



Cowbell – February 6, 2017

Present: Lisa B., Alex C., Melissa C-K., Rob D., Cindy D., Donna G., Erik H., Paul K., Ed K., Greg K., Rob K., Mary M., Lou M., Bruce N., Teresa O., Bob T., Shelley V., Brenna W., Rhoda W., Robert L.

Absent: Alaina A., Bob B., Angie C., Don D., Rhonda H., Blair H., Don I., Alaina L., Harold L., Cecile M., Tina M., Jason T.

Several Guests from the Chamber of Commerce and community were in attendance for a total of 57 present.

Chair – Rob Driscoll

Introduction of Guest Speaker – Bruce Northrup introduced, Blaine Higgs, leader of the PC Party of New Brunswick and Opposition Leader in the Legislative Assembly. Mr. Higgs was first elected to the Legislative Assembly in 2010 representing the riding of Quispamsis. He held several ministerial appointments under the PC Government at that time, including Minister of Finance. Prior to entering politics Mr. Higgs worked as a mechanical engineer for Irving Oil in Saint John until retiring in 2010.

Guest Speaker – Blaine Higgs– Leader of NB PC Party

Mr. Higgs spoke about his platform when running for the leadership of the PC party and that was to build upon what other governments have done instead of criticizing and tearing down the work they have done. He was told by some that he would not win with this ideal; however, he did win the election and became head of the PC Party. He discussed how Government has a tendency to throw out plans of the previous party when a new party comes to power; however, he finds this counterproductive.

He discussed matters of electrical outages during major storms, the education system, and health care. He believes in going to the workers and getting them to come up with solutions to issues about becoming more productive rather than quickly going to outside contractors to come up with cost-cutting measures. Mr. Higgs pointed out that government promises made at the time of an election often are not paid for until another government has come into power. This is because projects are not paid for until they are completed, usually at the beginning of a new mandate. Mr. Higgs and his wife are presently learning French in preparation to serve the whole Province of New Brunswick.

Thanker – Rob Driscoll

Upcoming Events

- Rotary Training – Saturday, February 11, 2017
- Picture Day –Monday, February 13, 2017
- Breakfast Clubs – SMS (Melissa K.C.- Wed) and SES (Mary McNair - Fri)
- Trip Draw Early Bird Draw – February 13, 2017
- SA Kettle Appreciation – February 17, 2017 at 3 pm

50/50 Draw - Robert Kimball won the \$86.50 draw.

Next Meeting – February 12, 2107 – Laura Brewer – Therapy Dog Coordinator

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Wilson