

BCRPA Region 2 Monthly Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: May 18, 2011

Host City: District of North Vancouver

Tour: Mt Fromme Trails

Attendees: Richard Boulten, Shirley McKell, Todd Gross, David Turner, Stan Kazymierchyk, Gerhard Vandenbosch, Mike Hunter, Tony Ward, David Hibbard, Denis Legroulx, Julie Pavey, Susan Rogers, Marty Benson

Fromme Mountain Trail Classification System Presentation

Susan Rogers, Section Manager Parks Planning and Environment with the District of North Vancouver, presented on the Mt Fromme Trail Classification System initiative. Highlights of the project include:

- Mt Fromme has been home to world class mountain biking for more than 25 years. Most of the trails on the mountain were built by rogue trail builders and were unsanctioned trails.
- This was a large scale study that looked at a variety of aspects of Mt Fromme. Project looked at such components as trail use, environmental study, user types, community input.
- It took a full year to determine if mountain biking would be permitted on Mt. Fromme.
- Huge stewardship and volunteer component involved with the study and subsequent maintenance of the trail system.
- Managing volunteers has at times been challenging. Ongoing dialogue is needed to ensure volunteers and District of North Vancouver remain on the same page.
- Valued Ecosystem Components were included in the study.
- Recreation Management Zones were created within the study.
- All trails were assessed to see what could stay a trail and what was not sustainable.
- International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) trail ratings were used when determining level of approved trail.
- All sanctioned trails are marked and have a trail rating.
- District of North Vancouver continues to work closely with the North Shore Mountain Bike Association – a major advocate of mountain bike riding on the shore.
- Trail guidelines are used during trail build days.
- Planning incorporates wildlife management plan.
- No new funding has been approved.
- Some corporate sponsorship has started – Adopt A Trail. Build days may be sponsored by local businesses.
- A staging and parking lot area are still outstanding issues that need to be addressed.
- Currently a trail building crew is working on the trails as part of a grant. This crews were includes building, mapping, and maintaining trails.
- Annual inspection of trails is carried out.

Agenda Topic

Kwantlen Polytechnic University

- Stan Kazymierchuk presented on educational opportunities at Kwantlen.
- 3 Diploma programs currently exist: Turf Management, Greenhouse, and Horticulture. All are 2-year, full time programs. \$5,000 - \$7,000 per year for full time program.
- 10 citation programs are also offered.
- Part-time study is available for many of the programs offered in the diploma programs.
- Stan is looking at options for creating additional part time courses if there is enough demand. Kwantlen may have flexibility to offer additional part time courses but would require a minimum of 15 registrants.
- Question; is there a need for a “Parks” citation?
 - Action: This will become a discussion topic at a future BCRPA Region 2 meeting.
- Turf Diploma can lead into a Business Degree through Kwantlen.
- Opportunity to develop a Structural Course. If there is enough interest a Parks sub-committee should arrange to meet with representatives from Kwantlen to discuss the feasibility of developing a course.
 - Action: To be discussed at a future BCRPA Region 2 meeting.

Round Table

- Reminder that the June meeting topic and tour has been changed to look at the covered Youth Park at Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre in the City of Surrey.
- Yardstick presentation to follow regularly scheduled meeting. Please RSVP Tim Neulfeld if you plan on attending.
- Confirmed that Region 2 members are welcome to send out broadcast emails with questions or for information seeking. Any commercial emails are to be channelled through the Region 2 vice-chair for distribution.

A tour of Mt Fromme trail head and trails followed the meeting.

Kwantlen Turfgrass Management Diploma Part-time:

Turf Diploma Info:

<http://www.kwantlen.bc.ca/calendar/programs/horp-di.html>

Apply for Admission:

<http://www.kwantlen.bc.ca/apply.html>

Course timetables:

Select 'Fall 2011' or enter 'Timetable Archives' for Spring 2011

<http://www.kwantlen.bc.ca/registration/timetables.html>

PT courses in **Bold Print**

Daytime classes in brackets

Fall – Semester 1

CBSY 1105 **Introductory Microcomputer Applications**

HORT 1102 **Botany for Horticulture**

HORT 1116 **Introductory Equipment Maintenance**

HORT 1134 **Turf Maintenance Operations**

HORT 1155 **Intro to Plant Identification**

HORT 1230 Sustainable Turf Management (W: 0800-1100)

Spring – Semester 2

CMNS 1140 **Business and Technical Communication: Theory and Application**

HORT 1101 **Pesticide Applicator/Dispenser Certification**

HORT 1104 **Soils, Soil Amendments and Soilless Media: An Introduction**

HORT 1217 **Introduction to Pest Management**

HORT 1223 Basic Landscape Operations*

HORT 1240 **Arboriculture I**

HORT 1255 **Plant Identification II**

Summer Semester (2 credits)

HORT 2300 **Horticultural Work Experience**

Fall – Semester 3

BUSI 1209 Business Management in Horticulture (M+W: 0830-1050)

HORT 2330 Turfgrass and Environmental Stress (Th: 0800-1220)

HORT 2333 Turfgrass Pest Management (M: 1000-1320)

HORT 2334 **Irrigation, Drainage and Lighting**

HORT 2335 Sports Turf Management Practices (F: 1200 – 1420)

Spring – Semester 4

BUSI 1205 **Supervisory Skills**

HORT 2304 Grounds Machinery (M or F: 0830-1150)

HORT 2436 Golf Course Management (F: 0930-1450)

HORT 2437 Golf Course Irrigation Systems (Th: 0930-1450)

HORT 2442 **Arboriculture II**

PT - Fall session:

HORT 1101	Lec/Lab	T & Th	1900 - 2150
HORT 1102	Online Lec Lab-02	T	1800-2020
HORT 1104	Lec/Lab	Th	1600 – 2120
HORT 1134	Lec/Lab	M	1300 - 1620
HORT 1155	Lec/Lab	Sat	1300 – 1550
HORT 1217	Lec/Lab	W	1600 – 2050
HORT 2300	Lec	Th	1400 – 1450
HORT 2334	Lec/Lab	Sat	1000 - 1320
CMNS 1140	Online Lec/Lab		

PT – Spring session:

HORT 1101	Lec/Lab	M & W	1900 – 2150
HORT 1102	Online Lec Lab	W	1830 – 2050
HORT 1104	Lec/Lab	Th	1600 – 2050
HORT 1116	Lec/Lab	Sat	0900 – 1150
HORT 1155	Lec/Lab	Sat	1300 – 1430
HORT 1217	Lec/Lab	T	1600 – 2050
HORT 1240	Lec/Lab	Sat	0800 – 1620
HORT 1255	Lec/Lab	T	1400 – 1550
HORT 2442	Online class Lab-01	Th	1300 – 1520
CBSY 1105	Lec/Lab	M	1600 – 1850
BUSI 1205	Lec/Lab	M	1300 – 1550

Citations:

http://www.kwantlen.bc.ca/calendar/programs/hort_cit_new.html

Residential Lawn Care

HORT 1101 **Pesticide Applicator Certificate**
HORT 1104 **Soils, Soil Amendments & Soil-less media**
HORT 1116 **Introduction to Equipment Maintenance**
HORT 1134 **Turf Maintenance Operations**
HORT 1217 **Intro to Pest Management**

HORT 1230 Sustainable Turf Management
HORT 2334 **Irrigation, Drainage & Lighting**

Pest Management, Turf

HORT 1101 **Pesticide Applicator Certificate**
HORT 1102 **Botany for Horticulture**
HORT 1104 **Soils, Soil Amendments & Soil-less Media**
HORT 1110 Introduction to Sustainable Horticulture
HORT 1217 **Introduction to Pest Management**
HORT 1230 Sustainable Turf Management
HORT 2333 Turfgrass Pest Management

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This presentation is focused on the Turfgrass Management Diploma, but staff interested in Landscape or Greenhouse Management Diplomas will find similar PT opportunities available.