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**at John McGregor Secondary School Library,**

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## Presidents Message:

### WHAT'S GOING ON

Welcome to the newsletter.

Our coin show is finished for another year. The turn out wasn't as good as last year, but the vendors I spoke with were happy with the activity. I don't want to steal any more of Paul's thunder, so I will leave it to him to speak more on this at the meeting on Wednesday.

Lastly check out the resources on our website. You never know what you will find there to enhance your collecting or knowledge. Again, the resource page is <https://ckcoinclub.com/links>

Happy Collecting,  
Jim Austin

## **Report of the Secretary: Richard Sadler**

Meeting Notes from #610 March-11 2026

Next meeting **Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> 2026 7pm-9pm**

**In the Library at John McGregor Secondary school (300 Cecile Ave)**

The meeting was brought to order by President Jim Austin with 24 members in attendance. Richard Sadler read the minutes from our February meeting and reminded everyone that the newsletters are now posted on our website (<https://ckcoinclub.com>). Jim Austin noted that almost everyone has accepted the website link for the newsletters which is great news. Jim continues to update the website with new and interesting stories from our hobby. If you've read or written a numismatic story that you'd like to include please contact Jim. Another feature Jim would like to add, is that if you've been unable to find a particular coin or bill, you could post on the website that you are looking for it, and maybe you'll be able to make a connection with someone that has the item.

Treasure Paul Robb delivered our financial report and advised that we maintain a financially healthy organization in these difficult times. Most items for our show have now been paid for including hall rental, and advertising. The only outstanding bills will be the coffee we provide with the dealer tables and a meal for those members that volunteer from start to finish of the show putting in a 7-9hr day. The success of the show is tied to these volunteers, plus the countless other volunteers that assist where they can for an hour or two, due to health or physical limitations. Many hands make light work. The kitchen will be opened from 9am-3pm to purchase food and the hall also has a bar that opens at 11am. Paul coordinated with Dennis Maceyovski to have our "show signs" put out the morning of the show to point the local traffic towards the Everest Convention center. We've had a large street sign displayed for a couple weeks on Richmond St. opposite the casino to promote the show as well. Plans are complete and we just need to execute on the day of the show to achieve another success.

Colin Cutler advised that ICCS advised him that the coins we sent for grading could be ready by the third week of March. If there aren't any delays, Colin will have them at the show for you to pick up. Thank-you Colin for spearheading this project. By sending

this bulk lot of grading to ICCS as a group, each person received a discounted price for the grading. There really is strength in numbers.

Upcoming shows include the two day Mississauga show on April 11-12. This show is known for having more of the rare and higher priced items, plus the Windsor show at the Caboto club on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

As the meeting was wrapping up, and some may have missed the conversation, Glenn Lotz mentioned a story he's seen in the news lately, and that is the circulation of fake \$100 bills in the Windsor Essex area. Some knew of this, but it's the first time, I had heard of it. Counterfeiting is a growing problem in our hobby and our meetings and Website is the perfect place to pass the word. With the many sales and purchases at our show and others, I'm sure countless \$100 bills will be passed around. Some of these notes are of good quality. Three of the prefixes noted in news articles include GKV, HMO, and GJR.

Raffle: Christine Hulett

Door Prize: Glenn Lotz

**Did you know:** In Sudbury, Ontario, there is a 30-foot replica of a 1751 – 1951 Nickel.

After most people left our last meeting, Glenn brought up about a rash of counterfeiting thefts in the Windsor area. Instead of writing an article about it, I thought I would simply include some links to recent news articles from our area. I suggest you read them, if for no other purpose than to see to what extent this is happening. Some of the articles include how to identify counterfeit currency.

At the end, I included a link to the Bank of Canada website which shows what security measures are used on our currency.

Becoming informed on this topic is important because a lot of us that are buying and selling numismatic items usually do so in cash. We need to protect ourselves the best way we can. Having said that, it is not only numismatists that need to look out. As you will see from the articles below, it can happen any time, any where.

[6 suspects from Toronto charged after allegedly selling counterfeit currency online](#)

[Arrest warrant issued in Windsor counterfeit fraud scheme](#)

[Fake Cash Alert: Counterfeit Bills Circulating in Essex Businesses](#)

[OPP warn of fake money being passed in Essex County, LaSalle](#)

[Suspect arrested after counterfeit scam](#)

[Pickering youth, 17, charged after Durham police say teen used counterfeit cash to make purchases at mall](#)

[OPP investigate report of counterfeit money used locally](#)

[Grocery clerk's suspicion about \\$100 bill leads to seizure of about \\$11,000 in counterfeit cash](#)

[Saanich Police warn of counterfeit \\$100 bills circulating in recent transactions](#)

And finally;

[Check what the real bills are supposed to look like from the Bank of Canada website](#)

## How to Tell if a Canadian Coin Is Rare or Valuable

By Jim Austin

Canadian coins have a rich history and, for collectors, the thrill comes from discovering a rare or valuable piece in their pocket change or coin collection. But how can you tell if a Canadian coin is rare or valuable? This article will walk you through the key factors that determine coin value and provide examples of some of the most sought-after Canadian coins.

### What Makes a Canadian Coin Rare or Valuable?

- Low Mintage: Coins with fewer pieces produced are usually more desirable to collectors.
- Errors and Variations: Mistakes made during the minting

process—such as double strikes or missing elements—can make a coin unique and valuable.

- **Historical Significance:** Coins released to commemorate an event or featuring a special design can attract collectors.
- **Condition:** Coins in uncirculated (mint) condition, or with very little wear, are typically worth more than heavily circulated coins.
- **Metal Content:** Coins made from precious metals like silver or gold can have intrinsic value in addition to collector value.

## How to Identify a Rare or Valuable Canadian Coin

1. **Check the Date and Mint Mark:** Certain years and mint marks are known for lower production numbers or special editions.
2. **Look for Errors:** Examine the coin for unusual features, such as misprints, double images, or missing elements.
3. **Assess the Condition:** Use a magnifying glass to check for scratches, wear, or damage. The better the condition, the more valuable the coin.
4. **Consult a Guide or Expert:** Reference coin catalogues, online resources, or consult a professional appraiser to get an accurate value.

## Three Examples of Rare or Valuable Canadian Coins

### 1. 1921 5-Cent Nickel ("The Prince of Canadian Coins")

The 1921 5-cent coin is one of Canada's most famous rarities, often referred to as "The Prince of Canadian Coins." Only about 400 of these coins are believed to exist today because the majority were melted down when Canada switched from silver to nickel in 1922. If you find one of these, it could be worth tens of thousands of dollars.

### 2. 1948 Silver Dollar

The 1948 Canadian silver dollar is highly sought after due to its low mintage—only 18,780 were produced. The coin features King George VI and was minted in limited numbers because the inscription had to be changed after India gained independence. A 1948 silver dollar in good condition can fetch several thousand dollars at auction.

### 3. 1969 Large Date 10-Cent Coin

A rare variety of the 1969 10-cent coin features a noticeably larger date than the common version. Only 20 to 30 of these "Large Date" dimes are known to exist, making them extremely valuable. If you spot one, it could be worth \$10,000 or more.

## Conclusion

Determining if a Canadian coin is rare or valuable involves checking the mintage, looking for errors, and researching the coin's history and condition. The 1921 5-cent nickel, 1948 silver dollar, and 1969 Large Date 10-cent coin are just three examples of valuable finds. If you think you have discovered a rare coin, consult a reputable coin dealer or submit your

coin for professional grading to verify its authenticity and value.

Those mentioned above are just a few of the most rare. There are many other Canadian less rare coins out there that can still be worth in the thousands of dollars so keep looking and researching your coins. You never know what your next find will be.

## Buy/Sell/Trade:

C-K Coin Club members in good standing are encouraged to submit ads to buy or sell numismatic and related items. There is no cost to place an ad

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if anyone has them to bring  
to the meetings. Colin