

ROTARY CLUB OKANAGAN MISSION  
MEETING NOTES AND NEWS  
27 JUL 2015  
CREEKSIDE PUB

ATTENDANCE: 13/18 (72%)

GUESTS: Cliff SERWA Ryan SMITH (Guest Speaker)

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS;

- Club Dues for upcoming year \$210 and should be paid asap
- In order to achieve our funding allocation objectives we will have to raise \$20K from Trivia Night and Rotary Radio Days
- A strategic plan and action plan to be developed and approved by the Club by 24 AUG 2015. Monika and Ken to develop a budget estimate to support the plan
- Only 5 more meetings until Trivia Night (17 OCT 2015). Lois is the committee chairperson and will require help from Club Members.
- President Iain reinforced that fellowship and having fun will be the key to the Clubs success in accomplishing our goals to support local and international projects.

CLUB WEBSITE ([www.mcsweb.co.uk/okmrotary](http://www.mcsweb.co.uk/okmrotary))

Laurie has done an excellent job of developing and maintaining our Club Website.

Laurie gave a step by step "tour" on how to navigate through the various parts of the site. There is a calendar of events, photos of various functions and activities, Club Roster complete with photographs, archives, minutes of meetings, etc etc etc.

Please help Laurie keep the website both current and interesting by sending him photos, news etc....and if you have not visited the site I would strongly urge you to do so....again it is [www.mcsweb.co.uk/okmrotary](http://www.mcsweb.co.uk/okmrotary)

Thanks Laurie Great Job

GUEST SPEAKER: Ryan SMITH City of Kelowna Community Planning  
Dept Manager/Approving Officer

Some key points to his presentation were:

- Kelowna continues to be one of the fastest growing cities in Canada.
- The previous City Council under Walter GRAY was focused on development and growth
- The new Council has a four year term and has demonstrated a slight change in direction and a more balanced approach. Community Culture, the Arts, and Development are in the forefront with a strong commitment to the Community Plan to manage development and growth.
- Community input is both encouraged and accepted.
- New ways of sharing input and information have been implemented. For example planning staff are holding "coffee shop" meetings to receive input from local residents; developers are responsible for contacting neighbours and stake holders early in the development approval process to provide details of project and receive input.
- Affordable housing and increasing density in the city core are paramount and can be accomplished through narrow lot development and infill housing (carriage houses)
- UBCO, Interior Health and Okanagan College have major expansion plans
- Ryan touched on Bike Lanes, transit and the development of the rail corridor.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

10 AUG 2015 Regular Meeting. Ken KILCULLEN Classification Talk

24 AUG 2015 Regular Meeting. Discussion Strategic Plan etc

31 AUG 2015 Fellowship Meeting. Tour of KGH followed by a later dinner at Creekside. Possibly a BBQ

14 SEP 2015 District Governors Visit

OKM Secretary  
02 AUG 2015

