



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

**WELLINGTON NORTH CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY JUNE 18TH, 2020 @ 12:00 PM; VIA ZOOM**

Members Present: Chair: Jim Taylor Penny Renken Gail Donald
Linda Hruska Lisa Hern, Councillor Bonny McDougall

Members Absent: Robert Macdonald Gary Pundsack

Staff Present: Economic Development Officer; Dale Small

CALLING TO ORDER – Chair Taylor

EDO Dale opened the ZOOM meeting at 11:55am and Chair Jim Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Chair Taylor

RESOLUTION: CRT2020-001

Moved: Jim Taylor

Seconded: Gail Donald

THAT the agenda for the June 18th, 2020 Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION CRT2020-002

Moved: Jim Taylor

Seconded: Penny Renken

THAT the minutes from the May Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The team talked about the upcoming Cultural Moments agreeing to the following schedule:

TOPIC	RESPONSIBILITY	Council Meeting
Ian Turner	Gail Donald	June 22 nd
Horticultural Society	Linda Hruska	July 13 th
Saugeen Valley Nursing Home	Penny Renken	August
Damascus	Gary Pundsack	September

NEW BUSINESS/REVIEW OF 2020 PLANS

1. **Update from the Chair:** Jim provided an update from his perspective on COVID 19 and a general discussion and roundtable followed. Jim also suggested that at our next roundtable meeting we dedicate some time to discuss how we can re-start some of our planned projects that are currently stalled.
2. Gail provided an update on Arthur Trails as well as the Arthur Historical Society who have started to have a few people come together at the building however they are still closed to the public. Gail also mentioned the passing of Ian Turner and the nice service that was held and that it can be viewed on youtube by going to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.
3. Bonnie updated on the Metz PumpkinFest which is planning to go ahead as scheduled following the Public Health protocols that are in place at that time. They will make adjustments, as necessary at the time and she mentioned the “fierce” challenges going on between politicians in Mapleton, Centre Wellington, Wellington North as well as Senator Black to see who can grow the biggest pumpkin! There is also a good article in this week’s Advertiser and Jim Coffey (Fergus) one of the local organizers, is quoted as thanking the Cultural Roundtable for our sponsorship through our grants program.

Bonnie is also continuing her work at the cemetery with upwards to 80% of the sites now photographed and documented in in Find-A-Grave.
4. Penny advised that the Lynes Blacksmith Shop would not be opening to the public this year however workers are continuing to perform lawn maintenance and other repair work.
5. Lisa updated on the plans to open the Splashpad as well as the downtown improvements that we hope to have take place as part of the Connecting Link project in Arthur next year.
6. Linda commented on virtual meetings and how comfortable most groups are becoming in conducting meetings this way.
7. Dale updated on the Farmers Market that opens on June 20th , the new shopwellingtonnorth on-line platform as well as the new banners in both towns. The new entryway signage in Mount Forest will also be installed soon and they have adopted the roundtable’s Simply Explore theme. Dale also updated on some plans being made to promote the re-opening of our downtowns and that the need to shop local and support local is more important now than ever.

NEXT MEETING

Resolution: CRT2020-003

Moved: Gail Donald

Seconded: Linda Hruska

THAT the Cultural Roundtable Committee’s next ZOOM meeting be scheduled for August 20th, 2020

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: CRT2020-004

Moved: Bonnie McDougall

THAT the Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:40pm

CARRIED