



**London Chapter Monthly Meeting
Tuesday February 8, 2011 7PM – 9PM
Literacy Room – Floor 2 Central Library 251 Dundas Street**

Minutes

1. Introductions

Attendees: Richard Bird, David Heap, George Crowell, Jean Johnston, Elaine Mahon, Nick Bassel, Gary Brown, Jane Pelton, Geoff Crealock, Robert (Rory) Cory, Rod Morley, Evelyn Dowdell, Don McLeod (Facilitator)

2. Approval of Minutes from January 12, 2011

3. Matters arising from January 12, 2011 minutes

- a. Monthly Chapter Meetings to be the second Tuesday monthly
 - i. Doodle meeting planning survey results
- b. Secretary required for Chapter – Roberta is focusing on her art career

Richard volunteered for this meeting – we are looking for a secretary for the current year or will ask monthly for someone to record minutes.

- c. Membership Director required – Jane Pelton volunteered
- d. Communications & Media Director – unfilled
- e. Logistics Director – Geoff Crealock volunteered
- f. Web site report – Rory (Robert) Cory, Webmaster
 - i. Reference Page 25 & 26 Council of Canadians Handbook

Rory has revamped the Facebook page and has created a Twitter account. Web page is:

www.londoncouncilofcanadians.ca and email account is: info@londonconuncilofcanadians.ca .

At this time, email will be forwarded to Rory's personal email account then forwarded to Chapter member who can respond. There are links on the web page to Facebook, Twitter, and the national Council of Canadians website.

Thanks, Rory.

Suggestion made to post announcements of future meetings and tweets from national on the website.

**London Chapter Email: info@londonconuncilofcanadians.ca
Council of Canadians Web Site: www.canadians.org/**



g. Video of Water presentation at City Hall – status

The video has been found and will be presented to the group at a future date.

h. Directory of other organizations meeting dates

Added:

Second Tuesday: LDLC (London District Labour Council), PAC (Political Action Centre), OSCO

Fourth Tuesday: London Health Coalition

Fifth Tuesday: London Health Coalition if there is a 5th Tuesday

i. Linda McQuaig – “The Trouble With Billionaires” January 18 – Report by Rory

She said she was filling in for Conrad Black at the presentation. She is an activist and a writer and presented a very good talk.

j. Venus Project Film – January 16 – Report by Rod

This was the 3rd of a series of the Zeitgeist movement and was the most people oriented. It presented how we are making money out of thin air and the problems that is causing. They are trying to develop a new society without money. The film downplays the need for nations and religion.

Great Lakes presentation - Report

Gail Kratzberg spoke at UWO on the Great Lakes about 2 weeks ago. Gary thought it was the best talk on the Great Lakes that he has seen.

k. Monthly Meeting space – London Public Library has rooms available to small groups free of charge – 7 day advance booking that Don will book.

4. Treasurers Report – Nick Bassel

a. Current bank balance – balance \$100.70

b. Revenues & Expenses

c. Annual Chapter Financial Report of June 30, 2010

d. Reference Page 10 & 17 Council of Canadians Handbook

3 signers: Geoff, Don, and Nick are being set up for the account.

London Chapter Email: info@londonconuncilofcanadians.ca
Council of Canadians Web Site: www.canadians.org/



When new members join, the chapter gets that money plus \$5.00. Only other revenue available is \$400/year that the chapter can get from National. We should consider fund raising activities to finance our projects.

5. Chapter Meetings and Events:
 - a. The Guiding Values and Principles of the Organization
 - i. Reference Page 6 Council of Canadians Handbook
 - b. Roles and Responsibilities of Staff to Council of Canadians Chapters
 - i. Reference Page 9 Council of Canadians Handbook
 - c. Council of Canadians Chapters
 - i. Reference Page 10 - 30 Council of Canadians Handbook

Don sent out an electronic copy of the chapter handbook and will resend with these minutes along with our National CoC Staff Chart.

Canadian Perspectives is a magazine that National publishes. Any member can ask for additional copies to be distributed to interested parties.

6. Old business - None
7. New Business

David Heap announced that the Political Action Committee is looking for organizations to get involved in protection of pensions.

David Heap asked the chapter to endorse the Canadian Boat to Gaza. Put over discussion to end of meeting under announcements.

8. Break out into discussion focus groups

Breakout Group #1 was interested in topics about water. The following issues were identified:

Shipping nuclear containers on the Great Lakes
Bottled water still being used too much
Water fountains or lack of them
Privatization of water and water services
Gas refraction and the water that is wasted
Fluoride in our drinking water

After voting, they decided to focus on:

Privatization
Gas refraction

Breakout Group #2 was interested in the following topics:

London Chapter Email: info@londonconuncilofcanadians.ca
Council of Canadians Web Site: www.canadians.org/



CETA – connected to water privatization

- George will take action and report back – our hope is to have more members attend the March and subsequent meetings to join in the discussion.

TILMA

Renaissance of the Bank of Canada

Canadian Boat to Gaza – looking for support for funds to supply Gaza and break the blockade

9. Group feedback from discussion groups

Canadian Boat to Gaza

There has been a blockade that prevents trade with Gaza and prevents people from coming and going. Since the Egypt uprising, it has been completely sealed. A flotilla of boats bringing aid to Gaza tried to break the blockade but most of the boats were turned back. This time they are going back with a larger flotilla including a boat from Canada. The human right of mobility is the biggest issue as young people cannot transverse the border.

The flotilla sets sail during the 2nd half of May. Discussion & Q&A.

Motion was submitted by George and seconded by Rory that the chapter will endorse the Canadian Boat to Gaza. Passed – Unanimous.

10. Other business

Call for the Renaissance of the Bank of Canada. George will present at the next meeting.

a. Announcements of common interest events

London Health Coalition Meeting on Tue. Feb 22 at 7pm at CAW Local 27 Hall – 606 First St., London

London & District Labour Council Leadership Assembly on March 1 at 6:30pm at OPSEU Regional Office, 1092 Dearness Drive, London to strategize on how we can get the Conservative Government to protect pensions and expand CPP.

MNR will be publishing their fish report on the Thames River.

11. Next Meeting Tuesday March 8, 7PM – Venue TBA

London Chapter Email: info@londonconuncilofcanadians.ca
Council of Canadians Web Site: www.canadians.org/



12. Adjourn

Attachments: London Chapter Contacts
 Council of Canadians Chapter Handbook
 London Organization Meetings

London Chapter Email: info@londonconuncilofcanadians.ca
Council of Canadians Web Site: www.canadians.org/