



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
Thursday, June 15, 2017 - 12:00 pm
Mount Forest & District Sports Complex
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

Staff Present: Dale Small, Economic Development Officer,
Michelle Stone, Administrative Support

Other Attendees: Karren Wallace, Clerk, Township of Wellington North

Absent: Trish Wake
Karen Armstrong
Councillor Dan Yake

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Jim Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION WNCR 2017-012

Moved: Robert Macdonald

Seconded: Linda Hruska

THAT THE Agenda for the June 15th, 2017 Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee Meeting be accepted and passed. **CARRIED**

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

DELEGATIONS:

Karren Wallace, Clerk, Township of Wellington North

An overview of the Mount Forest Cemetery and what the managing of the cemetery entails was presented to the Committee to explore if it would be a good fit with the Cultural Roundtable as a historical property.

The proposal to the Committee was for them to take on the project of cataloging graves with pictures and history. The Committee agreed that this would be a good fit with the Committee's Historical Buildings and Places Team. Further information will be gathered pertaining to a timeline, budget, funding and resources available in a report to the Committee at the August meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION WNCR 2017-013

Moved: Bonny McDougall

Seconded: Gary Pundsack

THAT THE Cultural Roundtable Committee receive the minutes of the April 20th, 2017 Cultural Roundtable meeting. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. 13 Ways to Kill Your Community discussion and next steps
Dale Small, Economic Development Officer reviewed with the Committee "13 Ways to Kill Your Community" and what areas resonated in Wellington North that we can focus on. A strategy session will be planned to review and re-prioritize the Committee's focus.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report from the Chair

Jim Taylor

Jim had a report from the Arthur Chamber and 150 Committee outlining all the plans and events going on in Arthur.

- o Arthur Lions Club July 1st - Chicken BBQ at the Community Centre in Arthur in partnership with the churches.
- o Horticultural Society's had another successful annual plant sale held during duck race.
- o The Trails Committee is working on completing areas on the south side of the river and McPhersons Park on north.
- o The Optimists Club Splash Pad grand opening is scheduled for July 1st.
- o The Arthur Fall Fair Parade Committee is aiming to have 150 tractors for Canada's 150th.
- o Canada 150 Banners are available at Arthur Cash & Carry.
- o The 150 tulips were a lovely show at the cenotaph in Arthur.
- o New welcome signs will be posted by July 1st coming into Arthur.
- o Proposal for the 1932 Arthur Water Tower (circa 1932) to be lit up for Canada's 150th.
- o Canada flags will be on lamp posts from May to November in recognition of Canada's 150th

2. Program Funding and Sponsorship Application

Dale Small

Mount Forest Fireworks Festival has requested \$750.00 for additional funding to go towards the Main Stage Entertainment Event on July 15th, 2017. After discussion, the Committee approved \$500.00 for additional funding.

RESOLUTION WNCR 2017-014

Moved: Gail Donald

Seconded: Linda Hruska

THAT THE Township of Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee approve the Mount Forest Fireworks Festival request for \$500.00 for additional funding to go towards the Main Stage Entertainment Event on July 15th, 2017. **CARRIED**

3. Historical Buildings and Places Team Update & Discussion

Jim Taylor

The team will re-define their priorities in the fall to include cemetery project. A report on a budget and an outline for the cemetery project will be brought to the August 17th Committee meeting.

4. **Communications Team Update & Discussion**

Karen Armstrong

Karen Armstrong has indicated she will be stepping down from Committee. Linda Hruska has agreed to take over as point person. The Communications Team will be reviewing past cultural moments and look at what they can present in the coming months.

5. **Storytelling Team Update**

Gail Donald

The Veterans Project, with a total of 550 names in the book, is nearing completion with editing and distribution by November 11th, 2017. Pre-sale orders are going well and they anticipate printing 500 to 750 books, 150 pages each. There is a request from a Mount Forest Korean Veteran for inclusion. Gary Pundsack has found a good contact for the oral history project. The Team will have a report on all the information collected and next steps for the next meeting.

6. **Youth Action Council Update**

Trish Wake

Dale Small, Economic Development Officer had a report from Trish Wake:

- Northern Wellington Youth Connections Event

The NWYC event on May 4th was great. At our last meeting we handed out printed copies of the proposed graphic. Although the Wellington North Youth Action Council didn't get any new members from the day, it did spark a fire within our current members and they have now started recruiting!

- Next 6 month Plan

The Youth Action Council is on fire! They are connecting with local recreation department to come up with activities for the Youth, working with local businesses and media on a spin-off of Amazing Race.

The Youth Action Council have decided to continue meet throughout the summer and work on their 'Participation 150' list, to get people moving in the community. First activity of dodge ball went well; next on the agenda is Volleyball, Basketball & Badminton at Wellington Heights Secondary School on June 19th. They have also asked to partner with the Social Equity group at Wellington Heights Secondary School in order to spread awareness about June being Pride Month. To go along with this activity theme, they have asked for t-shirts so they could be a 'team' and we have approached MARCC Apparel for a quote.

All in all the group is gaining momentum. You can now watch what they accomplish and the activities that they do on Instagram (WNYAC) and on Facebook "Wellington North Youth Action Council". The group is planning a One Year Birthday Party in July, are looking at the "13 Ways" information and how to further engage our youth and a separate budget for youth.

7. **Farmers Market Update**

Dale Small

- The Market opened on May 26th with Pastor Harry Engel once again as our Market Manager. The Market runs each Friday afternoon from 3:00pm – 6:30pm on King Street East at the Victory Community Centre in Mount Forest.
- Closing day will be October 6th, 2017 and please try and get out if you can to support our Market and any personal advertising and promotion is welcome!! Would also appreciate the roundtables suggestion for promotional programs that we should run throughout the year
- Market Bucks will be offered once again at our Market and this was something that was highly valued by our vendors.
- We have nine confirmed vendors, of which five of them, are full time vendors while the others are occasional or will not start until later in the year.

8. Wellington North Doors Open

Jim Taylor

- September 23rd in Wellington North
- Doors Open Ontario sends the packages and there will be new signage for the 150th this year, but we are responsible for creating Wellington North brochure.
- The Committee will need a new lead for the Cultural Roundtable. Dale Small, Economic Development Officer has been covering and there is not an immediate need however Doors Open Ontario will send packages, but we have to do our own brochure - new signage provided and this year with 150

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mount Forest Homecoming June 23rd - 25th
- Canada Day Weekend Events in Wellington North July 1st - 3rd
 - Arthur Optimist Weekend Celebrations
 - Churches of Arthur Canada Day Dinner
 - Get in Touch with Hutch
 - M.F. Victory Church Carnival
- Community Growth Plan Steering Committee Meeting July 5th
- Mount Forest Fireworks Festival July 14th - 16th
- Summer Sizzle July 17th - 18th

MEMBERS PRIVILEGE

- The Arthur Historical Society's next meeting is Tuesday, June 20th with a presentation by Alvin Martin from Misty Meadow
- The Lyons Blacksmith Shop is hoping to be open for a mini preview in conjunction with the Sacred Heart Church August Garden Party. There has been a lot of progress done in cataloguing and Patty Whan, Conservator at the Wellington County Museum will be assisting the committee in the art of "brushing" artifacts. They have also had a blacksmith visit and help identify some of the tools in the shop.
- The former West Garafraxa Township is having a 150th event June 17th in Belwood with a parade, street dance and lots of activities.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 17th, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION WNCR 2017-011

Moved: Gail Donald

THAT THE Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:02 pm.

CARRIED