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MEETING NOTES



It was a typical Calgary spring morning as I drove in to Heritage Park, a little rain then sun then cloud and again rain however the landscape was lush and green and inviting. Also inviting was the chatter and laughter and wonderful aroma of breakfast emanating from the Gunn Dairy Barn. It even got better as I walked through the door and was enthusiastically greeted by our official greeter, Diane Kashuba.

Our special guest host Lorne Kelly was standing in for, actually it's been so long I'm not sure I remember, oh yeah, President Graham Drake.

Lorne was timely on the bell and started the meeting off with Peter Harding leading the room in O'Canada. Lorne provide a land acknowledgement with a little history about Fred Sasakamoose.

Fred started playing hockey at the age of 16 working his way up to playing with the Moose Jaw Canucks of the Western Canada Junior Hockey league and was named the league MVP after scoring 31 goals in the 1953 season. He was one of the first Canadian indigenous players in the NHL playing for the Chicago Blackhawks in the 1953/54 season. After his hockey career he became a band councilor for the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation where he served for 35 years including a 6 year term as Chief. During this time he promoted opportunities for youth in sports and for his community service he was honored by the Blackhawks at a home game, inducted into numerous halls of fame including the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in 2002 and Fred became a Member of the Order of Canada in 2018.

Lorne introduced our guests which included: Tim Richler our Guest Speaker; Jay Brisley guest of Janet Blahun; Ashley Yu of Inclusion Alberta

PROGRAM

Sheila Tyminski introduced our guest speaker, Tim Richter, the founder, president and CEO of the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness.

Tim's presentation provided a brief look into the issues of homelessness and the very complex and involved process involved in solving this issue.

Tim said statistics show that Canada needs to build about 5.8 million new homes in the next 5 to 10 years of which over 2 million should be rental properties and 655,000 of those need to be affordable housing units. At present we are not producing anywhere near the amount of housing required to meet these numbers.

It takes a lot of money but more so a lot of cooperation and coordination by private enterprise, builders and developers as well as all levels of government. Tim suggested we need to approach this issue like we do with all disasters like our pass floods and fires where people have been displaced but through coordinated efforts and a strong plan these people have been restored back into their homes and lives in a fairly short period of time. He thanked Rotary for what they have been doing and continue to do in this area working with groups such as HomeSpace. In short there is a lot being done but many hurdles to overcome and much more effort and funding required if we hope to resolve this issue anytime soon.

Sheila thanked Tim for his presentation and presented him with our certificate from Polio Plus.

FRIDAYS 7 AM. GUNN'S DAIRY BARN, HERITAGE PARK, 1900 HERITAGE DRIVE SW, CALGARY



MINUTES



Bob Clark announced that Garry Gray membership application has been passed by the club Board of Directors and announcements will be made at the next two meetings and published in the Standard. If all goes well Garry should be rejoining our ranks in some form soon.

HAPPY BUCKS



Bill Skinner (surprised that he has forgotten his wallet) was happy that his Global Grant for water projects in Guatemala has been approved. Doug MacDonald was happy that Ivy had a successful cataract surgery. Sheila Tyminski happy about Tim Richter's presentation and the work our club has done with HomeSpace. Raju Paul happily announced he and Asha are celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary. Bob Clark happy that the US Justice Department has filed an antitrust suit against Ticketmaster and Live Nation for their monopoly on entertainment ticket sales. A step towards more fair and affordable access to live music for fans around the world

NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board has approved the application for membership of

GARRY GRAY.

CLASSIFICATION: Property Management

Barring any objections from the members he may be inducted in 2 weeks.

CLOSING REMARKS

Lorne wrapped things up with one of his favorite farewell sayings:

May the wind fill your sails and may the cod take your jiggling.

BIRTHDAYS& ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

VELMA NOBLE.....MAY 25

JOE KLASSENMAY 27

TRISH RADERMACHERMAY 26

ANNIVERSARY

JOHN & TRISH RADERMACHER (36YRS).....MAY 30

ROTARY ANNIVERSARY

MONICA AMABILIS (3YRS).....MAY 28

DUTY ROSTER

MAY 31,2024

GREETERJOE KLASSEN

DOOR SALES.....DOUG MACDONALD

INTRODUCE & THANK.....PHIL HOCHHAUSEN

REPORTER.....BRAD SEWALL

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