



"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 January 17, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Frank Adamson, Paul Snack, Hugh Graham, Bob Eamer, Annie Holtby, Lance Wiebe, Mike Taylor, Collins Acheampong, Satoka Hiyashi, Beverley North, Julie Andrews (LPPL), Heather Crouse & Christine Dekker (Leadership Niagara).

1. **Welcome Julie Andrews, our guest speaker from Lincoln Pelham Public Library**

2. **Land Acknowledgement. Annie**

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. Mike**

- 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. 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?

5. **Invocation. Lance**

As Rotarians, help us to share not only our tangible wealth, but also our intangible riches of knowledge, leadership and creativity to make our town, our nation and our world a better place filled with peace and respect for others of different cultures and religion.

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

Collins reflected on the 4Way Test. He felt there was a lot of import to its significance in our personal lives too..

Reminder about Dues. They *are* DUE. Dues invoices have gone out with options for payment. There are several options including cheque, credit card or e transfer – the last is preferable to the others. It saves us the credit card charge

January 31, Social Breakfast at Domenic's. Please register on line.

January 26. Paddle fundraiser for Food 4 Kids.

Family Day Free Skate. Paul. We're sponsoring a Free Skate. February 19th. It's reserved for an hour. 11 –noon. We're accepting donations for Food4Kids.

Home Show in April. Hugh. We have a booth reserved. I got the cheque from Ann – we pay 1//2 price. April 6 & 7 – we're looking at 1 two hour shift per person. 10-4 Saturday and Sunday. Set up Friday. We can feature the tree planting project. Trees for Habitat is also going to be there and we've requested that they be beside us. I appreciate people standing up here – it's the Family part of Rotary.

Frank. As AG, I visit clubs. In Welland the other day, the Library was inducted as a corporate member. I suggest we include Welland's banner at the Home Show. If there's anyone interested in the tree planting initiative, let me know.

Farm Fest feedback. Paul. I reached out to Richard Bering to reaffirm that he wants to participate. I will have something to report.

7. **Introduction of today's Speaker. Annie** introduced **Julie Andrews.** Julie Andrews is the CEO of Lincoln Pelham Public Library. Prior to the merger of Lincoln and Pelham Public Libraries, she was CEO of Lincoln Public Library since 2019. She was formerly Director of Community Engagement at Brampton Public Library and CEO of Hastings Highlands Public Library in North Hastings County and has been in the library world for over 20 years.

Presentation by Julie Andrews. Her PPT is below link.

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/289/Documents/en-ca/e9946751-908e-40b4-91e9-2f5db8bc0db1/1/>

The Lincoln and Pelham Libraries merged in 2022. In 2023, they started a strategic plan. They received 625 responses to the Libraries' survey. They asked the right questions and got good info in return. **The new Mission statement is Lincoln Pelham Public Library builds connections.** With their Vision, they wanted to be sure their plan supported the two towns with Inspiration, Resilience, and Responsiveness. The central theme s 'Libraries: Place We Belong. Service – Connecting people to services. 'Reconciliation'

We renovated our now Book Mobile or 'Branch on Wheels.'

Stats from 2022 to now?

In Person Visits 2022 80, 2023 21,335

Circulation 2022 36,000, 2023 456,978

Programs 2022 880, 2023 1,340

Fundraising for Children's Program – raised enough to cover next three years.

Recently loneliness was noted as a huge problem.

Design for 'new' library. They are looking for feedback from public. Once design is set, we'll be doing a capital campaign.

One new item they have secured is 'Press Reader' which includes newspapers, etc., from all over the world.

Lance. On the capital project, is it an expansion or just a footprint of present building?

Julie. Need elevator. They're suggesting the basement be all staff space and all public space upstairs. The time frame, pie in the sky at this time, is 2025. Book Mobile is done, pop ups will be used. Staff Parking Places arranged at St Alexander's lot.

Frank. How much is funded through the government?

Julie. We're hopeful for \$3M grant from government – we received it before. Vineland, Beamsville. Fenwick and Pelham (Fonthill) are in the Merge.

Collins. Thank you, Julie, for this update on, the Library's plans for expansion. We're very interested in its future!

Also, in honour of you speaking today Julie, we make a donation in your honour to Pelham Cares for their New Comer Program.

8. **Happy Loonies. Frank**

Hugh. Happy about things in general. I had tickets to Buffalo via the United Way Auction and trying to unload.

Bob I'm happy to be born I was.

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. I like snow – one can do more outside. I'm heading to the Sault to see my dad who is still in the hospital.

Frank. When I was at Welland the other day inducting the Library Corporate member, I thought of asking OUR Library about it as well.

Lance Impressed with the Library's plans. I'd been concerned about relevance.

Satoka enjoyed skiing with EL Crossley on Friday. Very cold!

Bev. Presentation was really good. Very innovative!

Collins. I'm not a big fan of this weather – 24 years in this country and I can't get used to it!

Christine. Happy to see what you do. Can we come to the Board Meeting next week?

Heather. Going to the hockey game Saturday! Also snowmobiling this weekend too.

Dates till end of month!

January 24th Board Meeting, MCC Concession area. Everyone is welcome.

January 31st Breakfast, Dominic's. Please sign up!