

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

**AGENDA Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Meeting**

**March 24th @ 12:00PM in-person Arthur Community Centre**

**ATTENDEES:** Gail Donald, Linda Hruska, Councillor Lisa Hern,

Bonny McDougall, Jim Taylor Penny Renken

**GUESTS (To Date):** Harry Engel Sue Doherty Gerald Townsend Doris Cassan

Nick Hansen/TBD Faye Craig Crystal Seifried Thea Ouwehand

**OTHERS:** Township Staff: Dale Small Tasha Grafos

12:00 – 12:30 Social Lunch, Networking & Informal discussion

**REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA Chair Jim**

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. **Overview of Wellington North Municipal Cultural Plan**  **Chair Jim**

* Mission, Vision, Guiding Principles
* Role of the Cultural Roundtable
* Cultural Plan Goals & Actions

1. **Other Discussion items:**

* **Cultural Moment Chair Jim**
  + March 21, Gail Arthur 150th Anniversary of Incorporation
  + April 11th Volunteer Theme re Mayors Proclamation & April 29th volunteer celebration
  + May 9th Linda (Four Corners Quilt Guild)
* **Arthur 150th Anniversary of Incorporation**  **Dale/Gail**

* **Wellington North Culture Days** 
  + **Volunteer Celebration (Friday Sept 23rd @ Kenilworth)**
  + **WN Farmers market Culture Days Celebration (Saturday Sept 24th)**
  + **Metz Annual Pumkinfest (Saturday Sept 24th/TBD) Dale**
  + **MF Cemetery Tours by Morgan (Sat Sept 24/Oct 1 & 8)**
  + **Lynes Blacksmith Shop (TBD)**

1. **New Business/Roundtable Discussion**

* Senior of the Year award recognition to be announced at April 11th WN Council meeting
* April 13th Growth, Housing & Development Information Session 5:30pm in Arthur
* April 24th is the start of National Volunteer Week and a Volunteer Celebration is planned **All**

for May 5th at the Arthur Community centre

1. **Date of Next Meeting**

* May 19th @ 12:00pm

1. **Adjournment**

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**WELLINGTON NORTH CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24TH, 2022 @ 12:01 PM; ZOOM MEETING**

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| **Members Present:** | **Guests:** | |  | |
| Chair Jim Taylor | Mandy Jones, Community Recreation Coordinator | |  | |
| Gail Donald |  | |  | |
| Penny Renken |  | |  | |
| Lisa Hern, Councillor | **Staff Present:** | |  | |
| Linda Hruska | Dale Small, Economic Development Officer |  | | |
| Bonny McDougall | Tasha Grafos, Administrative Support |  | | |
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| **CALLING TO ORDER** | | | | |
| Chair Jim called meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. | | | | |
| **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA –** | | | | |
| RESOLUTION: **CRT2022-004**  Moved: Member Bonny Seconded: Member Gail  THAT the agenda for the February 24th, 2022, Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be accepted and passed**. CARRIED** | | | | |
| **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** | | | | |
| None | | | | |
| **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – January 20, 2022** | | | | |
| Accepted by Council on February 7th, 2022. | | | | |
| **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** | | | | |
| 1. **Update from Wellington North Recreation** – Community Recreation Coordinator   *Brent Barnes Memorial Skate Park* : The Canadian Ramp Company will enter an agreement with the Township to finalize design details. The Lions will manage the concrete slab installation. After the slab is ready, it will take approximately 5 days to install the equipment, the park should be fully installed by mid-June. Grand opening will be July 1st.  *Mount Forest Outdoor Pool* : Committee Members are invited to an Open House on Wednesday, March 23rd at 5:30pm at the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex. The architects will be at this meeting to discuss the design. There will be an opportunity for attendees to offer feedback on the designs through a survey. The three design concepts are based on the four Project Objectives:   1. To create a true destination hub that provides new synergies and possibilities with the existing adjacent amenities. 2. Tor provide a wide range or programming opportunities and leisure options for the community, regardless of age or ability. 3. A welcoming, safe, accessible, and exciting experience for all. 4. An operationally efficient, durable facility that is fiscally responsibly today but ready for the future.   The design concepts are available to view anytime by watching the YouTube video of the February 8th Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting. <https://youtu.be/k3zlFIJ-uuY>  *COVID-19 :* Restrictions have been eased by the province, as of March 1st:   * Indoor capacity limits have been lifted * Proof of vaccination no longer required   Face masks must still be worn indoors. There is the option for regional and local response to health indicators. | | | | |
| 1. **Cultural Moment**   o March 7th submitted by Penny (Spinning Wheels) Penny will send photos to EDO to accompany the reading of this Cultural Moment.  o March 21, Gail: Arthur 150th Anniversary of Incorporation. EDO may also prepare a report for this meeting to inform council of events planned.  o April 11th Volunteer Theme re Mayors Proclamation  o May 9th, Linda: online survey with quilt guild members – this will be about those results | | | | |
| 1. **Arthur 150th Anniversary of Incorporation** – EDO Dale and Member Gail   Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Barn Quilt has been completed  A picture containing text, sign, street, queen  Description automatically generated  The recreation team will be hanging the barn quilt this spring at the Arthur Arena. It will either be at the front entrance area or by the side doors closer to the pool and splash pad. Member Bonny suggested hanging this on the building high, out of reach of vandalism or accidental damage. EDO has asked Gail to prepare some literature to explain the elements of the design.  There is a Facebook page for this event, Arthur 150th Anniversary, to stay abreast of all the events and happenings, the committee is encouraged to “like” this page.  Member Bonny has literature, notes, and media, related to the 125th Homecoming for Arthur, that she will share with Lynn Rawlins, Faye Craig, and possibly Jeff McKee.  Wellington North & Arthur Village Message for 150th Book **:** Jeff McKee is preparing a Historical Book and has asked for a greeting from the Township, Mayor, and this Committee. Gail has offered to undertake this. Gail’s first draft of the Township of Wellington North message:  *Created as part of the Ontario government’s amalgamation of areas throughout the province in 1999, the Township of Wellington North brings together a group of unique communities with a combined population just under 13,000. Each strives to represent its concerns and to promote the whole Township’s success and the betterment of its citizens. Excellent businesses, schools, medical services, places of worship and recreational resources are the basis of a thriving, welcoming community.*  *In deciding where to locate the central offices that manage the township’s business, the council chose Kenilworth, as roughly equidistant from Arthur and Mount Forest, the two largest population centres. The other smaller communities as well have easy access for the business they must conduct with local government.*  *Each place, whether town, village, or hamlet has its own origin story. Arthur, for instance, received its name from the same source as the County: the name and title of Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington. Mount Forest was changed from Maitland Hills/Woods when its river was discovered to be part of the Saugeen system, not the Maitland. Damascus reflects some settlers’ desire to honor their faith. Others like Metz and Derrynane pay tribute to the pioneers’ home countries.*  *Whatever their origins, these communities have come together to make a successful whole. The township is particularly notable for its high number of volunteers, its support for creative businesses, and the preservation and sharing of its collective history. With their mayor and representatives on the Township council, the people of Wellington North have created a vibrant, caring, prosperous home for all our citizens amid a beautiful natural setting.*  Feedback is welcome. | | | | |
| 1. **Cultural Plan Update** – All   o Finalize workplan priorities (recap attached)  o Each member to identify 2 or 3 items of interest/willing to support  EDO - The committee was in sync with identifying top priorities. If there was an item that was not selected that a committee member would like to explore, that opportunity exists. Please let EDO know which goals you are willing to support in the creation of an action plan. This action plan will be shared at the next meeting.  Chair Jim would like to support Goal 4 and Goal 1, specifically #3.  Member Penny would also like to support Goal 1, #3 and Goal 2, #1.  Member Linda would like to support Goal 3 and the four Action identified here, #1,2,3 & 9  Others are asked to send their preferences to EDO as soon as possible to finalize the workplan. | | | | |
| **ROUNDTABLE** | | | | |
| EDO - March meeting will be in-person, with the easing of restrictions, this will be the meeting we should try to “bring a friend” as potential new members for this committee. We would offer a light lunch with a less formal meeting, a good opportunity to introduce new members  Chair Jim has suggested reaching out to local service groups, boards, and cultural organizations to ask for member nominations. Community Recreation Coordinator is a member of the Arthur Agricultural Society and shared with this committee at their January AGM the group discussed having Gerald Townsend joining this committee. He is currently considering joining. Member Bonny shared that Nick Hansen, also an Agricultural Society member, is considering joining. EDO will invite Nick to the next meeting. Chair Jim suggested keeping the noon hour meeting time and offering Zoom options for those who cannot join in-person for future meetings.  Senior of the Year award will be announced at the April 11th Council Meeting. At this meeting, the mayor will declare Volunteer Week the week of April 24th. A celebration will take place for our Wellington North volunteers on April 29th. There will also be a second volunteer celebration during Culture Days this fall.  March 8th is International Women’s Day. There is an event planned through the Township’s partnership with Saugeen Connects Economic Development. Guest speaker is Amanda Lynn Mayhew. This is a virtual event open to anyone. If you would like to register, email [saugeenconnects@sbdc.ca](mailto:saugeenconnects@sbdc.ca)  The Wellington North Farmer’s Market will reopen in the same location, same times, on June 25th. Applications have been sent out to all interested vendors thus far.  The Fireworks Festival, the third weekend in July, is moving forward this year and that committee has been encouraged to apply to this group for a grant to support cultural programming.  Metz Pumpkin Fest and the Historical Society may also want to submit grant applications to the Cultural Roundtable Committee.  Member Gail reminded the group that the Arthur & Area Historical Society have a Facebook page that has regular posts by Jeff McKee.  Member Bonny visited the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, where sculptures are installed along a trailway, and suggested to this group that this may be something that would be beneficial for our area. Considering reaching out to local artists to see if there is interest.  The Metz group has an Irish Music band that will begin to perform.  Bonny will approach the Arthur 150th committee with the Poppy Project idea to discuss options, then will explore pricing for the netting, look at locations for hanging, and investigate Wellington North Power lift truck assisting in the installation of the finished project.  Member Penny shared that the Louise Marshall Hospital Auxiliary is still interested in having a snack and beverage stall in the Farmer’s Market and hope to finalize this decision in March.  Member Linda suggested that Dot Cork be approached as a new member for this committee. Dot could represent the art community in our area. Paula Coffey, who organized Arthur’s mural project last year, was also suggested, or someone that Paula recommends.  Councillor Hern shared images of the Skate Park design.  Next meeting date is March 24th, 2022, as an in-person meeting at the Arthur Community Centre @ 12:00 noon with a lunch, light agenda, and discussion. Everyone please let Dale know if you are bringing others with you to the meeting. | | | | |
| **ADJOURNMENT** | | | | |
| Resolution: **CRT2022-005**  Moved: Member Bonny  Seconded: Member Gail  THAT the Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:13pm  **CARRIED** | | | | |