**EyeOpener
October 12, 2021 – Changes Coming to 9-1-1**

This Meeting was via Zoom

Alan played *O Canada*sung by members of the Nova Scotia Nurses Union.

The President read the **Acknowledgement of Treaty 6 Land:**

*We acknowledge that the Rotary Club of Camrose Daybreak is located on Treaty 6 land. This is the traditional territory and an ancient gathering place of many Indigenous peoples for thousands of years.

We recognize that we are all Treaty people and have a responsibility to become aware of our shared history, understand the Spirit and Intent of the Treaties and by doing so we can honour the past, be aware of the present, and create a just and caring future built upon Peace, Friendship, and Understanding.*

**Guest Speaker**

Dean introduced Tanya Van Petten who is the coordinator for the local Public Safety Answering Point. This service answers 9-1-1 calls for Camrose and Camrose County. They transfer requests for ambulance to the Alberta Health Service dispatch in Edmonton. They handle about 20 to 24 calls per day. She has worked for the City of Camrose and the Camrose Police Service for 24 years.

The present service is an analog service. The next generation service (NG9-1-1) will be an internet protocol-based service. It will allow the public to send photos, videos, text and other kinds of data as well as allowing data sharing between points. This will allow people to text 9-1-1 in real time—that is the letters will appear to 9-1-1 as they are typed. In 2 to 5 years all data and most devices will be able to use the 9-1-1 system. The system will be smart, if one point is overloaded the calls will automatically be transferred to another point. NG9-1-1 will benefit first responders who will be able to see pictures or videos of the scene before they arrive. The hearing impaired will be able to communicate via text. (The hearing impaired now can register with their phone provider, if they call a notation is transmitted to the 9-1-1 point that this caller requires text.) The new system will automatically deal with abandoned or accidentally dialed calls with an automated call back. It will eventually allow localization of the call from the caller’s phone GPS system. Timelines are changing but this handset localization is planned for the end of 2022.

The new system will be installed in Camrose in February of 2022 at a cost of $350,000. Although municipalities are responsible to fund the centres, they will receive grants to cover the cost from the funds provided by the 9-1-1 fees (that were recently increased) on phones.

Tanya was thanked and promised a certificate denoting 10 children vaccinated for polio.

**Food for Thought:** Destiny told us about a video <https://youtu.be/HUngLgGRJpo>. She also gave us two quotes:

1. The more thankful I am, the more I have to be thankful for.
2. Life is like a camera. Just focus on what’s important and capture the good times, develop from the negatives and if things don’t work out, just take another shot.

**Happy Bucks for:** Thanksgiving with grandchildren and a sister, the introduction between a dog and two cats that all survived, finishing work on his last paper for his Master’s degree, the memorial service and inurnment of David Taylor in Simcoe, Ontario (in the graveyard where his great grandfather was buried), the weekend get together of some of his family, the trip to his cabin to get it ready for winter, for being able to pick blueberries on Gun Hill.

**Announcements:**

Chase the Ace: Morris reported the seventh two-week period supports the Huntington Society. There is about $3000 in the Progressive Jackpot.

Odell donated a jar of Newfoundland Blueberry jam and Rob donated a bunch of garlic to a draw from all those who send in a donation to the End Polio campaign before World Polio Day on October 26.

Sahakarini is raising funds in October. The Chair of the board, Litsa Tryphonopoulos, is raising money by offering baklava – 4 portions for $20. Contact Chris or Varghese for more information.

John updated us on the flag program. The rate will increase to $60 per year beginning January 1, 2022 (allowing early bird subscriptions before then for the 2022 year would still be $50). A group at Heritage Manor has asked for 12 flags at Christmas at $20 each. There was a proposal to offer similar flags for a week around birthdays and anniversaries.

The Joint Zoom Meeting Monday October 18 at 7 pm will feature LeRoy Johnson speaking about his new book.

Board Zoom Meeting October 19 at 8 am.

Next regular Daybreak Meeting October 26 at 7 am. Destiny and Chris are in charge.

Meeting adjourned with Rob leading us in singing the *Four Way Test.*

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