



# The Fortarian

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Rotary Club of Thunder Bay (Fort William)

## 2020/2021 Board of Directors

President: Cynthia Judge  
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 Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month,  
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 1159 Alloy Drive , 6.30pm

## Website [www.fwrotary.ca](http://www.fwrotary.ca)

Directors:  
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## Allocations Committee

Chair: Bob Hookham  
 Meets: 2nd Tuesday of each month,  
 Weiler Maloney Nelson Board Room 12 noon.

## Rotary House Lottery Committee

Chair: Dave Knutson  
 Meets: 1st Tuesday of each month,  
 Weiler Maloney Nelson, 12 noon.

## Semi-monthly Zoom Meetings

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

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## THE FORTARIAN March 24, 2021

President Cynthia Judge welcomed about 16 Rotarians to the Zoom meeting.

Joan Krisko played *O Canada* on the piano. Fhara Pottinger gave the toast to the Queen.

Dave McColl introduced the speaker, Mr. Tim Heney, Chief Executive Officer of the Thunder Bay Port Authority. Tim has held this position since 2005.



Tim leads the Port Authority's efforts to increase marine cargo, raise the profile of the port and seek strategic capital investment opportunities to improve port competitiveness.



The Port consists of seven grain elevators, three dry bulk terminals (coal, potash, stone, salt, etc.), two liquid bulk terminals (petroleum, chemicals), as well as a general cargo terminal, shipyard/drydock and a cruise ship terminal.

In 2020, Thunder Bay exported over 10 million metric tonnes of cargo, which is a 10 percent increase over 2019, and a 23-year cargo high. The port also received its first import shipment of phosphate fertilizer from Morocco in December, an opportunity that can lead to further growth

and diversification. The 20,800 tonnes of phosphate is being stored inside a large building and will be shipped to prairie farmers by rail.

Other interesting facts about our Port:

- 900 direct jobs
- 400 vessel calls annually
- 1.2 million tonnes grain storage capacity
- \$370 million annual economic contribution (largest industrial tax base in Thunder Bay)
- largest Canadian port on the Great Lakes
- #1 export port on the Seaway

President Cynthia thanked Mr. Heney for his presentation.

President Cynthia noted that we had received a letter of thanks from a Northern Ontario School of Medicine student, Kyle Fediuk. He was very appreciative of receiving the Fort William Rotary bursary this year to help with his study costs.

Dave Knutson provided a House Lottery update. We are approaching our break-even point with about 60 percent of tickets sold. Dave expressed thanks to Stephen Margarit, Robert Moore, Joan Krisko, Dawn Sebesta and all the volunteers who are stuffing envelopes and helping where they are able.

President Cynthia advised of some upcoming events:

- April 1 – 4:30-6:00 pm (CENTRAL Time) – virtual session on *ROTARY : WOMEN : CHANGE* (refer to District 5580 Facebook page or contact Gloria Mink)
- April 14 – next regular (Zoom) meeting, guest speaker is John Mason, Project Manager with the Community Economic Development Commission. John will speak about mining in Northwestern Ontario.
- April 26-30 – Virtual District Conference (refer to recent email from Stephen Margarit)
- April 28 – at our regular meeting, three committees will be doing presentations on:
  - Allocations
  - House Lottery
  - Club Fundraising

Stephen Margarit gave a presentation on the Public Image Committee. The goal is to actively promote Fort William Rotary locally and around the globe. They will be looking at improvements to the club website and various social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn. Stephen also spoke about the Club History Committee. He is hoping to improve our archiving and organizing of 105 years of materials.



Dave McColl delivered the Lighter Side.  
 President Cynthia adjourned the meeting.

**Editor Erle**

**Scribe Dave McColl**

