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Sullivan Station Car Barn officially open



Mayor Doug McCallum and Councillor Judy Higginbotham cut the ribbon to declare the Society's Sullivan Station Car Barn officially open. Assisting them are Society members Vic Sharman (left) and Frank Horne (right) with Councillors Marvin Hunt and Bob Bose ready to open the car barn's left door while Councillors Garry Tymoschuk (right), Judy Villeneuve and Diane Watts (off camera) hold onto the right door. Over 125 people attended the Saturday, September 13 opening including many Society members.

Photo by Graham MacDonell

With a snip of the ribbon with over-sized scissors, Surrey Mayor Doug McCallum and Councillor Judy Higginbotham officially opened the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society's Sullivan Station Car Barn and Interpretive Centre on Saturday, September 13.

The 2,945 square foot facility was designed and built by the Lark Group of Cloverdale with additional work completed by companies listed below. (See "Donors...")

The post and beam structure is finished in dark green metal cladding with red trim depicting FVHRS colours which are an amalgam of BCER's colours pre- and post-1924. It sits on a .5 acre lot which is being leased from the City for three years with a two year extension.

The car barn has two bays large enough to hold authentic BCER interurbans which the Society plans to acquire, restore and operate on the railway line, formerly called, "The Chilliwack Line" between Brownsville and Cloverdale.

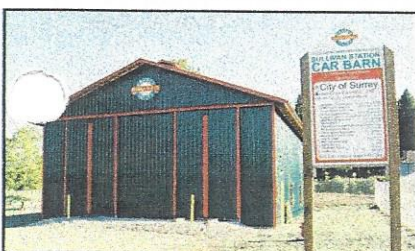
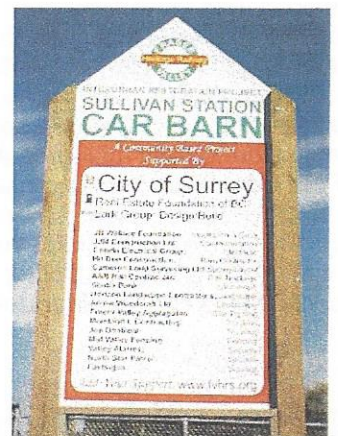
"This is a major milestone in our Society's development," says Chair Robert Ashton. "With Surrey's and other donors' help, we are well on our way to getting tourism-oriented, heritage interurban service on track."

Donors make car barn and station restoration/replication a reality!

The Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society wishes to acknowledge and sincerely thank the following corporations, businesses and individuals for their donations towards the development and construction of the Sullivan Station Car Barn and the restoration/replication of the 94-year-old Sullivan Station:

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| • City of Surrey | \$200,000 | • Horizon Landscape Contractors | Landscaping |
| • Real Estate Foundation of B.C. | \$ 50,000 | • Arrow Woodcraft Ltd. | Landscaping |
| • Lark Group | Design / Build | • Fraser Valley Aggregates | Site topping |
| • J.D. Wallace Foundation | Inspiration/cash | • Mainland L Contracting | Trucking |
| • JJM Construction | Site preparation | • Joe Dhaliwal | Trucking |
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| • Hill - Ron Construction | Barn Contractor | • Valley Alarms | Security |
| • Cameron Land Surveying | Surveying layout | • North Star Patrol | Security |
| • A & B Rail Contractors | Rail Trackage | • Fastsigns | Signage |
| • Scotia Bank | Landscaping | • Keyman Mobile Locksmith | Locks |

"The car barn was fast-tracked by all participants so that the Society could open it in conjunction with the City's tenth year anniversary celebrations," says FVHRS Secretary Allen Aubert, project co-ordinator.



SULLIVAN STATION CAR BARN OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 26 - Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Guided Tours - Photo and PowerPoint Presentations

6330 - 152nd Street - Just south of Southern Railway Tracks

Parking available on site - Original Sullivan Station on display



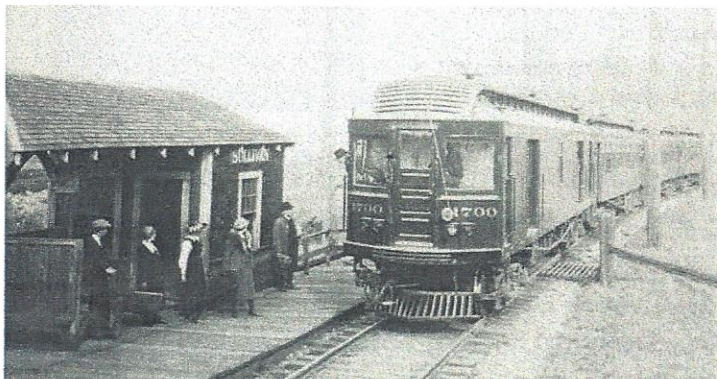
FVHRS Chair Robert Ashton (left) receives a cheque for \$10,000 US from Hampton Inn Hotels' Judy Christa-Cathey, Senior Vice-President, Brand Communications and Hampton Inn & Suites - Langley General Manager Alnoor Tejpar to kick off the restoration of Clover Belle, formerly called Streetcar 30, a 1912 Brill trolley that is proposed to run in Cloverdale from the Fairgrounds to the new Surrey Museum.
Photo Courtesy of Hampton Inn Hotels / Hilton Hotel Corporation

Clover Belle gets restoration make-over as Hampton Inn Hotels extend their "Save-A-Landmark" program to Surrey

The campaign to restore Streetcar 30, now called "Clover Belle" got a boost of \$10,000 U.S. from the Hampton Inn Hotels' "Explore the Highways with Hampton - Save-A-Landmark" program on Thursday, October 2 at the FVHRS car barn site.

In its first international extension of a four-year-old program designed to preserve historical, fun and unique roadside attractions throughout North America, Hampton - part of the Hilton Hotel Corporation - chose the 1912 Brill streetcar which the Society is leasing from its Victoria owners to run on a half-mile long streetcar line in Cloverdale. Credit for that selection goes to Hampton Inn & Suites - Langley General Manager Alnoor Tejpar who alerted the Cloverdale District Chamber of Commerce's Bill Reid and the Cloverdale Business Improvement Association's Paul Oraziotti to his company's program. Reid and Oraziotti persuaded the corporation to make the streetcar their first foreign extension of their program and produced the event assisted by the FVHRS.

Four executives from corporate headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee flew in to join 20 employees from Hampton Inns in Vancouver, Richmond, Surrey, Langley and Kamloops to clean and sand the 94-year-old heritage trolley. The streetcar restoration should be completed by Spring. Members interested in helping to restore the streetcar should contact Graham MacDonell at gemcom@shaw.ca or 604-866-0022.



Sullivan Station to be published

The history of the 94-year-old Sullivan Station will be the subject of a small publication currently being researched by the Society.

If you have any stories or photos of the station, featured in this icon photo from May, 1923, please contact Graham MacDonell, Director, FVHRS, at gemcom@shaw.ca or 604-866-0022.

FVHRS web page proves valuable tool

The Society's web page (www.fvhrs.org) had more than 300 hits during September with many visitors looking at the gallery of old BCER interurbans and stations but mainly at the car barn opening, according to statistics provided by John Sprung, a member of the Board of Directors.

Over 1,200 page views revealed that photos of Society events proved very popular. Photos of the October 2 restoration "kick-off" involving Hampton Inn Hotels' "Explore the Highways with Hampton - Save-A-Landmark" program have now been posted as has this newsletter.

The Society is interested in photos of interurban cars that plied the rails of the Fraser Valley Line and any events that transpired since the line opened in October, 1910. Please direct submissions to John at: webmaster@fvhrs.org.

Donations sought

As a non-profit Society, the FVHRS is constantly seeking funding to help it reach its objectives and fulfill its mission statement.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact the Society Secretary (as posted below). The Society does have charity status and can issue tax receipts. FVHRS would be pleased if you would consider planned giving or gifts in wills or estate plans.

"Legacy giving makes an appreciated commitment to the Society and creates a long-lasting impact on the communities that will be served by the heritage interurban system," says FVHRS Fundraising Chair Doug Watkins.

For more information, contact Doug at: dougwatkins@telus.net



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