

President John Sneyd opened the meeting at 9:55 am with 41 members in attendance. He welcome to our speakers Gord Cobey and Scott Tracy and also introduced Lauren Dafoe, a co-op student from UoG, who was following the police chief as a project for her research. John also welcomed guest Jay Gold.

President John then asked the Activities Committee members to come forth to be recognized: Chair, Ken Marchant, Martin Alderwick, Warren Gregg, Bob Denis, Ritchie Zelk, and Frank Webster. He thanked them for their contribution in providing external activities for the Club.

Announcements

Activities – Ken Marchant

- Last Saturday many Club members attended the St. Jacobs Hamilton Theatre to see *“Beautiful: the Carole King Story”* ;
- The Activities Committee is now planning for us to go in July to see *“Joseph”* in St. Jacobs.
- This is last day to sign-up for Annual Luncheon following the AGM and the next regular membership meeting;
- Two weeks from now will be the AGM with a turnover of some Director positions. See the slate of positions on the website
- Note the timing for AGM meeting which will be a half hour earlier than we normally meet.
- Next Thursday will be a coffee meeting at the Boathouse;

John introduced Chief Gord Cobey

Bio

When Gord Cobey began his bachelor’s degree at McMaster University, he already had an idea of the career he wanted to pursue. “I applied to the RCMP a few weeks after starting university and was hired shortly after I completed my degree three years later,” he remembers. “Policing was something I was interested in from a very young age”. As a youth, many of Cobey’s football and hockey coaches were police officers and he liked the idea of “engaging in an interesting and meaningful career with many opportunities to serve and support the community.” After seven years in Manitoba, Cobey and his wife – who were high school sweethearts -- moved their family back to Ontario, settling in Guelph where his wife had attended university. They have three adult children. Cobey continued to work for the RCMP until early 2019, when he was hired to replace retiring Guelph Police Chief Jeff DeRuyter.

Presentation

“I want our community to be the healthiest, safest community in the province,” says Cobey. “I want our Service to lead by example when it comes to supporting our community and our members. We exist to serve the community, but we can’t do that if we don’t have healthy, resilient members.”

That means having supports in place. But it also means ensuring the Service has adequate resources to meet the needs of a rapidly-growing community.

Chief Gord Cobey

He began by saying: "Policing is community"

He said "how proud" we should be with the people who are our Guelph police officers They are also moms and dads.

- His wife has been from Guelph since she went to school here at 18.
- His background was with the RCMP
- His wife and him have been in the policing field for twenty years. All three of his kids are raised in Guelph. He spent five years in Carmen Manitoba and he did a lot of travel throughout Canada and United states

This is by far the best job he has ever had. When he was in the RCMP he was in intelligence operations from Montreal to Windsor. He is very data driven and based on facts but he believes in underselling and over achieving.

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He prefers to answer questions throughout his presentation

- Wants Guelph Police trusted, effective & kind
- Pride, Service & Trust his Guelph motto
- Our best completed is better than
 - Twenty years ago the service was not like it is today

Just released a KPMG study

- On most days we have 10 front line officers & 4 vehicles
- One vehicle is available for downtown only.

From May to end of August two officers are deployed

for downtown only. - on foot or on bicycles

There is a minimum of 10 officers for all of Guelph per day

Our response times have gone from 2009 to

we were number one in all of Canada from 35

- we are making progress

RCMC Membership Mtg. May 25/23

Correlations does not mean causation

- KPMG report is made public
- The community should provide transparency
- All front line members wear body cameras
- In spring 2019 all vehicles are hybrid (frontline vehicle)
- The majority of officers live in Guelph

There are still school resource officers in the Catholic Board but not in Public schools

- There are two full-time police officers in the downtown

from 10:00 am to which is new 4 traditional

- Guelph has one of the most lowest violent crime related crimes

Mental Health issue addressed

Intervention options

All members use body cameras so the citizen knows that they are being recorded - "technology is your friend"

Re: encampments, property crime it is a holistic

approach - His the communities problem to try to resolve

- One third of our members are civilian members

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were a \$60 million business. - a very robust service

- Nelson Mandela quote:

John Sneyd thanked Gord Cobey

Julian Sale announced the Royal City Tour de Guelph

Two weeks from now is ACM 4 Tammy Atkin from Guelph museum

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Next Meeting: June 8, 2023, with Tammy Adkin

Adjournment @11:03 am

Recording Secretary: Kerry Gennings