



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

**TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH: CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE**  
**December 6th, 2018 12:00 pm COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Chair, Jim Taylor Bonny McDougall  
Robert Macdonald Penny Renken  
Linda Hruska Gail Donald

**Also Present:** Pastor Harry Engel, Wellington North Farmers Market  
Mandy Jones, Community Recreation Coordinator  
Gaby Ieropoli, Northern Wellington Youth Resiliency Worker

**Staff Present** Dale Small, Economic Development Officer  
Michelle Stone, Recording Secretary

**Absent:** Councilor Dan Yake Karen Armstrong

**WORKING / THANK YOU LUNCH**

- The Committee enjoyed lunch and social time prior to meeting. Soup provided by the Raw Carrot, a local social enterprise, was delicious with sandwiches and sweets by Mount Forest Foodland.

**CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER**

- Chair, Jim Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

- None declared

**DELEGATIONS**

- None

**DISCUSSION WITH GUESTS**

• **WELLINGTON NORTH FARMERS MARKET – PASTOR HARRY ENGEL**

Pastor Harry Engel has been the champion for the Wellington North Farmers Market for the past five years and has seen continued growth and enthusiasm for this market. 2018 has been the most successful year to date. Pastor Harry commented that the market saw more out of town visitors this year and would like to in 2019 expand the market to include more visitor information like a "Welcome Wagon" and that the market creates an open door with the opportunity for engagement. He also told the committee that all the vendors from last year will be returning. He continues to look for new vendors who can offer new and unique products to keep it interesting. The times and location will remain the same as the consistency has had good results with a look to more advertising to include that the market has a "back-up" indoor location in the event of inclement weather. The Market Bucks program launched by Wellington County has been a huge success and it is hoped that this will continue in the coming years. The Roundtable applauded Pastor Harry for his work and enthusiasm.

• **COMMUNITY RECREATION COORDINATOR - MANDY JONES**

Mandy joined the Township in October in the new position of Community Recreation Coordinator. The position came about as the result of one of the recommendations from the Recreation Master Plan. The plan had 74 recommendations for the Township of Wellington North Recreation. The main focus for this position came as a result of a recommendation from the Recreation Master Plan to increase communication with community groups, sports groups and the public. Some of the other items Mandy will be working on include implementing a summer day camp program in both Arthur and Mount Forest which was approved by Council on December 3, 2018; supporting the BMX Skateboard Park in Arthur; new Splash Pad in Mount Forest; Trail Committees upgrades; Lynes Blacksmith Shop and both the Arthur and Mount Forest Agricultural Societies. Mandy has also started piloting a school visit program to reach out to grade 6 students for their input on what activities or program they would like and identified some great areas such as cooking, trails for hiking, video game competitions and more. Committee members offered some ideas and connections also and Chair Jim commented that he would be interested in how a crossover between culture and recreation may work. Mandy thanked everyone for the welcome and ideas and said she is looking to embracing many different areas.

- **YOUTH PROGRAMS WELLINGTON NORTH – GABBY IEROPOLI**

Gabby’s focus is to engage and support youth 13 + in North Wellington. One of the successful initiatives is the YAC (Youth Action Council). Over the past two years they have evolved into a vibrant group and some of their community projects have included the Color Run and the Haunted Trail with over 900 enjoying the event this year. The funds raised stay in the community. “Take a Break” Thursdays is held at the high school and addresses mental health, someone to talk to or an activity to connect with students. At the public school they are initiating a Food Skills Program on food prep, using local resources and recipes. There is also the “Truth About Youth” alternative learning program and Gabby is always looking for ideas for this group of students outside the traditional learning environment. Gabby is reaching out to local business for local employment opportunity and working with Mandy as to how youth can be part of recreation and community groups. The Northern Wellington Young Professionals group is also being resurrected and recently held its second networking event.

**PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

RESOLUTION WNCR 2018-019

Moved: Linda Hruska

Seconded: Gayle Donald

***THAT THE** Agenda for the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee Meeting be accepted and passed.*

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLUTION WNCR 2018-020

Moved: Bonny McDougall

Seconded: Linda Hruska

***THAT THE** Cultural Roundtable Committee receive the minutes of the September 20th, 2018 Cultural Roundtable Meeting.*

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- Finalize Cultural Moment Schedule for 2019

The Committee discussed topics and the schedule for the 2019 Cultural Moments. The following is the schedule and due dates for Council Meetings. Cultural Moments need to be submitted to EDO Dale Small one week prior to the first council meeting of each month.

MONTH	TOPIC	RESPONSIBILITY	DUE DATE
January	To be determined	Bonny McDougall	January 7 <sup>th</sup>
February	Village of Kenilworth	Gail Donald	January 28 <sup>th</sup>
March	20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Amalgamation	Dale Small	March 4 <sup>th</sup>

April	4H Clubs	Jim Taylor	April 1 <sup>st</sup>
May	Wellington North Farmers Market	Harry Engel	May 6 <sup>th</sup>
June	Wellington North Day Camp Program	Mandy Jones	May 27 <sup>th</sup>
July	To be determined	Bonny McDougall	June 28 <sup>th</sup>
August	J.J. Morrison	Robert Macdonald	August 5 <sup>th</sup>
September	Hamlet of Farewell	Penny Renken	August 30 <sup>th</sup>
October	"Howitzer"	Linda Hruska	Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>
November	Canada's Most Patriotic Village	Gail Donald	October 28 <sup>th</sup>
December	International Christmas	Penny Renken	November 25 <sup>th</sup>

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Chairs Report and update on historical site designation. Work on our local historic building listing is progressing in collaboration with the Mount Forest Archives and the Arthur Historical Society and anticipate completion by end of 2019.
- Review of 2018 Cultural Roundtable Expenses and discuss 2019 Plans. EDO Dale Small had a report for the Committee, who reviewed the expenses from 2018 and looked ahead to the 2019 Budget.
- Culture Days or Doors Open in 2019: After some discussion the Committee felt that the theme of Culture Days is more inclusive for our community and that WN would participate in Culture Days 2019 with more marketing of the event which will take place the weekend of Sept 27,28 & 29.  
RESOLUTION WNCR 2018-021  
Moved: Penny Renken  
Seconded: Linda Hruska  
***THAT THE Cultural Roundtable Committee participates in Ontario Culture days in 2019.***  
**CARRIED**
- Program Funding & Sponsorship Application: in both 2017 and 2018 the roundtable approved three applications and it was agreed to continue to support this program in 2019 and that applications will be reviewed as they are received.
- Cultural Mapping update – Everyone was asked to take some time to look at the Cultural Mapping and make notes as to edits and revisions that are needed. Updating our Simply Explore Culture website needs to be a priority for the roundtable in 2019.
- Summer Student application and a work plan – this was deferred for the next meeting.
- "Walk of Fame" – The Mayor was approached by a few residents inquiring about the possibility of a Walk of Fame type recognition program. EDO Dale asked if this would be something the Cultural Roundtable Committee could look into. The committee had a brief discussion with both some concerns as well as opportunities being discussed. The roundtable agreed to consider this request and it will be tabled for discussion at the next Roundtable meeting.
- 2019 – 2022 Cultural Roundtable Membership & Governance - The roundtable is working well and is always looking to welcome new members. The current members were asked to let EDO Dale know their intention to commit for another term (four years) before the next meeting in January. Also discussed was appointing a co-chair and will re-visit this at the January meeting.
- Meeting Schedule - the roundtable supported maintaining the current schedule being the third Thursday monthly from 12 pm to 2 pm in Kenilworth subject to change as required.

## **MEMBERS PRIVILEGE**

- Member Gail Donald commented that the Remembrance Day Open house at the Arthur Historical Society was a huge success and their next meeting is on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. Also of note,

the Upper Grand District School Board is having students coming to local historical societies to document the locations local high school memorabilia.

- Member Penny Renken - Knox Presbyterian in Conn will have a music night featuring Larry Mercy on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and tickets will be \$20.00 at the door; and an International Christmas display December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 1 to 4 pm representing 16 countries with over 100 angels and nativity scenes. The Mount Forest Archives will be closed from December 10<sup>th</sup> until February 2019.
- Member Robert Macdonald – The Annual General Meeting for the Arthur Agricultural Society will be on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 10 am followed by a Pot Luck Lunch at the Arthur Arena and on Thursday, February 7, 2019 there will be a “Beat the Winter Blues” roast beef dinner from 5 pm to 7:30 pm at the Arena in Arthur. Tickets are \$15 – adult; \$6 – ages 7-12 and under 7 is free.
- The Mount Forest Santa Claus Parade will be on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 7 pm, Main Street, Mount Forest.
- Member Bonny McDougall – The Southwestern Ontario Farmer had a nice write-up about Pumpkinfest held in Metz. It was a great turnout, especially with the pumpkin growing challenge which our Wellington North Council and CAO participated in.
- Chair Jim Taylor– Thanked the Committee for a good year, lunch and wished all a happy holiday.

### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING & ADJOURNMENT**

The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2019

### **ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION WNCR 2018-022

Moved: Robert Macdonald

***THAT THE Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:10 pm***  
***CARRIED***