

“Where everyone is kin; with a sense of worth, over all the Earth”

~ adapted from Robert Burns/Gordon McInally, RI President 2023-24

WEEKLY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday February 14, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Dave Schulz, Hugh Graham, Bob Eamer, Annie Holtby, Paul Snack, Sharon Pfeifer, Collins Acheampong, Beverley North, Satoka Hiyashi, Mike Taylor, Troy Killick, Colleen Smith & Diana McAdorey Performing Arts Centre

1. **Welcome Colleen Smith and Diana McAdorey of Performing Arts Centre.**

2. **Land Acknowledgement. Bob**

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. **Toast & National Anthem. Bob/Collins**

- a) To the King and Canada, To the Office of the President of the United States, To the President of Rotary International and To the Office of the Prime Minister of Japan.
- b) National Anthem

4. **4-WAY TEST. Hugh**

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?

5. **Invocation. Hugh**

Teach us that if we can't do great things
We can at least do small things in a great way.
May we be sincere in our efforts
To help others in need.

6. **President's Report. Correspondence and Announcements. Carolyns.**

February 19. We are sponsoring a Free Skate hour, 11-230 at MCC and collecting food for Food4Kids

February 21. Strategic Planning with Leadership Niagara at our 730 am meeting.

March 2. A Saturday workshop, 9-12 in our meeting room, (Kinsman Room), for Strategic Planning.

April 5 & 6. Home Show. Hugh. We have a booth reserved by the entrance/exit so we're last to set up after 7 and first to take down on Sunday.

April 20. Tree Planting. 400 trees at cost. Same day as Clean Up. Pelham Cares – 100 trees for Pelham Cares Forest

April 26 & 27. Rotary District Conference.

May. Paul Harris Evening

7. **Introduction of today's Speaker. Hugh** introduced **Colleen Smith, Presenter and Diana McAdorey of the Performance Arts Centre.**

Colleen Smith is a Canadian arts leader, musician, producer and educator with expertise that spans strategic and financial planning, organizational development, program development and change management. With national and international executive leadership experience, she has led teams at Theatre Calgary, one of Western Canada's largest producing theatres; served as project director for Phase 1 of the Massey Hall Capital Revitalization Project; and in 2019 served as co-lead on the Arts, Culture and Digital Transformation Summit at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. An MBA graduate from the Schulich School of Business, Smith most recently worked with Newfoundland's Gros Morne Summer Music in designing and implementing a national rollout strategy that resulted in **the successful development of partnerships with the Aga Khan Museum, Humber College School for the Creative and Performing Arts and the Banff Centre.**

Proudly identifying Prince Edward Island as 'home', she is humbled and inspired by the many communities across the country that she has been privileged to work with and work for, and actively gives back to those communities through volunteer service with other non-profit organizations and mentorship programs. Often drawing from her early years as a high school music and drama teacher in Halifax Nova Scotia, **she loves nothing more than providing and supporting the development of diversified and enriched arts education experiences for all youth, without exception.**

Since March 2020 Colleen has permanently relocated to the Niagara Region and proudly represents the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre as CEO.

Diana McAdorey also works with PAC, Diana McAdorey was born and raised in the Niagara Region however **began her career in Toronto as the Executive Director of the Toronto School of Art, a post-secondary visual arts school.** In addition to working at both performing and visual arts schools, she also led the Business Development Arm of the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association in Mississauga, and **most recently spent 14 years as the Executive Director of Chorus Niagara.** She completed an Honours Bachelor of Commerce at McMaster University and an MBA at York University, specializing in Arts and Media Management.

Her father was a professional visual artist, and Diana also enjoys painting. Her children are both musicians – a guitarist (classical, acoustic, and electric) and a drummer.

She has been with the FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre since November.

8. **Presentation: Colleen Smith, Performance Arts Centre.**

With **four state-of-the-art performance venues** — Partridge Hall, Robertson Theatre, Recital Hall and The Film House — the centre has been a key driver of the City's ongoing effort to spark a cultural renaissance in the community. **The Film house itself is the only PAC in Canda that runs all year. It's important to serve ALL of Niagara!** The PAC opened in 2018 with Brock University and all the municipalities participating in running it. There is a Board of Directors and Colleen reports to them. The City of St Catharines provides 29% of the budget and the rest is through activities. **What kinds of activities do we present? Education for the young, Community screening, Sharing Dance for seniors, Celebration of Nations – every September, Supporting local art and expecting 10000 coming through on Family Day.** We have **8 performances that fill up our 800 seats in Partridge Hall** and bring in **speakers, dancers for \$10 each!** We have Youth Film Clubs, 14 High School Students talk about what's relevant and we bring in films to represent these issues. **Brock Music Program** performs and the French schools and other educational places take advantage. In 2023-24, 80 Schools have registered. **128 schools since the beginning and over 2000 supervisors.**

Also, in honour of you speaking today Colleen and Diana, we will be making a donation in your names to Pelham Cares for their New Comer Program.

PLEASE CLICK ON THIS LINK FOR FULL PRESENTATION! <https://youtu.be/BE6aKrSptUk>

For more information please also visit <https://firstontariopac.ca/Online/default.asp> and click on ImPACt Education Series 2023-2024.

Collins Thank you so much for your presentation. Amazing work! **Also, in honour of you speaking today, Colleen and Diana,** we will be making a donation in your names to Pelham Cares for their New Comer Program.

9. **Happy Loonies. Sharon**

Sharon and Rotary Moment. Happy about all the community events! Happy I joined Rotaract when I was younger and immediately had the opportunity for a 3 week exchange with Japan Rotaractors! The amazing places Rotary can take you! So much energy, so many opportunities with the environment! Happy to be back with Rotary!

Annie A great curling and fellowship experience last night at the Welland Curling Club, hosted BY the Welland club and assorted teams coming in from Grimsby to the west and Amherst across the border to the east. And a Special Olympics team that obviously curl on a regular basis!

Paul Last week: With pending hip surgery, I'm looking for a walker. This week: Frank provided me with one.

Annie. I'm enjoying the snowy weather.

Mike. Algonquin trip with Youth Exchange was the highlight of the year! Raptors tonight!

Satoka. I enjoyed the Curling last night!

Dave and Tina are trying to get away once a month, Dave has booked two nights away in Port Stanley on the 14th (VD) and 15th. I'm happy about that and I'm glad to see Paul here today.

Bev. We weren't winners last night but it was a lot of fun. (To Colleen) I love the performing arts. The experience is better than the physical thing. I try to get the kids to go to live performances.

Paul calls Lori 'Nurse Betty' because she does everything for him. He can't even get himself a cup of coffee.

Bob. Good evening curling last night. I accomplished my only goal – no falling occurred!

Troy. Our family has done a lot of things with the kids at the PAC.

Colleen is going to PEI to get a band for next year's East Kitchen

Diana My University of Ottawa daughter is home for reading week.

Collins I look forward to getting my family involved at the Centre for Performing Arts.

Dates till end of month!

February 21st Strategic Planning with Leadership Niagara

February 27th Board Meeting, MCC Concession area. Everyone is welcome.

And March 2nd 9-12 in Kinsman Room for Strategic Planning with Leadership Niagara