



WEEKLY MEETING Minutes

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Collins Acheampong, Frank Adamson, Bob Eamer, Hugh Graham, Ann Harrison, Paul Hewitt, Annie Holtby, Troy Killick, Carolyn Mullin, Dave Schulz, Dave Sherlock, Paul Snack, Maria Araujo, Fred Leppard, Guest Speaker – Kristina Clint

1. **Welcome** to our Club's Business Meeting. **Collins**. It's cold.

2. **Land Acknowledgement – Carolyn**

We begin this gathering by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis and Inuit people and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people

3. **National Anthem – Carolyn and All**

4. **4-WAY TEST – Mike**

Of the things we think, say, or do

Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build good will and better friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Cheers, everyone!

5. **Invocation – Frank**

You can take with you only what you were given. In a nutshell.

6. **Collins – Welcome everyone.** And welcome again to Fred Leppard, a guest of Paul Hewitt's and person interested in club membership.

District Conference was fun. Frank won an award for his work with Ending Polio – Lisa nominated him. There was a table there for 'Ain't Misbehaving' – proceeds to the Ronald McDonald Room (floor) for Children. It's June 14th and West Jet is providing 2 free tickets anywhere they fly. Collaborating and Partnership between clubs. Partnering, not doing things on your own. Collins got cards. I learned so many things and even if we can do one thing differently!! It was fun.

Frank. I've been pushing the **Rail Trail**. I've had a good response. Dan Toppari of SC South has done lots of cycling and is supportive. I have a picture of Dan cycling in Scotland in the rain!

Hugh. We're sharing our table with Bandshell at the Kinsman Home Show. Fred, our potential member has volunteered.

Carolyn is our speaker next week!

Ann re April 17th tree planting at Crossley. It's a question mark. A track is going in and DSB doesn't want to interfere with that.

April 26 8-11 am is a clean up.

Paul. Pelham Community cornhole Tournament at White Meadows. Saturday June 21. First thing we need to concentrate on is Sponsors - \$25-\$2500 range. The funds raised will go to Food4Kids and as a Rotary Youth Activity. Next week we will have a meeting at the site.

7. **Today's Presentation – Frank introduced Kristina Clint, Manager of Recreation, Community and Culture, Town of Pelham.** Kristina works with Vickie Ravenswaay.

Kristina's Presentation. I started in this role in October 2024. Prior to that, since 2018, I used to work in Beamsville. I'm excited to be working in Pelham!

Present Key Dates. **May 1st** – Parks and Public washrooms opened as well as tennis and pickleball courts. **May 24th**. Weekend Splash Pads open. Upcoming town events include: Earth Week's Pelham spokesperson for **Earth Day Canada Mobilizing** Municipalities and Cities that take action for a sustainable future. Recreation updates include Pelham Aquatics and Skating continuing plus Gym classes. The Arts and Culture update is the **Community Mural is up**. The Pelham Cultural Advisory Council is **decorating 3 lighting boxes in Downtown Fenwick**.

There is a **Citizenship ceremony on Friday May 16th at MCC in partnership with Immigration, Refugees and Citizens Canada**. The update on the **MCC Concession** is that there will be a **16-month pilot project whose goal is to streamline service** -so many are here in the morning including track, etc. There are also upcoming plans for pool renewal. There is also, with regard to facilities, a new policy – Service Animals Only – we did a best practices research.

Any questions? There seem to be **a lot of extra costs!** **Kristina.** We only apply for grants that cover cost and find some matching grants. For Participation, Pelham Advisory Committee has two fold reasons – grants cover for extras, courses are covered and memberships cover repairs.

Summer Chill? What are the plans? **Kristina** Putting benches on trails. No capital funds.

Summerfest? **Kristina** No major thing sticks up.

Frank. The town hosted a **meeting with all the service clubs** but it hasn't happened in awhile. Take the message back to our town that it helped to know what we were all doing. There is \$3 ½ Million (highest estimate) for trades and grants. **FH to Thorald trail needs to be completed** - from the waterfront trail to the linking of trails. We just need some money. The Thorald grant application has gone in. If it happens it'll be done this year. 3 benches on Merritt are part of the trail. It used to be lovely grassy space – Kristine will follow up.

A few more notices – Lacrosse still needs indoor space during the day. Summer camps can use indoor space too in case of rain.

Thank you for having me. Thank you! Kristina.

Link to Kristina's presentation:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/9f125949-b9ee-4e31-bdd5>

8. **Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies**

Dave. Good to see everyone out.

Carolyn. We had money leftover! Also, it was a nice time although back to lots of changes. I was excited to be an hour from Annie.

Collins It was an exciting weekend.

Dan. Happy to catch a mouse! Got a good night's sleep!

Troy. Happy we've renovated our basement – overtime and over budget! Happy to be back. Thanks for guiding us!

Dave Sh. Have a new yorkie! A coyote ran through there along with a fox and hawks.

Frank. WW I Anniversary 1917, Good Friday. Canadians took Vimy Ridge.

Dave. Trail presentation – streetcar stop photo.

Mel. Welcome to our friends - to Pelham.

Paul H. Changed my tires yesterday BEFORE the weather arrived!

Ann. My daughter and I are taking pottery lessons. My mom had potted and collected pottery.

Bob. Thanks for noticing I wasn't here. I'd like to recognize Peter Nazar (Annie's Peter). When I was sitting having coffee with him, he said 'get that looked at!' and it was melanoma. I've had the first digit of my thumb removed.

Maria. I had a great birthday. It was very nice!

Paul S. Parents will appreciate this. Travelling around to universities, Zach decided on U of T so he could get home on his own. Urban planning!

Annie. Home on Friday!

Troy. Working at home again in my basement. I've aged 4 years in the last 4 days!

Mike. It was a busy week for Maria. She had a call from her mom. She didn't feel she deserved all the great things in the week!

Collins. Thanks for all you do, Mike, with Youth Exchange! See you at the Kinsmen Home Show! Thanks to Rob and Dan for coming out.

Rob. There's lunch on the 22nd! On May 1 there is an all-clubs' meeting. Lots of opportunity to visit St Catharines South!

9. Meetings to come

April 16, Weekly Meeting, Guest Speaker, Rotarian Carolyn Mullin, Niagara College Update

April 23, Domenic's for Social Breakfast

April 30, Board Meeting

May 7, Weekly Meeting, Guest Speaker, Jim Steele, Climbing Kilimanjaro