

“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 March 6, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

Frank Adamson, Dave Schulz, Hugh Graham, Mel Groom, Troy Killick, Bob Eamer, Annie Holtby, Carolyn Mullin, Sharon Pfeifer, Collins Acheampong, Paul Snack, Lance Wiebe

1. **Welcome back Paul!**

2. **Land Acknowledgement. Troy**

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. Troy/Carolyn**

- 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. Paul**

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. Paul.**

Service happens in laughter and friendship.
Service happens in quiet conviction.
Service happens with firm intention.
Service happens in growing kinship
to all humanity in attention

to Service Above Self.

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

Paul. Zak passed his driver's test!

John Julien sent a letter of resignation with apologies to President Carolyn.

Hugh. Golf Tournament for September with the Rotary Club of Welland is gearing up. This year the fundraising will be going to the Youth Resources of Niagara. They lost a significant part of their funding and Hugh, through information from Mike at the board meeting, brought it up with Tim Wright and Don Thorpe of Welland and they were happy to concur. Well done! Date will be in September.

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. Need someone to coordinate items we need. Bob can help set up.

No Official meeting next week. The 14th. No breakfast either. It's spring Break.

March 20. Strategic Planning – third session. Starting 15 minutes early, 715. You should have summary of the Saturday session, the results of survey, Strengths and weaknesses, etc, in your hand before then. The Saturday planning session dealt with where we are and where we want to be.

April 20. Tree Planting. 400 trees at cost. Same day as Clean Up. Pelham Cares – 100 trees for Pelham Cares Forest at the back of their property. Pelham Cares has approved the planting. Would like it to be Earth Day.

April 26 & 27. Rotary District Conference. Registration is now open.

June 5. Paul Harris Awards Evening. Save the date. We are working on it and will send an update.

7. **Introduction of today's Speaker. Troy** introduced **our wonderful Bob Eamer, whom we all know. Welcome Bob.** When I retired, I was Chief Superintendent of the OPP. I've been developing this presentation for 30 years.

Pelham Today mentioned red light being caught on camera in Virgil. Red light cameras are effective in preventing collisions. They are part of region's Vision Zero road safety initiative, Red light cameras ARE effective. **Jim Pitt wrote an excellent article** covering all angles. In 2018, there was a Joint Radar processing center proposed in Toronto. In 2019, Ontario allowed municipalities to operate photo radar cameras. Ottawa revenue of \$16 million went to \$66 million. Ottawa handed out 560,000 tickets in six months. In 1994, I was District Commander when Bob Rae initiated Mobile Photo Radar project. Nine months later Mike Harris cancelled the project. It is 30 years ago that they stopped photo radar – for the politics, not for saving lives.

Question. What are the stats with red light cameras? If it's yellow, there's no charge. **Dave.** You must stop at red before turning also! If the law isn't reasonable, people will rebel. People drive 10-15 over the speed limit already. The school speed limit of 40 km is usually kept. If you set a speed limit, speed cameras never know what the threshold is. AND you don't lose points if caught by a camera.

Bob. A rolling right turn gets a ticket. As far as tolerance goes, I agree. Setting up speeding limits doesn't work. Queen E drivers are driving way too fast for their ability.

Paul. What about signage? Signs that tell your speed?

Bob. Flashing signs work well.

Collins. What's the alternative?

Bob. People speed because they can. Don't believe they will get caught. People are still dying. Also many are surviving with heavy injuries.

Lance. I've had several tickets and my behaviour has changed. I think a good article would be about total costs!

Hugh. I always go 40 in the school one. The signage as to times and days can be confusing.

Carolyn. Thank you very much, Bob! Lots of thoughtful insights

Happy Loonies

Collins. As I was driving on Port Robinson this morning I was following (and stopping for) a school bus. To get here on time, I have to leave at 7 am. I'm grateful we have a school bus system – I had to walk as a kid.

Troy. I'm happy I've never had a speeding ticket.

Lance. I'm happy. The weather's been amazing.

Bob. I'm pleased to do this today as I've been thinking about it these 30 years.

Paul. Happy to be here.

Sharon. I like the conversation. My kids will be getting their licenses – I want them to have appreciation for our roads.

Mel. Bob jut proved your point. My father in law has improved so much that he's back in his apartment!

Hugh. In the last few months when I've come to a stop, I haven't started till the speedometer is at 0

Frank. Thanks, Bob. I'm on the Transportation Committee for the Town. Scott Marcin's wife just entered Hospice with 4th stage Cancer.

Dave. I know police officers and I appreciate what they do.

Carolyn. I'm knocking myself that I did not teach my kids to drive on the Queen E pt any of the 400 series. I liked Bob's point of driving at your comfort level.

Dates till end of month!

March 20th 3rd Session of Strategic Planning with Leadership Niagara and Club members.

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