

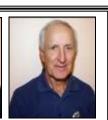
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Next Guest Speaker

TUESDAY, August 11th



Mike Hendren Executive Director, Kawartha Land Trust.

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:
 - o 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;
 - o 56 % from taxes:
 - o 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.
 - o 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.
 - o 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.

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Club member Max Radiff (R) thanking Mayor Andy Letham for his presentation.



President Bruce (L) and Club member, Dave Warren (far R) officially welcoming new member David Larsen into our Club.

4TH ANNUAL PROBUS CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

9 Hole Winners : Wayne Brumwell

Ron Neale Clarke Tummon

Closest to the pin: Paul Terrill

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18 Hole Winners: Dave Mooney

Dennis Eaton Milt Battersby

Bob Doran

Closest to the pin: Hugh Burton

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- He provided further information to the membership regarding a few items of interest to our residents:
 - o the North Trunk extension;
 - o new business adventures in our area;
 - new development adventures;
 - o tourism in area:
 - o status of the rural transit;
 - o revolving management with the service groups;
 - o gravel pit status or plans (coming up for a final review in August);
 - present and future water and waste water operating systems.
- He concluded his presentation by stating that it is; "Not all doom and gloom".
 Andy stated; "That he is extremely excited about the whole City in general, its' current path in motion, and the great potential of our people within it".
- Bruce called upon club member Max Radiff to come forward and thank the Mayor on behalf of the Club members, for his very informative presentation and wished him well in his term as Mayor of the City of Kawartha Lakes.
- Following a short break, President Bruce proceeded with the "Club Business" part of the meeting.
- President Bruce called upon Program Director, Richard Graham to come forward and address the membership at that time.
- Richard put forth a request for all the members to get personally involved and volunteer their services within one of our service groups. He stated that there would be very little time requirements while fulfilling their duties, and would allow our club to grow in structure in the years to come. He continued by informing the group about up-coming guest speakers schedule and also mentioned if any members knew of any individual(s) that would like to speak at one of meetings, to notify him with their names and topics.
- Next Bruce called upon club member Dave Warren to come forward and introduce David Larsen, who he was sponsoring to be become new members in our Club.
- Following his introduction, Dave was officially inducted by President Bruce and was presented with a copy of our Probus Club's information Blue Booklet and his personal Probus name badge.
- Next Bruce stated that he wanted to take the opportunity to express or pass on his personal thoughts regarding the recent trip to Oshawa where some of our membership toured the War and the Antique Automobile Museums. He assumed by the comments he received and the reactions from the individuals involved, everyone enjoyed the two tours and the luncheon at the Oshawa Airport that was also attended by members from our brother club from Newmarket.
- Next Bruce informed the membership that the Nominating Committee, consisting of Vice President Mike Catling, and Past Presidents, Ted Abbot and Max Radiff, had fulfilled their goal. During the process, they approached a number of different members and finally convinced a few of these individuals to step forward and fill the open positons within Management Committee that will be officially inducted in September. Bruce stated that further information regarding these postings or slate would be conveyed to the membership at one of our future meetings.
 - Before adjourning the meeting and the members making their way to the Olympia Restaurant for the luncheon, Bruce read a little humorous story regarding a conversation between a man and his preacher after a church service.

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