

ZOOMING Paul Snack, Pat Duncan, Dave Schulz, Mike Taylor, Bob Eamer, Andy Glavac, Mel Groom, Ann Harrison, Diana Huson, Lance Wiebe, Carolyn Mullin, Kevin Vallier, Keith McConkey, Jason Thompson, Megan McNaughton, Troy Killick, Kris McEvoy, Annie Holtby, and Hugh Graham.

1. **Open meeting:** – Welcome everyone. Warm Welcome to Diana Huson, Regional Councilor.

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. **Toast: Christian**

To the Queen and Canada, To the Office of the President of United States, and To the President of Rotary International

4. **4-WAY TEST: Keith**

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: Carolyn**

Let us pray silently together, each one of us, according to our individual beliefs.

Let us offer thanks for our food and the blessings of fellowship around us.

Let us be a source of hope for those in need, and contentment for those who are lonely.

Let us give gratitude for our opportunity to serve Rotary.

Let the feelings of love, kindness, and a well-directed, yet gentle spirit always be reflected in our actions.

6. **President's Report/Correspondence/Announcements:**

Annie - Spring Cleaning. Our Auction starts this Sunday! The 6th-16th. Our pick up is Saturday 19th, before Sunday's Father's Day. We're just working on a schedule for Pick up day and the precious day's set up. Probably 3 hour stints. Thanks to all who donated and to Mel for a new set of eyes and ideas. Thanks to Dave for the Media coverage starting with a 6 am Radio interview! Will send out schedule as soon as ready. Gracias!!

Mike - Rotaract Watershed Cleanup, Niagara and Brock. The Rotaract clubs have chosen 3 Saturdays – the 5th, 19th and 26th at 4 locations, Locks 1, 2, 3 and Sunrise Beach. The 5th & 19th are 10-noon and the 26th is 6-8 pm. Let Mike know if you can make it!

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Lance – Canada Day. There's a massive spread in the pPer. There WILL be a Canada Day drive through parade- another meeting a 3 today. We need to discuss what kind of representation we want. We have flyers. We need to showcase what we've done over the last 30 years.

Troy – Butterfly Garden at Wellspring Garden. Michelle and Troy met with Ann Mantini, Wellspring's CEO. Ann is looking at 40' x 15' between the building (across from Meridian Community Centre) and the retaining wall by Meridian Way. Probably a cost of \$500 to do the job – seeds they already have. Get it planted in the fall for next spring. 5 people could get it done with donations from the club and or club members. **Hugh.** This is something we should get behind. It's worthwhile to have this in the community.

Hugh – Pelham Municipal Grant. We've received grant type relief from the town. We get 20 meetings for free each year at MCC and usually get some relief for the rest – we've received the grant value of \$1200.

TD Move. Lance, Hugh and volunteered Peter moved us from the TD basement to the Wellspring basement on May 25th. They made a few good finds – beautiful Crossley Christmas ornaments with Crossley logo on one side and its mural on the other. They were given to EL Crossley and are being given to each grad this year. There were also left over prize boxes of way back Troy Richardson/Fonthill Rotary Golf Shirts (Very Large), Rotary blankets, etc.

Donations. 10 years ago we made a donation to Pelham Cares in Toronto Dominion's name. We should do another donation and will ask Holly for their current charity of choice.

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7. Speaker: Diana Huson – Regional Councillor

Introduction: Mel. Mel met Diana 15 years ago. Through those years, she's seen her do great things with great vision. Diana has a Master's in Political Science and then an MBA in marketing to which she's also brought her passion for the Environment. 2 years into her course, there was a suggestion that she run for our Pelham seat at District Council. The rest is 'herstory.'

Speaker, Diana Huson – Regional Councillor. Thanks for inviting me to speak about the environmental work over the past two years on Council. I'm presently Chair of Planning and Economic Development Committee and Vice Chair of Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority. The NPCA has a strategic Environmental Plan, a 10 year strategic plan that started in July 2020 and is being developed. The plan was drafted. You can take a look at [GetInvolved.npca.ca](https://getinvolved.npca.ca) – you can still provide some feedback. There was record attendance at the Parks and Trails meeting over Spring 2021 that showed how important it is about the Wainfleet Wetlands. 70 acres of land on Morgan Point Road will have Environmental Conservation and significant woodland. <https://npca.ca/newsroom/article/npca-purchases-70-acres-of-environmentally-significant-public-greenspace>

The Conservation authority has a restoration project that different landowners can apply for.

Pelham has 4.5 hectares for tree planting. There are another 3500 plants to follow and we're expecting to see more of an uptake. Glendale Eco-Park is a proposed 172 acres with development of trails, active transportation opportunities – they're currently exploring acquisition lands over by the N-O-T-L Outlet Mall.

The Official Plan National Heritage sees a 250,000 growth in population. They've been updating the plan and it's up to us how they choose to adapt to it. Modeling data and forecasting and the greening initiative is part of their/our response to Climate Change. Plan includes mapping of the Region's National Heritage features and water resources. The tree canopy needs to be replanted. 7400 trees have been planted at Decew Water Treatment Plant based on one of my

emails in 2019. It may be an opportunity for municipalities to look at green space they'd like to

make greener. **Paul.** How does Niagara's philosophy include housing development which impacts us here? **Diana.** It goes to our official plan. We identify natural areas we want to serve and protect. Other development takes place outside of them. We need to keep our watershed

protected. **Paul.** What's the Ontario Caucus Federation of Canadian Municipalities? **Diana.** Jim Bradley asked Diana if she'd be interested in running for that board and she said YES! **Lance.**

This area is unique with tender fruit – it's hard for farmers to resist selling to developers. **Diana.**

As part of Plan, areas of agriculture aren't developable. It's not an option for farmers to sell to developers. We have had to say no. That's why we're trying to focus development in urban areas. A new water treatment plant will help with development and keep elsewhere pristine.

Hugh. Our first project was tree planting in North Pelham. **Diana.** Reach out to Trout Industries if you'd like to volunteer to plant trees at any time.

Thanks: Hugh. Thanks, Diana, for a great and informative presentation. Literacy is one of the pillars we support and we will be making a donation in your name to the Pelham Library. Thanks again for sharing your passion about the environment! Good Luck, Diana!

8. **Birthdays:** Lance (June 17); Meghan (June 21); Annie (June 25)

Rotary Anniversaries: Gail (June 11, 1991); Carolyn (June 18, 1997)

9. **Rotary Moment: Carolyn**

There's a virtual Program of the International Convention at rotary.org – take a look. A few of us have been to International Conventions. In the latest Rotary Magazine, there's an area of focus icons – critical humanitarian causes: Peace, Disease Prevention, Water, Maternal and Child Health, Community Economic Development and added July 1st this year is the Environment.

10. **Happy Loonies: Carolyn**

Kevin. Happy Loonie is Canadians taking the win from Toronto. The twins were in a Grade 8 runoff for Valedictorian. Rachel won. Her twin said she is helping her.

Dave. 1st day off Stay at Home order and they're going to Cambridge to see his daughter's family.

Mike. There's a truckload of sod coming.

Paul S. Smith's Water came to fill up their swimming pool! Congratulations to Troy. I appreciate him stepping up to President-Elect.

Ann. Thanks, Mel, for bringing Diana to us. I took Mom to a face to face coffee visit in a friend's back yard. A good day.

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Mel. I didn't have mulch so put plants in my son's garden.

Bob. Down to the last of 12 bags of mulch to spread.

Pat. Hoping for large loads of mulch = Diana's tree planting brought memories of planting trees with my sons.

Annie. Gardening in our communal garden is always a treat. Eating lettuce already. Waiting for the raspberries.

Lance. I'm happy the Canadians won because I'm a dyed in the wool TO fan. Now I don't need to worry anymore!

Kris. I'll have something next week. I was a little concerned about the Loonie title.

Carolyn. We ARE the loonies, My dad still puts in a vegie garden. I'm happy he's booked his second job.

Jason. My 13 year old son passed his Level 1 Umpiring Course!

Keith. Umpiring is character building! I hate gardening but I've done it. Trout Unlimited – the city of St Catharines approved donation to Trout Unlimited to fix up a fishery in decline in the Shorthills. \$250,000 from Pelham would make a great fishery!

Meghan. Alex' parents were visiting after all this Covid – it's given us time to do our gardening.

Hugh. The sign at Hurricane Road with Rotary Wheel has someone doing an awesome job maintaining it. By our house, there's a three yard row of topsoil that's been sitting there for about 3 weeks. It's about to disappear.

Anything else for the good of Rotary? Bob has coyote information about keeping away the critters.

No Wednesday morning meetings for the rest of the month!

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11. Action items: