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## Meeting Highlights :

- President Bruce Taylor called the meeting to order; followed by a group singing of "O Canada".
- He questioned the group to see who was interested in attending the luncheon after the meeting at the Olympia Restaurant on Kent Street.
- Bruce continued by calling upon Club member Sal Polito to come forward and introduce the morning's guest speaker, Andy Letham, the Mayor of the City of the Kawartha Lakes.
- The Mayor was born in Oliver, British Columbia in 1962 but currently resides on Sturgeon Lake, just east of Cameron. He is married with three children and also has three step-children. Andy owned and operated a successful small business in the north-east end of Lindsay for 13 years. He was a former city councilor and held the position of General Manager of the Lindsay Agricultural Society for 7 years. In December of 2014, Andy was affirmed as the Mayor of the City of the Kawartha Lakes.
- His presentation outlined some of the major challenges that the City has to contend or deal with at the present time and in the near future, and here is a brief outline them :
  - He commenced his presentation by stating that the City of Kawartha Lakes has a limited population growth and because of this, residential taxes carry the largest amount of the load to maintain the services that are required at the present time.
  - Due to these limitations, the City has a hard time carrying out required improvements/changes and provide them at a low cost.
  - He outlined how the core services are covered or paid for at the present time ;
    - 56 % from taxes;
    - 31% from grants;
    - 11% from user fees;
    - 2% from investments (approximately 8 million dollars a year).
  - He informed the membership, there has been 14 million dollar increase in our operating service costs since 2012 and they are predicting a shortfall of another 10 million dollars in 2016.
  - He stated that we have 75 million dollar debt but we also have 200 million dollar capacity at the present time.
  - He stressed that we as a City, do not have a large enough tax base or funds to cover all the service facilities (fire halls, libraries, arenas, etc.) that we presently have operating within our different areas.
  - To be able to operate, maintain and meet all the requirements of our present facilities, they are taking a long and serious look at how we do business at the present time. They are validating different business models or business practices which are utilized in other municipalities outside the City boundaries at the present time that could be put in place in the near future.
  - He has been conducting community meetings throughout the area to help inform the public about our present model, its' management processes, operations and costs.
  - These meetings also allowed him the opportunity to talk to the people, allow them to voice their concerns and put forth their suggestions in what path the City should be going in the future.

## Health and Welfare Update

**Please notify RON MORGAN, Health and Welfare, if you have knowledge of a member that is experiencing health issues at any time....  
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## Next Guest Speaker

**TUESDAY, August 11th**



**Mike Hendren**  
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