



Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: February 24, 2014

Attendance: Wendy, Robert L, Robert D, Robert K, Rhoda, Donna, Bob B., Andrew, Peter, Scott, Kathy C., Lou, Sandra, Matt,

Regrets: Bob T, Bruce, Terri, Harley.

Guests: Shane Magee, John Malone, Mark Webster, Pam Kaye

Rotary Grace

Toast to the Queen

Meeting Chairperson Wendy Osborne welcomed all members and guests to the meeting.

Rotary Minute: Matt Moore spoke on his experience in Rotary and his connection with a prior work colleague in Fort McMurray in Alberta, also a Rotarian.

Interaction and with Rotary entrenched in so many different communities and ties within friends in many instances are unknown.

Guest Speaker: Brian Gallant, MLA Kent, Leader of the New Brunswick Liberal Association, Official Leader of the Opposition in the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly.

Wendy O. introduces our guest speaker Mr. Brian Gallant, MLA Kent.

Mr. Gallant introduced himself. Born in Shediac Bridge, Mr. Gallant was raised by parents who earned a living in the grocery and fast food industries. His father, the youngest of seven children in a proud Acadian family, and his mother, one of 17 siblings born to Dutch immigrants, did everything they could to provide for their children. His family moved many times looking for work.

While they often lived on the financial edge, he credits his parents with teaching him the value of hard work and education and what's possible when families and communities pull together through good times and bad. My parents gave everything they had.

Mr. Gallant started and operated two small companies to put himself through university. After completing degrees in business administration and law from the Université de Moncton and a Masters from McGill, he began his career in corporate and commercial law at Stewart McKelvey and later became a partner at the Veritas Law Firm in Dieppe.



The Opposition leader reiterated his position that there should be a moratorium on shale gas development, saying that Liberals are waiting on several major studies to decide whether to move forward with development. He said the studies from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Environment Canada should shed more light on the safety of the practice.

“It hasn’t been something we’ve been doing across our country – or world – for very long,

He said the province should hold off until the province has “a proper” royalty regime in place, wait for the a report by the chief medical officer of health, Dr. Eilish Cleary, and more regulation. “There’s a lot of things that would have to fall into place before we say yes”

Gallant said he’s in favour of further potash exploration, other mining projects around the province and laying out a forestry plan.

Gallant dismissed the argument that fracking, is significantly benefiting the Sussex Region, saying he’s visited the site and visited the company’s office with its eight employees. “I’m not convinced on the economic benefits of it here”, not good news if you were one of the eight effected.

Mr. Gallants Liberals say trades would play a larger role in the curriculum of New Brunswick schools in changes the party is promising to the education system. Provide leadership in a “holistic” approach to education. Mr. Gallant says he would also make the early detection of learning disabilities a priority and develop incentives to attract more literacy mentors. Introduce computer coding into schools as the fix to today’s economic reality in New Brunswick.

There is a need for diversity let’s not place all our eggs in one basket. Short term fix by investing education, training and literacy. Medium term, help existing industries. Long term, move to knowledge based economy.

Lou thanked Mr. Gallant for his interesting discussion on the Liberal Association stance on Shale Gass Development in New Brunswick and his party’s ideas and vision for New Brunswick.

Reports:

- ❖ **Secretaries Report:** Scott indicated the Club had not received any correspondence.
- ❖ **Trip Draw:** Robert D indicates the success. 4 to 6 Tickets awaiting payment.
Early Bird draw scheduled and completed on February 20th 2014.
- ❖ **Spring Dinner:** Rhoda provided the plan for each member with Individual task will be assigned to each club member.

Happy / Sad Bucks

50/50: Wendy O.

Meeting Adjourned, 1:19 pm.

Stay tuned for the Next Cowbell!!!