



LINDSAY MEN'S PROBUS CLUB

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On Tuesday April 9th, we held our monthly meeting at Celebrations, with 50 members attending. Following a 30 minute social time, Club President, Bob Armstrong opened the meeting at 10:30am and welcomed everyone. We then stood for O'Canada.

Bob called on Pat O'Reilly, to introduce our guest speaker Ron Taylor, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Kawartha Lakes (CKL).

Ron noted that he had previously addressed our club in 2013 when he was Director of Development Services and for those interested, here is a link to the newsletter from that meeting.....[Jan2013](#)

As the CAO, Ron heads up the City's administration, consisting of over 1200 employees delivering over 200 single-tier municipal programs and services.

Ron's talk focused on the recently approved Strategic Plan for CKL and the changes planned to support significant population growth, due to residential construction planned over the next 10+ years. In step with the Province's goal for new housing starts CKL and in particular the town of Lindsay will see 600 new residential buildings constructed per year. Using a population growth factor of 2.5 for each new home, the population of the town will rise by ~15,000 over a 10 year time frame.

This significant and accelerated growth impacts many aspects of the town's infrastructure such as water, sewer and roads, while also impacting services such as Health Care, Policing and Schools, as some examples. Therefore the planning effort is spread amongst numerous organizations within the town.

The growth happening now was made possible by the planning that happened several years ago and that effort continues today to accommodate growth for the next 25 years and beyond.

Ron answered many questions from members, and we ran out of time given the number of questions. Ron kindly volunteered to be available after the meeting to ensure everyone with a question received his attention. Following his talk, Ron was thanked by Max Radiff.

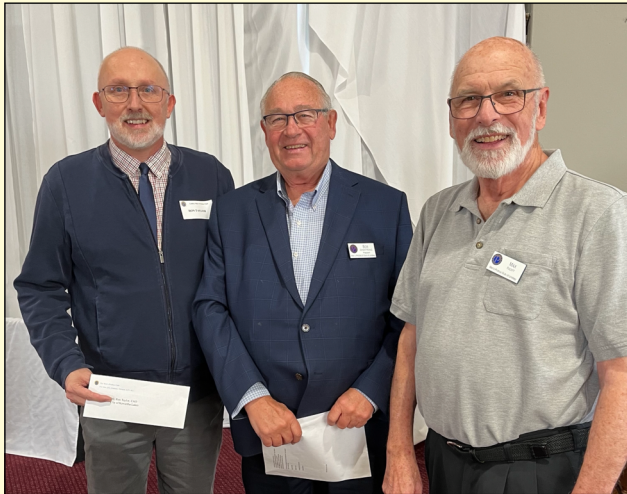
Ron drew the winning 50/50 ticket, won by Richard Poersch.

We then inducted a new member into the club, Don Blake who was introduced by his sponsor Irwin Brown. Don was presented with his information package and membership badge by Bob Whitfield.

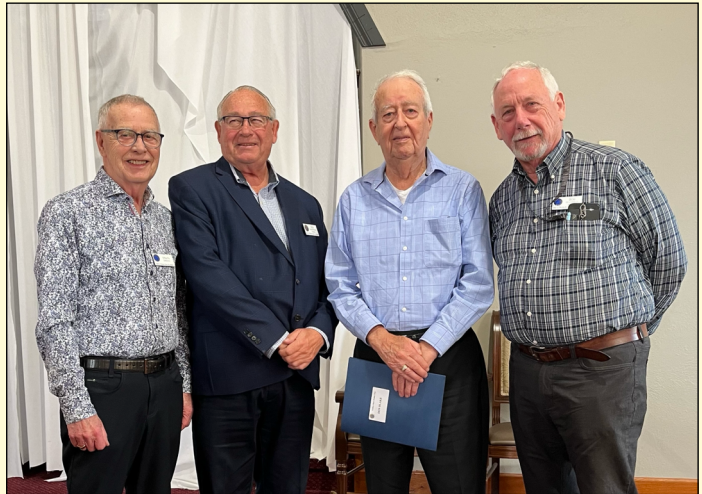
The meeting was adjourned at noon, with ~ 20 members heading to Symposium for lunch.



Photo's



Guest Speaker Ron Taylor (L) with Bob Armstrong & Max Radiff



New Member Don Blake with Irwin Brown, Bob Armstrong & Bob Whitfield.

The 2024-2027 Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan

Sets our direction for the future. It identifies Council's vision, mission, values, guiding principles and strategic priority areas. It also identifies goals and actions that Council and staff will deliver on over the next four years.

Vision: Thriving and growing communities in a healthy and natural environment

Mission: Working together to deliver the highest standard of municipal service and uphold our commitment towards a sustainable future for all.

Values: Accountability, Respect, Teamwork

Guiding Principles: Fiscally Responsible, Open and Transparent, Partner and Collaborate, Service Excellence

Strategic Priorities:

- A Healthy Environment
- An Exceptional Quality of Life
- A Vibrant and Growing Economy
- Good Government

The Strategic Plan references Master Plans and Strategies that outline specific actions for service areas. Many of these reports are available on the *Reports, Studies and Plans* page.

Link to the CKL Strategic Plan in PDF format - *The 2020-2023 Strategic Plan*



Remembering former club member Brian Devan

DEVAN, Edward "Brian" - Born on November 18, 1934, peacefully made his Irish exit on St. Patrick’s Day, Sunday, March 17, 2024. Brian's vibrant personality and unwavering spirit have left an enduring legacy cherished by all who were privileged to know him.

Born to Irene Parent and Edward Devan, Brian's heritage was a beautiful blend of French Canadian and Irish roots. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, who instilled in him the values of kindness, resilience, and family.

Brian is survived by his loving wife, Zita, with whom he shared an exceptional bond of faith, love, and companionship spanning 62 years—a testament to their enduring love story and an inspiration to all who knew them. He is also survived by his beloved brother, John (Lorna), and his brother-in-law, Richard (Liette).

Brian and his wife Zita moved to the Kawartha's in 1969 from Toronto, first making Fenelon Falls their home where they created many fond memories. There, he ran McFarlands Store, becoming known as ‘Devan the Pant Man’, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, while chairing the local Winter Carnivals, and other community events. The family moved to Lindsay in 1979 where he continued his entrepreneurial endeavour in sales, ending his career in Water Treatment. A lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus, he was also the wind beneath his wife’s endeavours.

Brian's passion for life extended far and wide. He approached his interests and hobbies with unwavering enthusiasm, from his adventures in dog sledding and running a marathon, to his retirement pursuit of cycling. A proud member of Kawartha Lakes Cycling Club, Brian discovered his love for cycling later in life, relishing every opportunity to pedal through the open road, often rewarded with the sweet indulgence of a butter tart. At 70, he completed a ride to the Gaspé along with his brother and oldest son. His commitment to his hobbies was a testament to his adventurous spirit and unyielding determination.

In his final years, Brian faced the challenges of dementia with remarkable grace and resilience, finding solace in laughter and cherished memories shared with loved ones. Brian's presence touched the lives of many, leaving an enduring mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Next Probus Meeting
Tuesday, May 14th 2024
Speaker - Jason Ward
“Mental Wellbeing”

Social Events
A small committee has been formed to consider and plan future social events. Members are invited to contact Sal Polito with suggestions and ideas.

Health & Welfare
If you know of any member who is experiencing health issues at this time, please contact Bruce Cameron ~ cam48retired@gmail.com



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