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CRUNCH TIME FOR THE RIVERVIEW LANDS

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A recent press release from the Provincial Government leaves no doubt that plans to permanently close Riverview Hospital are moving ahead. The Ministry of Health has requested bids to construct new facilities to accommodate all the remaining patients but NONE of these new facilities will be located on the Riverview site. There are currently 200 tertiary and geriatric patients left at Riverview housed in Centre Lawn, Valleyview, and Hillside and cared for directly by the Provincial Health Services Authority. Once the new facilities are built, care of these patients will be transferred to various local health authorities and the provincial hospital, which has stood for almost a century, will be no more.

What will then happen to the Riverview Lands? The official government response remains "This is still to be decided once the Health Authorities have completed their planning." However, it is now obvious that apart from about 70 beds in the three new lodges built by Fraser Health on the North end of the site, and 44 temporary transition beds for Coastal Health, their planning will NOT include Riverview. It is naive to believe that no land use plans exist, and in fact, development plans that include high-rise market housing have twice been leaked to the media. Once the government feels ready to decide, the decisions will come quickly and opportunities for public input will be limited to response forms and well-orchestrated public forums. We will only be able to react.

The next year will be crucial for those of us who have long held a different vision for Riverview. This is our last chance to make our provincial representatives understand that these lands must remain public, that the heritage trees and landscapes must be preserved, that the site should remain dedicated to mental health and wellness— whether through research, direct care, or simply by affording a sanctuary. This is our last chance to promote the community's vision for the future of Riverview and to urge all levels of government to work openly and creatively to realize it.

AGM Announcement!

EVERYONE is WELCOME

Please come join us for Our
Annual General Meeting
Thursday June 3rd, 2010

at 7:30 pm
Henry Esson Young Building
Riverview Hospital

call for more info: 604-290-9910

If you want to know more about what is happening with the Society,
and at Riverview this is a chance to hear the latest news we have.

Members update on the status of ;

National Historic Sites Review on The Riverview Lands Application

Ken Baker & Norma Gillespie

In our Winter Newsletter a short article on our ' Heritage Status and where we stand to-day' reached many of you but unfortunately not everyone, so lets step back a bit.

We are encouraged by the process of the National Historic Sites Review Board to consider the Riverview Lands to be protected as a National Historic Site of Canada.

In early 2008 the City of Coquitlam recognized the Riverview Lands heritage value, this automatically placed the lands on the Provincial Heritage Register, although it did not formally designate them as heritage it was an important first step.

We received a copy of an e-mail dated December 8,2009 from the City of Coquitlam stating that the Historic Sites and Monuments Board have completed their preliminary review of the City's application, which was submitted in March 2009, as per Council direction to designate Riverview as a National Historic Site. Based on this preliminary review, the application will now move forward to the full Board for its consideration at its Fall 2010 meeting.



We believe that this is a perfect opportunity for us to put the mighty pen to paper to carry our message of strong support in favor of protection and enhancement of this beautiful oasis of natural life in harmony with its unique architectural flavor of a time past. Together let us ensure it remains a legacy protected for future generations to cherish as a gift of our history. We believe a strong show of support particularly through letter writing or e-mail submission before the full Board meets in the fall of 2010, in favor of National Heritage designation for The Riverview Lands will have a significant influence on the outcome of that meeting.

Please take the time to write, clearly stating your opinion of why you feel the Riverview Lands in perpetuity be designated A National Historic Site. Keep it short, simple and to the point and your message will be clearly understood.

This is an opportunity we must not let slip by, please get on board, we need the strength of "your" voice.

You have the power...please use it!

You can address your letters to:

Re: The Riverview Lands Application
Executive Secretary
Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada
5th Floor, 25 Eddy Street,
Gatineau, Quebec
K1A 0M5
e-mail hsmhc-clmhc@pc.gc.ca

Letters should be cc'd to Society and The Premier.

Volunteers needed!

In this time of great activity on behalf of Saving the Riverview Lands members of your Board are beginning to feel overwhelmed with the demands on us. Perhaps it is time for other members to step up to the plate. Areas where we could use some help are on the Board (a term as Director at Large can introduce you to the idea of what position you might like to take, or perhaps you would rather just attend our regular meetings to find out more). They are held on most first Thursdays in the month (except July and September), at 7:15 pm HEY building. Contact President Norma @ 604-942- 7378 if you would like to come. For a shorter term the Treefest Planning Committee would welcome new ideas, and people building skills to assist at the event. We meet on a weekday morning approx. once a month. Contact Donna @604-939-4064 or Mary @ 604-939-7769. (about 6 meetings a year).

For those not inclined to attend meetings there are possibilities to help in other ways. We would be glad to have someone who would undertake to coordinate volunteers, and in particular at Treefest. We had some wonderful young people last year, some of whom have indicated they would like to come again, so this would not be starting from scratch.

A number of people are already working at Finnie's Garden on a regular basis, and can always use more hands.

Contact Norma @604-942-7378 if you would like to try this, even an occasional couple of hours would help.



Maples with winter interest

Mary Brown

There are several maples on the Riverview Lands, including some that offer special features during the 'bleak mid winter'. Snake bark maples and *Acer griseum* all have very interesting trunks, which stand out particularly during the cooler weather.

Acer capillipes, #1918, east of the pathway near Crease Clinic and the RHCS kiosk is a Red Snake Bark Maple. It has particular significance for us, as it was donated to Riverview by the UBC Botanical Garden, in memory of Dr. John Davidson, who had played a large part in getting both gardens off to a good start. It is native to Japan, and may reach a height of 9-14 m. Small flowers open in May, in a long curved flower-head. This becomes a string of samaras, which spread out to 120-180 degrees. In the fall the leaves turn bright orange and red. The bark is striped with green and silver, with a snake-like appearance.

Acer davidii, Pere David's Maple, #817, beside Roadside Building is also a snake-bark maple, with a brown-grey trunk, with snake-like stripes on it. This specimen has multiple trunks, which is often a feature of this variety. It has similar samaras to *A. capillipes*, hanging in elegant tiers, and can reach a height of 17m.. It was discovered in China, by Pere David, a Trappist monk, who was a distinguished botanist and plant finder. He also found *Davidia involucreta*, Dove or Handkerchief Tree, # 752,754, in China in 1869.



#817 *Acer davidii*,
Pere David's Maple

Acer griseum, Paper-bark Maple, #567, is found on the lawn in front of Centre Lawn or #1969 east of Crease, near the Boiler house. It was found in central China in 1901, and can grow to 14m. The samaras are fairly large, and angle at about 90 degrees, the fruit is often sterile, hence the scarcity of this species. The bark has papery scrolls in a rich cinnamon colour, which peel off in the same way as the similarly named Birch.



#567 *Acer griseum*, Paper Bark Maple



Photo by Niall Williams

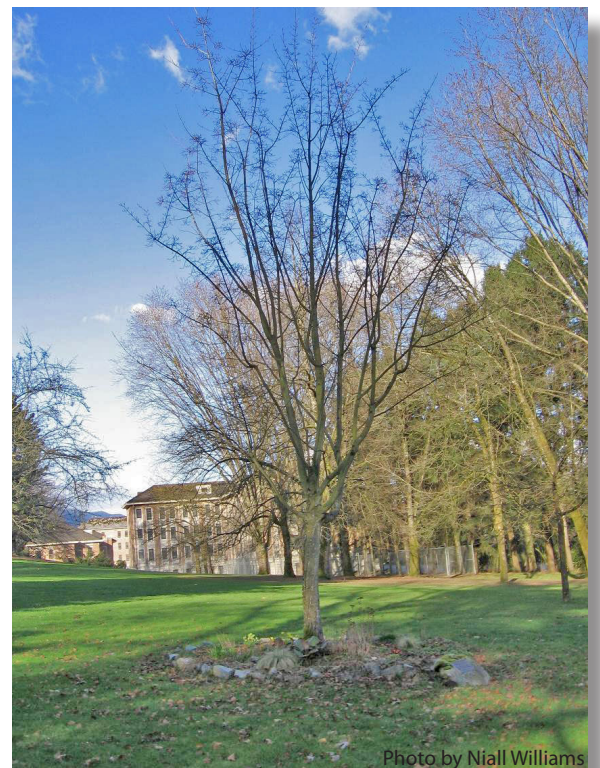


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1918 *Acer capillipes*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring 2010

On Jan. 2nd five keen birders took part in Riverview's Annual Bird Count. Big thanks to Dale J, Kiyoshi, Dale W and Allan.

Weather was not good with the rain never stopping for the entire time that we were out. The birds must have been down in the under brush "waiting it out." Only 12 species were recorded with an all time low of only 82 individual birds. Our biggest disappointment was not seeing the Great Gray Owl who has been spotted at Finnie's Garden for some time now.

Great Gray Owl - *Strix nebulosa*

24-33" (60-83 cm). Largest Owl; very tame. Dusky gray, heavily striped lengthwise on underparts. Round-headed, without ear tufts; the large, strongly lined facial disks dwarf the yellow eyes. Note the black chin spot bordered by two broad white patches like white mustaches. Tail long for an owl (12"). Often hunts by day.



Photo by Kiyoshi Takahashi

Voice: A deep, booming whoo-hoo-hoo. Also deep single whoo's.
Range: Boreal forests of N. Hemisphere; rare. - From Peterson Field

Guides Western BIRDS

Norma Gillespie

Membership Renewal Due

April 1st, 2010

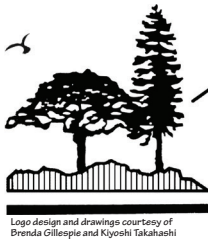
We Value your Support & Appreciate all the help you can give.

2010 Tree Walk Schedule



March 21	Sunday	1 pm	1st walk of the 2010 season
April 18	Sunday	1 pm	Public Tree Tour
April 25	Sunday	1 pm	BMN Backyard walk
May 9	Sunday	1 pm	Public Tree Tour-Mother's Day
May 23	Sunday	1 pm	Children's walk (in age grouping)
June 13	Sunday	1 pm	Public Tree Tour
June 20	Sunday	1 pm	BMN Children's Backyard walk
June 27	Sunday	1 pm	Linden walk 1
July 8	Thursday	7:30 pm	Linden walk 2
July 18	Sunday	1 pm	Public Tree Tour
August 15	Sunday	1 pm	Public Tree Tour
August 22	Sunday	1 pm	BMN Backyard walk
September 12	Sunday	11-4pm	TREEFEST 2010
October 3	Sunday	1 pm	Public Tree Tour

All walks start at the HEY building at 1 pm unless stated otherwise.



The Riverview Horticultural Centre Society

April 1st, 2010
RENEW NOW!!

The RHCS invites you to join us in supporting our efforts to keep the site of British Columbia's first botanical garden, the Riverview Hospital Lands intact. Your Membership dues support many activities by the Society including public awareness, newsletters, website, presentations, displays, etc.

PAY or DONATE ONLINE!

You can use a credit card to renew your membership online.

Visit our website; click on 'Memberships & Donations' or go directly to <http://rhcs.org/membership.html>
In this time of uncertainty we really need your continued support more than ever before.

We Value your Support & Appreciate all the help you can give.

Newsletters ONLINE four times a year to keep you up to date with RHCS and the Riverview Lands.
Please include your email address so we can let you know when 'new' newsletters are available on-line for viewing.

2010 Walking Tour Schedule:

March 21, April 18, May 9, June 13, July 18, August 15, & October 3 at 1 pm
Children's walk on May 23 at 1pm, Linden Walks Sunday June 27 at 1 pm & Thursday July 8 at 7:30 pm

Burke Mountain Naturalists offer Backyard walks at 1pm:
Sundays April 25, August 22 & for the children on June 20

Treefest 2010 takes place on September 12 from 11am-4pm. Arborist-led walks, displays, art and music.
This free Event is based in and around the Henry Esson Young Building.

MEMBERSHIP - FORM

The RHCS invites you to join us in supporting our efforts to keep the site of BC's first botanical garden, the Riverview Hospital Lands, intact.

Membership Classification: NEW ☐ or RENEWAL ☐ Yearly membership is due on April 1st

Student: \$5 ☐ Senior: \$5 ☐ Adult: \$10 ☐ Family: \$15 ☐ Corporate: \$25

You are invited to make a donation
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Address: _____ City: _____

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