

## RISE AND FALL OF GREEN CITY

### CHAPTER 2 - 1977

No written records of Green City in its infancy as a mining town in 1920 nor its demise for exception of what was accessed on google in Chapter 1. Lorne and Irene Tamelin camped near there with Mike and Kate Varabioff and Fred and Donna Arishenkoff. Fred Arishenkoff states in his Mare's Opening Remarks delivered at the Annual Meeting held at Green City July 30, 1989, that it was a 22nd anniversary. This would suggest that members of the group have been attending Green City since 1967. In 1976 they invited Elmer



and Marilyn Verigin to join them. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. This photo is along Slide Creek, the original chosen camping spot. In the photo, left to right stand Kate Varabioff, Irene Tamelin and Eva Varabioff.

The routine established was to have females gather the abundant huckleberries while the males fished for trout. A Saturday dinner would include frying the trout by Lorne Tamelin, very artistically and professionally. Sunday mornings would include "special" pancakes cooked by Irene Tamelin. This would include bacon, toast and eggs by others. Very tasty!

#### COMMITTEE TO REVIVE GREEN CITY

At a meeting duly constituted, by deeply interested parties, to stimulate interest in reviving the one-time sin city of the Kootenays, Green City.

Present and accounted for were the following persons:

Lorne and Irene Tamelin  
Serge and Violet Plotnikoff  
Mike and Kate Varabioff  
Elmer and Marilyn Verigin

The meeting was held at the home of the Varabioffs on Sunday, January 5 at 1:15 a.m.

After a brief discussion the gathering concluded unanimously that Green City must and will be revived and everyone pledged their sincerity and devotion to this endeavor.

After a brief debate it was agreed that the present Mayor of Bear Creek, Elmer Verigin, certainly has had most experience in municipal affairs and would be a natural candidate for the Mayor of Green City. Mr. Verigin contemplated the burden the appointment would infringe on his other aristocratic duties, and after much persuasion accepted the position.

Fully understanding the importance the Mayor's influence has on the success of this venture, the assembly was quick to observe that the mayor would out of necessity need to be relieved and in this respect chose the volumptuous Irene Tamelin to be his Relief Mayor.

In appreciation of the fact that Women's Liberationists would obviously play an important role in pioneering this community, their complete satisfaction and contentment must be assured. A lively discussion ensued as to how this was to be accomplished and it was finally agreed that none other than Serge Plotnikoff would meet the responsibility of 'Udder Man and Town Bum'.

Uppermost in importance will be recreation to keep the morale of this new community high. Experience in this area is necessary to organize hikes, mountain climbing, fishing trips and huckleberry hunts. Therefore, it was decided that Lorne Tamelin would be best suited for this position, that of Recreation Director.

In order to get anything going you must have things erected for the complete satisfaction of all parties concerned in the public regions. Marilyn Verigin volunteered to be 'Erection Director and Charge de Pubic Affairs'.

The health and welfare of the community was considered at this time. Naturally a doctor is a well educated man with many letters behind his name. Since the only man with this particular ability agreed to look after natural activities, he will now be known as 'Mike Varabioff, SEX; VIP; PIMP'.

The concept of beauty, honesty, sincerity and modesty would need to be represented and exhibited at all times. The obvious choice for this position was Kate Varabioff - 'Conception Queen and Part-time Midwife' to work willingly with the doctor.

Seeing as all the male population and such like would need specific attention in their times of stress; Violet Plotnikoff accepted the task of 'Service Manageress' in charge of Lube jobs, Oil changes and Blow jobs. She will supply the tent free.

The meeting then studied the financial burden of organizing a new town and it was agreed that Mr. Bob Brisco, M.P. for Kootenay West would be contacted to help us get the following Grants:

- 1) Opportunity for Youth
- 2) Local Initiatives Program
- 3) Cultural Grant

All of those present volunteered to suffer through two months in the summer at Green City should the grants be obtained.

Since there was no other business to discuss some members felt we couldn't pass any more motions and that we should pay attention to passing more booze around. Others were content to just pass their water.

In any event, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 a.m. with Lorne Tamelin wanting to sing but nobody else was in any shape.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorne Tamelin

(Written by Elmer Verigin  
for the benefit of  
Green City)

January, 1975

All prepared on a grill over a propane stove.

Eight (8) friends met January 05, 1975 and after joking, the following discussions and adjacent minutes evolved as a planning session for a future group camp at Green City:

And so, the satire on politics and governments began, not ever as a serious "action group" but for the social enjoyment of the group. The atmosphere of humor in these initial

minutes in 1975, "set the stage" for what would unfold to various bulletins: "Green City Nepravda", "Green City Hoot" and other notorious publications. The group expanded in size and talent with Radio Broadcasters, Authors, School Teachers, Tradesmen, Lawyers, Engineers, all "rushing" to become associated with this "movement".

There were "Researchers" that made pilgrimages to Green City to investigate locations where Green City could be reconstructed and brought back to its glory enjoyed from 1920 to 1941. Unfortunately, their record-keeping and documentation lacked discipline, or they were just simply not filed due to lack of compensation from the "Authorities Having Jurisdiction."

We did find some notes dated September 04, 1877 (possible error in date) that are typed here as the original would nor copy well:

## "... Green City Protocol

Sept. 4, 1877

### Positions

1. Mayor – Elmer Verigin (Possible Prime Minister)
2. Relieving The Mayor – Irene Tamelin (Margaret)
3. City Manager – Works Manager – Fred Voykin
4. Dr. Probol – Mike Varabioff also in charge of Internal Affairs

- Reports failure counsel decides to send Dr Probol on field courses. Place of Upgrading - Reckless Bitch-

- Must compare conditions of Reck Bitch to Green City

All other positions will be studied and designated by Prime Minister Verigin and relieving Margaret, they will get together in secret and decide what position will be used.

Adjournment by acclamation.

Signed

(not legible)

PS

9:04 corrections were made with Plotnikoff

Transfer to Plotnikoff Residence .....”

Comments by current transcriber *(There was no list of attendants nor time of meeting noted).*

Edited March 08, 2023 by EWV