



Unite for Good

WEEKLY MEETING Minutes

Wednesday, October 1st, 2025

Frank Adamson, Collins Acheampong online, Bob Eamer, Hugh Graham, Paul Hewitt, Annie Holtby, Troy Killick, Crystal Lambkin, Fred Leppard, Carolyn Mullin, Sharon Pfeifer, Dave Schulz, Dave Sherlock, Mike Taylor, Touti Gendre-Guittard, Carol Timms (Lakeshore), Gary Snider (Lakeshore), Don Haber, Mike Chechalk, Guest Speaker Bruce Timms (Lakeshore)

1. Welcome!

2. Land Acknowledgement – Mike

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, All

4. 4-WAY TEST –Carolyn

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?

Invocation- Fred

In search of Self....

6. Updates, Correspondence, etc.

Ann Harrison note re Purse Bingo. We need volunteers to sign up. There's a Volunteer List on link. Ann can help you if you need it. Pursebingo@rotarycluboffonthill.ca Thanks for your support.

Paul. There was a notice of a new donor online from Welland. **Frank.** Great idea. We should do this! We want to promote **the Polio Free Society. Peace Pole in Peace Park** also. We want to make a presentation to town. It's \$300-350 American. A lot of people don't realise that Peace has been part of Rotary since the beginning of the UN – they were part of that as well. **It's our 35th Anniversary this June.** We do have some reserves

in the bank. There's a possibility of 2 legacies – the trail and the library which has a 4.5 million budget for its renovations!

Trail Frank. Steve Bauer Trail – Rotary Club of FH sponsored it with a Trillium Grant initially. It's been paved since and others have been involved including St Catharines Lakeshore's 25 years' involvement. **The Legacy Project was something we could do. Trillium application was recommended - the Town not Rotary would apply. It was unsuccessful.** Frank called David Cribbs to see where it's at and there was no response. Budget Review Meeting was this morning. Frank asked for permission to represent the Rotary Club, David Cribbs supported, staff supported and the Committee recommended the Town support it. **It was part of the master plan for Thorold.** Of the \$30,000 we have we could possibly put \$20,000 toward the Trail and \$10,000 toward the library. **The trail between Station Avenue, behind the buildings on Hwy 20, to the Lions Club to Rice Road. Thorold could carry on from there. I was suggesting that our last chartered active member, our archivist, a Fonthill Bandshell Board Member, our Rotarian of the Year – I think the Trail would be perfect as The Gail Levay Rotary Trail. Great for her, great for RC of Fonthill.**

Discussion. Bob. I'd like Ann to look at it. **Dave.** We could still make presentation. **Hugh.** Proposal to town now is good but don't commit \$\$\$\$. Maybe we could look at the proceeds for next year's Bingo. **Dave Sh.** Is this the only time to present? **Frank,** Yes MCC was over a 5 year commitment. **Crystal.** I'd rather spend \$ if it can do good for the community. **Mike.** We usually raise money and spend it. **Hugh.** No problem saying 5 years x \$5000 to the community. **Hugh** There's no problem saying 5 years x \$5000 to a community project.

Motion: The RC of Fonthill commits to \$25,000 over 5 years with proviso that the RC of Fonthill have the naming rights for the trail. **M Bob/S Hugh/C**

Mike Chechalk. The 4H runs through all municipalities. The Food Booth used to be the Junior Farmers. It's on Facebook and has operated many years at the West Niagara Fair. As a finale, at 1 pm there was a Ploughing Match that started 2 years ago. We appreciate all of you who showed up to help. There was a lot of cleaning up and ordering of product at end of the day. Thank you, Rotary. It was a great Day! I'm still catching up on bills – we should know by the end of this week what we made.

7. Introducing Bruce Timms from St Catharines Lakeshore – Expansion of Steve Bauer Trail. Bruce thanked the Club for the Motion to commit \$25,000 over the next 5 years with proviso to having naming rights. Carol Timms, also with us today and Bruce's wife and Past President of Lakeshore Club got several other clubs involved in the expansion of the Trail. There's a partnership from the South, St Catharines downtown Club, Welland Club and Fonthill to the end of Steve Bauer Trail. The idea came 4 years ago to build a loop of the trails that were already there. The Lions' Club is situated just off the trail; really, it probably goes through the trail's path!

Frank is up to date on Pelham and he's also up to date on Thorold. The City of Thorold has a consultant to do the design. This video is Rankin's drone flyover. 3 miles – all property owned by Town and City of Thorold. Many uses! It goes from the south end of Queen Street off Beaverdam Rd. The city of Thorold bought entire line. The developer wants to develop the city. The city says give us green space – we'll cut you a cheque.

Youngblut's property has 2 crossovers, 4 culverts. Kept them happy. Couple of Thorold Counsellors on board. 5 Rotary clubs, 2 Lions Clubs to convince councils. Kinsmen Club in favour too. Discussion about need for farmers, properties on the trail to support our plans. Lots of considerations will be considered by the consultant.

Frank. Thanks for showing up, Bruce.

Meeting Adjourned.

8. Rotary Moment. Happy Loonies.

9. Meetings/Events to come

Board Meeting Sept 24th. Concession First Floor. Everyone Welcome.