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# The Men's Probus Club of Lindsay

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### Health and Welfare

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if you have knowledge of a member that is experiencing health issues at any time...

### Next Guest Speaker

**Tuesday June 13**



Rick Harding

"Vimy Ridge"

### Meeting Highlights

#### Opening:

Before the meeting began, Stan Hill shared a humorous poem with the members. President Bob Doran called the meeting to order. Bob asked the members to stand for the singing of O Canada. He surveyed the members about their attendance at Friendly's Restaurant for lunch. The president then called upon Clarke Tummon to introduce the guest speaker, Det. Tim Brown.

#### Guest Speaker: Tim Brown



Tim Brown has worked the last two years as a detective constable for the OPP Child Exploitation Unit, located in Orillia. The unit was started in 1975 as Project B, dealing with obscenity laws. He considers these last two years of his 15-year career as his best and most rewarding. The unit consists of investigators, forensic analysts, crown attorneys and victim services. His job involves rescuing many children, which is immensely rewarding. Essentially, he identifies people on the internet who are trying to harm and exploit children through pornography and luring. He asked the members to view his role as the internet police. Tim reminded the members that he often presents this topic to members of law enforcement and Crown Attorneys, so his presentations are often graphic and disturbing. He has removed much of this graphic material from today's presentation.

In 2004, the Ontario government wanted a province-wide strategy to address the issue of child exploitation. There are 26 municipal partners, including the City of Kawatha Lakes police (pending application). About 150 police officers across the province are assisting the unit. Since 2004, about 2,000 children have been identified and over 5,500 charges have been laid. There are 5 pornography offences in the criminal code to protect children under 18 years of age. The Canadian legislation includes pornographic cartoons and other forms of animation. Luring and child sex tourism are also all offences investigated. OPP software trolls the internet 24 hours a day.



Brian Devan (L) welcomed John Fenn (R) to the club.



Sal Polito (R) thanked Tim Brown (L) for his presentation.



Brian Devan (R) welcomed Gord Weymouth (L) to the club.



Ron Fevang (R) welcomed Tom Johnson (L) to the club.

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**Announcements:**

Following a short break, Bruce Faulkner introduced new members John Fenn and Gord Weymouth to the club. Ron Fevang followed by introducing Tom Johnson to the club.

Ron Morgan announced that Max Radiff is recovering at home after falling off a ladder while painting.

President Bob Doran made an announcement about the upcoming golf tournament on Monday June 5 at Oliver's Nest. He thanked the committee for organizing the tournament.

John Sale announced an open house at the Masonic Lodge in Lindsay on June 3 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Bruce Faulkner announced that the Victoria County Historical Society will be presenting "Our Place in Canada – 150 Years of Food, Song and Story" on Friday May 19 at 6:00 pm at the Victoria Park Armoury.

Following several announcements, Bruce Faulkner introduced our second guest speaker, Richard Furlong. Richard is the Past President of Probus Canada. Before the speaker began the presentation, Bruce read a letter from Prime Minister Trudeau to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Probus Canada.

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President Bob Doran (R) accepts a plaque from National Probus Past President Richard Furlong (L) in celebration of our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a club.



This plaque was presented to the Lindsay Men's Probus Club by Probus Canada in recognition of our 10-year anniversary.

**Probus Club Decals**

In celebration of our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Probus Club decals were handed out to members as they departed.

**Guest Speaker: Richard Furlong**

Richard is the former president of the Newmarket Probus Club, a District 2 Club organizer and recently the President of Probus Canada. Richard attended the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Probus Canada in Cambridge Ontario.

In Canada, there are approximately 34,000 members spread over 240 clubs. 169 of these clubs are located in Ontario. Probus is present in 23 countries.



The Lindsay Men's Probus Club is in District 2, which has 31 clubs and 5,000 members. The district includes the area from North Bay to Aurora.

Richard reminded everyone that the Probus Club is a social club, not a service club. The emphasis is on fellowship.

A few clubs have closed in recent years, which Richard attributed to not replacing their membership, but more importantly, an unwillingness of the members to serve on the management team. A national recruitment strategy has been put in place to help existing clubs, and encourage the formation of new clubs.

**Closing:**

President Bob closed the meeting with a humorous story about two men who were searching for their wives in a Walmart store. When the second man described his wife as a young, tall, beautiful 27 year-old wife, both men decided to look for her only.