



THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE

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April 20, 2023 – In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Meeting begins at 10:00 AM. Speaker at 11:00 AM.

**Meeting Place – Oakville Public Library - Central Branch –
120 Navy St. Second Floor Auditorium**

**Plenty of Parking on Water St with Elevator to Second Floor
but we also respect those who wish to participate via Zoom**

FEATURED SPEAKER – April 20, 2023



Lorena Mallinson

This month, we are delighted to introduce **Detective Constable Lorena Mallinson**, a **28-yr veteran of the Halton Regional Police Service** (“the Service”). The Service was established in tandem with the creation of the Regional Municipality of Halton on January 1, 1974. It incorporated the

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former police services of Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills and first consisted of 205 officers and 45 civilians. It is headquartered now at 2485, Nth. Service Rd., Oakville.

Currently, the Service **has over 1,000 members, including 718 sworn police officers and approximately 302 civilian and volunteer members.** The Service, housed in a new modern 230,000 sq. ft. building, is responsible for policing a population of approximately 610,000 people in an area covering nearly one thousand square kilometers.

Lorena has worked in a variety of roles in policing and has spent over 8 years specializing in frauds. Today, we will learn, amongst other things, that **various types of crime in our catchment areas are on the increase and crime is becoming more sophisticated as well as violent** (see links below). Fortunately, however, most fraudulent crime is not violent.

The Halton Regional Police Service is widely known as one of the most progressive [community policing](#) services in Canada with its strong emphasis on the community. Community policing in the Halton region is a philosophy based on the concept that police officers and members of the public work together, in partnership, resulting in creative ways to solve contemporary community problems related to crime, fear of crime, social and physical order, and neighbourhood decay. In recent years, the Halton Regional Police has incorporated **an [intelligence-led policing strategy](#) which is built around risk assessment and risk management, utilizing analysis in crime trends to effect an appropriate policing response.**

We are grateful to Lorena and her colleagues who work to keep us safe under changing conditions. We thank you sincerely for your service in our communities.

For additional recent perspectives, current information on Halton and to inform your questions of Detective Constable Mallinson, you might wish to consult the following references:

<https://www.thepeterboroughexaminer.com/local-burlington/news/2022/03/21/freaked-us-out-halton-seeing-rise-in-frauds-and-scams.html>

<https://www.haltonpolice.ca/en/about-us/strategic-plan-2020-2023.aspx>

<https://www.thespec.com/local-halton-hills/news/crime/2022/10/07/halton-sees-30-5-per-cent-crime-rate-jump-during-first-six-months-of-2022.html>

The President's Message

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DEAR FELLOW PROBIANS

EASTER HAS COME AND GONE AND SPRING HAS ARRIVED, GOLF SEASON IS HERE - HURRAY. REMEMBER IF YOU WANT TO GET IN ON THE GOLF FUN WITH THE GUYS FROM THE OLD OAKVILLE CLUB FOR A WEEKLY GAME AT THE OAKVILLE EXECUTIVE COURSE, PLEASE LET JAY KNOW. THERE WERE STILL A FEW SPOTS THE LAST I HEARD.

AS FOR OUR MEETINGS, THEY JUST KEEP GETTING BETTER ATTENDED EACH MONTH – THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE EFFORT AND COMING OUT -THAT'S WHAT THIS WHOLE THING IS ALL ABOUT. WE EVEN HAD 2 MEMBERS FROM THE OLD OAKVILLE PROBUS CLUB AND 7 OTHERS BY ZOOM FOR A TOTAL OF 37 IN ATTENDANCE. THE QUALITY OF THE SPEAKERS HAS A LOT TO DO WITH IT AS WELL.

WE ALSO ENJOYED OUR FIRST ACTIVITY OF THE YEAR WITH A LUNCHEON AT THE ROYAL WINDSOR PUB ON MARCH 23RD. WE HAD A VERY GOOD TURNOUT WITH 35 ATTENDING AND 6 REGRETS. ROY'S 50 / 50 DRAW, ALWAYS A HIT, WAS THE BIGGEST EVER, ALAN SCREEN WALKED AWAY THE BIG WINNER.(AND JUST TO PUT EVERYONES MIND AT EASE,THE REPORT OF ALAN AND ROY SHAKING HANDS IN THE PARKING LOT AFTER THE LUNCH WAS UNFOUNDED - AT LEAST I HOPE SO). THERE WERE ALSO 4 LUCKY WINNERS OF A FREE LUNCH – KELLY BEALES, BRYAN NOBLE, BRIAN ZINCK AND ROY McEWEN-ALL-IN-ALL IT WAS A GREAT TIME – THANK YOU JAY FOR PLANNING AND MAKING ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS.

GOOD NEWS SECTION: FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ENJOY A WEE DRINK BEFORE DINNER, BUT WERE TRAUMATIZED BY THE 2 DRINK / WEEK LIMIT STATED EARLIER THIS YEAR I HAVE NEW, MORE UP TO DATE INFORMATION WHICH WAS CONTAINED IN A REPORT IN A RECENT ISSUE OF THE NATIONAL POST.

BASICALLY IT SAID THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF ALCOHOL WE'LL BE SADDER, LONLIER, LESS CREATIVE AND LESS CONNECTED TO OUR COMMUNITY. BY RELAXING THE BRAIN, CONSUMING ALCOHOL MAKES YOU HAPPIER, MORE CREATIVE AND MORE TRUSTING. THE FOUR BEST PERSONAL HABITS ARE TO:

- AVOID OVER EATING
- NOT SMOKE
- STAY ACTIVE
- AND DRINK MODERATELY – 2 DRINKS FOR WOMEN, 3 FOR MEN / DAY.

CHEERS, MIKE



The Probus Club of Oakville

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Probus Club of Oakville March 16th 2023 Oakville Public Library

1.0 Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the November General meeting was made by Paul Nelson and seconded by Peter Pretty. The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously accepted.

2.0 Members' Health – Alex Murphy reported that Stewart Bryan is in the hospital. Later in the meeting we learned that Jack Talbot is also in the hospital.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

Ray Henrickson said the latest report was on the computer which was not up and running at this point but that we had spent \$250 in the last month leaving approximately \$5,911 in the bank. Ray said that he has set up a system for paying membership fees and activity costs directly to the club rather than writing and collecting cheques. The details are as follows:

How to Make an Autodeposit

For members wanting to make payment to the Club by Interac e-transfer, do the following:

- 1) Access the e-transfer area of your bank's online banking screen.
- 2) Set up the Oakville Probus Club as an e-transfer recipient. Use oakvilleprobusno5@gmail.com as the club's email address. You will only need to set up the Club for the first e-transfer. After that the Oakville Probus Club will be included in your personal e-transfer directory.
- 3) Identify the account from which you want to send the transfer and amount of the payment that you wish to send.

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- 4) In the message area specify the purpose of the e-transfer payment. **Do not create a security question/password.** Adding a security question/password will prevent the autodeposit from happening.
- 5) Click on "Send". You will receive an immediate response that your payment has been sent and deposited into the Club bank account.

All e-transfers are automatically encrypted and are highly secure. No personal or bank data attached to the e-transfer can be hacked or stolen by a third party.

4.0 Speakers

Tim O'Shea was on holidays so there was no report

5.0 Past and Upcoming Club Activities

Jay Kell said that the Olde Oakville club has backed out of the plans to share an event so we will be on our own for a trip to the McMichael Art Gallery.

Details to follow

A pub lunch is planned for March 23rd at the Windsor Pub.

6.0 Membership.

Former member Jean Claude Leiberman was a guest of Peter Pretty.

Also attending were Rowlie Clark and Lan Sun from the Olde Oakville Club.

We also had Galen Driver attending via Zoom along with members of the Olde Oakville Club, Rick Swartz, Brian Brownlee, Dave Crane, Don Anderson, Ivor Ansell and John Blakely.

Peter floated the idea of having the many residents of Ennisclaire car pool to the meetings to make it easier for some members.

7.0 Website/Newsletter.

Gerry Pielsticker said he has added to the website so that we can not only see Tye Farrow's slides but also his narrative. He has also added John Percy's presentation and our last tour of the Toyota plant.

New business. Mike Purcell let it be known that Gerry Sutton would like to form a group for members who have recently lost a spouse. More details to come next month. Gerry's wife, Margaret died in November and there is a memorial service for her at Kopriva Funeral Home on March 31st at 3:00 PM.

Profiler- Paul Nelson

On Monday November 10th, 1979 at 11:53 PM, the infamous Mississauga derailment of CP Train #54 occurred and the next day, after a series of explosions, the evacuation of 250,000 people was ordered.

Paul Nelson was the man in charge of CP Railroads payments and was given the herculean task of putting together a system whereby if any of these evacuees needed anything in the way of accommodation, reimbursements, transportation or anything else they could come to a claim center, fill out a form and be satisfied. Of course there was no system in place and Paul and his team had 7 days to make it happen.

It helped that Paul had an unlimited budget and the power of CP behind him as so he was able to grab empty office space, order new Tandem Nonstop Computers and fly them in from California along with the installers to start the ball rolling.

Paul gave us a day- by- day summary as the critical path played out until the opening of claim centers the following Monday.

There were hiccups, of course, like the printing and re-printing of claim forms, the huge job of getting phone numbers of all those evacuated to make sure there were who they claimed to be and were from that evacuated area, and the huge job setting up and outfitting the 20 claim officers.

Paul and his expanded team did what seemed impossible and when the doors opened that Monday the systems worked and even improved as the day went on.

About one third of those evacuated made a claim of some sort and there were no law suits.

Well done, Paul.

The 50/50 draw was won by Tony Pinchen.

Today's Speaker

Helmut Erxleben introduced our speaker this month, Nicholas Pender who as well as accomplishing everything listed below, is the son of our own club member, John Pender.

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Nick is the Vice President of Niagara Operations at Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and has responsibility for 2500 megawatts (MW) of power generating facilities in the Niagara region. Twenty-five hundred MW is approximately 50% of Ontario's daily needs. Niagara Operations include the iconic Sir Adam Beck Complex in Niagara, DeCew Falls in St. Catharines, hydro facilities throughout Gravenhurst, Campbellford and the solar farm in Nanticoke.

Nick is accountable for public and dam safety, plant operations, reliability and capital investment. In previous roles at OPG, Nick was the Vice President of Energy Markets and had responsibility for the strategy and performance of all energy market activities including generating contracts with the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), Ontario market affairs, the 24/7 power control centre and trading activities in the US Northeast. This included integrating Eagle Creek, a US owner and operator of hydroelectric facilities.

Having spent most of his career in the energy sector, Nick has a keen interest in strategies and market designs that deliver economic, social and environmental benefits. He is an advocate for the development of a forward-thinking, efficient and innovative energy sector.

As a facilitative leader, Nick is focused on employee engagement and upholding OPG's commitment to be a global leader in equality, diversity and inclusion. Nick currently sits on the board of Ontario Water Association and Nanticoke Solar Inc and was a former Chair of the Canadian Electricity Association Power Marketing Council and a former member of the Energy Transformation Network of Ontario. Nick resides in Oakville with his family.

Nick started the meeting by acknowledging that the 66 sites used in Ontario to generate power were once the land of the Mississauga and 1st Nations people.

- OPG is 100% owned by the province, almost \$60 billion in assets and employs nearly 9000.
- Leading producer of Cobalt 60 and nuclear isotopes
- Generates 19,000 MW, nearly 50% of our needs
- 2 Nuclear sites,
- 66 hydro stations on 24 rivers systems
- 4 gas power plants
- 1 solar facility,
- Globally Ontario's Electricity section ranks among the best
- Increased decarbonization drives up electricity needs
- OPG goal is **net zero carbon company by 2040**
- To be a **catalyst for a net zero economy by 2050.**

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Other key focuses are public safety around all their facilities, employee safety and keeping all equipment up to date and preparing for future needs. There are 80 projects in flight with \$800 million in costs.

For more detail, please go to www.opg.com

Nicholas Pender was thanked by Wolfgang Hartmann.

Mike Purcell closed the meeting

Jim Tonner
Secretary
March 25, 2023

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2022-2023 Management Committee

President	Mike Purcell	(905) 845-4097
Past President	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924
Vice President	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924
Secretary	Jim Tonner	(289) 337-6693
Treasurer	Ray Hendrickson	(289) 469-0158
Speakers	Tim O'Shea	(905) 842-5133
Activities	Jay Kell	(289) 407-3859
Newsletter	Paul Nelson	(905) 631-2390
Membership	Peter Pretty	(905) 338-5583
Website	Paul Nelson	(905) 631-2390
Technical Co-ordinator	Gerry Pielsticker	(905) 338-9829

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

Key Support Positions

Equipment	TBD	
Member Welfare	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924
Auditor	Charles (Chuck) O'Neil	(905) 825-0054
50/50 Draw	Roy Oldfield	(905) 847-2062
Photographs - 1	David Johnson	(905) 338-6076
Photographs - 2	Peter Pretty	(905) 338- 5583
Greeter	Jack Rugg	(905) 820-1973