

TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH

CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, March 17, 2016 - 12:00 pm
Council Chambers, Kenilworth

Members Present: Chair James Taylor
Gail Donald – Arthur Historical Society
Linda Hruska, Mount Forest
Robert Macdonald – Arthur Agricultural Society, Arthur Historical Society
Bonny McDougall - Arthur
Penny Renken, Mount Forest Archives
Trish Wake, Mount Forest Community Animator/Chamber
of Commerce

Guest Glynis MacLeod

Staff Present: April Marshall, Tourism, Marketing & Promotion Manager
Dale Small, Economic Development Officer
Michelle Stone, Administrative Support

Absent: Gary Pundsack
Councillor Dan Yake
Karen Armstrong

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair James Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:00 p. m.

PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION WNCR 2016-008

Moved: Bonny McDougall

Seconded: Robert Macdonald

THAT THE Agenda for the March 17, 2016 Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee Meeting be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared

DELEGATIONS

- Blacksmith Shop Presentation / slide show from Penny Rankin on behalf of Mount Forest Museum and Archives. They will present their business plan on completion and the County of Wellington Archivist plans to start cataloguing in the late spring. It could be a good connection to the Butter Tarts and Buggies tourism initiative.
- 88.7 The River General Manager, Rob Mattice
Information was provided on the new community radio station. It will focus on local news, community groups and their events, town hall updates and weekly general interest shows that could be used for “oral histories”. The station is also to help with recording equipment and studio time .

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION WNCR 2016-009

Moved:

Seconded:

THAT THE Cultural Roundtable Committee receive the minutes of the February 18, 2016 Cultural Roundtable meeting with amendments. Amend Arthur Historical Society to Arthur and Area Historical Society; remove reference to "blacksmith shop and house being separated was discussed".

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NEW BUSINESS

- Report from the Chair Jim Taylor
The Chair feels that the directions of the Committee has made positive steps and very optimistic about the progress and excitement being generated by the group.
- Community Animator Update Trish Wake
The Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Training Workshops have been scheduled to start in May and is generating a lot of interest.
The North Wellington Guide is progressing well with and will be distributed in April 2016.
The volunteer recruitment is moving forward slowly. They are trying to do a biography on each organization and how volunteers are the backbone to these groups. If you have any contacts please refer them to Trish Wake at the Chamber Office.
- Report EDO2016-08 April Marshall
Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Action Plan
The Township recognizes the importance of having a Municipal Cultural Plan to leverage our cultural resources and how it ties in with the Strategic Plan. It will be presented to Council at the April 4th Council meeting with a delegation from the Cultural Roundtable to present the Cultural Roundtable Action Plan.
- Communications Action Group Update
They have defined their focus and are moving forward with getting information on events and tours by or before the fall fairs. All stops on the tours will be vetted before inclusion as a tour stop.
- Oral Story Telling Action Group Update
Gail Donald reviewed action item from the information presented to the group with a focus on audio/web based stories and alternatively can do secondary stories that can be archival.
- Heritage / Historic and Building Action Group Update
They have obtained information on how to designate and produce list. The group will look at the differences between "historical" and "important" buildings and related history.
A tour is being planned for May with three other blacksmith shops.
Robert Macdonald will look at the Main Street history in Arthur.
- Doors Open Wellington North Update
Quality Homes will again sponsor and participate. Other participants registered include, the Mount Forest Cemetery, Knox Conn Presbyterian Church, Arthur and Mount Forest Libraries, Mount Forest Family Health Clinic, Mount Forest Waste Water Treatment Plant, the Mount Forest Museum and Archives and the Arthur & Area Historical Society Rooms.

- Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Training Update
April Marshall, Tourism, Marketing & Promotion Manager asked the committee members to help with the distribution of posters to promote the Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Training. Trish Wake will be taking registrations. There will be a small fee charged which will include a light supper.
Jim Taylor went to Guelph Volunteer Service Awards in Guelph and noted the importance of recognizing volunteers in a format of this nature. An article will be in the Advertiser today.

MOTIONS FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

RESOLUTION WNCR 2016-010

Moved: Linda Hruska

Seconded: Penny Renken

THAT THE Township of Wellington North Cultural Roundtable receive for information report EDO-2016-08 being a report on the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Action Plan

AND FURTHER THAT THE Wellington North Cultural Roundtable recommend that the Council of the Township of Wellington North support the attached Action Plan 'Schedule A' in an effort to continue efforts to fulfill the vision of 'preserving, promoting and developing Wellington North's unique cultural resources to build a vibrant community and a prosperous economy.'

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April introduced Glynis MacLeod, who is interested in joining the Cultural Roundtable Committee. Glynis has a background in art and graphic design and resides on a farm outside Mount Forest.

The Mayor forwarded the application for the 2016 Provincial Senior of the Year Award for the Cultural Roundtables consideration. It was discussed that John Walsh deserves this type of recognition and Gail Donald will lead in completing the application.

Showcase will be next Monday and Tuesday in Arthur and is again full with 73 businesses registered.

Maplefest will be on April 19th in Holstein.

The next Arthur and Area Historical Society meeting is on Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016.

April 22nd, 2016 is Agriculture Awareness day and three schools in the Arthur area are taking part.

The Arthur Fair Board Appreciation Night is also coming up.

The Arthur Legion will be presenting a "Salute to Veterans" through street banners the months of September to November 2016.

Trish Wake, Community Animator attended Festivals & Events Ontario where the Mount Forest Fireworks Festival won, for the 9th consecutive year, a Top 100 Festivals and Event in Ontario recognition. Trish found the seminars to be very interesting. For example, a demographics app "prizm5" can be used for stats through postal codes

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE

Committee Member Gary Pundsack was unable to attend meeting but submitted a report on "Oral Stories" which was shared with the Committee

Dale Small, Economic Development Officer commented on how much the group has been able to accomplish.

Jim Taylor, Chair, mentioned that there will be funding available for Canada's 150th in 2017 and Trish Wake, Community Animator commented that they are working on applications. There are also displays available for free for this sesquicentennial event which we will be applying to have in Wellington North.

The Chair will be away for several meetings and Linda Hruska will act as Chair

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 in Kenilworth at 12:00 pm.

RESOLUTION WNCR 2016-00

Moved: Gail

Seconded:

THAT THE Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:07 pm.

CARRIED