



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, 20 March, 2024 Newmarket Legion Hall

- **President's Welcome** *Paul Bath*
 - Paul opened the meeting at 10:00.
 - O Canada A Capella, led by Mark and his Quartet.
 - Welcomed members and the many guests in attendance with March being "Be a Friend Bring a Friend", as well as guests attending to hear our guest speaker, Mayor John Taylor.
 - Presented a Power Point presentation and Video of the history of our Men's Probud Club of Newmarket which began in 1991.
 - Coffee for today's meeting compliments of Mercado's on Main.

- **Website** *Sunny Lau*
 - Sunny walked us through his latest Website tutorial via a three-and-a-half-minute slide show. It was very professionally done and is now available in the Management Committee section on the club's website.

- **Probud Global** *Dick Furlong*
 - Dick who is currently the President of Probud Global walked us through its history and development. The International Probud Network has been connecting Probud members since 1996. He explained how simple it is to join and connect with fellow members around the world. And how some of our Newmarket members have travelled with Global members that they have met over the years.

- **Membership Report**
 - Attendance for the meeting was not announced, but estimated to be over 80 based on the 64 tickets purchased for lunch plus those not staying for lunch.

- **Guest Speaker**

- **Mayor John Taylor** gave an informative presentation on the many of the initiatives taking place in Newmarket today. He talked about the need to attract vibrant growing businesses and new residents to our community by making it a town you want to relocate to. This requires investment in; a healthy down town core, industry, cultural, recreational, and residential infrastructure. On the housing front he discussed the need for housing across the spectrum of low income, high density, affordability, to senior living needs. He then went on to discuss the vast number of initiatives currently under way around town many of which will take years to complete. Most notable being the new Mulock Park, Postmark Hotel and a major transformation of Upper Canada Mall with up to 26 new buildings in the plans.

- **Adjournment** Noon for Lunch provided by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary