



# THE STANDARD

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**PRESIDENT  
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## MEETING NOTES

We were welcomed to The Gunn Dairy Barn by Bob Clark, who was wearing an orange shirt to commemorate September 30, our National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Graham rang the bell at 7:00 sharp and we all rushed to our designated tables. Graham acknowledged that we are on Treaty 7 territory, and in the interest of our club members' desire to learn more about our neighbours, shared some interesting information about the Siksika Nation, one of the signatories of the treaty. While Siksika is part of the Siksikaitsitapi or Blackfoot Confederacy (which includes Kainai Nation, Piikani Nation and Aamskapi Piikani or Blackfeet Nation), the name Siksika actually means Blackfoot in the Blackfoot language. The Siksika were the first nation to register their symbol as a coat of arms with the Heraldic Authority in Canada (in 1992).

Our 2 guests were introduced, MacKenzie Spencer and Diane Kashuba,

## PROGRAM

Harry Kim introduced our guest speaker, none other than Jamie Powell. Jamie has been a member of RCCHP for 18 years. He is a financial planner and wealth investment advisor, and has his own company, Powell and Associates Private Wealth. Jamie has been married to Natalie since 2001 and they have 2 amazing daughters. Jamie spoke to us about the Pros and Cons of ESG Investing.

ESG (which stands for Environmental, Social and Governance) refers to applying this framework, principles and objectives to options when making investment decisions.

Benefits of ESG investing: improved risk management; potential for long-term returns; positive impact on society and the environment; and reporting (this last one can also be a con).

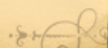
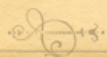
Cons of ESG Investing: limited standardization and metrics; potential for greenwashing; lower short-term returns; excluding some opportunities; and reporting (due to the cost).

Jamie advised that for investors who don't have time to do the ESG research themselves, consider using an ETF, mutual fund, or portfolio based investment program to access the areas you wish to focus on.

Jamie ended his talk with the old adage, if it seems too good to be true, it probably is, so buyer beware (do your homework).

Some interesting highlights of the Q&A session: he has had no clients ask for ESG investments; NFP/Charities are expected to invest in ESG options without the resources to properly account for them; the ESG investing is meant for public companies only.

Graham thanked Jamie.



## NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

The board has approved the the application for membership for the following:

### CLUB MEMBERSHIP

**Linda Craig**

**Classification: Fundraising Professional**

### CORPORATE MAMBERSHIP

**HERITAGE PARK CORPORATION**

**Diane Kashuba.**

**Classification: Community Engagement**

**Mitchell Ravin**

**Classification: Fund Developement**

Barring any objections from the membership, they will be inducted after two weeks.

## MOTIONS

On behalf of the Community Services, Roger moved that RCCHP provide up to \$2000 to allow us to prepare 6 dinners at Ronald McDonald House, each for approximately 70 residents. Approved.

On behalf of the Community Services Committee, Roger moved that RCCHP allocate \$1000 to Accessible Housing to assist in funding of accessible modification projects. (matching funds from Challenger Park) Approved.

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Graham informed everyone about the Calgary Civic Symphony and provided pamphlets so people can buy tickets. Rotary Remembers, a Remembrance Day Celebration, will be held at the Carriage House Inn on Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>. Directions to register will be provided as soon as they are available. There will be no Friday meeting on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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**SHEILA TYMINSKI.....OCT 10**

**VANESSA FREEZE-SUMNER .....OCT 10**

## MINUTES

Mark Rowe reminded us to donate unused laptop computers by next week (if you don't have them cleaned, this can be arranged). They will be taken to Puerto Vallarta by the group on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Bill Skinner wants us to think about planning an event during the Rotary International Convention in Calgary in late June 2025 to welcome international visitors to Calgary.

Jim Davis invited members to attend the District Grants Qualification seminar, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00-12:00. Preregistration required. Register here: [Grants Qualification Seminar | Rotary 5360](#).

Move for Polio is moving forward: 44% of members are participating; we have exceeded our activity goal, and we are at 75% of our financial goal of \$4000US. Members who have yet to participate are encouraged to do so by the end of October.

Sheila Tyminski shared the findings of the Indigenous Relations Club Survey, which was open in July and August 2023. While response rate was disappointingly low (24 responses), nevertheless the findings were positive. Please contact Sheila for more information on the survey.

Graham also added that members reported favourably to Indigenous Moments instead of a rote Land Acknowledgement at club meetings. There will be 2 upcoming Indigenous learning events: A tour of the Tsut'ina Museum October 24<sup>th</sup> and a Virtual Reality tour of Writing on Stone on November 14.

Anyone wishing to join the Orange Shirt Day walk and event on Sept. 30 please meet Sheila and the group across Macleod Trail from City Hall at 10:45 am.

### DUTY ROSTER

**OCTOBER 6, 2023**

**GREETER .....DOUG KINLEY**

**DOOR SALES.....TBD**

**INTRODUCE & THANK.....FRAN HOCHHAUSEN**

**REPORTER.....EVE ROBERTSON**

**If you are unable to fulfil your duties  
please find your own replacement.**