



FEBRUARY 2026

BATTLEFORDS PROBUS CLUB

Official Minutes of the Battlefords Probus Club



Date:

Tuesday February 17, 2026

Time:

10am - 12pm

Location:

*Rm 101 Don Ross
Centre Auditorium, NB*

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

George brought the meeting to order, introduced himself and welcomed everyone.

New name tags were presented by Becky. We are currently at 78 members. Name tags were presented to Jean and Doug Brehan.

Need volunteers for coffee and greeting - come at 9:00 to put the coffee on and then greet/welcome members and guests as they arrive. Volunteers for next meeting - Darlene and Adele.

George gave an eye opening presentation on his mom's recent experience with Scammers. During the 3 hour phone call they had her download Apps, even a picture of herself and had her give them ALL her personal information. She was told she was speaking to a representative from her bank so she felt it was legit (even though they were verbally abusive at times). Fortunately her bank (RBC) recognized unusual activity on her account and stopped an \$11,000 withdrawal after which they locked her account and saved her from another \$6,000 withdrawal. So she had to have all her devices erased and cleaned, passwords changed and new cards issued. The computer shop that did all this said that they see this sort of thing once a week!!! Equifax and TransUnion Canada are 2 apps that will monitor accounts and activity and send alarms when there is suspicious activity. Another important tip - Call your bank's Fraud Department **immediately** if you notice unusual transactions and they can be reversed.

Gerry informed us about a new scam - you get a call from the bank saying there is suspicious activity on a particular account and they will send a courier to pick up your card.

George reminded everyone that the Grey Cup was coming to the Don Ross Centre for those interested in seeing it and getting pictures.

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Our next meeting is March 17. Our speakers will be Sharon Mohagen and Judy Der who will talk about Alzheimers.

George mentioned that we will be needing a new management committee and people should think about joining.

Adele reported that she had visited Linda Shepherd while she was ill and brought her cookies and a card.

Break for coffee/visiting before our guest speaker.

Director of Primary Health, Johann Ingelke, spoke about Social Prescribing - strengthening healthy aging through community. He said 1 in 5 people over age 65 report loneliness and connection relieves loneliness. We have better health when our non-medical needs are met like getting rides somewhere, joining a group etc. A "Connector" is the person that joins the person with needs to the plan/group that they need. The program doesn't exist yet. There will be a steering committee and it is hoped that a Probus member would sit on the committee. The Community Connector would be a 20 hour per week position. Chris thanked him for his presentation and presented him with a gift.

George mentioned that he had brought a hard copy of the survey for those who had not seen it.

A reminder to return name tags.

Meeting adjourned.