

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – September 3, 2025
At the Burnaby Village Museum, Carousel Room

1. Welcome and call meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

2. Adoption of June 4, 2025, Meeting Minutes – Wendy Thompson

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. Verna Adamson moved to accept the Minutes and John Crawford seconded the motion. All were in favour.

3. Outstanding Business from the November Minutes – Wendy Thompson

Nil.

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. \$5,591.00 remains in the chequing account and we have 2 GIC's.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson

Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) **Welcome/Attendance** – Ann Forsyth (Judy away)

There were 13 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.

October 1 – Owen Ballance – home propagation: Growing your Own – Annuals to Trees and Everything in Between.

November 5 – Deborah Jones – Rain Gardens Revisited.

d) **Burnaby Blooms** - Verna Adamson

Nil.

7. New/Other Business/Sharing – Wendy Thompson

a) **Summer pot-luck picnic** – Thank you to Keith Harris for hosting again in his garden on July 27th. Beautiful day, good food and was an enjoyable afternoon by all who attended.

b) **Tours** – David Forsyth reported that he and Ann attended the Sunday, June 15th East Vancouver Garden Club tour and it was well worth going to. Saw a few former BRAGS members, viewed lots of small gardens that were very walkable and saw some lovely old historic homes. It would be worth having someone organizing a group tour next year.

c) **Space for meetings** – Wendy received an email from the City of Burnaby indicating that they are going to start charging BRAGS a rental fee of \$44.00/hour, or \$120.00/month for nine months. They requested some type of historical correspondence that BRAGS might have. Therese Pope offered to follow up with Greentree Village as a possible meeting site; Beth MacLaren will contact the BC Fuchsia and Begonia Society about their meeting space at St. Timothy's Church on Kitchener at Willingdon, and Susan Brandl will follow up with the South Burnaby Garden Club.

8. Adjournment – 7:25 pm

After the meeting and refreshments, David will show photos from members of their summer gardens and/or the gardens of their travels over the past year.