

TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH: CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE
Thursday, April 19th, 2018 12:00 pm; Council Chambers, Kenilworth

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

<u>Members Present:</u>	Chair Jim Taylor Bonny McDougall Robert Macdonald Penny Renken	Gary Pundsack Linda Hruska
<u>Staff Present</u>	Michelle Stone, Recording Secretary Dale Small, EDO	
<u>Absent:</u>	Gail Donald Trish Wake	Karen Armstrong Councilor Dan Yake

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

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

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

- None declared

DELEGATIONS

- None

PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION WNCR 2018-004

Moved: Penny Renken

Seconded: Robert Macdonald

THAT THE Agenda for the April 19th, 2018 Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee Meeting be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION WNCR 2018-005

Moved: Robert Macdonald

Seconded: Penny Renken

THAT THE Cultural Roundtable Committee receive the minutes of the February 15, 2018 Cultural Roundtable Meeting.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

April 23rd, 2018 Presentation to Council

Chair Jim Taylor Chair

Jim Taylor reviewed the Municipal Cultural Plan presentation with the committee that has been put together to review with council on April 23rd. The presentation provides an overview of the work the committee has completed since inception in 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee Reports (Verbal)

a) Report from the Chair

The Chair has corresponded with both the Arthur and Mount Forest historical societies about their participation with creating oral histories. Both have discussed the subject and will be in contact.

b) Update on historical site designation

A list has been compiled of century farms and now working to get dates and family names. This will be on the next meeting agenda.

c) Update on Oral History work underway

2. Creative Community

a) Planning is underway for Culture Days that is being held on September 28th to 30th in various locations throughout the Township. Metz Down Home Weekend will be one event and more are needed. Committee will reach out to other groups in the community for participation.

b) Discussion on engaging the Creative Community

The next meeting will include a review of engaging the Creative Community and also a review of the website and updates needed. OSIM will be contacted for website for assistance.

3. Discussion and Decision for Funding Applications: There is \$2000.00 in funding available for the committee to distribute. There have been two applications received for the committee to review.

a) **Arthur & Area Agriculture Society Fall Fair Variety Show:** The funding request is for \$300.00 and would go towards supporting the awards at the Arthur Fall Fair Talent Show in 2018.

Motion to approve or decline Arthur & Area Agriculture Society Grant Application

RESOLUTION WNCR 2018-006

Moved: Gary Pundsack

Seconded: Bonny McDougall

THAT THE Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee Meeting approve the request for funding from the Arthur and Area Agricultural Society in the amount of \$300.00 be approved..

CARRIED

b) **Four Corners Quilters Guild:** The funding request is for \$600.00 and would aid the Four Corners Quilters Guild in the purchasing of quilt display racks which would be an investment for future shows.

Motion to approve or decline Four Corners Quilters Grant Application

RESOLUTION WNCR 2018-007

Moved: Gary Pundsack

Seconded:

THAT THE Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee Meeting approve the request for funding from the Four Corners Quilt Guild in the amount of \$600.00 be approved.

CARRIED

The committee will look to make some revisions to the current applications' guidelines and the addition of a commitment of any group receiving funding to recognize the Cultural Roundtable for their contribution and also what the funds will be used for.

CULTURAL MOMENT (Previous 2018 Cultural Moments are attached)

- April Cultural Moment, **Four Corners Quilters Guild** was provided by Committee Member Linda Hruska
- May Cultural Moment, **Wellington North Farmers Market** was provided by Pastor Harry Engel
- June Cultural Moment, **Underground Railroad, Drayton** to be provided by Committee Member Gary Pundsack (5/25)

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE

- The Arthur Fair board will be having their volunteer appreciation dinner on Friday, April 19, 2018.
- The Quilters Guild of Mount Forest will be partnering with Saskatchewan Quilters on a project for the community of Humboldt.
- Linda Hruska advised that the provincial election being held June 7, 2018 is in need of election staff and the voting will be done electronically.
- The Hospital Auxiliary Lunch will be on Saturday, May 4, 2018 at the United Church in Mount Forest.
- Opening day for the Farmers Market this year will be Friday, May 4, 2018
- The Mount Forest Agricultural Society Home Show will take place on April 28 & 29, 2018 at the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex. The Cultural Roundtable will have a display with the Township booth as well as township staff will be available to help residents with voter registration and look-up for the 2018 Municipal Election Voters List.
- Bonny McDougall shared information about the upcoming Cara Shaw Music Night at the Belwood Church on April 29, 2018 and all are welcome.
- Bonny McDougall will be attending the Council meeting on May 22, 2018 to deliver pumpkin plants to Council on behalf of the Metz Down Home Weekend and she will be also present a request for funding at the next Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 24, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION WNCR 2018-008

Moved: Gary Pundsack

THAT THE Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:30pm.

CARRIED

Our Cultural Moment for February celebrates the Community of Metz

Some may think the community of Metz is small, lost in time and archaic - it is anything but!!!! Many activities and events are based at St. Paul's United Church which is 1 of 5 buildings located at the corner of the 3rd Line and Sideroad 25 on the south side of the Township. The community was settled in 1864 and the name Metz was chosen by the government in 1919 when the Post Office was opened. This name was referenced to a battle in World War 1 being fought at the City of Metz in France. Along with a General Store and Post Office, there was a School, Church, Blacksmith Shop, Sawmill and an Orange Lodge. The Church, the same as it stands today was built in 1906 at a cost of \$2,600.00 with the land donated by Peter and Sarah McDougall.

Today there are many events hosted at the church with an invitation to anyone who wishes to make the trip out to the country. The most significant cultural event occurs on the last Saturday of most months (summer off and December) when there is a music night called Coffee House. A house band, called Down Home, gets together to share music and laughs. Recently the band hosted a tribute on Remembrance Day of war songs and stories which included the new Veteran's Book released on that day. In April, there is a church supper when the band again entertains people waiting to go to the basement to eat. They are sometimes reluctant to leave the music but the homemade biscuits and pies will eventually draw them to the food.

One of the most loved events is the last Saturday of September when we gather up our pumpkins, zucchini and squash, take them to Metz for our version of "Pumpkinfest". It is a great day for the family and more information will be available on this event later in the year as we work with the Cultural Roundtable and participate in Wellington North Culture Days from Sept 28th – 30th. So to the councillors and community goes the challenge to get your pumpkin plants started indoors in the next couple of months, nurture them and bring the result for the weigh in (tractor and loader is provided) and even if you are not successful, we can give you a pumpkin to test out our catapult when we good heartedly render attack on Centre Wellington! Check out St. Paul's United Church, Metz on facebook to keep informed.



Our cultural moment for March celebrates our ninth annual Wellington North Showcase

We have a wide array of business in Wellington North to serve all of our needs. Our community is full of passionate and skilled people that deliver their products and services in a friendly manner. But how do we know what is available to us in our own community?

Wellington North Showcase creates a platform for business and organizations and our community to make the right connections. It features a Business Networking Reception on March 26th from 4:30pm to 7:00pm and then a tradeshow that is open to the Public on March 27th from 1:00pm – 7:30pm showcasing displays and products from over 70 local businesses and organizations.

For the second year in a row, bringing hope to the community, Mayor Lennox and HOPE (Healthy Opportunities Promoting Empowerment) invite you to a Mayor's Lunch and Talk *on Tuesday March 27th* about Mental Health in the Workplace.

This year's guest speaker is Rebecca Sherbino who will be speaking about Empowerment and Change through Employment and how Social Enterprise is Changing the World – One Bowl of Soup at a Time. The Raw Carrot is a Social franchise that partners with churches and nonprofits across Ontario to create meaningful employment for individuals on the Ontario Disability Support Program. Rebecca will talk about the cost of poverty and unemployment in Ontario and the joy of providing a hand-up to individuals who have been marginalized by disability and mental health challenges.

Over the past eight years Showcase has proven to be a must attend event for our local businesses and organizations. The economic well-being and cultural offerings of our community is driven by our existing businesses and organizations; this Showcase is intended to give us all an opportunity to recognize and thank the many businesses we have in our community and I would encourage everyone to try and get out and attend our ninth annual Wellington North Showcase.



Our cultural moment for April celebrates the Four Corners Quilters' Guild 20th Anniversary Quilt Show; The Cultural Highlight of the Mothers' Day Weekend!

The Four Corners Quilters' Guild, established in 1998, is proud to be presenting its fourth quilt show on Mothers' Day weekend, May 11 & 12, at the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex.

Over 200 quilts made by the members of the guild will be showcased, with feature displays of baby quilts, Christmas and Canada 150 items, as well as quilts representing the Underground Railroad. There will also be displays paying tribute to past members and the many quilts the guild has made over the years for the local community or for charitable purposes.

Each quilt is made for a different reason - a gift for a baby, new bride or graduate, a test of a new technique, pattern or workshop, or simply a scrap-buster project. Some span many years on their journey to completion, sometimes trapped for a while in a love-hate struggle with the quiltmaker. Some are just awaiting a new inspiration or the perfect fabric for the final border or binding.

Often the immediate image of a quilt that comes to mind is something old, well-loved and maybe even a little faded and tattered. Quilts made with traditional patterns and fabrics will always have a special place in our hearts, but we urge everyone to consider that quilting today offers so much more. New techniques, tools, styles and fabrics from around the world make for some incredible art pieces. It's so heartwarming to overhear our show visitors commenting that *"this is art!", "this is not what I expected"* or *"these sure aren't Grandma's quilts"*. We are proud to be able to share with our community the many, many hours of loving effort that went into the design and execution of every finished project.

We encourage everyone to fondly remember grandmother's quilts, and then come out and see the evolution of quilting through the work of our guild members. Our shows feature a brief story about each quilt written by the quilt maker to explain the origins of the project, design inspirations, challenges along the way or lessons learned. Our local guild has an excellent reputation in the quilting community for high quality shows and in particular, the large number of hand quilted items. We expect to welcome over 1000 visitors to the show over the two days.

This year, in celebration of the guild's 20th anniversary and Mothers' Day Weekend, we are proud to be promoting a special anniversary admission rate of only \$5, and proceeds will be shared with Cancer Patient Services and the Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation. Don't miss it. Bring a Mom.

Our Cultural Moment for May celebrates the Wellington North Farmers Market

Nothing says “culture” more than a farmers’ market. From conception, markets have been a place for local farmers and their produce to connect with the community. Today is no exception, and perhaps even more necessary for a healthy society in a social media world. Real connection is what the Wellington North Farmers’ Market (WNFM) provides between farmer and consumer. It is a community coming together to meet in an environment that celebrates their culture.

At the WNFM people come to experience the value and taste of farm-fresh food from local farmers. How much do you know about your food? Our farmers and producers take great pride in high quality-food that’s safe for you and your family. One of the biggest benefits to buying food locally is having someone to answer your questions about how it was grown and raised. Last year’s market was the best ever with ten full-time vendors and several others joining at different times throughout the season. There were several special event days with family-friendly activities. We’re pretty sure a certain Councillor and CAO were there sampling the wine at the Pillitterri Estates booth and Councillor Burke was definitely spotted checking out the bouncy castle (which is technically kids-only). Pastor Harry Engel, the market manager [otherwise known as “the peddling Pastor”] had his booth set up weekly for impromptu discussions about politics, religion and the state of the world; all the while handing out free candy to everyone. Where else but at a Farmers’ Market can you solve all these issues in one place?

WNFM is entering its fifth season this year with market days beginning May 25th and running every Friday from 3:00pm – 6:30pm until October 5th. Come out to the best meeting, eating and greeting place in Wellington North ... and get free candy while you’re at it!

