: Green Timbers Heritage Society [mailto:greentimberssociety@gmail.com]
Sent: April 1, 2018 2:02 PM
To: Fish, Maria
Cc: Zia, Leah
Subject: Re: Surrey Nature Centre - Plaza and Parking Development

Hi Maria,

I would be delighted to attend, but -- alas! -- have to work.

I'll see if I can't find someone to sit in.

Thanks for the invitation.

- Don

On Tue, Mar 27, 2018, 10:45 AM Fish, Maria, wrote:

Good Morning,

In 2009 the Surrey Nature Centre went under a Master Planning process which identified the need for a plaza and parking area in front of the centre would support programming as a future phase of development. Since 2009 the Nature Centre has grown and developed as a centre for environmental education in Surrey. The need for formalized Plaza and Parking Areas has been identified as a need by Centre Staff. As it has been a number of years since the initial development of the Master Plan, and related Concept Plan, we would like to revisit it to ensure that plans support current and future potential needs for programming.

The City will be hosting a workshop with key stakeholders who represent different service areas from within the City's internal staff and the Public on:

Friday April 6th, 2018 at 3:00 until 5:00pm

The meeting will consist of:

- A quick overview of the Master Plan done in 2009;
- A review of site constraints;
- A review of the conceptual plan developed since meeting with city staff in February;
- Comments from stakeholders for possible improvements;
- And, a site visit as time permits. (some areas of the site can be boggy please bring appropriate footwear)

You have been identified by staff as a potential stakeholder representative for the public because of the involvement you have had with the Centre in the past. It would be our pleasure if you would be able to join us. Should you not be able to join us please let me know by April 3rd, 2018. We are open to the recommendation of an alternate.

If you have any questions please feel free to call me, my details are listed below.

Thank you,

MARIA FISH - BCSLA | ACTING PARKS AND RECREATION PLANNER
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On Mon, Apr 9, 2018 at 9:23 AM, Sarah Drewery wrote:

Hi Don,

Thanks for letting me know, and we'll be sure to keep you on the mailing list for future years.

Best,

Sarah

On Mon, Apr 9, 2018 at 7:27 AM, Green Timbers Heritage Society wrote:

Hi Sarah!

Thanks for the invite. It looks like a great festival. Unfortunately our main events person passed away recently and we're low on people-capacity for events.

We'd love to be kept on your contact list, but will have to pass on participation this year.

My apologies,

Don Schuetze
president,
Green Timbers Heritage Society

On Thu, Mar 8, 2018 at 1:42 PM, Sarah Drewery wrote:

Dear Exhibitor,

I have been given your contact details by Rich Kenny, of the Richmond Raptor Fest. In 2018 the Raptor Fest will be combining with The Sharing Farm's Garlic Fest. I am emailing to invite you to join us. The attached letter gives all the details and includes the application form. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

Sarah
Sarah Drewery
Executive Director
The Sharing Farm

On Mon, Apr 9, 2018 at 10:07 AM, Tracey wrote:

Hi Don,

We are sorry to hear about the passing of your colleague. Yes Please pass on to Snap.

Thank you,

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From: Green Timbers Heritage Society [mailto:greentimberssociety@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 7:31 AM
To: Tracey
Subject: Re: Surrey Fest Downtown - Invitation to Participate

Hi Tracey,

Thanks for the invitation to attend! We would love to be able to attend, but our events person passed away recently. We're a little low on people-power as a result.

However, it's ok, I'll see if we can't get the Surrey Natural Areas Partnership (SNAP) to partner up with us.

Thanks again for the invite, and please keep in touch!

Don Schuetze

president

Green Timbers Heritage Society

On Thu, Mar 22, 2018 at 11:40 AM, Tracey wrote:

March 22, 2018.

Surrey Fest Downtown – A Celebration of Community is one of the largest Community Festivals in Surrey. On sunny Festival Days, we have had over 5,000 people stopping by to be entertained, participate in activities and visit booths representing businesses and resources in our community.

The 20th Annual Surrey Fest Downtown takes place on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Holland Park. The festivities will begin at 11am and will run until 4 pm.

With all the talk about people feeling disengaged from their community, we want to invite community groups such as yours to come out with a small display and encourage attendees to volunteer and/or participate in your activities. And if you would like try to raise some funds at your display, that's okay too.

There will be no charge for you to participate – we will supply a table and two chairs. You will have to supply your own tent if you wish to have cover. We will have volunteers available to assist you in setting up. Our goal is to encourage residents to come out and see what great programs and activities are available in Surrey that could use some help. Involving festival attendees in organizations is a win for them and a win for the organizations.

We hope your group will come out and participate. Please find enclosed a registration form to fill out if you plan to attend. We ask that you return the form by Tuesday, May 15, 2018 (snail mail address, email and fax number is on the form).

If you would like further information, please feel free to contact myself or Tracey Gravel at 604.580.2321 or bonnie@whalleycommunity.com.

We hope we can count on your support to make our community a great place to live, work, learn and play!

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Apr 10, 2018 at 8:41 AM, Mari-Lou Nidle wrote:
Hello Green Timbers Heritage Society,

The Fraser River Discovery Centre would like to invite you and your organization to some exciting events in April and May. Please forward this email to anyone in your organization that you believe would be interested.

Join the Fraser River Discovery Centre for a Biodiversity "Walk and Talk" about

Fraser River fish and invertebrates at Surrey Bend Regional Park

April 29th, from 1 – 3pm given by

"UBC Professor Dr. John Richardson an expert on food webs and biodiversity."

Few people know just how many different kinds of fish and invertebrates live year-round in the Lower Fraser River, so this is a chance to see, learn about –and maybe even touch some of them. Dr. Richardson will lead us through what should be a fun and fascinating learning experience at Surrey Bend Regional Park.

Tickets to the Biodiversity "Walk and Talk" are limited and only \$5 per person

Tickets can be purchased in advance at http://fraserriverdiscovery.org/biodiversity_1.

For more information on the series, please call 604 521 8401 or go to <http://fraserriverdiscovery.org/BioDiversity>

Poster download available for sharing at:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aOFvhKxj96Re7Ypz2TVEjf0cvFnF_SuZ/view?usp=sharing

Events coming in May:

https://frdc.mymti.ca/sites/default/files/styles/slider_image/public/2018_HoF_WebsiteCarousel_0.jpg?itok=40usHdZx
Read More

https://frdc.mymti.ca/sites/default/files/styles/slider_image/public/FBC_websitecarousel_0.jpg?itok=0NTgRZuk
Read More

Green Timbers Heritage Society, if you have the capacity to share our Biodiversity event by downloading the poster and cut & paste the event profile to share with your members/followers on your website, enewsletter or Facebook page, we would greatly appreciate it. We are pleased to reciprocate when you have events to promote!

Thank you for your continued support of the FRDC and the living, working Fraser River.

Mari-Lou Nidle, Principal

On behalf of the Fraser River Discovery Centre

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Nicomekl Riverfront Plan--Stakeholder Workshop

Annie Kaps

Apr 13

Hi all,

The City is kicking off a planning process for parkland along the Nicomekl Riverfront in South Surrey and we would love your help creating this plan. Please see attached some more details about an upcoming workshop that we hope you can attend to learn about this project and help craft a vision and goals for this fantastic corridor.

Please RSVP to let me know if you are able to attend, the details of the meeting are:

April 16th, 2018

1:00-4:00pm

Surrey City Hall

2nd Floor, Room 2E.

I hope you can attend but if not, you will still have plenty of opportunity to be involved in this project as it unfolds over the next year.

Cheers,

Doug

Doug Merry, MCIP, RPP

Senior Parks Planner

CITY OF SURREY

Parks Planning

From: Rick Green

Subject: Widening Fraser Highway for future LRT

Message Body:

From: Rick Green

Email: creeksidefarms@shaw.ca

Subject: Widening Fraser Highway for future LRT

Message: We are a very active group from Langley to Chilliwack fighting for a responsible cost effective solution for Light Passenger rail to service Surrey from the Pattullo Bridge to Chilliwack Importantly for this conversation, NOT the Fraser Highway through Green Timbers. We would like to schedule a meeting with your executive to discuss this matter in detail. Please advise re the possibility to get together initially on a confidential basis with your organization.

On Mon, Apr 16, 2018 at 5:41 PM, Annie Kaps wrote:

Look, another opportunity to participate in a government survey! Given that a considerable amount of Surrey is found in the ALR I hope most will agree with how important it is to lend our support to protecting this vital resource. Lots of room for comments.

Deadline is April 30th...so we have a little time:)

Share your ideas for revitalizing the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC).

B.C.'s Minister of Agriculture, Lana Popham, announced the formation of an independent committee to lead a public engagement process and provide recommendations to the provincial government around this important topic. The Advisory Committee will consider best approaches to revitalizing the ALR and the ALC.

The Minister's Advisory Committee is seeking your views to deliver recommendations for a strong and robust Agricultural Land Reserve.

Please read the discussion paper the committee has prepared before completing the online survey.

The survey focuses on collecting British Columbians opinions and views on these common themes:

- defensible and defended ALRALR resilience
- Stable governance
- Efficacy of zones 1 and 2
- Interpretation and implementation of the Act and regulation
- Food security and B.C.'s agricultural contribution
- Residential uses in the ALR
- Farm processing and sales in the ALR
- Unauthorized uses
- Non-Farm uses and resource extraction in the ALR

Other ideas to support revitalization are also welcome. The Advisory Committee will provide a final report to the Minister in fall 2018.

Submit your ideas by April 30, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.
<http://engage.gov.bc.ca/agriculturallandreserve/>

On Wed, May 2, 2018 at 12:06 PM, Green Timbers Heritage Society wrote:
Hi Amelia,

Following up on this thread.

The GTHS will be coordinating with the SNAP people (tent, maybe a few warm bodies) for the lake part of this; maybe Nathan can stretch his team over both sites if we ask really nicely.

What sort of time were you thinking of doing the SNC event?

-don

On Tue, Apr 17, 2018 at 7:02 PM, Green Timbers Heritage Society wrote:
Hi Amelia,

You bet!

I've talked briefly with Colleen a while ago about this. It's time to start hammering out some details!

We were hoping to coordinate something with the SNC on June 9.

2018 is the 30th Anniversary of the bylaw that protected GT and Sunnyside, so there's lots of room for synergies.

Also, by coincidence, June 9 was Herman Schuetze's birthday -- he was one of the people who helped save GT from being turned into a football stadium. He's been gone for a few years now, but I'm sure he'd appreciate how that turned out.

Our current -- tentative -- thinking was to get a tent up by the lake. Perhaps we can borrow the SNAP tent or something. If you had some signs or whatever we could point people in your direction. We'd then organize walks to the SNC and back. Maybe a nature walk circumnavigating the forest/park, we'll see who volunteers! Anyway, the idea was to piggyback with activities at the two main entry points to the forest/park.

What do you think? Do you have other ideas? We're open to suggestions.

Best,
-don

On Tue, Apr 17, 2018 at 11:39 AM, Van Fram, Amelia wrote:
Hello,

As the new programs coordinator at SNC, I'm hoping to connect with the GTHS in regards to some upcoming programming here. Specifically, the SNC is celebrating its first 10 years of operations on Saturday June 9, and then in July and August we plan to host drop-in Seniors in the Park events. Both of these are opportunities for GTHS involvement, and I would love the chance to meet with you to discuss.

Are you able to connect me to the right person so we might set something up?

Thanks,
Amelia
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Homeless moving to Green Timbers Way?

From Doug
Apr 24

I'm at the Whalley Legion for an information session for the redevelopment of their property. They are planning on moving the homeless to Green Timbers Way. Is this true? How could this happen? There are many families that use the Park. How could this happen?

RE: Nicomekl Riverfront Plan--Stakeholder Workshop

Sjoquist, Mickella
Apr 25

Hi All,

Unfortunately the majority are unable to attend the Apr 25, 26, 27 dates for the stakeholder workshop so we've decided to push it back to Friday May 4th from 1:00 – 4:00pm.

The City is kicking off a planning process for parkland along the Nicomekl Riverfront in South Surrey and we would love your help creating this plan. Join us at the stakeholder workshop to learn about this project and help craft a vision and goals for this fantastic corridor. See attached invitation for detailed information.

Nicomekl Riverfront Park – Stakeholder Workshop

May 4th, 2018
1:00-4:00pm
Surrey City Centre Library
4th Floor, Room 405

Please RSVP to let us know if you are able to attend this workshop.

Thank you to those who rsvp'd for the prior dates; we apologize for this delay.

We hope you can attend but if not, you will have plenty of opportunities to be involved in this project as it unfolds over the next year.

Cheers,
Mickella & Doug
Mickella Sjoquist, MLA, BCSLA Intern | Landscape Technician

Renewal of SNAP Program 2018 & New PO

Cooper, Alana
Apr 17

Good morning Don,

RE: Restoration of Natural Areas & Shade Trees and Public Education & Events (SNAP)

Providing you the new purchase order number to reference on this year's invoices: PO# 406399.

Also we request you please do the following:

1. Please sign the attached agreement where noted, this is to simply renew the term dates.
2. Provide an updated certificate of insurance. (I only can find a copy that expired in 2014).

Any questions let me know.

Thank you,

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On Sun, Apr 29, 2018 at 11:06 AM, Creekside Farms wrote:

Don: Just thought I would follow up with a reminder to getting together for a chat. I will leave it up to you as to who should be there from your side? I feel very strongly that a chat will be mutually beneficial.

All the best
Rick Green
creeksidefarms@shaw.ca

From: Green Timbers Heritage Society [<mailto:greentimberssociety@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 8:05 PM
To: creeksidefarms@shaw.ca
Subject: Re: Contact us from GTHS website

Hi Rick,

Sure thing. What organization are you with?

Thanks,
- don

On Thu, Apr 19, 2018, 5:10 PM Green Timbers, wrote:

From: Rick Green
Subject: Protection of the Green Timbers Forest

Message Body:
From: Rick Green
Email: creeksidefarms@shaw.ca

Subject: Protection of the Green Timbers Forest

Message: To whom it may concern: We are a very active group of residents up the valley from Surrey to Chilliwack. We are very aware of the campaign being conducted by your very active group for the protection of Green Timbers. There is absolutely O need for a Fraser Highway rail connection from Surrey Center to Langley City. This is nothing but a misguided political whim that is financially irresponsible to the people of BC and to those in the lower mainland. Our solution is a very thorough thought out plan (over 2 decades) that we would love to meet and present to your society and/or members of your society. My contact information is as follows - we look forward to meeting to discuss a mutually beneficial project.

Rick Green
creeksidefarms@shaw.ca

This e-mail was sent from a contact form on Green Timbers Heritage Society (<http://www.greentimbers.ca/>)

On Thu, Mar 1, 2018 at 9:58 AM, Don Schuetze wrote:

Hi Marg,

Thanks for responding. I'm not sure about the magnetic fields either. I suspect it might be related to the concerns people had a decade or two ago about magnetic fields emanating from power lines.

-don

On Tue, Feb 27, 2018 at 8:47 PM, Marg Beddis wrote:

Hi Don, I would be concerned about all of the areas listed but I am not sure what the 'electric/magnetic field' one means.

Marg

On Tuesday, February 27, 2018, Don Schuetze wrote:

Hi GTHS directors (and friends),

Surrey Environmental Partners (SEP), an umbrella group for environmental groups in Surrey, is meeting up with the Surrey LRT Project People Tuesday March 6.

Deb (SEP Grand Master) was kind enough to ask where our concerns are.

Remember this isn't about whether the project is a good idea or viable, or that there's a better route somewhere else. This is about the environmental impacts.

Please respond to me, keeping the email subject (so I can sort/find), with your concerns and comments before end-of-day Sunday March 4. I'll collate and pass them on!

Deb's list is below, along with the relevant parts of the email.

Thanks!

-don

Subject: Surrey LRT Project Meeting with Surrey Environmental Partners

Last year I was at a big LRT meeting along with representatives from all areas of city services, city government, NGOs, volunteer groups, etc. I indicated I would like to be notified whenever they had completed studies about the LRT impacts related to the environment and socio-economic.

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Can you please reply with which elements of the Environmental and Socio-economic review SEP is most interested in reviewing?

1. Fisheries and Aquatics
2. Vegetations and Wildlife Resources
3. Noise and Vibration
4. Air Quality and GHGs
5. Contaminated Sites
6. Electric and Magnetic Fields
7. Other Project Considerations (Accidents, malfunctions and natural hazards)
