

TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, November 19, 2015 - 12:00 pm
Arthur Historical Society Room, Arthur

Members Present: Chair James Taylor
Karen Armstrong
Gail Donald – Arthur Historical Society
Linda Hruska, Mount Forest
Robert Macdonald – Arthur Agricultural Society, Arthur Historical Society
Bonny McDougall - Arthur
Penny Renken, Mount Forest Archives
Trish Wake, Mount Forest Community Animator/Chamber
of Commerce

Staff Present: April Marshall, Tourism, Marketing & Promotion Manager
Michelle Stone, Administrative Support

Absent: Dale Small, Business Economic Officer
Dan Yake, Councillor

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair James Taylor called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm and thanked the Arthur Historical Society for hosting the meeting.

PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION WNCR 2015-024

Moved By: Bonny McDougall

Seconded By: Gail Donald

THAT THE Agenda for the November 19th, 2015 Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee Meeting be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared

DELEGATIONS

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLUTION WNCR 2015-025

Moved By: Robert Macdonald

Seconded By: Bonny McDougall

THAT THE Cultural Roundtable Committee receive the minutes of the October 15th, 2015 Cultural Roundtable meeting.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

1. **From the Chair:** Jim Taylor
Chair Jim Taylor received information regarding the status of the Blacksmith Shop in Kenilworth. There will be a Committee with Kate Rowley of the Mount Forest Museum and Archives spearheading and will be comprised of three representatives each from Arthur, Mount Forest and Wellington County. The Committee will update the committee contact list and agreed to circulate the information within the committee.
2. **Report EDO2015-41** Doors Open Wellington North
RESOLUTION WNCR 2015-026
April Marshall, Tourism, Marketing & Promotion Manager presented highlights of the event and plans for 2016.
Moved By: Linda Hruska
Seconded By: Penny Renken
THAT the Township of Wellington North Cultural Roundtable receive for information report EDO 2015-41 Doors Open Wellington North;
AND FURTHER THAT the Township of Wellington North Cultural Roundtable support moving forward with registering September 17th, 2016 with the Ontario Heritage Trust for Doors Open Wellington North.
CARRIED
3. **Volunteer Fair** – Trish Wake, Mount Forest Community Animator/Chamber of Commerce
The Volunteer Fair held on November 4th, 2015 at Wellington Heights Secondary School was very successful. Attendance was approximately 150 students with positive feedback and students showing interest in volunteering with the organizations represented.
4. **Breakout Sessions / Planning**
A roundtable discussion and brainstorming session focusing on three categories including Communication, History and Story Telling and Heritage and Buildings was had to generate ideas on future direction and action items for the upcoming year.
5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - **Lions Club Annual Craft Show**
Sunday, November 22, 2015, Arthur Community Centre in Arthur
 - **Agriculture Incubator w/ Minto, Mapleton, Centre Wellington**
Tuesday, November 24th 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at LaunchIt Minto in Harriston
 - **Arthur Opti-Mrs Santa Claus Parade**
Saturday, November 28th, 2015 7:00 pm, Main Street in Arthur
 - **Wellington North Christmas Party**
Saturday, November 28th 2015 6:00 pm, Mount Forest & District Sports Complex in Mount Forest
 - **Mount Forest Santa Claus Parade**
Friday, December 4th, 2015 7:00 pm, Main Street in Mount Forest
6. **ROUNDTABLE**
Bonny McDougall noted that the brochures for the 2016 International Plowing Match have been printed and that a “Get Caught Blue Handed” Promotion is underway. Brochures and promotion material will be delivered to the Township Office in the next week.

April Marshall, Tourism, Marketing & Promotion Manager commented that Remembrance Day ceremonies in both Arthur and Mount Forest were very well attended. A social media post on “Arthur Most Patriotic Village” garnered over 13,000 views.

There is discussion underway to partner with Minto and Mapleton in having an event with Gregory C.N. Smith, a speaker focusing on youth engagement.

Trish Wake, Mount Forest Community Animator/Chamber of Commerce, received congratulations on the success of the Volunteer Fair.

Robert Macdonald reported that the tulips were successfully planted at the Arthur Cenotaph.

7. **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21st, 2016.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION WNCR 2015-027

Moved By: Bonny McDougall

Seconded By: Karen Armstrong

THAT THE Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be adjourned at 2:06pm.

CARRIED