



# Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

**Cowbell**

**Date: February 1, 2016**

**Attendance:** Cindy D., Donna G., Erik H., Don I., Ed K., Lou Mc., Bruce N., Wendy O., Bob T., Shelley V., Rhoda W., Robert L.

**Regrets:** Alaina A., Bob B., Lisa B., Rob D., Kathy C., Angie C., Don D., Jeff F., Rhonda H., Greg K., Robert K., Alaina L., Harold L., Mary M., Tina M., Ian S.

**Guests:** Paul Harpelle, Communications; and Mike Quinn, Chief Electoral Officer; Pam Kaye, Chamber of Commerce; and Tamara Gravelle, Kings County Record

## **Toast to the Queen**

**Welcome:** Don Ingersoll welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

**Introduction of Speaker:** Bob Tremblett introduced the speaker, Mike Quinn. Mike Quinn was appointed Chief Electoral Officer and Supervisor of Political Financing in the Province of New Brunswick in 2007. Since 2007, Mike has overseen two provincial general elections in 2010 and 2014, and two quadrennial municipal elections held in 2008 and 2012. In addition, the Office has administered multiple by-elections, both provincial and municipal and plebiscites.

**Speaker:** Mike McQuinn has been visiting communities and organizations in preparation for the upcoming elections for municipalities, district education councils, and regional health boards. There are 735 positions that can be voted upon in the upcoming election on May 9, 2016. In that number are 107 mayors and 544 counsellors. Mr. McQuinn stated that his desire was to bring awareness to all the positions and to encourage active community members to become involved.

During his presentation, Mr. McQuinn discussed candidate requirements, positions, election calendar, nomination process, campaign rules and signage, election day rules, special ballot voting, and after polling day. Mr. McQuinn circulated a flyer entitled "Elections May 9, 2016 – Get in the Race."

**Thanker:** Bruce Northrup and Shelley Vail thanked our guest speaker.

**Rotary Minute:** Erik Homenick highlighted an article about the international work of Rotary.

**Trip Tickets:** At the present time there are 259 tickets turned in. So that no one loses out on the early bird draw, tickets should be brought next week so we have a firm position of knowing where we are. Robert Lockhart said that he has 17 tickets that have been returned to him that need to be sold.



**Fundraising Dinner Meeting:** The Fundraising Dinner Committee will be meeting on Sunday, February 7, 2016, at 7 pm at Cindy Dubois' house.

**Secretary Reports:** Rhoda circulated copies of an updated roster for Rotary and asked members to check it for accuracy and completeness.

Letter from Salvation Army – A letter of thanks was received from the Salvation Army thanking the Sussex Rotary Club for their assistance with their Christmas campaign that raised \$62,000 and served 275 – 300 families.

Youth Impact Committee – This committee has met and is working on a literacy program for our area schools.

### **Happy bucks / Sad bucks / Fines**

**Chase the Joker:** Robert Lockhart's ticket was drawn but there was no Joker. The pot is now \$192.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm

**Next Meeting:** Next Club meeting has been scheduled for Monday, February 8, 2016, at the All Seasons Inn and Restaurant starting at 12:15 pm.