

LATCHAM NEWS

No one has ever achieved financial fitness with a January resolution that's abandoned by February. -Suze Orman

Coming Up

Wednesday, Feb. 8th @ 1 pm. General Meeting

A short presentation by Carolyn Goff about the next Borelians Production, "Live from Port Perry Town Hall 1949"

Our main speaker will be Terry Coyne, our Ward 5 Councillor. So- have your questions ready!

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, @ 1 pm. Pot Luck Lunch

Our entertainment will be: **Johnny and the Generics!**



President's Message

Another month has flown by and up until now winter has been o.k. I know this won't last but I think we've all enjoyed this unusually mild January.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a great big thank-you to members who have volunteered to take part in helping run the club by being on committees. We have committees for monthly speakers and entertainers, we have kitchen volunteers, some members have signed up to participate in bringing snacks for general meetings and others to help at Pot Luck meals. And always I'm very



Latcham Centre Open

The Latcham Centre is open on Monday, Feb 20th, Family Day. Please check with your Monday activity leader as to whether or not their activity will be operating that day.




Elections Again!

As you all know we hold elections every year for 3 members of our executive. The goal in this decision was to help new executive members get their footing, and maintain the continuity of the organization. Also, someone needs to tell them where we hide the extra paper towels. The term is still two years. Think about joining us! If you are interested just tell a member of the executive or a member of the Nominating Committee: Rita Barrell and Ann Berube.

grateful to the members who take on leadership roles with our weekly activities. Your participation lightens the workload of the executive. Thank you!!

TERRY COYNE
Counsellor for Ward 5




Terry is the owner and operator of **Pinridge Sports Shop Ltd.** in Port Perry and he has 40 years of community involvement and 30 years of operating a local business. He's been active locally with Community Living Durham North, a local boy scout troop, soccer and baseball, as well as nearly two decades with the Rotary Club of Port Perry.

So please join us for an informative meeting with our new Ward 5 Counsellor.

What: General Meeting
When: Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023 1 pm
Where: Latcham Centre
Get your questions or comments ready!
And yes, there will be goodies!

FEB 22



JOHNNY AND THE GENERICS

Port Perry Seniors Club
Latcham Centre
Wed. Feb. 22 @ 1 p.m.
JOIN US FOR OUR POT LUCK LUNCH
AND A TRIBUTE TO JOHNNY CASH!

Condensed History of the Port Perry Latcham Centre

There are three Latcham Centres, built by Arthur Latcham of Uxbridge. They were built in Goodwood, Port Perry, and Uxbridge. The Port Perry building was constructed during the early 1970's. The seniors of Port Perry had the manager of the Scugog Lumber Company, Mr. Stulen to thank for his prompting Mr. Latcham to construct a building in Port Perry. It was similar to the one built in Goodwood. Mr. Stulen visited the Goodwood project many times because their company was supplying the building materials.

Mr. Stulen convinced a member of the Port Perry Council, Jerry Jackman, to bring this project to Port Perry. Mr. Jackman arranged a meeting between Mr. Latcham and the Town Council of the day to discuss the proposed project.

According to notes of the Port Perry Seniors Club at that time, very little information was given about where the building would be and who would benefit from it.

At one time, as a Seniors Club meeting was about to get underway, Mr. Latcham entered the room and introduced himself to the membership. The Club officials invited him to stay for the meeting. Mr. Latcham had a previous meeting scheduled but said he would return around 4:00 p.m. When Mr. Latcham returned at 4 p.m. members were milling about and chatting. They were quite surprised when Mr. Latcham pulled out a deck of playing cards and started performing magic tricks. This encounter was Mr. Latcham's way of meeting with the Senior Club members and taking noting how the Club was helping senior residents.

Shortly after this first meeting, Mr. Latcham got in touch with the President of the Port Perry Seniors Club. Mr. Willis asked that he and his executive meet him at the Goodwood building that had been constructed. They toured the building and Mr. Latcham told the executive members that the building in Port Perry would be identical in structure. After their tour, Mr. Latcham explained that the Port Perry Hall would be for the use of the Port Perry Seniors Club. Up to this point the Club had not been approached by anyone from the Township but the executive was aware that the building was being constructed on Township lands.

At that time, not only was the executive of the Seniors Club meeting with Mr. Latcham regarding the Latcham Centre in Port Perry, but also the Town Council was meeting with Mr. Latcham to discuss his proposal. The Council was proposing the following to the Seniors Club: The Port Perry Seniors Club would have the use of the building, rent free, heating, lighting and caretaking also free. All the Council was asking in return was that the Club look after the “booking of the hall” and collecting the rental money for that. Mr. Willis, President of the Club contacted his executive and all leaders were asked to contact the membership to attend a meeting to discuss the proposal. Mr. Willis called the meeting to order, and then explained the meetings with Mr. Latcham in Goodwood and with Councilman Rev. Rose who in turn explained the decisions of the Council. A vote was taken, asking if we {Port Perry Seniors club} were prepared to take the Council offer. The vote was carried unanimously in favour. This would be a five-year contract between Council and the PPSC. The keys would be handed over to the President of the Port Perry Seniors Club as this was their hall, gifted to them from Mr. Latcham. Mr. Latcham not only gave the Latcham Centre Hall to the Port Perry Seniors Club he also donated 20 folding tables, 30 card tables and 200 stacking chairs. Council of the day donated 2 electric stoves and a refrigerator. In May of 1973 the Seniors Club moved into the Latcham Centre of Port Perry.

At that time the Federal Government had the New Horizons Programme in place and the Club applied for a grant to purchase; lumber, paint, pool table, stage curtains and drapes for windows and other items to furnish and give members the ability to have an active club for their members.

A contract was set in writing between The Corporation of the Village of Port Perry and the Port Perry Senior Citizens Club. The Village to provide the building to the PPSC for its use for meetings for as long as the Club required it. However, if at any time the PPSC was disbanded the agreement would become void. If at anytime the building was not required for the use of PPSC, it would be made available for the public to rent. Currently, it was the responsibility of the Seniors Club to collect rent for the use of the building by the public, and submit the money to the Corporation of the Village of Port Perry. The agreement also stated that the PPSC would not make on any changes or renovations to the Latcham Centre building without the consent of the Village of Port Perry council of the day. The agreement was for 5 years.

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