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The replicated Sullivan Station was officially opened on Saturday, June 5. FVHRS Chair Robert Ashton (wearing BCER hat, far left and bottom left insert) watches as the ribbon was cut by Scott Baldwin, Senior Vice-President, Polygon Homes Ltd. (left/top right insert); Bill Robson, Manager of Sales and Services, Scotiabank (second left/bottom right insert); Surrey Councillor Judy Higginbotham and Surrey Mayor Doug McCallum (centre); and, Cal Ross, Chair, Real Estate Foundation of B.C. [REFBC] (right/top left insert.) The station is on an adjustable platform to keep it level. It will be moved to a location near the Southern Railway of B.C. main line when the Society's interurban project becomes operational. Photos by Graham MacDonell

Replicated Sullivan Station officially opened

A part of Surrey's transportation heritage was revitalized on Saturday, June 5 with the official opening of the replicated Sullivan Station. The historically-authentic building was constructed during February and March and was painted in early May as a result of a Board decision to replicate the original 95-year-old Sullivan Station, which sits next to the Society's car barn.

Addressing a crowd of 35, FVHRS Chair Robert Ashton revealed that the Society had made a down payment on BCER Interurban Car 1225, currently owned by the Orange Empire Railway Museum in Perris, California. Guest speakers included Surrey Mayor Doug McCallum, Councillors Judy Higginbotham, Gary Tymoschuk, Penny Priddy, and Delta North MLA Reni Masi. Special guest speakers were Cal Ross from REFBC, which donated \$50,000 towards FVHRS' heritage preservation program; Bill Robson from Scotiabank, which donated \$4,000; and, Scott Baldwin from Polygon, which donated \$7,500.

A donation-in-kind came from the Lark Group. Construction was carried out by Brent McIver of Pdoca Construction with other services provided by Colwin Electrical Group, KK Quality Painting and Woodworks, The Hardwood Floor Company.



The Grand Opening Cake!

**SEE THE
SPEEDER!
SIT IN A
MINIATURE
BCER STOP!
WATCH A
VIDEO ON
BCER 1225!**

FVHRS OPEN HOUSE

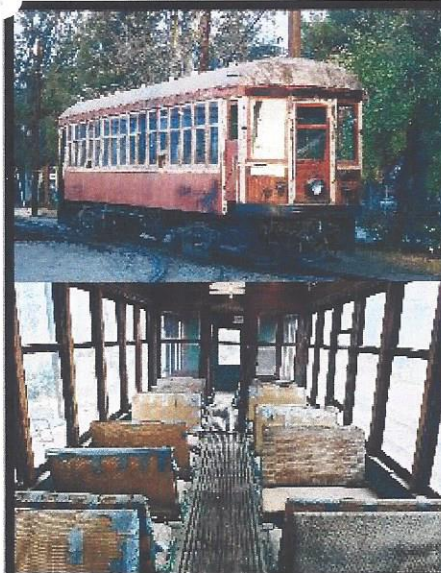
Sunday, June 20 - Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Join the Board of Directors of the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society for tours of the replicated Sullivan Station, the original Sullivan Station, the Car Barn and Streetcar #30 and an old-fashioned Speeder.

See videos of BCER interurbans during the early 1950's; visual displays and PowerPoint Presentations!

REMEMBER!
Open Houses
every
third Sunday -
July 18
August 22
September 19
October 10

Society makes down payment on BCER 1225



A very happy FVHRS Chair Robert Ashton shakes hands with John Smatlak, OERM Vice-President of Collections after signing an agreement to purchase BCER Interurban Car 1225, the last interurban car to operate on February 28, 1958. The Society made a down payment of \$20,000 US and has two years to raise funds to cover the balance and the cost of shipping the 1911 St. Louis Car to Surrey.

The 93-year-old interurban (top left) runs quite well although it is showing the effects of nearly 50 years of California sunshine. The seats are in good condition despite some wear. (bottom left)

Photos by Graham MacDonell

BCER heritage railway storyboard unveiled at Sullivan

The history of the British Columbia Electric Railway in Surrey has been commemorated with the unveiling of a heritage storyboard near the site of the old Sullivan Station just south of the Fraser Valley Line at 152nd Street and 64th Avenue.

The storyboard unveiling was part of Heritage Week, February 16-22, and was prepared by FVHRS Members Henry Ewert and Graham MacDonell in conjunction with Surrey Heritage Services which acknowledged the efforts of the Society in promoting the history of the BCER in Surrey and the Fraser Valley. The unveiling followed a storyboard dedication at the Sullivan Community Hall to appreciate the Sullivan Community Association's efforts in promoting the history of Sullivan.



FVHRS Members Ron Finlayson and Frank Horne



FVHRS Chair Robert Ashton holds the Friends of Heritage 2004 Award given to the Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society by the City of Surrey for its efforts to revitalize the old BCER interurban passenger rail system. Sharing the moment are: Secretary Allen Aubert (left), Robert, Directors Graham Evan MacDonell, Doug Watkins and Terry Lyster with Councillor Judy Higginbotham, Surrey Council Liaison for the Society. The award was given at a Council meeting during Heritage Week in February. A second award was given to the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia for its support of the Society's efforts. Last year FVHRS Director MacDonell was the recipient for his promotion of Surrey's history.



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