

Burnaby Rhododendron and Gardens Society
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – November 5, 2025
At the Discovery Room, Burnaby Village Museum

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

2. Adoption of October 1, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Wendy Thompson

These Minutes have been posted on the BRAGS' website. Verna Adamson moved to adopt the Minutes and Cheryl Fiddis seconded the motion. All were in favour.

3. Outstanding Business from the October Minutes – Wendy Thompson

a) New Space for meetings - Recently Verna and Wendy checked out a potential meeting room in Greentree Village but they were going to charge \$50/hr. There were no extras included. Beth checked out Confederation Community Centre but it was very expensive and also had no extras. Reminder: BRAGS only pays the City of Burnaby for the months use, a total of nine meetings. (we can't use this meeting room in January) Wendy asked for a motion to vote on "remaining in the Discovery Room for the rate Burnaby will be charging, \$44/hour, starting in 2026. Faye Kilpatrick moved the motion and Cheryl Fiddis seconded. Wendy will confirm the details with Burnaby. All were in favour.

4. Treasurer's Report – Susan Brandl

Susan provided the following financial report. Current balance: Balance remaining in the chequing account is \$5,400.00 and we still have 2 GIC's.

5. Correspondence - Wendy Thompson
Nil.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a) Welcome/Attendance – Anne Forsyth
There were 15 members in attendance.

b) Memberships – Anne Forsyth
14 members have paid their memberships.

c) Speakers Program/Tours – Beth MacLaren
Beth reported that no speakers have been organized as yet for 2026. Contact her if you have any recommendations for speakers.

d) Burnaby Blooms - Verna Adamson

The City of Burnaby contacted Verna and told her that Sunday, May 3, 2026 is confirmed for the next Burnaby Blooms event.

7. New/Other Business/Sharing – Wendy Thompson

a) December's meeting will be the AGM and potluck. David will post a notice on the BRAGS website. Wendy asked all members in attendance if anyone was interested in Executive positions but there was no response.

b) BCCGC fall AGM report – Wendy

Thompson and Beth MacLaren recently attended the BCCGC meeting. They reported that there were several excellent speakers, multiple vendors and lovely floral arrangements. More information is available in the November newsletter or at bcgardenclubs.com.

8. Adjournment – 7:25 pm

After the meeting and refreshments, Deborah Jones presented on "Rain Gardens Revisited".