



THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE
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May 15, 2025 – 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 – May 15, 2025

Adam Cappelli - Wills, Trusts, and Estates



We are delighted that Adam Cappelli will be speaking to us about wills, trusts and estate law on May 15. Adam is highly recommended by the Burlington PROBUS Men's Club.

"Adam co-founded Cambridge LLP law firm in 2010. Cambridge LLP now has over 30 employees. Adam is managing partner of the Estates Group which is one of the largest groups of estates & trusts planning, administration, and litigation professionals in Ontario. Adam has been certified by the Law Society of Ontario as a Specialist in Estates and Trusts Law which has been the sole focus of his practice for more than a quarter century."

"In 2022 the Hamilton/Halton local chapter of the national Canadian Italian Business & Professional Association (CIBPA) selected Adam as its recipient of the distinguished "Professional Excellence Award". Adam's professional experience inspired him to produce and host two local weekly cable TV shows "Heirs & Omissions" and "Legal Ease", and more recently a weekly live webcast called "WillPower Wednesdays", which examines many contemporary legal issues. For several years Adam lectured on estate planning in the MBA program at McMaster University's DeGroote School of Business."

"Adam is one of the select group of lawyers who have successfully completed both the Certified Financial Planning (CFP) program and the membership requirements of the Society of Estate and Trust Practitioners (STEP). For the last 15 consecutive years, Adam has been voted by his peers as one of "*The Best Lawyers in Canada*" in Estates and Trusts Law. Adam worked as a financial analyst and investment advisor for IBM Canada and Midland Walwyn Capital, respectively, following his graduation from McMaster University with an Honours Bachelor of Commerce degree."

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President's Message

**Canadian Warplane Museum
Tour is coming up on May 22**



The Tour of the Warplane Museum promises to be a fun event. The Café has an extensive menu and has seating capacity for more than 80 people.

I'm also looking forward to visiting the on-site Shop where I will be looking for gifts for the grandkids and maybe some Avro memorabilia for myself.

And there is also another Pub Lunch headed our way on June 26 at the Royal Windsor Pub. The deal with Pub management is the same as our last luncheon. One free meal starting at 25 diners, and an added free meal for every 5 additional diners up to 40!

AMICA, on Bronte Road, has been hosting our Investment Club for

some time. To show our appreciation, Dave Patterson has arranged for an AMICA representative to give a brief presentation of AMICA services at our June meeting.

Since the Investment Club holds only Canadian investments, Dave's report at the May meeting should be an interesting one.

Golf Outings with the Old Oakville Club continue Wednesday mornings, our Book Club is growing, and our overall Club continues to grow with 57 members.

And don't forget to plan on Monaghan's for a post meeting lunch on May 15. Monaghan's is a great venue for food and fellowship!

Best regards,

Paul Nelson



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Canadian Warplane Museum Tour
9280 Airport Rd, Mount Hope (Hamilton)

May 22, 2025 at 9:45 AM

Lunch will be available for purchase in the Café after the Tour. The Café is Licensed. Partial menu below:

10:37 AM Thu May 8

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TAKEOUT MENU 2025

RUNWAY Café

Wednesday 9:00 - 3:30
Thursday 9:00 - 3:30
Friday 9:00 - 3:30
Saturday 8:30 - 3:30
Sunday 9:00 - 3:30
Closed Monday & Tuesday

Located at the
Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum
(Hamilton Airport)

905-679-4183 ext. 235

BREAKFAST

Classic Breakfast \$10.50
Two Eggs, Bacon or Sausage, Hash Browns, Toast

French Toast \$7.90
Your choice of Bacon or Sausage

Bagel Breakfast \$8.50
Bagel, Two Eggs, Bacon or Sausage, Cheese

Breakfast Burrito \$8.50
Three Eggs, Bacon or Sausage, Peppers, Onions, Cheese

English Muffin Breakfast \$9.50
Two English Muffins, Two Eggs, Bacon or Sausage, Cheese

Bacon & Egg Sandwich \$7.00

Bagel with Butter \$3.95
Add Cream Cheese \$1.00

Served with Coffee or Tea

LUNCH

Hot Dog \$6.00
Beef Hot Dog, served with Ace Bakery Bun

Beef Burger \$9.00
6oz Burger, Ace Bakery Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion Add Cheese \$1.20, Add Bacon \$1.00

Veggie Burger \$9.00
6oz Burger, Ace Bakery Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion Add Cheese \$1.20

Crispy Chicken Burger \$10.50
Chicken, Ace Bakery Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Toss in BBQ Sauce \$1.00

Chicken Fingers & Fries \$10.25
Four Pieces of Breaded Chicken Filets Toss in BBQ Sauce \$1.00

Buffalo Chicken Wrap & Fries \$13.55
Breaded Chicken, Lettuce, Buffalo Sauce, Cheese, Tomato

Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap & Fries \$13.55
Breaded Chicken, Lettuce, Cheese, Bacon, Southwest Ranch

Greek Chicken Wrap & Fries \$13.55
Grilled Chicken, Lettuce, Tomato, Black Olives, Tzatziki, Feta

DAILY SPECIALS

Call and ask us about our daily specials!
905-679-4183 ext. 235

SOUP & SALADS

The Museum is about 50 minutes from Oakville.
Registrations and carpool arrangements can be made at the May 15 Meeting. Cost is \$14 per person.
Members, spouses, friends are all welcome to attend.



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Minutes of the General Meeting - Probud Club of Oakville

Denotes action item

Oakville Public Library

April 17th, 2025

Paul Nelson, President, opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

There were 32 members present, plus two "Zoomers" - Ivor Barlow & Roy Oldfield.

1.0 Minutes

Minutes for March, 2025 were proposed for adoption by Alex Murphy and seconded by Mike Tweedie. Approved unanimously, without change.

2.0 Membership and Guests

Jay welcomed two new members officially and presented them with their pins.

Jim Stewart (Brian Cargill) a 20-year veteran of our Armed Forces (RCAF) and an Accident Investigator for a further 15 years with Transport Canada where Jim retired in 1996 as Director General, System Safety.

Hmmm....seems like a lot to unpack there, Jim; no doubt Grant/Roy will be calling on you to share more – real soon! Thank you, too, Brian. Great work as a recent member to inspire Jim to consider our Club.

Hal Buller was also introduced. He has been a member of another Probud Club but decided to join us as he has heard about the quality of our

speakers. We'll have a few more details about Hal in our forthcoming Minutes for May. Here's a few for now... [Hal Buller](#).

Welcome, Gentlemen!

We now have **57** members!

3.0 Members' Health

Mike Purcell reported that **Ivor Barlow** was making a steady recovery and hoped to be present for May's meeting, despite a recent rear-end-fender-bender. **Go, Ivor, Go!**

Roy Oldfield was sidelined with an unplanned cold and thought it wise to keep it on Wales Crescent vs. the Library. Good thinking, Roy. See you next time!

4.0 President's Report

Paul reported that Mike Tweedie would announce a further member-guests Pub Luncheon. Also, Dave Patterson had asked Paul as to whether **'Amica'**, a local residential retirement facility, could make a presentation to the membership. Amica hosts the Investment Club's meetings for free. There were no objections.

Dave/Paul/Amica to schedule

5.0 Reports – Management Committee and Chairs

Vice President

Profiler: Roy mentioned (via Zoom) that **Helmut E.** would describe today the fascinating School Rail Car Project which brought education to a generation of children in remote areas of Northern Ontario. (See Profiler, page 5.) The project even received Royal attention.

Editor's Coles Notes...After his retirement, **Fred and Celia Sloman** (O.C.) started a teaching experiment in September 1926 on the [School in the Railcar](#). A donated CN railway car (15071) at Capreol West Station, Sudbury, travelled on a circular 237-kilometre (~150 miles) route, bringing classroom education to isolated communities on a monthly basis at designated locations.

Prince George (later George VI), visited the School Car in 1926, without Helmut. King George again visited the School Car with his wife, **Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mother**, in 1939. Again, Helmut was a 'no show'. This remarkable program **ended in 1967 after 41 years** of real success.



Secretary

In addition to having the official Minutes for March approved, Tim had organized a light-hearted contest to see **who really does read** the recent (March) Minutes.

Three major mistakes in a second set of **unofficial Minutes** were circulated, with a prize for the first Member to find the blunders. The winner, **Jack Rugg**, was announced by **Paul Nelson**, our President.

We enjoyed a few laughs about the nature of the 'blunders', all of which were designed to have our members be cognizant of the life and work of the Club and incent them to comment for mutual benefit. All but one member who submitted an entry (**Jack**) missed the fact that **Calgary does not have receding Arctic ice issues!**

Treasurer

Ray presented the recent account activity; cash on hand is **\$5,606.72**; the financial stewardship of the Club is in good hands. **Thanks, Ray.**

Speakers

Grant Swanson shared the currently scheduled speakers for the next several months, beginning May, 2025:

- **May** – **Ontario Corps – Emergency Management** - **Nina Diaz, Director**, Emergency Management Programs and Partnerships is a *possible presenter*, assuming that **annual ice dam/flooding issues don't require evacuations and other support by the Corps from the North** - in person;
- **June** – Adam Schoalts, explorer and wildlife biologist, will present his book "**Where the Falcon Flies**", the story of his solo canoe journey from Lake Erie to the Arctic, including practical tips to help with the planning of your next **3,400 km canoe trip** - in person;
- **July** – George Takach, a retired lawyer and adjunct professor at Osgoode Law School, **Cold War 2.0 and Artificial Intelligence: What it Means for Canada, and the USA's Administration** - in person?;
- **August** – in progress;
- **September** – CAF/DND - themed to coincide with the end of World War II and Canada's storied contribution in various war time theatres. Details are being finalized.

Activities/Memberships

Mike Tweedie confirmed the membership's interest in the [Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum](#), Mt. Hope, nr. Hamilton...~22 members expressed interest. The **confirmed date is May 22nd**. Ulrich is taking the cost of entry (\$14) from members by cheque or via the Probus website; [final details to follow](#).

Bus rental costs are excessive; as such, members are free to offer carpooling services to each other.

Please let Ulrich/Mike T. know if you can take a member in your vehicle.

Waivers are not required.

Another popular **event** for [Members & Guests](#) will be held at 12 Noon on **Thursday, June 26th** at the Royal Windsor - [Pub Lunch, June 26th](#). Remember, for every additional 5 attendees above a minimum of 25, the Pub offers a free lunch (food only). Ask [Ivor B.](#) to tell you about his great experience in the draw!

Website, Technical Services

Gerry, Mike Tweedie and Doug Peebles have been working with Sheridan College which has donated the services of a professor and several students to enhance the functionality, upload speed and attractiveness of our Club's website.

The new website is scheduled to go live before our next meeting as the final pieces are put in place, including inviting the Library/CBC podcasts that give extra prominence and potential for membership interest on the site.

[Stay with it, Gentlemen.](#)

Additionally, we will change our server/service provider at an annual savings of ~\$400.

Book Club

Alex reported that the [Book Club](#) membership has increased to 7 members. Alex's attached video outlines the activities of the Club.

The next non-fiction book is [Sir John A & 1885](#). If you weren't around that year, read on. If you think you've had a bad day/tough year occasionally,

it won't be anything like Sir John's! An extract from the **Author, Patrice Dutil**, follows:

"...The issues cascaded relentlessly: threats to the sovereignty of Canada from London and Washington; armed resistance in the North-West; the spectre of starvation among Indigenous peoples; financial crises that endangered the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR); protests over Chinese immigration to British Columbia; nationalist dissent in Quebec; a smallpox epidemic that would claim over 5,000 victims in Montreal; and fierce opposition to Macdonald's drive to expand the right to vote. It was a year like no other in Canadian history..."

Investment Club

Dave Patterson referenced an article from the Globe & Mail recently which wonders if [Money Brings Happiness?](#) For decades, economists have studied the question of whether getting richer makes you happier – and exactly how much money tips the scales.

The Club's 2024 full year return was **25%**. **Q1, YTD** is approximately **26%**. Will that hold, Dave?



There's no cash requirement to join, just a lot of 'bull' these days...hopefully, but stay tuned in these uncertain times.

Profiler:

Helmut gave us a brief, fascinating account of [School in the Railcar](#). It the heartwarming account of how *the CNR School on Wheels Museum* is a monument to the unselfishness of Clinton locals **Fred and Cela Sloman**, who dedicated their lives, with others, teaching hundreds of children who had **biked, walked, snowshoed, used dog sleds and canoes** to come to school.

Wow...we know kids these days who **bring the Lexus to school**, so they have it for a quick break at the local store at recess? Progress, eh?

[CBC Radio...all about the school on wheels, 1926](#)

[CBC Podcast](#)...check this out for **unbelievable pictures of schooling** a century ago!

Thank you, Helmut. As an added bonus, a recent new member **Peter McCormick** mentioned that he had family CNR School memorabilia and accounts that he may be able to share with us. **Brilliant, let's hear it, Peter, when you are ready!**

50:50 Draw & Luncheon Count

There was no draw today as Roy was indisposed immediately prior to the meeting and thought it wise to stay at home. Draw will resume in May.

There were **16** members present at lunch. Great to see the interest.

6.0 SPEAKER

Grant introduced **Stephanie Campeau**, AVP, of Stakeholder & Community Relations for the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority which is completing the construction of the new [Bridge Project](#).

This is such an important mega project for Canada's national and international trading success, notwithstanding current difficulties with some sectors of the US Administration, eh.

Canada is footing the bill ([Bridge costs](#)) for most of the infrastructure, recently re-estimated at **C\$6.4bn**. Jim Stebbing thanked Stephanie for the informative presentation which was conducted by Zoom. **Slides will be posted on the Club site shortly.**

Hmmm...there should be a way to add this **C\$6.4bn** to our annual Defence Budget estimates which will 'wow' the folks in Washington and get us a few C\$\$\$ closer to the magic **2% of GDP**.

Mike Purcell will confirm with the White House & report next meeting

Adjournment

'Mea culpas' all round.

In all the excitement of solving the Defence Budget deficits, no **'Motion to Adjourn'** the meeting was proposed. As such, we are now in the Guinness Book of Records for the longest Service Club meeting in history; not quite as long, though, as the Korean War armistice talks at Panmunjom in 1953.

Meeting disbanded at 12:10 p.m. We'll tidy this up on May 15th.

The next formal meeting will be **May 15th, 2025 at the Oakville Central Library, 2nd Floor Auditorium.**

Respectfully,

Tim O'Shea,
Secretary,
April 29th, 2025

2024-2025 Management Committee

President	Paul Nelson	(905) 631-2390
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In addition, the following Key Support Positions have been filled by appointed Members.

Key Support Positions

Equipment	TBD	
Member Welfare	Mike Purcell	(905) 845-4097
Auditor	Tony Pinchen	(289) 837-1086
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