



JANUARY 2026

BATTLEFORDS PROBUS CLUB

Official Minutes of the Battlefords Probus Club



Date:

Tuesday January 20, 2026

Time:

10am - 12pm

Location:

*Rm 101 Don Ross
Centre Auditorium, NB*

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

George introduced himself and went over today's agenda. He asked for a show of hands for new members and then went over the way we run the meetings and what they could expect. He introduced the executive.

Groups within Probus: Travel, Walking, Book club, Cards, Scrabble.

Possible Upcoming Field Trips: Water treatment plant, Power Station.

Gerry gave a short presentation on government changes in 2026 affecting seniors:

- Increase to Old Age Supplement
- GIS increase
- Dental plan for all seniors
- Diabetes drugs now free
- Enhanced caregiver credit
- Anti-scam legislation to make banks and phone services take action
- RRIF rates have changed to accommodate people living longer
- Disability required renovations higher coverage
- Property tax deferment plan
- Income splitting for foreign pension

Name tag presentation by Becky. 3 presentations made. 76 members now.

Probus flag displayed on wall at today's meeting, Flag raising will be done in October in both Battleford and North Battleford.

Asked for volunteers for coffee making and greetings. Today's volunteer was Evelyn. It just requires arriving at 9:00 to get the coffee going and then greeting members as they arrive and sign in.

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MEETING MINUTES

Open Floor-

Discussion re: Chamber of Commerce trip. Contact Chamber for information.

Question re:survey. Did everyone get it? Results? Not everyone did so George will print it out for next meeting. New members made aware that information is sent by email.

Lost and found - a couple items.

Chris - concert announcement. Friday May 1 at 7:00 pm at Legion Hall in Battleford.

Adele reminded people that they should call her if they know of a member who is ill etc.

Gerry gave his presentation on his time in the Airforce. Everyone enjoyed it. Chris thanked him.

Volunteers for coffee and greeting at our next meeting - Virginia and Sandy.

Meeting adjourned.