



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

CULTURAL MOMENT FOR OCTOBER 11TH CELEBRATES THE MOUNT FOREST CEMETERY

The Mount Forest Cemetery was established in 1816. The cemetery is approximately fifteen acres in size and although it is located in Southgate, the cemetery is owned and administered by the Township of Wellington North. In 1872 a formal master plan was developed that established sections that were named for the convenience of physically locating graves.

On average there are about 45 to 50 burials each year. In 1907, there were 111 burials with fifty alone in November of that year. An iron fence along the front was erected in 1937. This was followed by the main entrance gate in 1958 as pictured. The pillars and sign feature we see today were donated by the McHellar family in memory of Mr. Neil McHellar.



The Mortuary/Chapel was built in 1947 and was dedicated on July 6th at the time of the Old Boys Reunion. Over 7,000 plots or niches have been sold since the cemetery was first established and the Mount Forest Cemetery has been included on the Cultural Roundtable's list of historic sites and places. The Cultural Roundtable also worked with the Township on improving public access to historic burial records and currently over 7,700 records can be found on <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2151397/mount-forest-cemetery>.

In 2021 Summer Student Morgan conducted walking tours of the Cemetery during Wellington North Culture Days and in 2022 we are fortunate to have her back once again. Tours will be held on October 29th and Nov 5th and will run from 1:00-2:00pm and 3:00-4:00pm. Reservations can be made by contacting Brianna at the Township office.



Submitted by the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable