

PROBUS

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Probus Club of Central Edmonton



MEETINGS, EVENTS & TOURS- 2026

Meeting Location
Victoria Golf Club
12130 River Valley Rd.
NW Edmonton



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PROBUS TOUR

Prince of Wales Armouries Heritage Centre

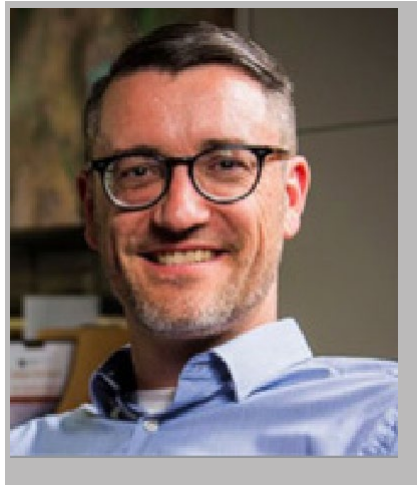
The club had an interesting tour of the armory museum on March 24. Erected as the Edmonton Drill Hall in 1914-1915. It was the home of the 101st Edmonton Fusiliers and the Edmonton Regiment. It is a fortress of 18 inch brick walls and steel beams. The building was designed by Canadian architect E.C. Hopkins. The regiment was based in the building from 1920 until 1965.

We had a guided tour of the artifacts from the first world war right up to Korea and the present day.

One of the most interesting objects was the bugle that sounded the end of the war, the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the eleventh hour.



Dr. Chris Herd -
Ph.D. Earth & Planetary Sciences



SPEAKER

HIGHLIGHTS



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Mars Rover sample collection tube

Chris has had the dream of studying rocks from Mars since the age of 13. After an undergraduate degree in Geological Sciences

from Queen's University in Kingston Canada, he studied meteorites from Mars for his PhD at the University of New Mexico. He then did experiments on Mars-composition magmas at the NASA Johnson Space Center.

Since 2003 he has been a professor in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Alberta. During this time, his research has expanded to include studies of meteorites of a variety of types, as well as ways of curating meteorites and future returned samples under cold and clean conditions.

Chris is also the curator of the University of Alberta Meteorite Collection-the largest university-based meteorite collection in Canada, and home to the world's only meteorite curation facility that operates at cold temperatures.

Chris is a Returned Sample Science participating scientist in the Perseverance Rover Mission. His talk will provide an overview of the goals of the mission, progress thus far, and plans for returning samples from Mars.