

## The Rotary Club of Port Hope

**News Bulletin for the Week of November 15, 2010**

### Denise Marshall – Rotary Bridge Report

#### CALL TO ORDER

On this fine November evening, P John, sometimes known as “Bill”, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. It should be noted that Jean Beliveau, that great hockey player often known as “John Beliveau”, was known by citizens of Quebec City as *Le gros Bill*, so there is precedent for this name change and it was wholeheartedly approved by R Bill Lang.



R George introduced Peter Angelo, the Town engineer, and Denise Marshall, Development Services Technician with the Municipality of Port Hope. George, Peter, John and Denise were seated comfortably at the head table and following their attendance at the groaning board, the gathered throngs obtained sustenance by row from east to west.

#### GUESTS & VISITING ROTARIANS

There were none

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Cleve deviated somewhat from the traditional Australian sleight of hand which had become a tradition in the Club, and regaled us with a joke about a minister/travelling salesman or some such thing which was by way of an introduction to telling us he had no report.



#### PRE-NOURISHMENT REPORTS

Following Rotary grace and the toast to the Queen, P John called upon PE Bruce to advise that the float was in need of wrapped gifts which of course are empty wrapped boxes and can either be brought next Monday night or on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am during the

preparation of the float for the Santa Claus Parade.



He also said that he needs people to help in pushing the cart for the Fare Share collections during the Parade and he was anticipating Faviola, our exchange student, would be anxious to assist.

P John then called upon R Roger who provided information on the Habitat for Humanity project and indicated that on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> the seventeen on the list together with seven additional signed up folks would arrive at 8:30 am for training with respect to tools and safety and that later in the day a lunch would be prepared for everybody by members of the Port Hope Rotary Club. In

addition, a kit should be brought by people, which consists of a cup, plate, knife, fork and spoon together with a bowl for soup. The event is at 79 Harcourt Street near the Dr. Powers School and email notes will be sent by R Roger. It was also said that if it is very cold weather, Skeena would allow participants to use the Hall.



## DESSERT REPORTS

R Doug was once more engaged in the Salvation Army Kettle initiative and was looking for volunteers. He said that last year there was an \$85,000 target which was met. This year the target is \$100,000. He said he thinks it is an achievable target with an improvement having occurred in the economic conditions.



It should be noted that your humble scribe sang and danced his way through the early morning chill during two stints at the LCBO Kettle last year

and signed up for two more this year.

R Ken said the Giving Tree is being coordinated by his wife and sister and that last year fourteen hundred children got gifts and they are starting to prepare and need gifts dropped off.



R Bree presented the details of the ham and chocolate incentive saying that the hams were of two varieties, either smoked or Black Forest, and that the chocolates were high-quality small boxes of 12 chocolates. She said that there is a prize for the person who sells the most hams and the prize is a performance of your choice at the Capitol Theatre during next year and the team that wins goes first for food for three weeks in January 2011. The teams were set out and sheets passed around in this highly organized fundraising initiative.

R Susan said that the Christmas Party is on December 13 at Dalewood (if it still exists) starting at 6:00 pm for cocktails and 6:30 pm for food. She passed a sheet around for signing up.



## HAPPY BUCKS

R Bree was happy she attended the hospital gala and R and Scribe Emeritus Rolly Dalla Rosa reported that he had also attended the hospital gala and saw a glittering vision of R Ken Bell who was also at the gala.



R's Ted and Kelly put in happy bucks in honour of Remembrance Day and the participation of so many including members of our Club.



R Bill put in a happy buck just because and also because he liked R Ken's jacket. It would be an injustice to call it a "sport coat".

R Diane was happy that she was able to lay a wreath on behalf of Rotary and it brought to mind her father who had been in the

British Army in WWI and did not talk about it until very late in his life.

R Ken put in a happy buck because he was on Team Bree in the Great Ham Competition. DGE Bob put in happy bucks in honour of the training that he received in London for governors elect where thirty-eight governors elect were separated into two classes of nineteen and went from dawn to dusk and later over a period of a week. He said he enjoyed meeting his colleagues and some of the additional Rotary higher-ups to obtain information relating to Rotary International programs such as the Polio Eradication Program which continues to show great success notwithstanding a couple of hiccups particularly in the Congo.



R Ted Rafuse put in a happy buck because he was amazed at the throngs that were there on Remembrance Day and the great showing.

P John was pleased to be at Remembrance Day laying the wreath for the Club and was counseled that he would get used to being called "Bill" by R Bill Lang.

R Leigh is happy that his son is engaged and that his son-in-law coached a playoff football game with great success against number 1 seed.



## PROGRAM

R George introduced our guests, Peter Angelo the Town engineer

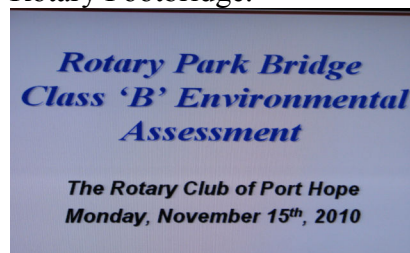


and Denise Marshall,



who has obtained her professional engineering designation having graduated in environmental engineering from Queens University.

Ms. Marshall was here to update us on the environmental assessment of the Port Hope Rotary Footbridge.



AECOM is the consultant that provided the details with respect to the material. Denise began with a history of the status of the bridge alternatives. There are basically four alternatives. They are:

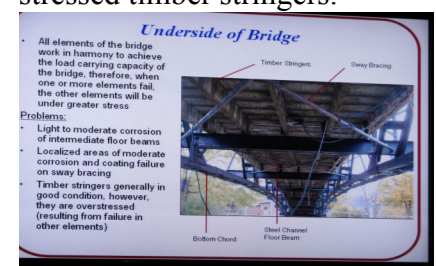
- 1) do nothing;
- 2) perform intermediate rehabilitation;
- 3) complete a full rehabilitation;
- 4) construct a replacement.

As everybody knows, the footbridge is adjacent to the Town Hall and Peter was here last September to give us an update at that time.

Since then there are further updates. This is a Ministry class environmental assessment for municipal infrastructure projects. The purpose is to look at the impacts in a consistent fashion and to identify what the environmental impacts are going to be and to get stakeholder input if possible.

The environmental impacts have three basis classes. There is an A class which is low risk, a B class which is remediation low potential for risk and a C assessment where there is new construction which would also be within the full rehabilitation concept.

This bridge was built in 1927 so it is over 80 years old and it is the last footbridge of a riveted bony-girder structure in the area. It currently suffers from severe corrosion and overstressed timber stringers.



It needs reinforcement and some replacement. Major problems exist with the floor boards and the wire fencing, guardrail and corrosion of vertical cord elements. There is also some light to moderate corrosion to the underside of the bridge in the metal elements in the steel floor beams and the beams and the abutments are corroded.

There is some severe spalling and scaling of masonry and the Bridge needs elements to dampen the expansion and contraction at the abutments.

Denise then went on to discuss the various alternatives and I will summarize these:

#### **1) Do Nothing;**

The deterioration would occur in around 10 years' time and corrosion would accelerate and inspection would be required, so we are looking at a usable time of 5 years and the cost would be around \$51,800 and some minimal repair would be conducted.

There would be monitoring at \$5,100 per year; there would only be a capacity of 5 people on the bridge and four weeks construction would be required.

#### **2) Intermediate Rehabilitation;**

A 25-year life would result; it would be a six week construction period, and the cost would be \$110,000. There would be a replacement component including welding and grouting with a new handrail and guard to bring it up to code.

There would be an annualized cost of about \$4,400 per year at a total cost of \$110,000.

#### **3) Full Rehab**

After this project the bridge might last up to 60 years (Denise said about 50 + years) at a full cost of \$423,000 which comes out to about \$8,000 per year. There would be ten weeks construction of steel stringers and several other components that would need to be replaced. The bridge would be handsome and safe and it would have an unrestricted load capacity and it would have retained some of its construction detail.

#### **4a) Replacement with Concrete**

This alternative would require a new bridge which would cost about \$595,700; it would last for about 75 years as an attractive structure. The annualized cost would be about \$7,950.

#### **4b) Replacement by An Eagle Bridge**

With a cost of \$496,000, this alternative would take 8-weeks for construction and would also last for about 75 years and is not quite as attractive. Over a 75-year period this would translate into an annualized cost of \$6,615.

Ms. Marshall seemed to favour the second alternative as being the most practicable. It would provide good life span, would be relatively speaking inexpensive, would maintain the integrity of the design and during a time of budgetary restraint would be capable of being readily rationalized. Among the factors being studied are the historical nature, cost effectiveness, aesthetics and health and safety.

The alternatives must now go to the Committee of the Whole at

Council. Before that, our guests would like our input.

There was some debate concerning the necessity for the bridge but the thrust of opinion generally favoured the preservation of the bridge as part of the Port Hope character. It appeared that many of the members supported alternative No. 2 although there was no vote on this. There were a number of good probing questions.

R Doug Burke thanked our guest Denise Marshall for her clear and concise presentation following which Peter Angelo asked if the Club could make its collective position known in order that the position could be presented to the Committee of the Whole at the time the proposals were being weighed. P John noted this request.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

P John announced that it gave him great pleasure as the Club president to acknowledge the charitable trust in the name of Burton and Helen Philip bequeathed to the Port Hope Rotary Club to administer a Charitable Trust to be established from an as yet undetermined amount and the annual income from it to be used to assist people under twenty-one in the Municipality of Port Hope who are in need. More information will be provided at a later date.

### **50/50 DRAW**

Denise Marshall drew the ticket which belonged to Ted Rafuse who promptly handed over his winnings to R Susan.

**CLOSING:**

The singing of the national anthem.

**Our Scribe at Work****COMMITTEE NEEDS**

Your editor needs an updated list of programs scheduled, door duty list and scribe duty list. Appropriate Committee Chairs please provide ASAP to complete the Future Meeting Schedule Chart below.

**WEB SITE**

Please take a moment to visit the Port Hope Rotary web site.

[www.porthoperotary.com](http://www.porthoperotary.com)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Habitat for Humanity</b>	Ward & Hope Sts.	Sunday Nov 21, 8am-4pm, bring eating utensils
<b>Santa Claus Parade</b>	(volunteers needed)	Saturday Nov. 27, morning
<b>Christmas Party</b>	Dalewood	Monday Dec 13, 6pm for cocktails, 6:30pm for dinner

**FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

Date	Speaker	Location	Door Duty	Scribe
November 22	<b>Kevin McAlpine – Chief of Police, Port Hope</b>	K of C	Anna T, Doug B	Bud
November 29	<b>Richard Onley – Former Lieut-Gov, Ontario</b>	K of C	Cleve P, Ken B	Ken
December 6	<b>Rob O’Neill – Food4All Warehouse</b>	Food4All Warehouse	Ben C, Bud L	Rolly
December 13	<b>Christmay Party</b>	<b>Dalewood</b>		Sylvia
December 20	<b>Anna Tucka - Classification</b>	K of C	Ken O, Linda T	Jim
December 27	<b>TBA</b>		??	?
January 3	<b>TBA</b>	KofC	??	?
January 10	<b>TBA</b>		??	?

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