



THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE
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August 20, 2026 – In-Person and Zoom Meeting. *Meeting begins at 10:00 AM. Featured In- Person 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

FEATURED Speaker – Kevin Matsui



Probus Club of Oakville
Speaker Information
August 20, 2026

Examining the Impact of Artificial Intelligence from Different Perspectives

We are delighted that Kevin Matsui will be our speaker on August 20.



Everyday, it seems hard to escape a story in the news or social media about AI. There are serious concerns that benefit from a better understanding of AI and some reasons for optimism as well given how AI can positively impact areas such as healthcare, environmental protection and sustainable agriculture. This talk will provide background on the evolution of AI, some insights into how the technology works and discuss concerns that impact individuals and society.

We will consider the recent release of Canada's National Artificial Intelligence Strategy and how that positions the country in the global arena. The effect of data centres on the environment is a contentious topic, this talk will also dig into those concerns.

There should also be an ample opportunity to ask questions that you might have about AI.

Kevin Matsui is the Managing Director of the Centre for Advancing Responsible and Ethical Artificial Intelligence (CARE-AI) at the University of Guelph. He has spent many years in High Performance Computing (HPC), working with data and in the software industry in a variety of roles with a perspective from engineering and business lenses. CARE-AI is the primary AI research centre at U of G and is also involved in Academic programs, AI training, AI entrepreneurship, AI strategy and delivering AI solutions.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August 2026

I would like to thank Ray Hendrickson for chairing the meeting in July due to my absence.

Probus Canada is celebrating its 40th year. I sent out a request from **Probus Canada** as to how you can be involved in this celebration. The date for submissions has been extended to September 30, 2026. I will resend the information to all members.

The activities Committee has been working hard to arrange some outings. The next one is at the:

- The HMCS Haida Tour, and the Trolley Tour Thursday August 27

There are more activities in the planning such as:

- Fall Train Tour
- Quarterly Pub Lunches
- Hamilton Military Museum Tour in November

The activities Committee works hard to plan these events and it is hoped that you, our members, will participate in these outings.

Again I bring to your attention that we are looking into forming some small interest groups in addition to the Book Club and the Investment Club. Let us know if there are any groups that interest you. Thus far I have not had any response. Perhaps a wine club, a breakfast club, a dinner club etc..

Take care and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Roy Oldfield

Preside

HMCS HAIDA & HAMILTON HARBOUR TROLLEY TOUR

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026



TWO GREAT HAMILTON EXPERIENCES IN ONE WONDERFUL DAY

Join fellow Probus members for a memorable day on the Hamilton waterfront. We will visit historic HMCS Haida and then enjoy a fully narrated Harbour West Trolley Tour. **Spouse and significant others are also welcome!**

REGISTRATION

Please register by Tuesday, August 25, 2026.

Email: petergmccormick@hotmail.com

Payment may be made at the August 20 Probus meeting or use Interac electronic payment

MORNING MEETING POINT — 10:00 A.M.

Williams Fresh Café

47 Discovery Drive, Hamilton, Ontario

The café serves breakfast, coffee and pastries. After meeting, there is a short walk to HMCS Haida at Pier 9.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

QEW west to Hamilton → Exit at York Boulevard → Left onto James Street North → Right onto Guise Street East → First left onto Discovery Drive.

HMCS HAIDA

The Haida tour is self-guided. A handout will be provided. After the ship visit, the group will return to Williams Fresh Café for the trolley tour.

HAMILTON HARBOUR WEST TROLLEY TOUR

Enjoy an approximately 80-minute fully narrated ride along the scenic 12-km waterfront route from Pier 8 to Princess Point and back. Highlights include HMCS Haida, marinas, historic bridges and shoreline views.

Departures: 1:00 p.m. • 2:30 p.m. • 4:00 p.m. • 5:30 p.m.

Cost (HST included): Adults \$11.30 • Seniors 65+ \$9.60

VISITOR INFORMATION

HMCS HAIDA NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

BEFORE YOU BOARD

- Exploring the ship can be physically challenging and involves stairs, vertical ladders, narrow catwalks and hatches.
- Decks can be uneven, contain obstacles and may be slippery when wet.
- Face ladders when going up or down and watch for low overhead clearances.
- Wheelchairs, walkers and strollers are not permitted aboard because of narrow passageways and obstacles.
- Closed-toe, active footwear is recommended. Pants or shorts are recommended for visitors using ladders.
- Visitors who do not wish to climb ladders can still see much of the ship using an onboard stairway.

WEATHER & COMFORT

HMCS Haida can become very warm during summer. Bring water, take breaks in the shade and use sun protection. The ship may close during extreme heat or severe weather.

PETS & SERVICE ANIMALS

Pets are not permitted aboard HMCS Haida. Service animals are permitted. Pets remaining on the jetty must be leashed and under control.

PARKING

Free parking is available at HMCS Haida, although spaces are limited. Additional City of Hamilton parking is available nearby. Four EV charging spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The site parking lot closes and locks at 5:00 p.m.

A LITTLE HISTORY

HMCS Haida is a Tribal-class destroyer that served in the Royal Canadian Navy from 1943 to 1963, including service in the Second World War and Korean War. She is the only surviving Tribal-class destroyer of the 27 built for the Royal Canadian Navy, Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy. Known as “The Fightingest Ship in the Royal Canadian Navy,” Haida was designated a National Historic Site in 1984 and is now preserved as a museum ship on the Hamilton waterfront.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT DAY ON THE HAMILTON WATERFRONT!

2026--2027 Management Committee Nominees

President	Ray Henrickson	(905) 469-0158
Past President	Roy Oldfield	(905) 847-2062
Vice President	Grant Swanson	(905) 510-8202
Secretary	Tim O'Shea	(905) 842-5133
Treasurer	Andy Vavasour	(709) 727-8180
Speakers	TBD	
Activities	Peter McCormick	(905) 827-9274
Newsletter	Paul Nelson	(905) 631-2390
Membership	Jay Kell	(289) 407-3859
Website	Gerry Pielsticker	(905) 338-9829
Technical Co-ordinator	Gerry Pielsticker	(905) 338-9829

**Nominees will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on September 17.
The search for a Speaker Chair continues and is planned to be filled by a
floor nomination at the September meeting.**



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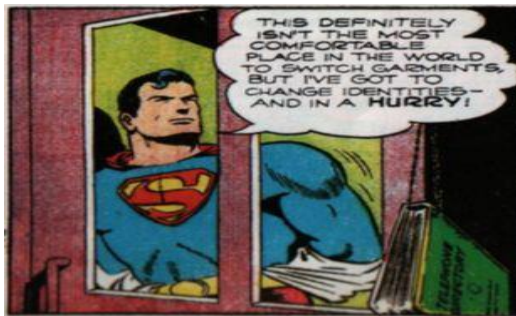
Minutes of the General Meeting - Probud Club of Oakville

Oakville Public Library, Navy St.

July 16th, 2026

DENOTES ACTION REQUIRED

Ray Henrickson, our official second-in-command, super-hero, Vice-President, general factotem, and heir



presumptive to the Presidency for the forthcoming year changed into his robes of choice and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the absence of **Roy Oldfield**, **President**. Roy's report follows on pg



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1. Membership and Guests

Jay Kell introduced new member **John Ball** and welcomed him to the Club, which now has **61** members.

24 Members attended in person today; there were no 'Zoomers'.

Jay outlined the three available options to pay for forthcoming Membership Dues (unchanged at **C\$75, September, 2026 to August, 2027**), including

the option, for an extra \$10, to have free coffee & 'Timbits' for all 11 meetings. Payment by internet to the Club's membership tab is preferred, but other payment forms are acceptable – snail mail to Wolfgang H., or payment in person at the next meeting.

2.0 Minutes

Ray H. reviewed the June 18th, 2026 Minutes in Tim's vacation absence again which had been sent to the Membership in Word & Pdf formats from a faraway fjord land using cocoa tins and a (long) length of string. A



motion to adopt and approve was passed unanimously by those present, one correction to the Minutes having been identified by Andy Vavasour...Monarch Butterflies do not emerge from a cocoon (like moths); they emerge from a *chrysalis*.

For a greater understanding of the differences, check out the scholarly article [Butterfly Boogie](#) by Author Jim Hunt.

[Good catch, Andy. That was a sneaky test – and you passed.]

3.0 Members' Health

Mike Purcell

Mike noted Gerry Sutton's upcoming 101st Birthday later that month.

Gerry announced plans to move soon to Gananoque to be closer to his family.



Gerry invited members who attend the August 20th meeting to join him as his guests for lunch at *Ce Soir* (134 Lakeshore Rd., E.) after the meeting. Wow...what a thoughtful and generous way to acknowledge the friendships that Gerry has made at our Club over many years. Thank you, Gerry.

4.0 Reports from Management Committee Members

President

Roy's written report follows:

"Jay Kell, our Membership Chair, is still asking for assistance. If anyone would like to join Jay he would be most appreciative. It is not an overwhelming job, however assistance is needed.

Again I bring to your attention that we are looking into forming some small interest groups in addition to the Book Club and the Investment Club. Let us know if there are any groups that interest you. Thus far, I have not had any response. Perhaps a wine club, a breakfast club, a dinner club etc...?

If you are vacationing this summer I wish you safe travels to wherever you are going.

Take care and enjoy the summer".

Nomination Committee – Paul Nelson

All Nominations for the 2026-27 Management Committee have been identified with the exception of Speaker Chair. Nominations will be presented at the August meeting;



Vice President - Ray Henrickson - Ray reported that today's Profiler will be John Mikloska. See page 5.

Treasurer



Wolfgang shared the June, 2026 transactions...our finances are in sound shape, and our current Bank Balance as of May 31st was C\$6,698.39. Good job, Wolfgang.

Speakers - Grant Swanson – reported that today's Speaker John Donahue will be telling us about Quantum Computing and 'The Future is here';

- Kevin Matsui will address Artificial Intelligence in his presentation in August;

- Ted Barris, well known Author, will be telling us about Canadian Air Crews – the dangers and their



accomplishments – during WW II in September;

Remember, Members, if you have an idea for Grant to pursue, please let him know at: gswanson@cogeco.ca. Great line-up, Grant!

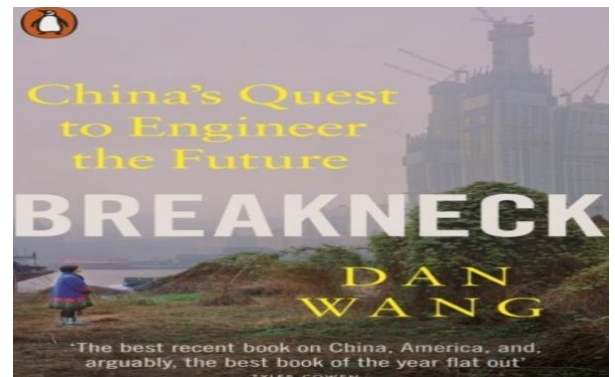
Investment Club – Dave Patterson - The Club will return in September from its summer hiatus;

Technology – In Gerry's absence, Hal reported that all systems are 'GO' and our presentation recording/speaker technology is functioning well.

Book Club

Cam Davreux reported that the group is thriving and currently reviewing "Breakneck": China's Quest to Engineer the Future" by Dan Wang.

For close to a decade, Dan Wang has been observing China's tumultuous and astounding growth. The state has constructed towering bridges, gleaming railways and sprawling factories to improve economic outcomes in record time. But rapid change has also sent ripples of pain throughout society. China has grown so quickly in part by beating America at its own game...capitalism and harnessing the restless energy of a vast population. Here, Wang blends political and economic analysis with reportage into a provocative new view of what might emerge.



Check in with Cam Davreux if you are interested in becoming a member (camdevreux@gmail.com).

Activities Committee

DENOTES ACTION REQUIRED

Peter McCormick brought us up to date on planned activities:

- ✓ The Oakville Waste Management tour is scheduled for July 23 with an enrollment deadline of July 21. (Note: This was a great success!);
- ✓ On August 27, there will be a Tour of HCMS Haida and the Hamilton Harbour Trolley. Haida Tour is free while the Trolley Tour is about \$10 per person, More details will follow;
- ✓ A Pub Lunch is scheduled for September 24 at the Royal Windsor Pub;
- ✓ A Train Tour is being planned for the South Simcoe Railway on October 17. Senior tickets (\$14) and Other tickets (\$17) are expected to be available on September 8 and will require signups;
- ✓ A Toyota tour is being planned November 5. The Tour will be free, but government ID will be required for security purposes. Bus rental is being investigated;
- ✓ And finally, the Christmas lunch is scheduled for December 3 at the Oakville Golf Club.

If you have any follow-up questions or event suggestions, please contact Peter at: petergmccormick@hotmail.com Great work, Team!

4.0 Profiler - John Mikloska

Ray Henrickson introduced John Mikloska to the Members.

- John recently retired from the Royal Bank as Director-Group Risk Management-Credit;
- He lives in Oakville; he is married with 2 children;
- His parents emigrated to Canada from Europe and John was born in Kitchener. He attended Laurier where he studied Economics, Political Science and History and he also attended UBC;

- In 1989 John went to Budapest, Berlin (where he got a chip of the Berlin Wall), Amsterdam and Prague.



Money ran out at one point and he returned to Canada;



- Back in Canada he worked for an MPP at Queens Park and earned an MBA from York University;
- After a stint in London with RBC Capital Markets, he moved on to Risk Management and retired in June 2025.

Thanks for choosing to join The Probus Club of Oakville, **John!**

5. 50:50 Draw & Luncheon Count

Ray H. announced the winning ticket was held by **Gerry Sutton**.

There were **12 attendees** for lunch at Monaghan's.

6. Speaker – John Donahue

'Our Quantum Present and Future'



John told us that *Quantum* meant the "world of the very small" and, in this case, we would be learning about atoms. He cautioned about "buzzwords" currently in vogue with respect to Quantum Computing and how appearances can be deceptive.

He went on to demonstrate that our world of protons, electrons and neutrons can be measured by their relative positions somewhat like GPS; he went on to show us an example, on screen, of how he could see our hapless Secretary's neutrons being tracked 'live' in Northern Norway as he mistakenly took two Huskies Tigers for a walk near the Russian Border (after the tigers' breakfast).



To appreciate the full extent of John's presentation, the video will soon be posted to the Club's website and is a Must See;



The actual, physical demonstration of dust particles visualized by laser and then clustered like atomic particles by an electro-magnetic field (activated right in front of club members) is well worth the look;

In addition we learned that quantum computers may be great at deriving prime numbers and unraveling the structure of protein; they aren't much better than hand calculators when it comes to basic math!

Grant Swanson thanked John for his fascinating invitation to his (and our) world.

Great job – and you are great ambassador for the University of Waterloo, John.

7. Adjournment

Ray adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Our next General Meeting here in the Auditorium will be **August 20th, 2026.**

Respectfully,
Tim O'Shea/Paul Nelson – (Ghostwriter),
Secretary,
August 13th, 2026



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

Key Support Positions

Meeting Technical Coordinators	Hal Buller Andy Vavasour	(905) 825-3231 (709) 727-8180
Marketing Technical Coordinators	Doug Peebles Mike Tweedie	(905) 842-1819 (905) 338-1281
Auditor	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924
50/50 Draw	Ray Henrickson	(905) 469-0158
Coffee Pickup	Tim O'Shea	(905) 842-5133
Investment Club	Dave Patterson	(905) 844-5894
Greeter	Mike Purcell	(905) 845-4097
Book Club	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924
	Cam Davreux	(905) 338-1974