

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – October 1, 2025
At the Burnaby Village Museum, Discovery Room

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

2. Adoption of September 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Wendy Thompson

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. Faye Kilpatrick moved to accept the Minutes and Beth MacLaren seconded the motion. All were in favour.

3. Outstanding Business from the September Minutes – Wendy Thompson

a) **New Space for meetings** - Recently, Verna, Therese and Wendy checked out a potential meeting room in Greentree Village. It's a nice room with windows and some couches and chairs. There is no screen for projections but we could project on the wall. There is a small kitchen with a small coffee maker (no urns). There is some parking in a lot outside, and additional parking on the street. The bathrooms are downstairs. We're not sure how much it would be, but probably \$30/hour.

Beth will also check out Confederation Community Centre and Louise Meville will pursue the South Burnaby Garden Club for potential meeting room. Reminder: The City of Burnaby is going to start charging BRAGS a rental fee of \$44.00/hour, or about \$110 - \$132 per meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report.

Current balance: Donation was made to the Wildlife Rescue Association for \$500.00. Balance remaining in the chequing account is \$5,500.90 and we have 2 GIC's.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) **Welcome/Attendance** – Anne Forsyth

There were 19 members in attendance.

b) **Memberships** – Anne Forsyth

No change in memberships.

c) **Speakers Program/Tours** – Beth MacLaren

Beth reported that the speakers are organized for the rest of the year.

November 5 – Deborah Jones – Rain Gardens Revisited.

Beth will be starting to book speakers for 2026. Please let her know if there are topics you'd like covered or if there are speakers you'd like to suggest.

d) **Burnaby Blooms** - Verna Adamson

Nil.

7. New/Other Business/Sharing – Wendy Thompson

Nil.

8. Adjournment – 7:25 pm

After the meeting and refreshments, Owen Ballance presented on “home propagation: Growing Your Own – Annuals to trees and everything in between”.