

TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH

CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, October 20, 2016 - 12:00 pm
Council Chambers, Kenilworth

Members Present: Chair Jim Taylor
Robert Macdonald
Trish Wake
Karen Armstrong
Bonny McDougall
Penny Renken
Gail Donald
Linda Hruska

Staff Present: April Marshall, Tourism, Marketing & Promotion Manager

Absent: Gary Pundsack
Dale Small, Economic Development Officer
Councillor Dan Yake

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

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

PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION WNCR 2016-024

Moved: Linda Hruska

Seconded: Robert Macdonald

***THAT THE** Agenda for the October 20th, 2016 Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee Meeting be accepted and passed.*

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared

DELEGATIONS

N/A

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION WNCR 2016-025

Moved: Linda Hruska

Seconded: Gail Donald

***THAT THE** Cultural Roundtable Committee receive the minutes of the July 20th, 2016 Cultural Roundtable meeting.*

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- Report from the Chair Jim Taylor

J. Taylor provided an update on the Mount Forest District Chamber of Commerce AGM that he attended on Tuesday, October 18, 2016. The Chamber has a new Strategic Plan. Jim & Dale Small attended a “Vibrant Villages” event in Neustadt this week. Dale & Jim came away with new ideas. Jim is attending the tour next Wednesday “Butter Tarts & Buggies” that is being held by the economic development committees of Mapleton, Minto, and Wellington North & Southgate. There will be a networking session at the end of the tour. J. Taylor to invite the Heritage Centre Wellington Committee to our next meeting to discuss successes and challenges in Heritage Building creation and in building a successful Heritage Buildings Committee. P. Renken to invite K. Rowley re: Blacksmith Shop update.
- Community Animator Update Trish Wake

The role ended September 15, 2016. The “Grow Grant” application was not successful so there will be no community animator position any more. T. Wake will move into the Administrator role at the Mount Forest District Chamber of Commerce.
- Youth Action Council Trish Wake / April Marshall

Have 3 dedicated members and 3 adult allies. The Council is recruiting members through the Patriots Game November 4th, radio and print advertising. The Youth Action Council is now a committee of Council / sub-committee of the Culture Roundtable. There is discussion happening between the Waterloo-Wellington Workforce Planning Board, Mapleton, Minto and Wellington North of the potential to host a summit in the spring of 2017 to build connections and bridge gaps in the community.
- Volunteer Workshop Series Trish Wake / April Marshall

We are sponsoring the Volunteer Workshop Series with Minto. The 3 of 4 sessions is completed and about 20 attended each session representing about 40 organizations. The 4th and final session is on November 2, 2016 at the Harriston Library.
- Doors Open Wellington North April Marshall

10 sites participated; 4 were new and 3 were sites not typically open to the public. Total site visits recorded was 396 (IPM and inclement weather contributed to lower attendance). 80 volunteers committed 389 hours to the project and 19 staff committed 114 hours to the project.
- Canada 150 ‘Celebration’ Grant Review April Marshall

The Township of Wellington North submitted a provincial application, naming the Cultural Roundtable as the lead facilitator of the project, to support capturing oral storytelling that will utilize a travelling unit to attend 6 existing festivals and events that also feed back into the Culture Roundtable mandate. Theme: ‘150’ ideas to tie into Canada’s 150th birthday and provide subjects to contributing residents and visitors.
- Overview of Ontario’s Culture Strategy April Marshall

A. Marshall provided an overview of Ontario’s new culture strategy, to ensure that our efforts align:

 - Promote cultural engagement and inclusion
 - Strengthen arts, heritage and culture
 - Fuel the creative economy
 - Promote the value of the arts throughout government.

- Working Group Updates All
 - Blacksmith Shop – no meetings over the summer
 - Oral Storytelling – G. Donald will start compiling ideas for categories
 - Communications - Overarching theme for Culture Roundtable 2017 – “Canada 150” – tie oral history, communications, Doors Open, historical buildings, etc.

MOTIONS FOR COMMITTEE APPROVAL

RESOLUTION WNCR 2016-026

Moved: Robert Macdonald

Seconded: Gail Donald

THAT THE Wellington North Cultural Roundtable support moving forward with registering September 23rd, 2017 with the Ontario Heritage Trust for Doors Open Wellington North.

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Company of Women ‘Creating an Appetite for collaboration for your rural small business’ is on November 2, 2016 at the Grand River Raceway – A. Marshall is speaking at it
- YAC Night at the JR C Game is on November 4th, 2016
- Arthur Lion’s Christmas Craft Show on November 20th, 2016
- Mount Forest Agricultural Society Craft Show on November 12th, 2016
- Ladies Night in Mount Forest is on Thursday, November 17th
- “Live2Lead” – rebroadcast will be shown on Tuesday, November 15th in Mount Forest
- Youth Action Council meets 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE

- Arthur Historical Society going to Goderich to see “before and after the tornado” this Saturday. Meeting next Tuesday, October 25th with guest speaker speaking on “outreach to indigenous groups” at the Arthur & Area Historical Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Louise Marshall Hospital Christmas bazaar and luncheon on Saturday, November 12th at the United Church in Mount Forest 10 – 3. Lunch is 11 – 1.
- Mount Forest Firefighters Yuk Yuk’s night is on Saturday November 4th
- Mount Forest Homecoming event Bubbles, Suds & Moonshine is on Saturday, October 22, 2016
- Halloween dance at the Mount Forest Legion October 29
- Arthur Curling Club dance on October 29th.
- On February 4, 2017 the Fireworks Festival will be auditioning local talent for the 2017 Fireworks Festival. It was suggested that a member of the Wellington North Culture Roundtable judge.
- L. Hruska inquired about the BizBull article on culturally inspired street names in Wellington North. A. Marshall will investigate this further and report back to the committee, as the Cultural Roundtable has interest to be involved.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 17, 2016 and will be held in Arthur.

RESOLUTION WNCR 2016-27

Moved: Bonny McDougall

THAT THE Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:57 pm.

CARRIED