



District 123

District Council Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 2, 2026 | 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm Eastern Time (Canada)

Hybrid Meeting

via Zoom | Springhill Suites by Marriott, 612 Applewood Ct., Vaughan, ON

1. **Call to Order:** District Logistics Manager, David Bethune, DTM at 3:30 pm.
 - Reading of District Mission: We Build New Clubs and Support All Clubs in Achieving Excellence
 - Introduced District Director, Mike Proudlock, DTM
 2. **District Director Mike Proudlock, DTM Welcome & Opening Remarks**
 3. **Credentials Committee Report: Michelle Rich, DTM, PDG, Credentials Chair**
 - Ken Scott explained the Voting Procedure
 - Zoom Poll – 90 Clubs Eligible, Quorum achieved – 53 represented, 30 required
 - Please see [Credentials Report](#)
 4. **District Parliamentarian: District 123 Procedures Overview**
 - District Parliamentarian, Kris Nelson, DTM confirmed that the standing rules on District123 website are correct.
 - Please see [Standing Rules](#)
 5. **District Director: Adoption of today's agenda**
 - Members of the District Council were given access to the [Agenda](#) prior to meeting for review.
 - Approved by general consent as presented.
 6. **District Director: Approval of Council Minutes – October 18, 2025**
 - Members of the District Council were given access to the [Minutes](#) prior to meeting for review
 - Approved by unanimous consent
 7. **District Alignment Report: Don Coore, Alignment Chair**
 - Don Coore presented [Alignment Report](#) for 2026/2027 including the reduction of divisions from 6 to 5
 - Teller Report – Total Votes Cast – 75 (For – 58, Against – 17)
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- Approved by simple majority vote

8. District Committee Reports

District Leadership Committee Report – Heather Drakes - Blackmore, DTM

- Link to [District Leadership Committee Report](#).

District Leaders Elections – District Director Mike Proudlock, DTM

- *Election for District Director*
 - *Eva Britton withdrew her nomination*
 - *Two Minute Speeches of Candidates – Jitesh Parikh & Madhukar Shahi*
- *Election for Program Quality Director*
 - *Jitesh Parikh withdrew his nomination*
 - *Floor Nomination – Vesna Cota, nominator – Jitesh Parikh*
 - *Two Minute Speeches of Candidates – Eva Britton & Vesna Cota*
- *Election for Club Growth Director*
 - *Two Minute Speeches – Donald Coore & Jitesh Parikh*
- *Election for Division Director (Uncontested positions)*
 - *Division A – Boris Drujans*
 - *Division C – Sumit Datta*
 - *Division E – Mary Pomery Brown*
 - *Division N – Suzanne Rondeau*
- *Election for Division B Director*
 - *Floor Nomination – Dennis Bartel, nominator – Cynthia Dwyer*
 - *Dennis Bartel withdrew his nomination*
 - *Division B Director – Dolores Baptiste*

Credentials Teller – Ken Scott

- *Results for District Director*
 - *Teller Report Total Votes Cast – 86 (Jitesh Parikh – 25, Madhukar Shahi – 61)*
 - *Majority of Votes – Madhukar Shahi, DTM - District Director, 2026-2027*
- *Results for Program Quality Director*
 - *Teller Report Total Votes Cast – 84 (Eva Britton – 54, Vesna Cota - 30)*
 - *Majority of Votes – Eva Britton, DTM – Program Quality Director 2026-2027*
- *Results for Club Growth Director*
 - *Teller Report Total Votes Cast – 80 (Donald Coore – 45, Jitesh Parikh - 35)*
 - *Majority of Votes – Donald Coore, DTM – Club Growth Director 2026-2027*

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Public Relations Manager Report – Tim Norton

- No report provided

Club Growth Director Report – Eva Britton, DTM

- Link to [Club Growth Director's Report](#).

District Finance Report – Neila Gopaul Penn, DTM

- Link to [Finance Report](#)

District Audit Chair Report – Kelvin Chi Chuen Ho

- Link to [Audit Report](#)

Program Quality Director Report – Madhukar Shahi, DTM

- Link to [Program Quality Director's Report](#)

9. Adjournment

The District123 District Council Meeting on May 2, 2026 was adjourned at 5:10 pm.