



WEEKLY MEETING Minutes

Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Collins Acheampong, Frank Adamson, Bob Eamer, Hugh Graham, Ann Harrison, Annie Holtby, Troy Killick, Crustal Lambkin, Carolyn Mullin, Dave Sherlock, Paul Snack, Mike Taylor, Lance Wiebe, YE Maria Araujo , Guest and Interested in Joining Us Paul Hewitt

1. Welcome - **Collins** - I woke up this morning and found it was still dark outside. I'm still getting used to the rhythms. Welcome everyone and welcome Paul Hewitt who has moved his family to Fonthill – a blended family of 3+3 children. He's interested in becoming a member.

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. **Toast & National Anthem – Lance**

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

4. **4-WAY TEST – Lance**

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 – Annie**

It's Truth and Reconciliation Week. I've read quite a few invocations and chose the Canadian Human Rights Commission.

The Canadian Human Rights Commission stands in solidarity with people across Canada as we observe the fourth annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We remember the thousands of Indigenous children who were taken from their families and communities and forced to attend residential schools. We honour the survivors of these institutions and their families whose lives were forever altered by this painful chapter in Canadian history. We acknowledge that each of us has a responsibility to learn from the past and actively contribute to the ongoing process of healing and reconciliation.

Reconciliation is an ongoing process that demands action. Recommendations from the final report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, and the Calls for Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls provide Canada with a comprehensive roadmap for advancing reconciliation. From the lack of access to clean water, education, and economic prosperity to disproportionate violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people, and the overrepresentation of Indigenous people in our prisons, Canada still has a long way to go in ensuring equitable treatment and access to justice for Indigenous peoples. By upholding the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and working in genuine partnership with Indigenous communities to implement these recommendations, Canada can achieve meaningful progress domestically, and also create a model for other nations to follow.

But it all must start at home. Canada must fulfil its domestic and international commitments to resolve the injustice and discrimination First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples continue to face. Reconciliation starts with respect for the identities, cultures, teachings, and ways of life of the distinct Indigenous peoples across the country.

We can build a Canada where everyone feels safe, respected, and empowered to reach their full potential. Let's commit to moving together towards a better future.

6.General business/updates – Collins. Committee Membership. I used the model RI recommends. It will help spread the work around. I need help but we have control in our group. I'd like to start with Membership.

Membership. Frank. Pail has reached out to us, Dave Sherlock reached out to us, Crystal reached out to us. On October 26th, in Buffalo, there's a half day District Membership meeting. The BEST way is to invite someone to a meeting. Have your elevator speech ready for when someone asks about your Rotary pin!

I've asked that POD leaders join the Membership Committee. Our numbers are lower than when we first started. (25) I was at the NF club – they have 40 members, the year before they had 45, the year before that, 50, etc. We need to work at it, rebrand, Crystal offered to serve on Membership.

Bob. We're a Breakfast Club! I'm a 1 man committee. I suggest that in the POD monthly schedules there be a Breakfast Meeting at Domenic's.

Collins. We said we'd expand by three members. We should add exit interviews. Continue with equity inclusion. We have our strategic plan. If we can accomplish 2 items each year....

Crystal. I reflect on how much Rotary has given us. Come from that perspective.

Frank. Invite people when we have a speaker! Earth Day volunteers indicated an interest in helping. 15 said they'd be interested in Rotary. We'll invite them to the planting for November 2nd. Everybody has a role. We have our strategic plan. We need more help.

Tree Planting

Frank. We'll be planting along the trail through the Lions' and Pelham Cares' properties. We're working out the logistics right now and looking at larger trees, placing rows on the border lines. Sharon met with me and the Lions, Pelham Cares and Pelham Cares. We have the gran of \$5000 with \$1000 left over from the last time that we can use. Looking at the more mature trees. Lions have suggested the scouts that meet at their building could help and they'd reached out to them. NPCA has done their work already and definitely has a partnership with lions and Pelham Cares. We just had our \$2500 cheque delivered when Lisa and Sandi were here earlier in September.

Rotary Auction Niagara

Annie and Hugh. This is the crucial time of the Auction, right now and the next few weeks as everyone approaches their donors that they have history with and new donors to increase our part of the Auction.

What we bring to the table we take back the proceeds from our donations. The more we can increase our donations, the more we have to share with those seeking help. When I bid, I usually bid on our own donations unless I see something really appealing over the fence! Don't forget \$50 is the lowest you can go in value of donations. It's on the donor's letter so they are aware of it but mentioning it from our side is good as well. It's our starting point. Most credit cards for Tim's or the Keg for instance will go for 100% of their value.

For the first time people can use a 'Buy Me Now' option – you have to pay an extra 20% as requirement for this option.

The bids start at \$0. Increments go up by \$2 for value of \$99 or less, up by \$5 for values \$100-\$199, up by \$10 for values \$200-\$399 and up by \$20 for values \$400 or more.

The biggest task is to canvass, receive donations and the paperwork (Donation form) from the donor. If a new donor, their LOGO is appreciated from them as well. We can usually find it on the website. We're happy to enter your donations into the Auction. If you'd like to enter, please let Annie know (text 289 968 6003 or email holtbyannie@gmail.com or landline 905 892 6003) as you'll need the instructions and your numbers for both Items and Gift Certificates. Otherwise, bring your donations to the meetings or call Annie about dropping them and the paperwork off.

The deadline for your donors to CONFIRM they're donating is October 18 and deadline for picking up their donations in November 8th. We can extend each another week but there's a lot to be done behind the scenes with photos and double checking before we move things to Warehouse with all 6 clubs.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Annie at above numbers or Hugh at rotary@ubkool.com

Golf Tournament. Collins. Please applaud Hugh's huge efforts for this successful Golf Tournament on September 13th!

Hugh Both Sandy and I are there for any event for either Welland or Fonthill including this Golf Tournament. Last year we asked about doing a joint tournament with Welland. Tim had 36 golfers who'd been asking about raising money with a tournament for Children. Last year the money raised with our first tournament went to Niagara Children's Centre and this year a

similar amount (\$15800) was raised for Youth Resources Niagara. We had 120 Golfers, up 24 from the previous year. Rose City Kids does two days now with THEIR Golf Tournament. We have lots of volunteers from both clubs. We'll be doing it again next year.

Land Acknowledgement. Ann. We've reached out to see what was out there – Niagara College and other schools. I'll reach out again to connect with the Niagara College people in October. Their September was pretty busy.

President-Elect. We still need one! It's still open. **Carolyn** added that it's easy because the board does the work!

Interact are holding a 'Stocktober' from October 1-10. They're stocking the shelves for Pelham Cares. Last year we moved the food. It ends the 10th. Ann is unavailable Thursday but Mike is OK. Any other vehicles for moving?

Breakfast at Domenic's Wednesday October 9.

EVENTS:

Check our website (events page)/ keep an eye on emails; visit district calendar

Rotary Moment and Happy Loonies – Frank

Paul Hewitt. Happy to be here and looking forward. Happy my son is in university!

Carolyn. I'm going to Italy with my daughter as a graduation gift!

Ann. My son just got his Masters in Architecture.

Lance. David Swan turned 90! Amazing!

Mike. So Happy with Maria. She's so involved and has moved to her second home, just down the street from her first home.

Maria. So happy to be here today. I feel like I'm home.

Paul. Zac is interested in Youth Exchange and we're meeting this afternoon with Mike and Maria.

Hugh. Continuing the Education theme! Our youngest enrolled in a Communication Major at Brock. She has a PSW from Fleming College and is very enthusiastic about it. We're happy and proud!

Troy. I'm starting to think about skiing! It's that time between summer and fall.

Collins. Happy to be here

Annie. Heading to Cornwall for Peter's brother's induction into their Sports Hall of Fame for his role as a Cornwall Royals player in 1972 when they won the Memorial Cup. About time too!! Looking forward to seeing our high school friends who still make Cornwall home!

Frank. Happy to be here. Thanks to those who supported the End Polio Now Ride in memory of Ron Mergl on the 21st! YE Ryan Bradbury and his friend Daniel joined the ride. With the matching dollars, we raised \$58,000! NOTL is having a Walk for Polio around town which will raise another \$15,500!

See you at Domenic's on October 9th for Breakfast.

Regular Meeting on October 16th. Speaker Graham Segger, Member of the Pelham Historical Society

