



## Rotary Club of Sussex Inc.

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Club # 6355 / District # 7810

Cowbell

Date: June 6, 2016

**Attendance:** Bob B., Angie C., Rob D., Jeff F., Donna G., Rhonda H., Harold L., Mary M., Tina M., Bruce N., Ian S., Rhoda W., Robert L.

**Regrets:** Alaina A., Lisa B., Kathy C., Don D., Cindy D., Erik H., Ed K., Don I., Greg K., Robert K., Alaina L., Cecile M., Lou M., Wendy O., Rob T., Shelley V.

**Guests:** Jason Thorne, Community Services Director, Town of Sussex  
Blair Hyslop, Mrs. Dunster's and Sussex Chamber of Commerce

### Grace & Toast to the Queen

**Welcome:** Jeff Fuller, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting

**Rotary Minute:** A promo video for the Rotary International Conference scheduled for May 10–14, 2017 was shown. The video can be found at <http://www.riconvention.org/en/atlanta>.

**Introduction:** Jason Thorne, Community Services Director for the Town of Sussex, was introduced at the meeting. Jason grew up in Sussex along with his three sisters. After university graduation, Jason worked for the government for a period of time but when a position for Recreation Director for the Town of Sussex became vacant, he applied and became part of the Town's management team.

**Guest Speaker:** Jason did a PowerPoint presentation on the Trout Creek Master Plan and Leonard's Gate. With the aid of aerial shots Jason showed how erosion has affected Trout Creek from 1953 up to the present. The Town has done some things in an attempt to stop the erosion but these efforts have only been temporary fixes. A long term plan includes different phases starting with the channeling of Trout Creek to reduce flooding during spring melts and times of excessive rain.

A few years ago the Town of Sussex hired DBA Landscape Architects, a local company, to come up with a plan to connect the downtown core with some of the recreational areas. The plan includes an improved Trout Creek, a permanent walking bridge constructed of steel given to the Town from PotashCorp, and improved walking trails. The Town of Sussex is open to hearing from service clubs who might be willing to sponsor some of the projects.

Jason was asked about plans for O'Connell Park. This is a different project but there are some plans for this area as well, including a picnic structure, changing rooms, and washrooms.

**Town of Sussex Strategic Plan:** Blair Hyslop, representing the Sussex Chamber of Commerce, explained what has happened within the Town to develop a strategic plan after the closing of PotashCorp in January. There are seven pillars of focus for the plan and next week there are a series of public meetings with individual themes. Rotarians were encouraged to participate in these meetings and to contact Pam Kaye at the Chamber at [sdcc@nb.aibn.com](mailto:sdcc@nb.aibn.com) to confirm attendance. The meetings are being held at Wesley Hall, Kingswood University, Sussex, starting at 6:30 pm.



Monday, June 13 – (1) Agriculture, Forestry, and Mining; (2) Manufacturing; (3) Distribution and Supply Chain.

Tuesday, June 14 - (4) Arts and Culture; (5) Tourism; (6) Training Centre of Excellence

Wednesday, June 15 – (7) Retail

**Mentoring Program** – Ian Smyth indicated that he would like to see Rotarians work with Carol Tracey about having a mentorship program for students at Portage.

**Summer Socials** – Tina stated that the Club is still looking for people to host.

### Community Events

#### **REMINDER: Wear Rotary Shirts!**

- Presentation of \$10,000 cheque to Sussex Elementary School – Wednesday, June 8, at 1 pm.
- Team for Relay for Life – Saturday, June 11, 2016, from mid-afternoon to 12 midnight. Rotary will be putting in a team. The cost of registration is \$15 with this amount including one luminary. Rhoda is team captain and has sent out information by email.
- Jump Start Barbeque and Bake Sale at Canadian Tire – Saturday, June 25, 2016, 10:30 – 3 pm. Please contact Cindy Dubois and get a place on the schedule.
- Flower Planting at O'Connell Park and fixing brick at 4-Corners sign – Monday, June 13. Please meet at the park at 7 pm.
- Presentation of our Donation to the Kiwanis Nursing Home – TBA

**Error in Cowbell, May 30, 2016:** – Ads for Website are \$150/year or \$125/year option.

**Chase the Joker:** Rob Driscoll's ticket was drawn but still no joker. The pot is now \$444.

**Next Meeting:** Next Club meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, 2016, at the All Seasons Inn and Restaurant starting at 12:15 pm. Andrew Clarke will be doing a presentation on Sussex's Swordfish Swimming Team.

**Meeting Adjourned, 1:09 pm.**

Rhoda Wilson  
Secretary