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**Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Meeting Agenda  
Thursday March 21st, Noon in Kenilworth**

**COMMITTEE:** Cliff Boicey, Doris Cassan, Faye Craig,  
Sue Doherty, Linda Hruska, Bonny McDougall,  
Tim McIntosh, Gerald Townsend, June Turner,  
Councillor Penny Renken.

**OTHERS:** Mathilda O'Donnell Tasha Grafos Mandy Jones  
Robyn Mulder Crystal Seifried Dale Small  
Mike Wilson

<p><b>Review and approval of agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda provided</li> </ul>	<p><b>Chair Bonny</b></p>
<p><b>Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting (pages 2 – 5)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes from February 15th meeting attached.</li> <li>• Minutes were accepted by council on March 11th.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Chair Bonny</b></p>
<p><b>Update on workplan items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workplan Item 1 Wellington North Farmers Market <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brief update</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Workplan Item 2 Cultural Grants &amp; Donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brief update</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Workplan Item 3 Cultural Moments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ March 11<sup>th</sup> Rae Luckock (page 6)</li> <li>○ March 25<sup>th</sup> Art Contest, 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary (page 7)</li> <li>○ April 8<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of amalgamation (page 8)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Workplan Item 4 Simply Explore Culture website. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nothing to report</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Workplan Item 5 Wellington North Culture Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Amalgamation Art Contest &amp; Celebration</li> <li>○ Artisan Showcase, location and date?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Workplan Item 6 Minto, Hanover, WN Cultural Roundtable partnership</li> </ul>	<p><b>Robyn &amp; Mike &amp; Tasha</b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Partnership on a Tourism Growth Program Grant Application to support Culture Days/Culture Bus, Driftscape application, and ON Culture Guide, etc was submitted</li> <li>○ Next Joint Meeting Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> (10:00am – 2:00pm) in Hanover to include DEI Training, Culture Days Planning, etc.</li> <li>● Other items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Heritage designations and heritage discussion</li> <li>○ Barn Quilt - plaques</li> <li>○ Mount Forest Cemetery</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Councillor Renken Doris Mandy</b>
<p><b>Roundtable items &amp; Upcoming events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Items of interest to be raised by committee members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ March Culture Page ad attached. (page 9)</li> <li>○ March 31<sup>st</sup> Grants and Donations Applications due.</li> <li>○ April 3<sup>rd</sup> Designing a Feel-Good Business, Bruud Coffee Bar, Chesley.</li> <li>○ April 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> is National Volunteer Week and April 18<sup>th</sup> is our next Volunteer Celebration &amp; Newcomer Welcome in Arthur from 4:30pm – 7:00pm.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>All</b>
<p><b>Date of Next Meetings and adjournment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No April meeting however everyone is encouraged to register and attend the April 18<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Celebration &amp; Newcomer Welcome</li> <li>○ May meeting will be a joint meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup> in Hanover.</li> </ul>	<b>Chair Bonny</b>

**WELLINGTON NORTH CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, IN KENILWORTH**

**Members Present:** Chair Bonny McDougall, Doris Cassan, Faye Craig,  
Sue Doherty, Councillor Penny Renken.

**Members Absent:** Cliff Boicey, Linda Hruska Tim McIntosh,  
Gerald Townsend, June Turner,

**Staff & Guests:** Tasha Grafos Mandy Jones Robyn Mulder  
Crystal Seifried Dale Small Mike Wilson

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA & MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 12:01pm by Chair Bonny. Moved by Faye and seconded by Doris that the agenda for the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

Moved by Doris and seconded by Penny that the minutes of the November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEAM MEMBERS**

Robyn Mulder was introduced to the team. Robyn is the new Economic Development Officer replacing Dale, who is retiring later this spring. Moving forward Robyn will be the primary contact for the Cultural Roundtable.

Mike Wilson was introduced to the team. Mike is the new Community Development Coordinator and will also provide some support to the Cultural Roundtable with communications, Cultural Moments, etc.

Mandy Jones was introduced to the team. Mandy is the Community & Economic Development Manager for the Township.

Roundtable introductions were then completed.

## PRESENTATION

Mandy then provided the Cultural Roundtable with a presentation on the Wellington North Strategic Plan. Copies of the Strategic Plan were provided to all committee members.

An update was also provided on the 2023 Year In Review and a draft copy of the final report was also shared with the committee.

## UPDATE ON WORKPLAN ITEMS

Workplan Item 1 **Wellington North Farmers Market**. Robyn provided an update on the report that went to council on February 12<sup>th</sup>. This year the market will open for the 11<sup>th</sup> year on June 15<sup>th</sup> and close on September 28<sup>th</sup>. Consistent with previous years, expense is mostly offset by revenues generated from vendor fees, grants, and the sale of Market Boxes. Market location & vendors fee will stay the same. Our intent is to hire a Summer Student, like past years, to be the Market Manager. We hope to have Entertainment at least once a month and our intent is to work towards establishing a market in Arthur in the near future.

Workplan Item 2 **Cultural Funding & Grants Program**: Two applications were approved in 2023. \$500 to the Arthur Barn Quilt Trail Project and \$1,000 to the Mount Forest Fireworks Festival. The Cultural Roundtable also advocated for \$10,000 in funds for The Lynes Blacksmith Shop which was granted out of the BR+E Implementation Fund. \$2,000 has been budgeted for 2024 and no applications have been received to date. Roundtable members were asked to reach-out to their networks to encourage applications.

Workplan Item 3 **Cultural Moments**: Copies of the January 15<sup>th</sup> Cultural Moment celebrating Olive (Palmer) Diefenbacher and the February 12<sup>th</sup> Cultural Moment celebrating Black History Month were shared with the roundtable. Currently we do not have Cultural Moments for March and April.

Workplan Item 4 **Simply explore culture website & domain renewals**: The annual domain renewal and website hosting fees, in the amount of \$900 have been paid for 2024. A recommendation will be coming to a future Cultural Roundtable Meeting recommending we eliminate this site and start over.

Workplan Item 5 **Wellington North Culture Days**: We continue to grow this program and in 2024 Culture Days will launch with the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of amalgamation Art Contest & celebration. The Volunteer Celebration & Newcomer welcome is scheduled for Sept 12<sup>th</sup> and along with the Metz Pumpkinfest, Lynes Blacksmith Shop, and our second annual Artisan Showcase we look forward to another successful Culture Days.

Doris and Tasha also gave an update on the Art Contest that recently launched. They have been interviewed by the Wellington Advertiser and submissions are now being received. Roundtable members should reach out to their networks to encourage participation. Dale was also asked to reach out to Cliff Smith and to encourage Cliff to submit a piece of art. (Cliff was subsequently contacted on February 20<sup>th</sup>) Our intent is to showcase some of the submissions at the April 18<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Celebration & Newcomer Welcome.

**TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH**  
**25TH ANNIVERSARY**  
**AMALGAMATION**  
**ART CONTEST**

Showcase your talent and submit your art work or idea for an opportunity to have your artwork displayed on a Township building!

Submissions due by April 12, 2024

Win \$1000

Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

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Workplan Item 6 **Minto, Hanover, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Partnership.** Wellington North is taking the lead on a Tourism Growth Program Grant application to support Culture Days/Culture Bus, Driftscape application, DEI Training and ON Culture Guide. The next joint meeting with our partners is scheduled for Friday May 31<sup>st</sup> 10:00am – 2:00pm in Hanover. Details to follow.

## ROUNDTABLE ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISCUSSION

Councillor Renken discussed Heritage Designations and identifying properties with Historical significance and will bring a recommendation to the next committee meeting.

Faye mentioned about a trip to the Canadian War Museum and is working on getting Canada’s Most Patriotic Village more recognized at this location.

Doris is working on a Wellington North wide garage sale to take place on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Bonny mentioned that Jeff McKee is taking over the BizBull.

Dale brought the Roundtables attention to the following upcoming events:

- February 17<sup>th</sup> MF BIA Family Funfest Downtown Mount Forest.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> International Women’s Day Event at the Neustadt Arena. Guest Speaker Alicia Gibbons entrepreneur, trainer and speaker brings a wealth of knowledge and information on mental health and wellness training.
- March 29<sup>th</sup> Grants and Donations Applications due.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> is National Volunteer Week and April 18<sup>th</sup> is our next Volunteer Celebration & Newcomer Welcome in Arthur from 4:30pm – 7:00pm.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS & ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be held on Thursday March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, at noon in Kenilworth.

There will be no April meeting, as everyone is encouraged to register and attend the Volunteer Celebration & Newcomer Welcome in Arthur on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

May will be a joint meeting with Minto & Hanover, in Hanover, on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00pm.

Moved by Faye that the Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be adjourned at 1:35 PM **CARRIED**



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**CULTURAL MOMENT FOR MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, IN RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, CELEBRATES RAE LUCKOCK**

Born in 1893 as Margarett Rae Morrison to James Morrison and Margaret Blyth, Rae Luckock grew up on a farm 2 kilometres south of Arthur, until moving to Toronto in the 1920s.



In 1943, she was elected alongside Agnes Macphail (the first woman elected to the federal House of Commons) as the first women elected to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario (Queen's Park), both as members of the Ontario Co-operative Commonwealth Federation – a pre-cursor to the New Democratic Party of Ontario.

Rae followed in the political footsteps her father J.J. Morrison, who in 1914 helped found the United Farmers of Ontario (UFO). More information on Morrison can be found on a plaque beside the old County Registry Office (present-day Hunter Tax Management Ltd.) in Arthur.



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While in the Legislature, Mrs. Luckock served as her party's Education Critic promoted the idea of free university tuition and improved rural education. She

and

campaigned for the equality of women by advocating equal pay for equal work and pay for homemakers and raised environmental issues such as deforestation during House debates.

Luckock was also co-founder of the Housewives Consumers Association (HCA), which pushed for affordable food, such as milk, as prices rose. In 1948, Luckock led a 500-strong HCA delegation to Ottawa to deliver a petition with over 700,000 signatures to Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King demanding rollbacks of food prices. The campaign resulted in the federal government acting against milling and baking companies for artificially fixing the price of bread.

After leaving provincial politics, Luckock became president of the peace organization Congress of Canadian Women and travelled around the globe working toward world disarmament. Sadly, in the 1950s, Luckock developed Parkinson's Disease and spent the last years of her life in hospital, passing away in 1972. She is buried in Greenfield Cemetery outside of Arthur.

In his book "After You Agnes – Mrs. Rae Luckock MPP," author Michael Dawber notes that the "name of Rae Luckock is virtually unknown, but as a tireless defender of women and a singular figure in Ontario History, she deserves better."

Submitted by Tim McIntosh, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable



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CULTURAL MOMENT FOR MARCH 25, 2024

### ART CONTEST CELEBRATING WELLINGTON NORTH'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

This year, 2024, is the 25th anniversary of the Township of Wellington North!

In 1999, the Town of Mount Forest, the Village of Arthur, the Township of West Luther, the Township of Arthur, and selected outlying regions in the townships of Peel and West Garafraxa came together to form the Township of Wellington North.

A vibrant purple poster for the 'Township of Wellington North 25th Anniversary Amalgamation Art Contest'. The poster features several paintbrush strokes in blue, red, green, and yellow. The text on the poster includes: 'TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH 25TH ANNIVERSARY AMALGAMATION ART CONTEST', 'Showcase your talent and submit your art work or idea for an opportunity to have your artwork displayed on a Township building!', 'Submissions due by April 12, 2024', 'Win \$1000' with a trophy icon, and 'For full contest guidelines visit wellington-north.com'. Logos for 'THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH' and 'Wellington North Cultural Roundtable' are also present.

As part of the celebration of this milestone, earlier this year the Township announced a contest that could result in up to three pieces of flat art to be installed outdoors in three key places: the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex, the Municipal Office in Kenilworth, and Arthur & Area Community Centre.

The judging process will involve both members of the Council and the Cultural Roundtable, an advisory committee to the Council. Each winning artist will be awarded \$1,000, with the announcement of the winners scheduled for later in the year. Once installed, these pieces will be visible to numerous individuals on a daily basis.

For complete rules, please visit [www.wellington-north.com](http://www.wellington-north.com). If you wish to participate, kindly submit your idea or draft prototype for the artwork installation to [volunteer@wellington-north.com](mailto:volunteer@wellington-north.com) by April 12. It's

important to note that the artwork doesn't have to be completed by this date. Concepts will be transferred onto flat material suitable for mounting in the specified locations. Any inquiries can be directed to Tasha Grafos at the Township via [tgrafos@wellington-north.com](mailto:tgrafos@wellington-north.com).

Celebration in art form is a lasting statement of our community spirit. We welcome these expressions of how great it is to live in Wellington North!

Submitted by Doris Cassan, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable



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CULTURAL MOMENT FOR APRIL 8, 2024

CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMALGAMATION

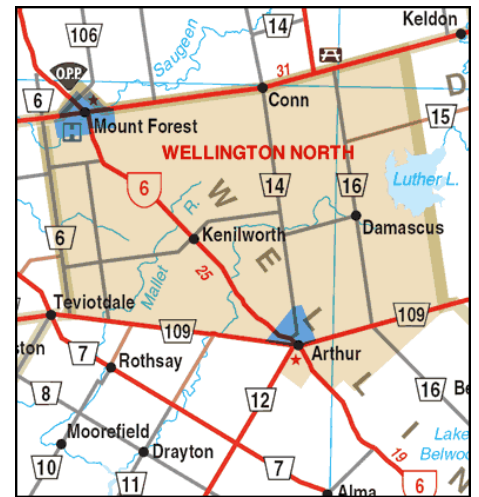


This year, 2024, marks the 25th anniversary of the amalgamation that resulted in the Township of Wellington North.

Celebrations are planned and an art contest has been announced (more on that later!). "Stronger Together Since 1999" is the 25th anniversary slogan.

Our new home here in Wellington North, to quote the

Township of Wellington North's website, "was created in 1999 from the of Mount Forest, the Village of Arthur, the Townships of West Luther and Arthur, as well some of the outlying areas in the Townships of Peel and Garafraxa. Stretching over 526 square kilometres, it is now home to over 12,500 people. Wellington North is expected to grow to approximately 20,500 people by 2051 (an increase of more than 64 per cent)."



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An amalgamation means one governing and one budget instead of many smaller. It means a stronger voice and a more powerful financial position. It means a diversity of backgrounds and skills and knowledge with which we can go "Semper Porro" – Latin for "Always Forward" – which municipal motto.



Wellington North's strengths include our strong agricultural base. We can enjoy food straight from the source in many cases. We are close enough to the services we need but far away enough to escape the noise and light pollution. We can choose to live within walking distance of conveniences or in a place where we can walk for hours without meeting anyone.

This year, join together to celebrate our home. As you reflect upon this municipality that has now been amalgamated for 25 years, you may have an idea for the art contest. Three pieces will be chosen for display in Mount Forest, Kenilworth, and Arthur to illustrate our commitment to community. See full details of the contest at [wellington-north.com](http://wellington-north.com).

Submitted by Doris Cassan, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable





# Northern Wellington Culture, Arts and Heritage



Our Northern Wellington partnership is working together to preserve, promote and develop our unique cultural resources to support a vibrant inclusive community and a prosperous economy.



**Wellington North Farmers' Market**  
SATURDAYS | 8:30 am - noon  
June 15 - September 28  
320 King St. Mount Forest  
rmulder@wellington-north.com

**Mapleton Market**  
DATES TO BE DETERMINED  
Drayton Fairgrounds  
agrose@mapleton.ca

**Minto Farmers' Market**  
SATURDAYS | 9:00 am - noon  
June 1 - September 28  
Palmerston Railway Museum  
erin@town.minto.on.ca

**VENDORS WANTED**

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

NETWORK AND CELEBRATE THE STRENGTH, RESILIENCE, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF WOMEN IN BUSINESS.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6TH 2024  
NEUSTADT COMMUNITY HALL  
6:00PM - 9:00PM

**\$25 TICKETS**

- FULL COURSE DINNER INCLUDED
- LICENSED EVENT GARD BAR

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
ALICIA GIBSON  
THE SPACE BETWEEN WITH ALICIA

**SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY**  
LISA NEEDEN

**PANELISTS**

- RUTH LINNEN  
SERVICES PROFESSIONAL, INTERNATIONAL LEADER
- MANISHA SHARMA  
THE BRIDGE
- HEATHER STARK  
WELDON WINE
- MARCY DALGARDO  
THE FULL TIME MOMMY ENTREPRENEUR
- MELANIE NEEDHAM  
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION LEADER

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

TICKETS - IWDE.EVENTBRITE.CA

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## GET OUTSIDE AND EXPLORE

### LIFE OUTDOORS SHOW

May 4 & 5, 2024  
CLIFFORD ARENA

Admission by donation to the Clifford Rotary Club

**MAY 4 & 5** Clifford Arena

Your Favourite Outdoor Brands  
Fishing and Hunting Gear and Demos  
Camping Equipment and Demos  
Homesteading Tools and Experts  
Cottage Life Decor and Building

[www.lifeoutdoorsshow.com](http://www.lifeoutdoorsshow.com)

Vendors Prizes Demos

Minto, Clifford Country Store logos.

JOIN US IN THE TOWN OF MINTO FOR THE 2024 SPARC SYMPOSIUM!

## RE-IGNITING THE SPARK!

THURSDAY MAY 23 2024 | 7:00 PM  
to  
SUNDAY MAY 26 2024 | 12:00 PM

Palmerston & District Community Centre Complex  
520 CAVAN ST. PALMERSTON

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The only gathering of its kind in Canada, SPARC's Symposium connects rural and remote creatives, artists, presenters and community animators so that we can focus on the unique successes and challenges of creating and presenting in our communities.

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