THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE

Established in 1988, The Fifth Probus Club in Canada

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July 15, 2021 - Zoom Meeting begins at 2:00 PM.
Presentation at 2:15 PM

Little Canada, Our Home and Native Land

Jean-Louis Brenninkmeijer, an immigrant to Canada, began learning all of the wonderful things about Canada when he would help his children with their school projects. He loved experiencing the wonder of his new country through their eyes.

Inspired by a visit to Miniatur Wunderland in Hamburg, Germany, Jean-Louis began to develop a vision for a similar miniature world in Canada. In 2011, encouraged by two of his mentors to follow his heart and pursue his passion, Jean-Louis quit his job and turned his full attention to fulfilling his dream of building a miniature Canada.
Recognizing the need to partner with like-minded individuals who could help bring his vision to life, Jean-Louis sent out emails to various model railway clubs in the GTA and Hamilton area.
One of the responses he received was from Dave MacLean, a University of Toronto-educated civil engineer and two-term president of The Model Railroad Club of Toronto. More importantly, Dave had been a model enthusiast since the age of three, and had built dozens of model railroads for private, institutional, and corporate clients.
The two quickly realized their shared passion and vision, and the rest is history. Today, with a team of talented individuals, experts in their respective field, and thousands of working hours, their dream is coming to life.

MINUTES PROBUS CLUB ZOOM MEETING JUNE 17, 2021

Alex Murphy – Secretary opened the meeting. He welcomed everyone to the meeting including those from the Probus Club of Old Oakville.

Minutes – Roy Oldfield proposed and Wayne Gallant seconded adoption of minutes of May 20 meeting. There were no objections and the motion passed.

Treasurer-Tony Pinchen: There have been no changes in the bank account.

Activities- R. Mewse reported that the only planned event is the Xmas lunch.

Web Site and Newsletter – Paul Nelson reported that a newsletter had been recently forwarded to members. Submitted material is always welcome.

Liaison - Mike Purcell reported that many Australian Probus Clubs expect a serious decline in membership in the forthcoming year.

Health/Welfare: Alex Murphy reported that Mike Pallant- a long term member/former president- has passed away. A note will be sent to his spouse shortly.

Speaker:

Alan Screen introduced today's speaker John Boyko. John has written a book “The Devil's Trick: How Canada fought the Vietnam war”. John highlighted 6 individual Canadians many of whom were noncombatants but were none the less very important to the evolution of the war. One advised the US government that the communists would win an election and that supporting a war backing an unpopular south Vietnam government would not be successful. One worked in a Canadian government hospital and left the hospital after realizing that the Government of Canada was also providing napalm and agent Orange to the US military forces. Another was a draft dodger. Another was a

Canadian who fought with the US forces and another was a Vietnamese immigrant. The presentation was well received aand there was a question-and-answer session.

Alan indicated that next month's speaker Jean-Louis Brenninkmeijer will speak about the canadian miniature village "Little Canada Our Home and Native Land" which will be located in Toronto. His speech will start at 2:15 on July 15 after the meeting which will start at 2:00 on July 15 **(Please note meeting time change)**

Alex Murphy thanked the speaker and closed the meeting.

The following Management Committee is Currently In Place

2020-2021 Management Committee

President	Ivor Barlow	(905) 845-0241
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Treasurer	Tony Pinchen	(289) 837-1086
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Membership	Peter Pretty	(905) 338-5583
Website	Paul Nelson	(905) 631-2390
Liaison	Mike Purcell	(905) 845-4097

In addition, the following Key Support Positions have been filled by appointed Members.

Key Support Positions

Equipment	Andreas Franke	(905) 338-5526
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