

**Press Release**  
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### **PROBUS Club of Prince Edward County stays connected**

The PROBUS Club of Prince Edward County is going strong throughout the pandemic. The last in-person monthly meeting was held in March 2020 at the Elk's Hall in Picton. Organizers took a month to sort things out and launched monthly meetings on Zoom as of May 2020.

Established in 2018, the group usually meets 10 months of the year, taking a break for July and August. For 2020, the monthly meetings by Zoom continued throughout the summer to allow the club to stay connected with members during the pandemic.

Local retired physician, Dr. Andrew Janikowski, is the current president of the PROBUS Club. He notes that new members have applied and joined every month since March 2020. "November was our biggest month for number of new applicants when we welcomed eight members to PROBUS." Officially established on August 23, 2018, the club has grown from 88 charter members to its current count of 156.

The pandemic has brought changes to the many activity groups organized and led by PROBUS members. Some groups, such as the travel group and the book groups, have moved online to zoom meetings. The hiking group, cycling group, walking group and snowshoeing group meet outdoors when government regulations allow. All COVID-19 protocols are carefully followed to keep everyone safe.

There are over 4,000 clubs worldwide, 255 being Canadian clubs made up of over 38,000 members. PROBUS is an amalgam made up of the words "professional" and "business". It is a fellowship organization of people with like interests. It is not a service club, and does not fundraise. Members are retired and semi-retired people who like to socialize, participate in activities, and most of all have fun.

The PROBUS Club of Prince Edward County has a website at [www.pecprobus.org](http://www.pecprobus.org) and a Facebook page.

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