



Presidents Report



South Campbell Heights Update

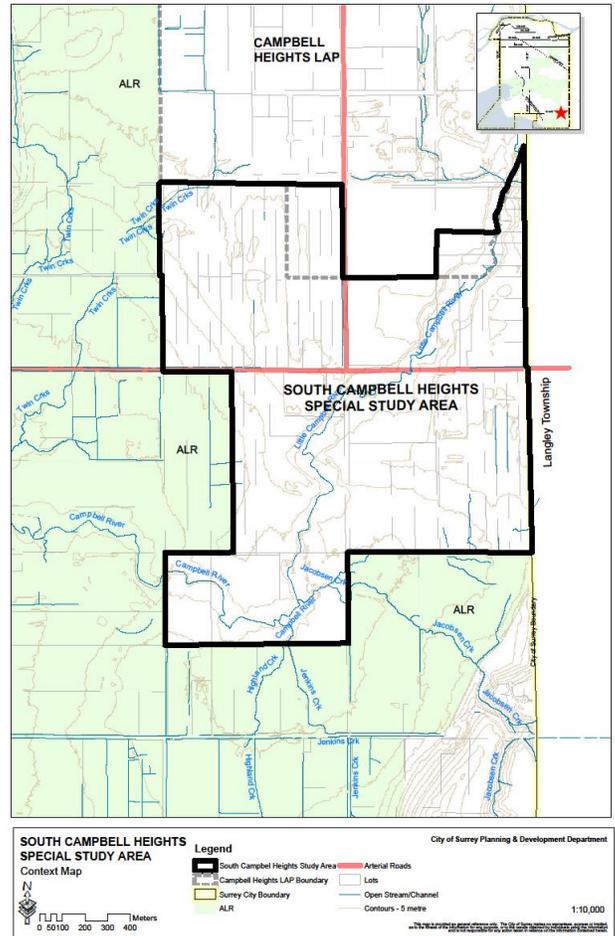
There has been very encouraging news related to the proposed development of the area referred to as South Campbell Heights.

Over the past 16 months I have spoken frequently of our concerns with, and opposition to, the City's plan to rezone this 600 acre agricultural / forested area to accommodate further industrial development. The Little Campbell River and the associated forested habitat between the Club grounds and the Langley border are included in the area designated for development. Development of this area was introduced in September of 2015 when a City of Surrey Councillor, in a City Council meeting, sought approval for a development in this environmentally sensitive area. The development called for the rezoning of 77 acres to "light industrial" to accommodate a 1200 heavy truck park complex. This facility was to be built on the banks of the river, 2.4 kilometers upstream from the Club hatchery.

The outrage by the community to this proposal prompted the City Council to seek a formal Local Area Plan for the full 600 acre area and for the developer to withdraw the proposal to build the truck park facility.

Under the direction of the City Council, the City Planning Department was tasked with the responsibility for formulating the plan. As part of this process the Planning Department asked property owners within the area and "persons of interest" to participate in what was called the Stakeholders Group. Over four organized meetings this group of approximately 20 individuals have worked with, and advised, the City staff on what type of development would be acceptable in the various sections of the overall area.

Appendix I - South Campbell Heights Special Study Area



16th Ave. (right to left in red). Vertical red line is 192nd St.
"ALR" in green is Agricultural Land Reserve

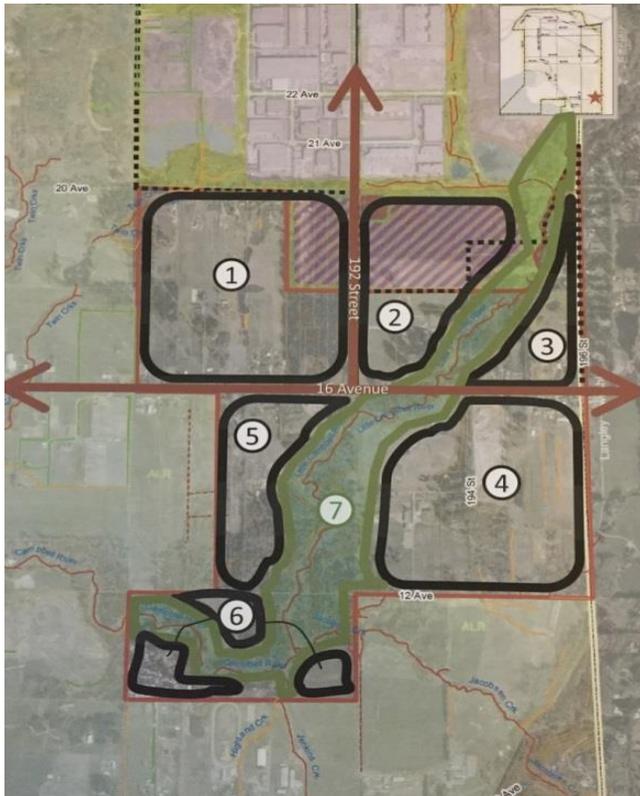
Club Vice President, Ron Meadley, myself and Club Director Phillip Milligan represented the Club and the Little Campbell River Watershed Society in the Stakeholders Group.

For the purpose of discussion the South Campbell Heights was divided into seven sections as shown in the next page. The intent was to recognize the unique aspect of each section as a guide to possible development including the potential impact on the river and the aquifer. The underground aquifer supplies water to a large number of wells in the area and is a water source for the river.

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Section 7 is the Little Campbell River with the Club property to the left of section 6. The withdrawn "truck park facility" was located in section 4

The fourth Stakeholder Group meeting was held in the Club hall on Tuesday evening, February 7th. At this meeting the City Planning Department staff revealed the "Draft Land Use Concept" plan for what is now being referred to as South Campbell Heights / Hazelmere Valley. This draft plan defines the type of development that would be permitted in sections 1 to 6 above. In addition, it provides additional clarity on the scope of the forested area and river bank that will be protected as a conservation area.

The following diagram indicates the goal of "draft land use plan" that the City Planning Department is now recommending for each of the various sections in South Campbell Heights / Hazelmere Valley.

1. **Conservation**
 - Establish a contiguous and well managed natural core as a central organization element for the area plan, anchored on the Little Campbell River
2. **Business Employment**
 - Logistics warehousing and light industry
3. **Special Commercial / Institutional**
 - Local and unique commercial uses in the 16th Avenue corridor
4. **Institutional / Special Residential**
 - Unique form of community-based agriculture and clustered residential village development

Planning Department Draft Land Use Concept February 2017



Of particular interest to the Club and the community is the fact, for the most part, the only development that would now be permitted in the old 77 acre "truck park" would be Institutional / Special Residential with a narrow strip of Special Commercial / Institutional along the south side of 16th Avenue. Institutional would include such things as care homes and private schools

There are a number of other draft planning principles three of which are of interest to the Club. These are:

1. No air or ground polluting light industries will be permitted in the Business Employment area
2. No bridges across the Little Campbell River will be permitted
3. An engineering firm has been engaged to study the aquifer that lies below the all the land in this area

During April and May there will be a Public Meeting to be followed by a Fifth Stakeholders Meeting. At the conclusion of these meetings the draft plan will receive City Council consideration. It should be noted the City Council and senior City administration staff have already viewed the plan.

I would like to thank the Club members as well as the wider community who have resisted the City's efforts to industrialize all of this 600 acre environmentally sensitive area. While we are very encouraged by this draft plan we will be pursuing some additional modifications that will further protect the river.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world – indeed it is the only thing that ever has"

Bob Donnelly

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Looking for School Tour Guides

We are in need of additional volunteers to host the elementary school classes that tour the hatchery and grounds during March, April and May. Over 70 school classes will visit the hatchery as part of the "Salmon in the Classroom" program. The classes are from schools in Richmond, Delta and Surrey.

These classes receive fertilized Coho salmon eggs from the hatchery during December. The eggs, provided by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, are placed in aquariums in their classrooms. When these eggs hatch into "fry" in March the school teachers schedule their classes to visit the hatchery.

We usually have two classes scheduled in the morning and two in the afternoon during school hours. Depending on the proximity of the school to the Club grounds the students will arrive by bus or by car pool. Aside from the teachers and their aides a number of parents may also attend.

The visit usually takes about 2 ½ hours and is made up of four parts:

- A video of the life cycle of the salmon & information on what can be found on our nature trails
- View of the salmon fry in the hatchery
- Release of the salmon that they have raised in their classroom into the river
- Walk around the nature trails

The tour guides present the video; show the students through the hatchery and walk the nature trails. The release of the salmon into the river is handled by hatchery volunteers Sue MacRae and Roy Thomson. It is not a very challenging chore and it is an enjoyable experience. Any volunteers will receive instruction and will be walked through the process until they are comfortable. They can also join the experienced guides during the early March tours. As many students, teachers and parents have commented – "it is the best field trip ever".

If you would like to assist our existing four volunteer guides please call the hatchery at 604 541-0495



Salmon Fry Have Hatched

After 120 days in the incubation room the Chinook and Coho eggs have hatched. The salmon fry have now been placed into the hatchery rearing tanks. This now significantly increases the work load on the hatchery volunteers. The tanks must be cleaned on a daily basis; the fry fed and a count of any dead fry is maintained.



Coho fry in hatchery rearing tanks



Hatchery volunteer Pat Coffee cleaning rearing tanks. Black containers above the tank automatically distribute food



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Winter Volunteers

Many thanks are due to the Club volunteers who stepped up to keep the Club in operation during the recent heavy snowfalls. Bill Ridge and Jim Wilkins assisted by Peter Reid kept our road, as well as the hatchery and hall parking lots, clear of snow. The City Planning Department and members of the South Campbell Heights Stakeholders group, who attended a meeting in our hall during this period, were impressed with our ability host the meeting under the difficult conditions



Bill Ridge clearing snow on our access road with the Club tractor

Gate Installed on Access Road

After many years of debate a decision was reached to install a gate at the entrance to the Club property. This has been prompted by an ongoing issue with unauthorized people accessing the Club grounds at all hours of the night. While the gate will be open to the public from sunrise to sunset we will be advising club members on the procedures to be followed when closing of the gate at the end of evening Club activities.

Many thanks to Club volunteer and welder, Lloyd McKay for constructed the gate. Most of the material needed to assemble the gate was located in our work yard. Total cost was \$66.00.



Gate installation crew – left to right, Lloyd McKay, Sue MacRae, Ron Meadley, Randy Hay and Peter Reid.



Robert MacRae and Lloyd

What's This?



This is a temporary Steelhead housing unit installed beside the fish fence. Steelhead destined for brood stock or to be returned downstream will be held in this storage area (using river water) to minimize handling and transitory exposure to well water.

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Tunkwa Lake Fishing Trip



Left to right Jim Sharpe, Terry Milligan, Ted Blaha and Peter Reid



Club Director Phillip Milligan

Our first fishing trip of the year was at Tunkwa Lake Resort. It was cold with morning temperatures reaching minus 21 degrees Celsius with an ice thickness of twenty inches. We lucked out; as the days were sunny with light winds or no wind to chill the spots not insulated with good winter wear. No problem with the drive up and through the Coquihalla Highway with a little slush and snow, but the drive back was spectacular with dry roads and brilliant sunlight reflecting of the ice and glistening snow along the roads and mountains.

While it may have been cold outside, the Tunkwa Lake Resort rented Peter Reid., Ted Blaha., Jim Sharpe., Terry Milligan., and Phillip Milligan a fully furnished beautiful luxury log cabin, which we stayed in from Monday to Thursday. Lots of room for five or ten individuals as the place apparently sleeps up to eighteen. Full breakfasts of bacon, sausages, eggs, hash browns, toast, juices and coffee led us into lunches and excellent dinners of pork chops, steak, BQ chicken, chilli shrimp and all the fixings. Happy hour was usually an extended affair as we talked about our fishing experiences for the day.

Some of the fish were so big they broke off or broke our lines. We kept hoping for the next big one take our baited hook but fishing was slower than expected, partly due to the fact we misread the directions and fished in the wrong spot.

As fishermen we all know there are good days and slow days in fishing and we were unable to reach our limit of five fish a day or ten fish possession limit to take home. Nonetheless, we all had wonderful time fishing and the company was most agreeable.

Phillip Milligan

Port Renfrew Fishing – Openings

For a number of years Club members have travelled to Port Renfrew on the west coast of Vancouver Island for a few days of Chinook and Coho salmon as well as Halibut fishing. The chartered boat owner and guide, John Wells, has an excellent knowledge of the fishing grounds and is diligent in ensuring that the fishermen catch their daily limit.

There a number of open dates if any Club members are interested in fishing in this wonderful area of British Columbia. The daily charter rate is \$1,000.00 with accommodations for four fishermen. All tackle and bait are provided and there are facilities ashore to clean, cut and fast freeze the catch.

At the time of this article the open dates are:

July 3 & 4
July 13 & 14
August 14 to 18
August 22 to 25

Rental of a 3 bedroom home is also available at \$125.00 / day

If you are interested please contact the Club President Bob Donnelly or Club Vice President Ron Meadley.



Club Treasurer Fred Koch with Port Renfrew Chinook salmon

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ARCHERY

Attendance has perked up since the Christmas holidays, despite the snowy conditions. Monday and Thursday nights are very busy. We have had a number of new members sign up this past month and range keys are going strong.

Upcoming Events

Archery Canada Indoor Regionals – Sunday, March 5th. Please note it is a small venue, so register now. The event is being held at Starr Archery in Mission.

BC Provincials – April 14, 15, 16, held in Armstrong, BC

Junior Olympic Program

SFGC Junior Archery (Indoor)

Since November the SFGC Junior Archery program has gone through an evolutionary change to improve the junior classes and archery program. We decided to make the change to the junior archery program so we could cater to a wider age range of students while also improving our ability to teach all students more effectively. The new program structure was created based on our own experiences as well as from input from USA Archery coach George Ryals.

Our program is now structured in three teams, the SFGC Owls, Hawks and Eagles. Each team has a series of score and skill based goals that students work to achieve. Once a student achieves the goals for each team, they graduate to the next team and a new series of goals. Students start in the Owls level, then graduate to Hawks and eventually to the Eagles team. All of our students have responded very positively to the program changes and we have also increased the age range of students noticeably since making the change to the program. Here are this month's award winners:

Owl Team Awards:

Noah Pekarek & Amilya Mason: 10 & 12m levels
Emily Lemire: 8 & 10m levels
Madelyn Batic-Woloschuk: 6, 8, & 10m levels
Ethan Lemire: 8m level
Ethan Batic-Woloschuk: 6 & 8m levels
Nysa Aggrewal: 8m level
Xavier Champion: 6m level.

SFGC Junior Archery (3D)

January marked the start of the 3D tournament season with the Abbotsford Indoor 3D event taking place January 14 & 15. The Abbotsford 3D, along with the SFGC Indoor 3D shoot in February are the two biggest 3D events in BC every year. This year we had three shooters attend the Abbotsford 3D event.

Amilya Mason: 3rd Place (Sunday) Cub Compound Female
Andrew Cook 4th Place (Saturday) Cadet Compound Male
Wyatt Mason: 5th Place (Sunday) Cadet Compound Male

SFGC Junior Archery (social media)

We have also started an Instagram account for the SFGC Eagles program! Please keep up with the program as we shoot in the club and attend events. Our Instagram user name is [sfgc.eagles](https://www.instagram.com/sfgc.eagles)



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NEW RANGE DIRECTOR

Greetings members! I'm Allan, the new Range Director. I'll be trying to fill Ed Duck's shoes. ☺ First up, a giant "Thank You!" to Ed for all he has done for the range and club over the years. I have so much to learn, and will be relying on Ed and others for guidance. We are blessed with some great Range Officers and if you ever have any questions, they or I can give you a hand. Please drop by and say "Hi", or send me an e-mail at ajohanson9146@shaw.ca

If you have any special shooting events you'd like to see, please talk to me. I'd love to help make it happen. Scheduling can be challenging due to the noise our hobby makes, but I'll see what we can do.

Speaking of scheduling, periodically we will have to close the range. Sometimes this is for range maintenance, and other times it's when we are holding an important meeting in the hall. To better inform you of range closures, please check the "Range" section of our website for the latest information before you drive here. We will do our best to provide information with at least a week's notice, but sometimes things happen last minute. Just a heads-up, but we may do some range maintenance at the end of Feb/early Mar. So please check the website.

In addition to range closure information, we will be revamping the entire Range section of the website. It will have a full list of range rules, activity procedures, pricing, notice of special events, etc. I just need to figure out how to do that without ruining everything. Haha!

Safe shooting!

Allan Johanson, Range Director

MEMBERSHIP

The 2017 Membership cards have been sent out. Anyone not receiving their card, please email Johnny Zawada at jz1952@telus.net It usually takes three to four weeks after the application form has been submitted.

Important Member Notice

Though the club maintains volunteer liability insurance club members are reminded that volunteer activities are undertaken at their own risk. Members are also reminded to:

- Not to undertake tasks for which they are not physically fit or are not qualified to do.
- To observe all safety codes and procedures
- Not to operate machinery or equipment without proper training

February 2017

A FISHING TALE

EAST WALL OF MY AQUARIUM



The first fish is my 54 pound Spring salmon. I caught in Porteau Cove on the Tuesday, just four days before the \$25,000 weekend derby. Next, the top fish is a 17 ½ pound Rainbow trout I caught on Kootenay Lake. Below that is a 19 ½ pound Steelhead caught in the Squamish River at the mouth of the Cheekamus River. Far back, on the right side, is my 14 ¾ pound Rainbow Trout I took from Trout Lake.



The thirteen plaques below the fish are from my proudest moments, they are Sportsman of the Year and are voted by club membership. These were all with the Richmond Rod and Gun Club.

This is the last of my fish tales. Next month, some of my hunting tales.

Mike



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Thanks to everyone for their contributions to this month's newsletter. If you have a story or photo you'd like to share with our members, we'd love to hear from you. The deadline is the **first** Tuesday of each month.

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Indoor Archery

Monday & Thursday Evenings
7:00pm – 9:00pm
Novice Training, Monday
7:00pm – 8:30pm



.22 Rifle

Tuesday Evenings
7:00pm – 9:00pm



Hand Gun

Wednesday Evenings
7:00pm – 9:00pm



Hatchery & Grounds Volunteers

Hatchery Building
Saturdays (Lunch Served)
9:00am – 2:00pm