



***THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE***

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**October 19, 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 – October 19, 2023**



**Declan Keogh**

**Senior Investigative Reporter – Investigative Journalism Bureau (IJB),  
Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto**

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This month, we are delighted to welcome **Declan Keogh** an award-winning investigative reporter with the IJB. His work has appeared in various media, including **CBC, Global News, the National Observer, NOW Magazine and the Toronto Star.**

The Investigative Journalism Bureau (IJB)<sup>1</sup> is a non-profit, collaborative newsroom based at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and has been responsible for ground-breaking stories that have revealed apparent injustices within the healthcare field. Through their reporting, **Declan and his colleagues** expose government and institutional mismanagement, identify systemic wrongs and seek solutions to rectify them. Deeply researched and contextualized investigative journalism, they believe, is a powerful tool that can affect robust and meaningful change, inspire debate, and inform the public. The IJB is especially unique today as newsrooms routinely face dramatic and recurring cuts.

A recent example is [Suspended](#), a joint investigation by the IJB and the Toronto Star, which found that medical condition reports — little-known but widely used provincial forms that some medical professionals must file to the ministry when patients have certain potentially dangerous conditions. Their reporting found the system is vulnerable to abuse, inconsistency and misjudgment by doctors and government officials. His recent article on **RADON GAS** exposed alleged shortcomings at Health Canada that affect Canadians given its contrary position relative to the World Health Organization and generally accepted research.

The IJB brings together academics, journalists, interns, and undergraduate and graduate students in journalism, law and policy, who work together and apply their combined knowledge and experience to current and emerging investigations across North America and internationally.

**Declan** is also a **gold-medal graduate** of the Toronto Metropolitan University's School of Journalism. In an earlier life, he built houses and travelled the world playing music in a DIY punk band. Welcome, Declan!

As part of his presentation today, **Declan** will comment on standards & ethics in a topsy-turvy journalistic environment, and recent investigations. **Welcome, Declan!**

For more background on today's presentation and to inform your questions, please consider the following, amongst others:

<https://ijb.utoronto.ca/people/>

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<https://www.nationalobserver.com/node/38430>

<https://ijb.utoronto.ca/news/government-withheld-information-for-reporters/>

<https://pencanada.ca/news/meta-silences-canadian-journalism/>

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### President's Message October 19, 2023

I hope you all had a great summer. I often figure that the better the summer the more we'll pay for it by having a difficult winter – we'll see.

Our Probus Club has seen a net growth of members in the latest year which is a change from previous years when we had an unusually high number of members who moved, had severe illnesses or died. The current greater number of members allows us to attract great speakers and provides more options re 'outings' and other activities. It also allows more strength to the various operating committees and clubs and to management. I feel that we can now look forward to a solid future where members can enjoy great speakers and events and most importantly more socialization with a group of very interesting and successful members.

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Over the next few months, we will have speakers who will talk to us about – Treaties with the First Nations of Mississauga and Oakville areas – and later about International Shipping. We will have our Christmas dinner in December. The Book and the Investment Clubs meet monthly – do you know what amazing returns the investment club has made on fictional funds since its outset – I'd be on a very nice warm beach if I had followed their advice. Both clubs will accept new members.

Best regards.

Alex

Editor's Note: Take a look at our website at **Oakvilleprobus.com** – Gerry Pielsticker has posted some great videos of past speakers,





## **The Probud Club of Oakville**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting and the September General Meeting of the Probud Club of Oakville**

**Sept. 21, 2023**

**Oakville Public Library**

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

A motion to accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Deerfield Golf Club was made by Paul Nelson and seconded by Gerry Pielsticker. The minutes were then unanimously accepted.

Club Secretary Jim Tonner proposed that the following members, as selected by the nominating committee, be accepted as the new management team. The names read out were as follows:

President – Alex Murphy

Vice President -Newsletter- Paul Nelson

Past President and Nominating Committee Chair - Mike Purcell

Secretary - Jim Tonner

Treasure – Ray Henrickson

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Activities – Jay Kell

Speakers – Tim O'Shea

Membership – Peter Pretty

Web Site, Technical Services and Equipment – Gerry Pielsticker

Other Functions made by Appointment

Members Welfare and Health – Alex Murphy

Photos – Peter Pretty

Auditor – Bryan Noble

50-50 – Roy Oldfield

The motion was seconded by Grant Gooding and carried unanimously.

The Annual Reports were then presented by each committee head as follows:

Alex Murphy – Book Club

Jim Tonner – Secretary's Report

Mike Purcell – Speakers (Tim O'Shea was on holidays)

Ray Henrickson – Treasurer's Report. Ray also added that coffee will now cost a Loonie to offset the costs and a jar has be put on the table for collections

Bryan Noble - Auditor

Peter Pretty – Membership

Jay Kell – Activities. As well as recapping activities from the past year, Jay also mentioned the Christmas Lunch on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> plus an invitation to join the Olde Oakville Club for lunch and speaker on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow shortly.

Paul Nelson – Website

Gerry Pielsticker – Website and Technical Coordinator.

Brian Zinck – Investment Club

Motion to accept all reports as presented made by Mike Purcell and seconded by Don Jack. Motion carried.

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The individual reports are not attached to these minutes but a copy can be emailed if requested by any member.

The 50/50 draw was held and won by Mike Purcell

Annual Meeting closed by Mike Purcell.

Coffee Break

## **GENERAL MEETING**

Alex Murphy then called the General Meeting to order and asked for approval of the minutes from the August 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting.

Motion made by Gerry Pielsticker and seconded by Grant Gooding.

Motion carried.

As the speaker was getting organized, Alex brought everyone up to date with regard to the possible meeting with Anita Anand. As she is now the President of the Treasury Board the tone of the meeting will be different but nonetheless very interesting. There is no date set as yet but a quick show of hands showed that everyone was still interested. The same security measures would still be needed and more information will be forthcoming once her office has given Alex Murphy and Tim O'Shea a good idea of the possible dates.

## **SPEAKER**

Paul Nelson introduced today's speaker Derek Peters, DVM - Veterinarian

Derek was born, and raised in Oakville. It was also here that he developed an affinity for animals along with a fascination with science and medicine. His career path was clear – veterinary medicine would include the best of both worlds. He obtained his undergraduate and professional veterinary qualifications in Guelph. Additionally, he

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is also Fear Free ® certified, taking the additional time and interest to reduce or remove anxiety triggers that can cause pets to become fearful at home, during transport, and at the veterinary hospital.

Derek spent a few years honing his craft in Vancouver, B.C., both in a small animal general practice and in an emergency centre before coming home to Oakville where he and his colleagues set up a new practice at the Southeast Oakville Veterinary clinic. This is a family business as his mother, who had for many years been an administrator at a clinic, became the administrator at this new facility.

A market study determined that there was a need for a vet in the area and with the help of a Vetrenary Architect, planned out their new facility on Cornwall Road to their own specifications.

Their practice only accepts cats and dogs but is set up to do all surgeries, dental work, x-rays, blood work, annual checkups and treatment for arthritis, diabetes, cancer, heart issues etc.

Some interesting facts:

- Pet insurance is recommended for anyone with new puppy. Rates do vary depending on age and breed but worth investigating.
- Only 9% of pet owners have the insurance but it is gaining acceptance.
- Raw foods are questionable due to unbalanced mixtures and high incidence of bacteria.
- Generally, in the pet food industry there is no quality standards or food inspections.
- Many independent Vetrenary Hospitals are being bought up by corporations and are being managed as pure profit centers with an eye on reducing costs and pushing high-cost services.
- MARS owns about 1000 clinics across the USA and Canada and Vet Strategy runs about 150 clinics
- In North America, \$34 billion spent on pets annually.

Paul Nelson thanked Dr. Peters

Alex Murphy declared the meeting closed. Jim Tonner     Secretary,  
October 03, 2023



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### **2023-2024 Management Committee**

President	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924
Past President	Mike Purcell	(905) 845-4097
Vice President	Paul Nelson	(905) 631-2390
Secretary	Jim Tonner	(289) 337-6693
Treasurer	Ray Henrickson	(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	Gerry Pielsticker	(905) 338-9829
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	Bryan Noble	(905) 319-1864
50/50 Draw	Roy Oldfield	(905) 847-2062
Investment Club	Brian Zinck	(647) 558-9443
Photographs	Peter Pretty	(905) 338- 5583
Greeter	Jack Rugg	(905) 820-1973