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2024—2025 Executive members

President ----- *Paul Meier*
Past president ----- *Frank McCarey*
1st Vice president ----- *Carl White*
Treasurer ----- *Gordon Burnett*
Larry Timms

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

PROBUS Club of Saint John, NB

Message from the President

October 2024

Hello PROBUS Members,

The first meeting of our 24/25 year was held at Villa Madonna on September 19th. The meeting was well attended, and you can see from the minutes elsewhere in this edition of the Phoghorn that it was a busy agenda.

I was delighted with the member participation. There was some excellent work done in the discussion groups and the Management Committee will be considering the group feedback in its next meeting. A few members delivered jokes and judging by the ensuing laughter, the quality of those jokes was excellent!

Work has already begun on arranging field trips and we have a list of possible speakers who will, I believe, be excellent and deliver interesting, informative, and enjoyable presentations.

I was delighted to have several members coming forward in and after the September meeting to volunteer to help. The goal of making the coming year exceptional is so much more attainable when members step up to help.

Please remember that the annual dues (**\$45**) are payable by **October 31**. As discussed in our September meeting, we have been short of cash and unable to pay our bills on a timely basis. If you have not yet paid and are (hopefully!) coming to our meeting on October 16th, please bring your payment with you. If you cannot make the meeting, please send your payment to our Treasurer **Gord Burnett, 40 Haven Lane, Rothesay NB, E2G 5S5**.

We are off to a great start. I hope as many members as possible will be able to attend the October meeting. **Chip Lawton's** music group will be there to entertain us.

Our speaker will be **David Alston** who is co-lead of **Sunnyside Tiny Home Community**, a \$10 million project to build 75-80 tiny homes in East Saint John. I heard David speak on CBC radio and he was terrific. If you can attend, I am confident you will be glad you did.

All the best,

Paul

PROBUS Club of Saint John NB

Monthly Meeting-- *Minutes*

September 19, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the **PROBUS Club** of Saint John, NB was held on September 19, 2024, at the ***Villa Madonna***.

The singing of O'Canada was led by Robert Taylor. There were no guests. It was announced by Paul Meier that ***Bill Hunter*** had advised that his wife was ill, required his assistance and that he would no longer be able to attend PROBUS meetings.

Minutes of the June meeting, as set out in the Phoghorn, were approved.

Paul Meier read a list of "unsung hero's" being the members who quietly volunteer to do the tasks that have to be done to keep our club running effectively.

Meier then outlined the suggestions that had come from members in the September 2023 meeting and advised of the progress Management Committee had made in implementing those suggestions. Meier assessed the performance of the committee as good.

Carl White reported on the regional PROBUS meeting that had been held in Shediac on September 4th. Carl and Paul Meier attended on behalf of our club. Carl reported that the meeting was worthwhile and there were interesting presentations, discussions, and contacts.

The following motions were made, seconded, and approved in votes at the meeting:

- To continue to hold our monthly meetings at Villa Madonna
- To approve the budget for the 24/25 year and proposed fee of \$45, an increase of \$10.
- To approve an initiation fee for new members of \$25 to recover the related costs (pin, binder, lunch, etc.).
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President Paul Meier set out a proposed program for the 24/25 year. The plan includes three proposed field trips, three instances in which our monthly meeting would include musical entertainment and the usual presentations from outside speakers, all subject to being able to make the necessary arrangements. There was a straw vote indicating acceptance of the proposed program. Don Tompkins offered to provide "keyboard music" (for a maximum of 15 minutes) at our meetings, an offer that was received with enthusiasm and thanks.

An invitation from the ***Saint John Women's PROBUS Club*** to join them for a combined meeting in March of 2025 was discussed and a motion to join them and, as a result, cancel our own meeting for March was carried.

Several members entertained with jokes that were very well received.

The members in attendance broke into discussion groups and considered three discussion questions. The feedback was excellent. Each group submitted a report that will be carefully considered at the next meeting of Management Committee.

The meeting then adjourned for lunch.



Group photo from the meeting at Shediac, NB.

Photo by Bob Cameron

PICTURES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 19TH MEETING

The following Photos were taken by Tom Craig..



President Paul Meier, opening the meeting.



V.P. Carl White provides a report of the Shediac Meeting. President Paul Meier also attended.



Members were paying attention to the presentation by club president Paul Meier that feature an up coming survey later in the meeting. Members were asked to join other tables to have a good group for a response to the three questions that were passed out. This would provide information to the current executive on how future meeting should take place and what are the members expectations.



Howard Pearn shares a humorous store to the membership.



On the left, *Mack Pike, Greg Langille, Fred Shillington, Tony Aziz and Chip Lawton* are taking part in a PROBUS Club fact survey answering three questions. This will determine future events.

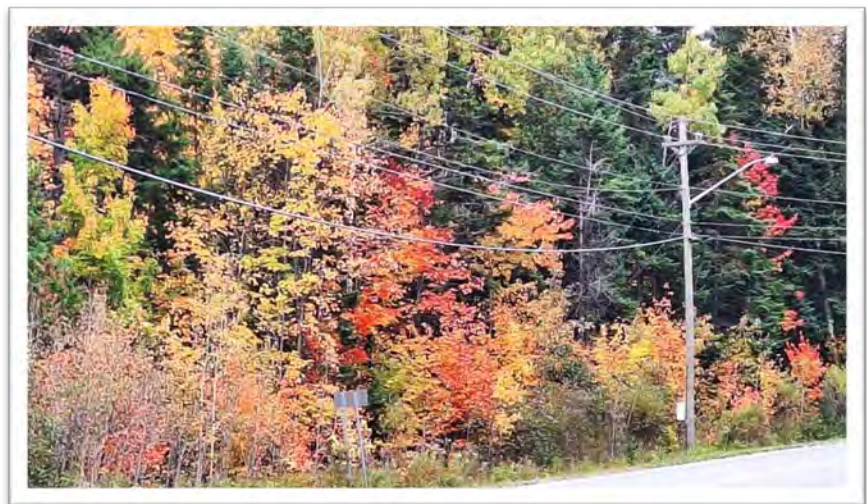


Another group discussing the survey during the session of the PROBUS meeting. Groups were formed with 5 to 6 members taking part, per table. Robert Purdy on the left, followed by *David Cassidy, Frank McCarey, Ed Creaser and Eric Johnson*.

SEASONS COLORS



Last ROSE of the season.



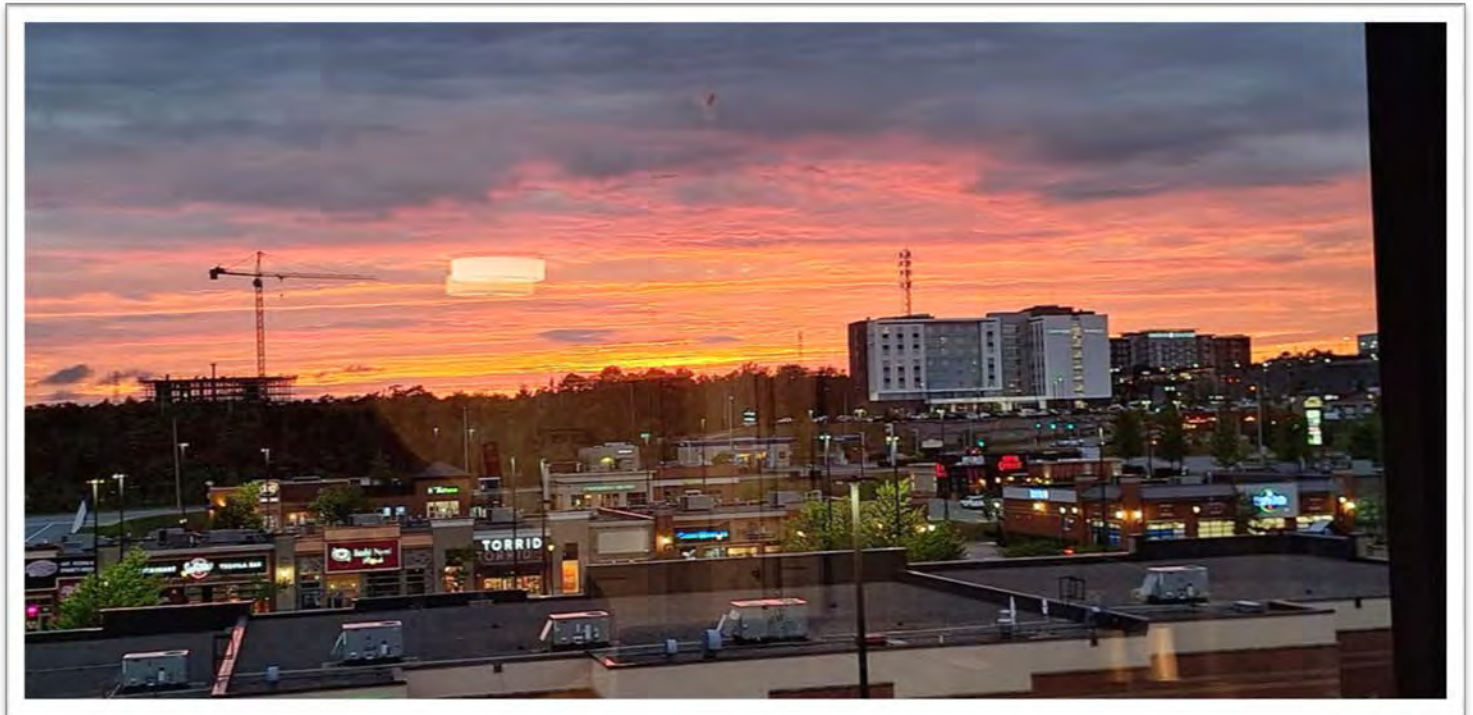
Picture taken in Quispamsis



Maple tree foliage.



Same tree, 10 days later. *All photos by Tom Craig*



Sunset in Nova Scotia on a recent trip.



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