



**THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE**

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**October 17, 2024 – In-Person and Zoom Meeting**  
*Meeting begins at 10:00 AM. Featured 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 – October 17, 2024**

**Rob Pyle & The Avro Arrow**



**Rob has extensive experience in Design and Management Services in the  
fields of process control, instrumentation, control systems and automation**

## October 2024 Newsletter

This month, we are delighted to welcome **Rob Pyle**, a Volunteer Director with the Avro Aviation Museum in **Springbank**, just West of **Calgary**. **Rob** was formerly the President of **R. H. Pyle & Associates**, where he offered design and management services in process control, instrumentation, control systems and automation to engineering and operating companies in Canada and abroad. His wealth of knowledge has been a key resource in reconstructing a **60% operational model of the former Arrow CF105**, the supersonic interceptor jet aircraft designed and built in the 1950s by A.V. Roe Canada (**AVRO**) and destroyed on Government orders in 1959 with the **loss of 25,000 direct and indirect jobs**.

When the **Arrow** program was shut down, some of Avro's aviation 'off-spring' survived, albeit with different names. **SPAR Aerospace** was formed in 1967 and its achievements (including the Shuttle and Space Station's '**Canadarms**') were recognized worldwide.

Today, Rob will talk to us about his colleagues' work at **Springbank**, including:

- A.V. Roe's overall contribution to Canada as a creative and visionary pioneering force in aircraft/transportation engineering.
- The story of the **C102 Jetliner<sup>1</sup>** and how it **almost** became the world's first jet-powered airliner - well ahead of its nearest competitor.
- The design and building of the original **Arrow CF 105**, its cancellation, and the continuing controversies around the **Diefenbaker** decision.
- His team's project to bring a **60% operational CF 105 model** back to the skies in 2026/27.



### Welcome, Rob!

For additional information and to inform your questions, you may wish to consider, amongst others, the following:

<https://cahf.ca/james-charles-floyd/> <sup>1</sup>

<https://skiesmag.com/news/avro-arrow-replica-taking-shape-museum-hangar-calgary/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rGOYj2S9UJA>  
**minutes)**

**(RL 201; first flight; 14**

## **President's Message – October 2024**

Our 2024-25 Probus year is off to a running start. We are looking forward to a great presentation on the Avro Arrow organized by Tim O'Shea, Grant Swanson, and Gerry Pielsticker for our October 17 Meeting.

I've heard Avro stories for years and am hoping we can get the "inside scoop" from Rob Pyle at our meeting.

Our October meeting also puts a wrap on our Club's joint golf outings with the Old Oakville Club at the Executive Golf Course. Tony Pinchen and Mike Purcell have been frequent participants from our Club.

For sure we will be hearing the inside story on Christmas at our November meeting when Peter Pook, one of our newer members, tells us about his challenges and accomplishments as Vice-President of Research & Design at Fisher Price Toys.

And Jay Kell, Doug Peebles, Mike Tweedie and Ulrich Wickardt have been busy organizing our annual Holiday Luncheon scheduled for December 5 at the Oakville Golf Club. Their efforts have produced a tasty, reasonably priced, 3-course holiday menu. Reservations, menu details and cost info follow this Message. Last year's event was a great success, and we are looking forward to a repeat in December.

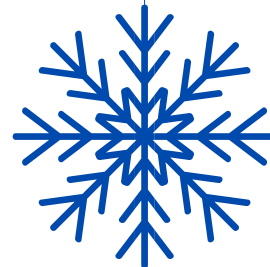
And after enjoying a well-deserved Holiday Season with friends and family we will launch into the New Year with a January speaker's presentation by Adam Schoalts, a well-known Canadian explorer and wildlife biologist.

Adam will be followed in February by a sure-fire antidote to the February "blahs." Our guest speaker will be Canadian author and humorist, Terry Fallis.

Finally, Jay Kell reports our membership is increasing, as well it should, given the quality of the speakers and activities being provided by our Club. So, bring a friend to share in the friendship and fun at our next meetings. Our membership fee is one of the best bargains in Oakville.

Best regards,

*Paul Nelson*



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# Holiday Luncheon

The Oakville Golf Club - 1154 Sixth Line,  
Oakville Thursday December 5, 2024, at  
11:30am

Menu

Plated Lunch

Breadbasket and butter for each table, House salad

Choice of:

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Dark/white turkey meat, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce,  
seasonal vegetables

OR

Atlantic salmon with roasted red pepper coulis,  
rice pilaf, seasonal vegetables

OR

Crispy polenta, roasted red  
peppers, goat cheese, tomato chutney, seasonal vegetables

Molten chocolate lava cake

Tea and coffee

\$68 per person (includes taxes and gratuities)

Make your reservation and bring your cheque and entree choice(s) to our October 17th meeting. Spouses, Significant Others, Friends, and Relatives are also welcome to attend. There will be a cash bar.

OR You can Reserve and Pay Online

### Payment Instructions:

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.

4. In the message area specify the purpose of the e-transfer payment (Usually your name, name of guest(s) and entrée choice)

Do not create a security question/password. This will prevent the auto deposit 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.

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

Or you can make a reservation and mail your cheque to

Jay Kell:

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289 407 3859.

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Probus Club of  
Oakville  
Sept. 19, 2024  
Oakville Public Library

GENERAL MEETING

Paul Nelson then called the General Meeting to order.

SPEAKER

Helmut Erxleben introduced today's speaker **Drew Fagan** who is joining us today via Zoom,

This month, we welcome Drew Fagan a professor and writer at the MunkSchool of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto; Drew is also a senior advisor at McMillan Vantage Policy Group.

Drew previously spent 12 years in leadership positions with the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada where he was Assistant Deputy Minister for strategic policy and planning at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (now Global Affairs Canada). He was also a former Washington correspondent for The Globe and Mail.

As Drew and his colleagues argue in a recent essay<sup>1</sup>, the deep economic integration of Canada and the United States may be long-established, but shared vision and shared purpose are not as explicit as they once were. Canada is being drawn more deeply into the U.S. orbit just when that orbit is less stable, geopolitical tension is becoming alarming, and our productivity and real wage growth is decreasing.

Today, Drew will share three essential strategies that Canada must embrace with great urgency i.e.: “deepen; broaden; and accelerate” the economy. “For all the handwringing over Canada being more alone in the world than ever, our good geography and better geology mean we are not without cards to play

For more information the following website is a great source for this topic and many others.

**Matter More**

A Canadian strategy for a changing United States

Released: Monday September 16, 2024

Project: [Canada and the United States: A 21st century strategy to matter more](#)

Authors: Edward Greenspon | Janice Stein | **Drew Fagan**



### **Drew Fagan - Executive Summary**

A school of thought has arisen that Canada has never been more alone in the world. We respectfully disagree.

The world abounds with new challenges, to be sure, but also new opportunities that play to Canada's strengths. To make the most of these opportunities, we need to align our national interests with those of our closest partners, especially the United States, and turn key advantages into strategic assets. As things stand, we see a Canada that is too often transactional and reactive.

The strategy to "Matter More" that is presented in this paper aims to reinforce Canada's role both on the continent and in the global arena through a handful of high-impact sectoral initiatives that focus on economics and security — what we call Auto Pact 2.0s. These will enable Canada to better protect and project our national interests alongside our partners in a more divided and dangerous world and a more polarized United States.

The four key areas for policy action are:

#### **Arctic security**

Enhancing collaboration on Arctic defense by leveraging Canada's strategic geographical position and advanced surveillance technologies;



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### **Critical minerals**

Strengthening continental efforts in the production and processing of minerals that are central to energy and military applications, allowing Canada and the United States to reduce reliance on less-trusted countries, particularly China, and support our allies.

### **Energy and environment**

Promoting joint independence and security through increased continental co-operation on the environment and energy, and sharing North America's extra-ordinary energy strengths with our partners; and

### **Technology**

Investing in advanced digital and life sciences technologies such as artificial intelligence and quantum computing with an emphasis on our value-adds in global supply chains.

A focus on these four areas will deepen co-ordination with the United States and broaden co-operation with other select global partners. But it will not happen if Canada does not also accelerate our building and procurement in the real time of geopolitical competition.

Grant Swanson thanked the speaker and Paul Nelson declared the meeting closed.

Jim Tonner \*

Secretary,

October 01, 2024

Note: Edited for the Newsletter and Separated from AGM Minutes

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### **Key Support Positions**

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