

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE AGENDA
FEBRUARY 20TH, 2020 @ 12:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH



*Preserving, promoting and developing
Wellington North's unique cultural
resources to build a vibrant community
and a prosperous economy.*

CALLING TO ORDER – Chair Jim Taylor

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Chair Jim Taylor

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Recommendation: *THAT the agenda for the February 20th, 2020 Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be accepted and passed.*

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

GUESTS/PRESENTATION (1:00PM START)

Christine Oldfield and Emily Vincent

- *P.I.N. Network Volunteer Engagement Forum*

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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- Minutes of the November 21st meeting received by council on Dec. 2nd, 2019

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- Update on history of the old nursing home location (465 Dublin Street) Penny R

NEW BUSINESS/REVIEW OF 2020 PLANS

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| 1. Historical Site Designation Project | 2. Cultural Moment (Jan. & Feb attached) |
| 3. Cemetery Project | 4. Simply Explore Culture website |
| 5. Wellington North Culture Days | 6. Wellington North Farmers Market |
| 7. Cultural Roundtable Grants & Donations
(Arthur Fall Fair Variety Show Attached) | 8. P.I.N. Network Volunteer Engagement |
| 9. Summer Student Recruitment | 10 Other |

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE/ROUNDTABLE

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Recommendation: *THAT the next Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be scheduled for Thursday March 19th, 2020 and that the meeting of February 20th, 2020 be adjourned.*



January's Cultural Moment recognizes the hotels along the Owen Sound Road

Let's take a look back at our beginnings of the Owen Sound Road as it meanders through Arthur Township on its way north from Arthur to Mount Forest. The year is 1861 and the road is finally passable. As we leave Arthur, we get to Petherton where the 1st of 6 hotels are conveniently located at the side of the road. One was run by a William Ludlow and another, just south of Kenilworth was run by John Bradley, a farmer and hotel keeper.

Kenilworth is the next stop with an establishment run by Ab O'Neill. It was just north of the Lynes Blacksmith Shop if horses needed tending. John Tracey was a tavern keeper at Riverstown and three miles south of Mount Forest was the Nightingale Inn. Two hotels were opposite each other on the Maitland Hill just south of Mount Forest. The Blue Bonnet Tavern was run by Mrs. Horsburgher on the west side and on the east side was another hotel run by a man named Bridgeport.

Taverns and inns played an important part in the early development of our communities. These innkeepers were very popular, not only with travelers but with the local people for food, rest and entertainment. They also were used as community gathering places to hold elections, political meetings, social gatherings and dances. By 1871, with the increase in traffic and settlers to the area, the number of hotels and taverns had increased to 15.



The Nightingale Inn, pictured above, was a 2-storey red brick structure with 6 bedrooms, a parlour, a dining-room, a bar room, a kitchen and a woodshed. The front of the building had a row of hitching posts and a frame barn behind the hotel served as a stable for the horses of travelers who needed overnight accommodation. This was the closest hotel to the tollgate set up to pay for the upkeep of the newly graveled Owen Sound Road.

Submitted by Bonny McDougall Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

February's Cultural Moment celebrates Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto



Photo: Fred Dahms

The present-day Sacred Heart Church in Kenilworth was built to replace the original building in 1903. The cost was just under \$10,000.00, with many parishioners contributing their work. The rectory and a driving shed were built at the same time. Many improvements were added over the decades, initiated by the various priests. The interior decoration of the church was completed in 1952.

In 1953, the year Pope Pius XII declared 1954 as a Marian Year, Sacred Heart's priest, Father Beck, initiated the planting of 5000 pine trees around the property.

By 1960, Father Wubbels (called Father "Francis"), was inspired by the beauty of the impressive stand of trees. He encouraged the Holy Name Society men to build a shrine in the grove behind the church. He chose to honour Our Lady of Lourdes, after the shrine to Mary in France.

All the parishioners contributed to the beautification of the spot chosen for the Grotto. The men of the parish did all the labour, including Joseph Murphy, who created the stonework. They chose marble for the altar and set up 200 seats with flood lights. Included are Stations of the Cross and Mount Calvary.

In June 1961 the Grotto was blessed by Bishop Ryan of the Hamilton Diocese. Its continuing existence is a tribute to the dedication of the parishioners and priests of Sacred Heart Church.

Throughout its nearly 60 years, the Grotto has been a place of prayer and reflection for thousands of passersby and parishioners. The Grotto's sign beside Highway 6 and its beautiful natural entrance continue to offer a welcome respite from everyday cares.

Submitted by Gail Donald Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

new, with a medical focus, but do not want to lose the history of the building. Penny Renken offered to do some research.

In 2020 the committee agreed meeting on the third Thursday, every two months. Meeting dates were finalized as January 16; March 19; May 21; July 16; September 17; November 19 all with a 12:00 noon start in Kenilworth.

2020 Cultural Moment dates and topics finalized as follows:

TOPIC	AUTHOR	DUE TO DALE
Petherton/Hotels along the Owen Sound Road	Bonny	DONE
Epoch's Garage & Blacksmith shop	Gail	Feb 3
Women's Institute	Bonny	Mar 2
Monck	Penny	Mar 30
Horticultural Society	Linda	Apr 27
Arthur Lion's Club & Skateboard Park	Mandy	May 25
The Grotto	Gail	July 6
Damascus	Gary	Aug 3
Rothwell Apple Farm	Penny	Sept 7
88.7 The River	Dale	Oct 12
Remembrance Day	Gail	Oct 27 th
Family Christmas	Robert	Nov 25 th

Committee Members should feel free to submit additional Cultural Moments should they wish as we can always include them in the agenda of the second council meeting each month.

MOTIONS FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE

Gail mentioned that the Arthur Historical Society had Grade 1's visit in advance of Remembrance Day and they were very well received. She circulated bookmarks among the committee.

Penny advised the Conn Presbyterian Church will be holding their Nativity display again this year on December 7th and 8th between 1 and 3 pm, noting there will be 200+ Nativity Scenes.

Penny & Robert both mentioned they had just come from a Lynes Blacksmith Shop committee meeting. The committee was very pleased with the Culture Days Open House. One of the asks from the Committee was to have the Blacksmith Shop added to our Simply Explore Culture Map. Information to be provided to Bonny to update.

Robert advised the 4-H awards dinner is December 6th. He also noted that the Hub is now located at the former Baptist Church and offers a monthly breakfast and cooking classes for youth.

Bonny updated the committee on her work in documenting the monuments at the cemetery, advising she had taken pictures of 3,170 monuments.

Penny and Robert ask to have the Blacksmith Shop included in the cultural mapping for the Township.

Dale updated the committee on the Live to Lead session noting there were about 50 attendees. Plan to hold a similar event again in 2020. The committee also reviewed and made a couple of minor edits to the WN advertisement to go into the annual Royal Canadian Legion "Military Service Recognition Book".

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The next Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 16th, 2020 and that the meeting of November 21st, 2019 be adjourned.