



The Group of 78
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Group of 78 Luncheon Speaker Series

Mike Perry

“Not for Sale”

Slavery and human trafficking in Canada and around the world

DATE: Tuesday March 25, 2014

TIME: 12:00 noon (sharp)

PLACE: Palais Imperial Restaurant, 311- 313 Dalhousie St., Ottawa

COST: \$30 for luncheon and presentation

\$5 for presentation only

(For presentation only, please plan to arrive by 12:45 p.m. Coffee and tea will be available.)

RESERVATIONS: group78@web.net or 613-230-0860 by Friday March 21, 2014

We regret that late registrations cannot be accepted.

The group is required to pay for those who reserve but do not come.

Therefore, individuals who do not cancel their reservations at least 24 hours before the luncheon will be billed \$30.

Modern slavery – human trafficking as it is now known – is an international crime, fundamental human rights violation, systemic economic issue, and complex social problem. Best estimates indicate that some 25 million people live in slavery in the world today, with more than 120,000 people trafficked across international borders each year. Modern slavery generates an estimate \$30 billion annually, tied with illegal arms smuggling as the world’s second most profitable illicit enterprise, just behind the drug trade. Despite international efforts to combat human trafficking, instances of modern slavery appear to have increased dramatically over the past decade since entry-into-force of the *UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons*. Mike Perry will elaborate on this important international – and shockingly local – issue and address the following questions. Did slavery not end with the Emancipation Proclamation? What does modern slavery look like and what are its root causes? Most importantly, what can be done to fight slavery and human trafficking in the community, Canada and internationally? How do we eradicate in our lifetime?

A lawyer and social worker by profession, Mike Perry is a former Senior Program Manager with Canada’s Anti-Crime Program at the Department of Foreign Affairs, where he did work against human trafficking bilaterally, regionally and at the United Nations. Mr. Perry has also undertaken work against modern slavery internationally, particularly in Nicaragua, and at the community level here in Canada where he has conducted training for law enforcement, first responders, and health care and victims’ services workers. Mr. Perry has spoken at the Global Forum on Trafficking in the United States, was consulted in the drafting of Canada’s National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking, and developed a first-of-its kind course at Trent University on modern slavery and contemporary abolitionism. He has also served as past Coordinator of Canada’s campaign for the International Criminal Court. Mr. Perry is an officer in the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves, Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment. He is currently the Executive Director of the City of Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team in his hometown where he lives on the lake with wife Jill and a nosey foxhound named Summer.