



Green Timbers Heritage Society

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 8, 2021
Virtual meeting via Google Meet

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In Attendance:

Don Schuetze, Leana Kininmont, Nick McMahon, Amy Kim

Regrets:

Allison Baker, Jim Foulkes, Nathan Evans,

Meeting Called to Order:

7:00 pm

Approval of last meeting minutes. Accepted as read.

Reports:

SNAP:

See Appendix 1

Finance:

Cheques at Surrey Nature Centre

We have figured out two-person approval process for EFTs

Website:

May performance on Google Search

<https://www.greentimbers.ca/>

1.6K Clicks (web)

97.3K Impressions (web)

Top growing pages compared to previous month

https://www.greentimbers.ca/vegetation-wildlife/vegetation/deciduous-trees/black-cottonwood/	+27
https://www.greentimbers.ca/vegetation-wildlife/vegetation/ferns/bracken-fern/	+25
https://www.greentimbers.ca/vegetation-wildlife/vegetation/shrubs/devil-s-club/	+25

Top performing pages

https://www.greentimbers.ca/maps-of-trails/	164
https://www.greentimbers.ca/vegetation-wildlife/vegetation/coniferous-trees/western-redcedar/	158
https://www.greentimbers.ca/vegetation-wildlife/vegetation/coniferous-trees/western-hemlock/	116

How do people find you? Top growing queries Compared to previous month

wild lily of the valley	+8 clicks (web)
green timbers heritage society	+7 clicks (web)
devil's club edible	+7 clicks (web)

Top performing queries

green timbers park	25
dogwood tree bc	20
green timbers heritage society	18

Learn about your audience

Desktop:	660
Mobile:	865
Tablet:	72

Social Media and outreach:

Allison has been posting.

Documentation on posting to Instagram and FB for both Leana and Nick.

Old Business:

Computer for accounting

- Keeping on agenda for any update

Enhanced booklet (picked up from May agenda)

- Link to "booklet" folder in shared drive sent to Allison and Marsha Drake.
- Allison has done some work -- Don will get in touch with her on uploading.
- 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 (picked up from May agenda)

- 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. The City doesn't want to have a number of codes on the kiosk, so we should limit it to one.
- 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)
- Allison was in touch with the City of Surrey. They have offered to work with us to make it an interactive map for Green Timbers. I can contact the guy and work with him to make a map I just need your OK. Unanimous go-ahead from directors.

Meetup

- Leana will organize something, possibly for mid-week.

Environmental Extravaganza

- Selfie Scavenger Hunt closed Friday June 8.
- <https://www.greentimbers.ca/selfie-scavenger-hunt-contest/>
- Now to find out if anyone got any entries in! About five solid entries so far.
- Extend deadline to end of June
- Nick can come up with a new contest for July.

Garbage report

- It looks like the change in schedule an addition of an additional days has helped the garbage issue. There are still overloads on Sunday, and I just pick it up when I go on Monday morning.



SNAP Outreach video project

- Leana will call up old members to get their perspective on Green Timbers.

New Business:

Tree survey

-- email from Robin; Nice will follow up to ask for report, and the right to comment on it before final submission. Also, confirming the highway will be set to the south to minimize impacts to the north of the highway.

City of Surrey Survey for urban forests

-- let's share this with members, etc.

<https://surrey.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=7EE917EB-DC72-4A65-A5D9-81927FE7E4E2&ds=pp>

Bear Creek thing:

About 300 people at City Hall, but the motion to accept the report passed.

Petition at savebearcreekpark.ca

Communications

Tree replantings, wildlife trees, another dying cottonwood

Crosby, Ken

Fri, May 21, 9:50 AM

Hi Nick,

Hope you are doing well!

If we can make wildlife trees we will try assuming it is safe and cost effective to do so. At the very least the tree debris will be left on site. Often we are able to disperse the crown material into the forest to decompose but if the crown material is close to a trail or road we will chip it up due to the potential risk of cigarettes and fire. The stem material will be left on site as woody debris to decompose with considerations given to forest fuel load and fire risk.

We do keep track of the trees that we need to plant in Green Timbers. For compensation of tree removals in 2020 we planted 394 trees in Green Timbers Urban Forest, Green Timbers Park and directly adjacent park land. These trees were planted by contractors and City staff through October 2020 and February 2021. As it stands, for 2021 we need to plant 52 trees. We will be scheduling SNAP to help with the planting of these trees, in particular along King Creek Trail between 92 Ave and utility ROW.

We are required to remove a dying mature black cottonwood trees at the east end of the new parking lot off 100 ave. The dying tree targets 100 Ave and the parking lot and meets the City's risk threshold for removal. The tree is scheduled to be removed as soon as crews are available. The replanting for this tree removal is already included in the 52 trees noted above. Let me know if you have any questions.



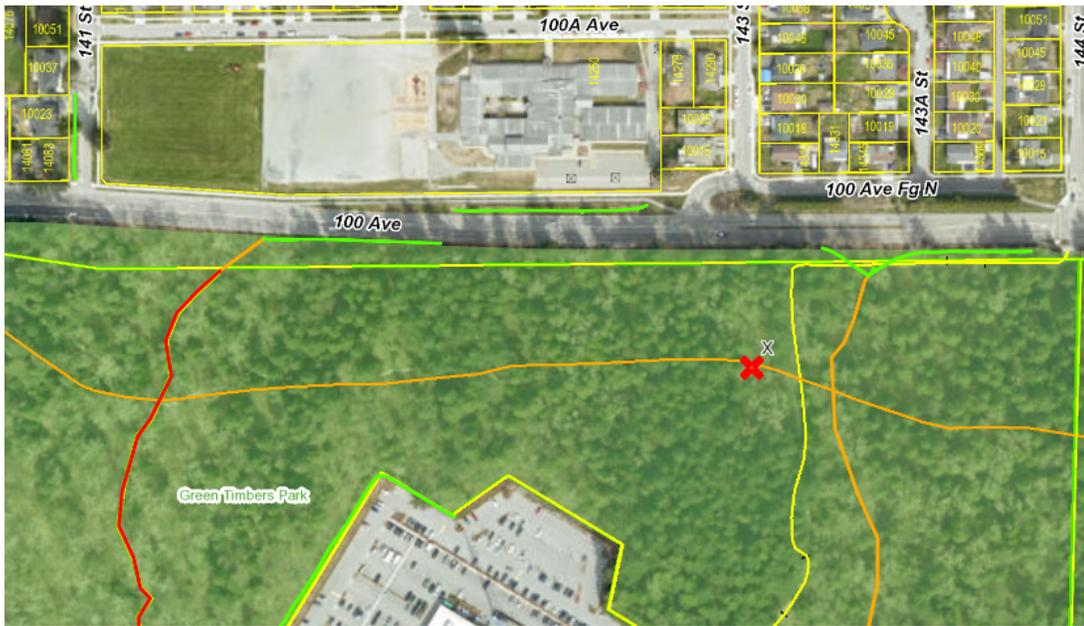
Erratic rock vandalised

Crosby, Ken
Fri, May 28, 10:44 AM
to Nick, me

Hi Nick,

We had a report this week of graffiti on the glacial erratic rock along the Quibble Creek Trail in Green Timbers Park. We are exploring some different options to get it removed while trying to minimize impacts to the moss/vegetation on the rock. If Heritage Society folks see graffiti on this rock or elsewhere in the park, please report it to Parks so we can quickly get it removed.

While inspecting the rock, a dead alder tree along the trail was identified that meets the City's risk threshold and requires removal. The tree is to be removed in the next couple of weeks. Replacement trees will be planted in the general area to replace this tree.



Appendix 1: SNAP Update

June 1st, 2021

Amy Kim, Program Coordinator

Past 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.

This Month:

- SNAP teams are almost one month into the season!
- The Outreach Team has started working on their video projects with WRSN and SAHS, as well as GTHS. Ayla and Isabel had a meeting with Ellen and Leana on May 28th – [meeting minutes](#).
- The Outreach Team has started a new [blog post series](#) about their work at Newton Pond Park.
- The Field Team worked at GTUF to litter pick around the lake, weed through previous planting sites, and remove various invasives (dame's rocket, blackberry, ivy, lamium, and periwinkle) and graffiti from trees. They will be at GTUF from June 21-24 to litter pick around the lake and remove invasives in the meadow.