

NSCCC

MONDAY MEETING

Location: Newton Senior Center
Date: 03/09/2026 @ 1:00pm
Attendees: Chairperson: Vicci Burnett,
Speaker: **Adam Bielka**/Surrey
Library

House Keeping

1. Vicci called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and reminded members that they should have scanned your membership cards at the front desk as you came in to check in. Please silent your smartphone.
2. Athena read the minutes of March 2nd "Web Site & Cruising".
3. **Christmas lunch**
 - a. We will be having the Christmas lunch on either Friday, December 11th or Monday, December 14th. The Center prefers we have it on a Friday. Vicci won't know exactly when until next day.
 - b. The Christmas Lunch tickets will be going on sale on July 26th. When you get an email to buy your tickets, buy your ticket so you've got them. Vicci asked the Center about holding some tickets back for the members who live in Delta and they won't do that, so we will have to figure it out.
 - c. The entertainment for Christmas Lunch has been secured. Gord Rebelato and his wife, Gord sings roy Orbison, Frank Sinatra and his wife sings Patsy Cline.
 - d. Vicci asked for, at the time of registration, what type of meal you want but does not know if that's going to happen or not. We're gonna place cards at the tables to say who's having them, a vegan vegetarian etc., and I have asked that the food comes to the table hot.
 - e. Vicci also has asked if they have a plan B in place just in case.
4. Regarding our computer club description in City's glossy pamphlets, and the communications of city issues, their description and titles don't match what we do, so that is in progress. Cloverdale's computer club is not allowed to keep "Computer Club" as we do, so their name is Tech-Social. A person in the audience proposes that we should change Computer Club to Technology or something related to that since we don't always talk about computer matter every week.

5. Vicci also asked for a full disclosure on the new Rec Center building. The center manager has told Vicci that the City spent all that money on the computer lab, why would they move it? But it is in the engagement project phase one. We don't want what had happened to Cloverdale Tech club happens to us. Vicci went to the city and asked for clarity on that and see if we can have input into what's going to happen.
6. Save the dates, AGM is on June 1st. BBQ will be on June 8th
7. Next week guest speaker is Natalya Hanna who came last September, the presentation was about both Power of Attorney and Representation Agreements.

Main topic starts around 13:20pm

Topic: AI, ChatGPT

Adam is going to go over some of a few concepts and stuff from several of the main AI chatbots and stuff that are being used as well as exploration, the premium features and stuff on some of them. *We are going to be looking at Gemini, ChatGPT and Copilot.*

Adam asked the members who have done with these chat bots and stuff so far? A few people raised their hands.

- Asked questions and bot gives answers; Sent images and searched for sale sources etc.;
- Used bot to help writing better English in emails.;
- Used ChatGPT to change my house colors and it gives explanations of why some colours would work better;
- Used bot to create comic strips by providing grandchildren's drawings and my idea and discovered different moral or ethical rules of bots.
- One said he can do 3 pictures in ChatGPT, it will cost money after 3 experiments. Adam said what ChatGPT has done is it lets you use its latest model for free, for a couple of messages, passages before it cuts you off for like a 8-hour period. And for advanced features like images and stuff, those are much more expensive for the servers to process, so those are generally cut off for the free users.

All AI companies are in their growth phase where they're all trying to offer pretty good services so they can get a lot of users hooked. When Adam was in middle school, some people use Google, some use Ask Jeeves, some use Yahoo search, several competing models. Google focused on being very, very good at offering really good services at the beginning so it could crush out all the other competitors, and now everyone uses

Google, despite Google has gotten worse with time and shut a lot more ads at us but we just default to Google because we don't know how to use the others.

All the AI companies are basically competing to be the way Facebook go beat out all other social media, the way Google beat out all of web search engine, the same way that Apple beat out most of the other phones in the industry, Amazon beat out most of online shopping sites. All the AI companies are losing a ton of money but as time goes, they're going to gather their user base and squeeze out some competitors, then they will start charging you for the services. It is call "shiftification" where things start off good, get people hooked and then they dominate the industry.

Google hasn't used a charging method but they have added a lot more ads.

Data is another thing you have to worry about when you're using these AI models. They are slowly building a pretty good profile of you, your interest, as you use it more and more. Eventually they might sell that to advertisers and you might be getting some really targeted ads or something. Adam asked ChatGPT what foods do you think I like? ChatGPT said I like eggs, beans, rice, potato, spinach. That's because I have asked about food choices, cooking and recipes in the past so now it knows all this about me, it is 90% accurate. If they want to sell this to advertisers in the future and send me tons of rotisserie chicken and cheese ads, I am probably a bigger target audience for that in general. In general. Food choices is something very innocent but if you're talking about your struggle with gambling addiction and how to or like to reduce your gambling addiction, and they sell that to casino ads that do micro targeting and knowing you absolutely love Bugs Bunny and can't take your eyes off Bugs Bunny. and they're sending you Bugs Bunny themed casino ads, that might be very nefarious.

Google Gemini is probably the worst for one of the worst for this because it's integrated directly with your Google profile and it's drawing data from your Google searching and mixing things with that. I was looking to buy a car and I was asking Gemini a few questions about Corollas and particular models, Corolla. They saw I was a serious Corolla buyer, got like tons and tons of Toyota and used car ads. down the road.

Data privacy is always going to be a thing, especially the more intimately you share with things, that's more they can be used to get to your skin later on. If it's relatively innocent, that's maybe fine. But as, things go on and on, it can be very big. For example, If you're ever dealing with someone else's data or work data, all the customers at work and you plug in their account into one of these chatbots, they'll use that for training data, that is a privacy nightmare and regulatory, huge regulatory risks. At Surrey library where we're repeatedly told, do not put any personal data into any of these chatbots, because they could use that for training it. It could appear somewhere else, and the city could become liable for the fact that they expose that kind of data. So data privacy is always going to be a continual risk that you'll have to worry about as it's building a psychological profile view of you, someday, maybe not right away, it's gonna start using

that to monetize.

All three AI mentioned today has a couple different tiers that you can get to.

- **ChatGPT** - Free, CA\$11/month, CA\$25/month, CA\$250/month. Can find the info [here](#). Adam's father uses the most advanced version, the most expensive plan, because he's writing lots of grant applications and needs like extra deep research or deep research.
- **Gemini** – Free, \$8/month, \$20/month. You can find the information [here](#) (video and text). The money fee could be in US\$.
- **Copilot** – Free, \$20/month, \$30/month. You can the find information [here](#). The money fee could be in US\$.

Brief history about AI. There was a debate in the 1980s about how do we make artificial intelligence? A majority group wrote a lot of specific rules about how to do artificial intelligence, and it had dominated for a very long time. A minority of people wanted to try to get it naturally, sort of like a toddler need to give it lots of data and get it to associate correlations and patterns. Around the 20, early 2010s, there was huge breakthroughs on image generation. For an example, ask the computer recognize to recognize a picture of a cat and a dog, initially a lot of people wrote the rules of recognition, such as dog ears have to be this long, you need this many pixels, and in this thing, and the other people just showed 10,000 pictures of cats and dogs, you figure out what the difference is, and the AI figured out patterns that humans do not comprehend in any way. You send in enough data, it will figure out those patterns on its own. So once that happened, once that happened, Elon Musk, Sam Altman started their own little studio to try to build those types of things. Then everyone tried to copy them because they realized it was successful.

In the second half of the session, Adam demonstrated chatting with ChatGPT.