

MINUTES OF THE RCCHP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

ZOOM MEETING AND IN-HOUSE MEETING AT GUNNS DAIRY BARN

Meeting commenced at 7:00 am for breakfast and 7:20 am for zoom

Peter Harding led the national anthem

Vannita Sapre said grace

Geoffrey Simins introduced visiting Rotarians and guests (unfortunately the sounds system did not allow me to catch any names)

Plate assignment – unknown

Sunshine report: given by Vannita Sapre

Rotary Club of Calgary Heritage Park

Birthday & Anniversary Report

September 11-> 16



Member Birthdays

Name	Date
Knox, Matt	Sep 14
Le, Kathy	Sep 14
Rowe, Mark	Sep 16
Sapre, Vannita	Sep 17

Spouse Birthdays

Name	Spouse Of	Date
Pokhriyal, Sanjay	Sapre, Vannita	Sep 11

Anniversaries

Name	Spouse Name	Years	Date
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Nothing to report

Date Joined Rotary

Nothing to report

Scott Hutchinson from Aspen Properties was introduced by Jim Sawers.

The topic was Calgary's New Downtown Plan. Aspen owns many commercial and residential properties in both Calgary and Edmonton. They are trying to promote a positive plan for Calgary as today it is a very negative feeling in Calgary. 2006 saw Calgary with the lowest commercial vacancy rate in Canada, today it is at 30%. With there plan to have the vacancy rate down to 20% within 10 years.

Calgary's downtown is mostly commercial property and that is the problem that needs to be addressed. The downtown needs more residential and recreational activities.

The tax base in downtown eroded by \$300 million per year and \$16 billion in office value was eroded. The city is working to change commercial to residential by offering developers \$75 per square foot to change commercial to residential. \$200 million was approved by city council in April.

Plans to convert 6 million square feet of commercial to residential and recreational. More residential, recreational and transportation with the green line.

Working from home was good at the start of the pandemic but productivity has fallen off. You need to be in the office to meet with fellow workers for your own mental health and social interaction. Office spaces must be redesigned to accommodate the 12% that will continue to work from home.

A plan to live – work – play.

Jim sawers thanked the speaker

Minutes were very hard to hear due to zoom issues.

Happy bucks very hard to hear due to zoom issues.

Next meeting is September 17 Club Assembly – full zoom meeting

September 24th David Blair – Fish tales fly shop.

Closed the meeting with the 4-way test.

Meeting closed at 8:30.