



The Fortarian

February 10th, 2021

Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

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Chair: Dave Knutson
 Meets: 1st Tuesday of each month,
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Semi-monthly Zoom Meetings

Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
 Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday

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Meeting of February 10th, 2021

President Cynthia Judge welcomed everyone to the meeting. Robert Moore gave the toast to the Queen. President Cynthia then acknowledged that the club meets on the land of Fort William First Nation. There were no visiting Rotarians or guests.

Mary Ann Breton introduced the guest speakers for the evening. They were Dr. Moira McPherson, and Kathy Pozihun of Lakehead University. Toby Goodfellow, Chief of Staff, assisted them in their presentation.

Dr. Moira McPherson became the eighth President and Vice-Chancellor of Lakehead University on September 1, 2018. She had served as the Interim President and Vice-Chancellor between January 2018 and September 2018. Prior to that, she had been the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) from 2012. She started her career at Lakehead in 1987 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Education and Athletics.

Kathy Pozihun was appointed Vice-President (Administration and Finance) in 2012. In 1992, she earned an Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree (Accounting Major) then obtained her Chartered Professional Accountant, Certified General Accountant designation in 1992. As the Chief Financial Officer for the University, Kathy works to ensure that the university remains financially sustainable and poised for growth.

Dr. McPherson and Kathy Pozihun spoke on Lakehead University's 2019-2020 Annual Report. They began with a look at the foundations of the university's strategic plan which guides the decisions made regarding the university.

The five pillars of the plan are: 1. Academic Excellence 2. Social Responsibility 3. Local and Global Partnerships 4. Entrepreneurship and Innovation and 5. Capacity Development.

In the area of academic excellence, Lakehead University is Canada's #1 research university in the undergraduate category. It is one of the top three

universities that prepares graduates for employment. Almost 97% of students find employment within two years of graduating.

In the area of social responsibility, the university is ranked 98th in the world for global impact. Fourteen percent of Lakehead's students self-identify as indigenous. Thirty-one percent of local enrolment in STEM disciplines is female.

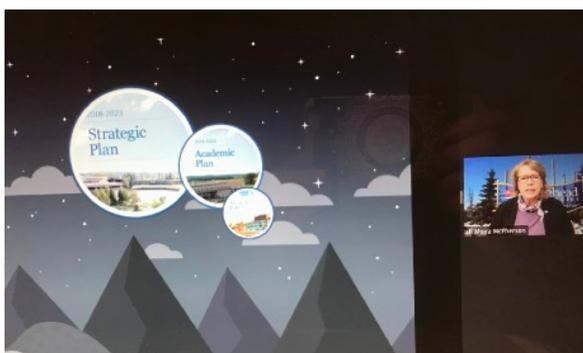
In the area of local and global partnerships, the university has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with Thunder Bay, Orillia, and Sioux Lookout. There are 134 research partnerships with municipalities, government, research institutes, and industry.

In the area of entrepreneurship and innovation, the university has a \$1.6 billion impact on GDP. Four small businesses and start-ups in local communities are related to the university community.

In the area of capacity development, over 1400 international students from 70 countries attend the university. This is a 16% increase from the previous year. The university received \$3.4 million in philanthropic revenue.

"Hope and Resilience," the university's online interactive annual report, was then shown. President Cynthia thanked Dr. Moira, Kathy, and Toby for their presentation.





President Cynthia provided an update on the Visioning session that was held on February 3. She talked about the next steps that will take place in order to create the final strategic plan.

Dave Knutson gave the House Lottery report and Robert Moore gave the Allocations report. President Cynthia announced the upcoming meetings and events.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

February 15: Satellite Club meets at RFDA

February 24: Irene Sottile on Club committee structure and District structure. New member inducted.

February 26: Virtual Anniversary dinner hosted by Port Arthur Rotary

March 10: ADG Dan Brown will speak on the Foundation. The Visioning committee will give a report

March 24: Tim Heney, CEO of the Thunder Bay Port Authority will speak.

April 14: John Mason, Project Manager, Mining Services for the CEDC will speak.

The meeting closed with everyone laughing after Irene Sottile did Lighter Side.

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