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

**WELLINGTON NORTH CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY OCTOBER 22ND, 2020 @ 12:00 PM;
LOWER HALL, ARTHUR & AREA COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Members Present:

Chair Jim Taylor
Gail Donald
Bonny McDougall
Linda Hruska
Robert MacDonald
Lisa Hern, Councillor

Members Absent:

Penny Renken
Gary Pundsack

Staff Present:

Dale Small, Economic Development Officer
Mandy Jones, Community Recreation Coordinator
Tasha Grafos, Administrative Support

A light lunch was provided and enjoyed prior to starting the meeting

CALLING TO ORDER –

EDO Dale opened the meeting at 12:17am and Chair Jim Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:19pm

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA – Chair Taylor

RESOLUTION: CRT2020-005

Moved: Bonny McDougall

Seconded: Robert MacDonald

THAT the agenda for the October 22, 2020 Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – June 18, 2020 (approved at Council on July 13, 2020)

PRESENTATION – Mandy Jones, Community Recreation Coordinator

A tour of the **Lynes Blacksmith Shop** website www.lynesblacksmithshop.org

The Homepage promotes special events and how to get there. The Let's Chat button opens and sends an email to Kate Rowley or team member that they will respond to. Planning your visit, you will see some volunteer photos and there is information here about planning a tour of the shop.

Restoration Project – A photo Heritage stone mason, Steve Walker, and the restoration process of the blacksmith shop as well as background information about what the project is about. History – a photo of James Lynes Senior and a photo of a note was still hanging the first-time people went in. Special Events are on hold this year but will move forward when we can. Donation page – receipts are issued for donations over \$25. Contact us page – about the volunteers and committee. Award tab – shows the A.K. Sculthorpe Award for Advocacy.

Q&A

Chair – How will the guided tours happen? Community Recreation Coordinator – The understanding is that tours will be organized for a committee, for example schools, Cultural Roundtable, etc.

Chair – what percentage of the restoration is complete? Community Recreation Coordinator – Windows went in, doors are plywood right now (these will need to be replaced), roof has to be done, second floor needs renovations. The building is not currently accessible.

Linda Hruska – What are the guidelines for preservation in terms heritage? Community Recreation Coordinator – The township does not have a heritage designation policy. Looking to Wellington County Museum & Archives for direction to bring to natural and operational state. EDO – A lack of a heritage policy could mean that a historical building could be removed, however demolition permits and building Permits would be required so there is still a process. Preservation is important and the committee is doing well. The accessibility issue will need to be addressed.

Recreation Signage: Way finding signs for recreation amenities are coming – these will follow the branding of the new Welcome to Mount Forest signs for Mount Forest. In Mount Forest, the signs will be located at Hwy 89 & 6, Birmingham & 89, and King Street & Highway 6.

In Arthur, the signs will follow the branding already in place (poppies). The signs will be at Hwy 6 & Frederick, at Frederick at the roundabout and at the Conn road and Tucker Street. These signs will give direction for Facilities, splash pads. Pools, diamonds, fields, etc. The signs were presented to chambers last week with great feedback. We are aiming to have these up this fall.

Wellington North Trails: Usage has dramatically increased since COVID. A call for volunteers' ads were placed and well responded to. We have new Points of Interest signs to be installed along the trails. Thank you to Councillor Hern who helped get the signage from Wellington Federation of Agriculture that we can customize to our branding. In Arthur these will be at the Rail Trail and in Mount Forest at the Saugeen Trail. This is former farmland and provides some history.

Volunteer Engagement: Cultural Roundtable will recall we had the People and Information Network (PIN) at our February 20th meeting to get our perspective. The PIN recently gave presentation to Council and our Senior Team is meeting next week to discuss next steps including some sort of volunteer recognition.

Q&A

Chair – Splash pads, did they open? Community Recreation Coordinator – Yes, very successfully. In Mount Forest expected usage was exceeded. The First summer was great.

Chair – Did the kids social distance? Community Recreation Coordinator - Signage was in place to direct the residents. They were respected and followed. We had no complaints.

Linda Hruska – On the trail sign at Glasgow street, Glasgow is spelled wrong. Pavilion on north side is correct. Community Recreation Coordinator – Thank you, we will get sticker for over top of that to correct.

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Jim provided an update on the letter of support he provided for the New Horizons for Seniors Grant application and asked EDO Dale Small to speak to this. Dale advised in 2019 we received funding for the purpose of hiring someone to go out into the community and train seniors on how to use technology. We had purchased 30 iPads for this purpose. This was all put on hold when the pandemic began. Instead of holding our grant money until the pandemic ends, the Federal government suggested using the funds to support seniors in our area during COVID 19. Of the purchased iPads, we loaned 5 to each Long-Term Care and Retirement home in Wellington North and Minto, so that staff there could help the seniors use this technology to stay in touch with family and friends. We also made some donations to foodbanks. We will now be reapplying for the funding to do the original plan in 2021.

Chair would like to step down as chairman this year and is satisfied with the results of the committee. The committee should be looking for new leadership and develop an election process. EDO: It is probably time to renew our cultural plan, see if we have done what we set out to accomplish in the original plan, dated November 2013. The committee needs to look at the future of the committee and redefine what the focus is and renew the committee members by adding new members and at that time we can accept the chair's resignation & hopefully approve new members. It is time to go to Council with a progress report and understand what Council would like to see from the Committee. Council may have some ideas on where we should focus.

Next meeting, we can roundtable with fresh ideas and we should examine how we do things, geographic representation and we need to try and involve the arts community more, with creative arts representatives.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Cultural Moment discussion and input for Council Meetings

- Update topics and schedule and prepare list for remainder of year and into 2021

EDO: It would be good to get some of these into the Council agenda. Email to EDO, there could be three ideas per council meeting. Goal: try to send a new topic to Dale between now and next meeting in February.

TOPIC	RESPONSIBILITY	Council Meeting
Women's Institute	Bonny	Completed for May 4 th council meeting
Arthur Lion's Club & Skateboard Park	Mandy	Completed for June 1 st council meeting
Ian Turner	Gail	Completed for June 22 nd council meeting
Monck	Penny	TBD/was to be March 30 th
Horticultural Society	Linda	TBD/was to be April 27 th
The Grotto	Gail	TBD/was to be July 6 th (replaced by Ian T)
Damascus	Gary	TBD/ was to be August 3 ^d
Rothwell Apple Farm	Penny	TBD/ was to be September 7 th
88.7 The River	Dale	TBD/ was to be October 12 th
Remembrance Day	Gail	TBD/ was to be October 27 th
Family Christmas	Robert	TBD/ was to be Nov 25 th

2. Wellington North Farmers Market Update

- Requirements as a result of COVID 19
- Overview of Vendors and products
- Impacts of moving from Friday afternoon to Saturday mornings
- Sidewalk Saturday and move to Main Street
- Backyard Bounties and potential for Arthur Farmers market in 2021

EDO: It was a great year, very successful. Moving to Saturday was a good decision. Hoping to start a market in Arthur next year. Partnered with Backyard Bounties for the Sidewalk Saturdays in Arthur to open a market during these days. It is our hope to work with Nicole of Backyard Bounties to open a regular famers' market in Arthur next year.

3. Cultural Roundtable Grants & Donations

- \$ 500.00 donation to Arthur Fall Fair
- \$ 500.00 donation to the Metz Pumpkinfest

EDO: Some donations/grants were given out. No reason to not continue this program into 2021. We should go to council to get the same level of support.

4. Simply Explore Culture website

- Hope would be to get a committee member to take on as a project
- First step would be to do a review and edit of current listings
- Second step would be to identify and input new listings

Chair: website does need some updating. A new look should be developed for next year.

EDO: Now that we have discussed refreshing the committee, the website should also be considered.

Chair: This project may need some leadership, if anyone is interested, this is something to think about by next meeting.

5. MEMBERS PRIVILEGE/ROUNDTABLE

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- **Historical Site Designation Project**

Chair: On hold. There was a plan to hire someone to be in the archives.

- **Find A Grave Project**

Bonny McDougall: This project is now finished with the Mount Forest Cemetery, 83% complete. This is as complete as it can be due to the lack of markers.

- **Wellington North Culture Days**

EDO – cancelled this year. Some communities did virtual, this maybe did not suit our facilities. September 2021

- **Roundtable updates (Live2Lead tickets for October 22nd or November 20th)**

EDO – Penny attended the October. Anyone that would like to attend by Zoom on November 20th, Dale would like to cover this. Penny enjoyed the session.

Bonny McDougall: Made decision to cancel Pumpkinfest. We did go forward with the weigh in 480lbs Centre Wellington was the largest pumpkin. Looking forward to next year.

Linda Hruska: Quilters Guild last met in March. Everything since has been cancelled. The group does not plan to meet again until April 2021.

Robert McDonald: Ag Society Beef sit down dinner was cancelled but we offered a Drive Thru. Sold about 300 dinners. Organized a quilt tour and a drive through town. W Luther calf club had a virtual show. A very successful virtual pony show, two out of province entries and a judge from Scotland.

Gail Donald: Related to the Quilt tour – it was a great success. Lots of traffic, pedestrian, and vehicles. The trails have been the only group that has been out doing things. A call for volunteers resulted in about six new volunteers. An article about Arthur was in the Toronto Star on Sept 9th and this has drawn a lot of attention! Since then, when the archives is open, Wednesdays 1pm – 3pm, there have been visitors looking for more information. The Facebook page has been very active. Gail's two years as president of the archives is coming up in January, at this time, we would look for a new president. Not sure how that would proceed for this year.

Lisa: BMX Park – hoping to get into a classroom, maybe virtually, to get input.

NEXT MEETING

Resolution: CRT2020-006

Moved: Linda

Seconded: Bonny

THAT the Cultural Roundtable Committee's next meeting be scheduled for February 20th, 2021

CARRIED

- Suggestion to move to quarterly roundtable meetings in 2021
 - February 20th, 2021
 - May 21st, 2021
 - August 20th, 2021
 - November 19th, 2021
- Agreement to continue with 12pm start time and decision to hold in-person or via ZOOM will be made closer to the date of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: CRT2020-007

Moved: Jim Taylor

THAT the Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:54pm CARRIED