



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 @ 12:00 PM
WELLINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY ARTHUR BRANCH, ARTHUR**

Committee Members Present:

- Bonny McDougall, Chair
- Doris Cassan, Member
- Faye Craig, Member
- Trina Reid, Member
- Tim McIntosh, Member (left meeting at 12:47 p.m., rejoined virtually at 12:58 p.m.)
- Penny Renken, Councillor

Regrets:

- Linda Hruska, Member

Staff Members Present:

- Mandy Jones, Manager of Community and Economic Development
- Mike Wilson, Community Development Coordinator
- Robyn Mulder, Economic Development Officer
- Karren Wallace, Clerk (left meeting at 12:47PM)
- Darren Jones, Chief Building Official (left meeting at 12:47PM)

Guests:

- Mathilda O'Donnell joined the meeting at 12:14 p.m. virtually, left at 12:35 p.m.

Calling to Order

Chair McDougall called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Councillor Renken
Seconded by Member Craig

THAT the agenda for the October 17, 2024, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

**Minutes of Previous Meeting – August 15, 2024
(approved by Council on August 26, 2024)**

Moved by Councillor Renken
Seconded by Member Cassan

THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee receive for information the minutes of the August 15, 2024 Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

Historical/Heritage Recognition Discussion

Councillor Renken would like to see municipal and non-municipally owned buildings on the list.

Currently there are three properties in Wellington North that have been designated as heritage properties, including:

- 102 Main Street South, formerly the Town Hall/Post Office (municipally owned);
- 118 Main Street North known as the Carnegie Library (County of Wellington); and
- 181 Tucker Street, known as the Methodist Church parsonage (private residence).

In addition, Report CLK 2023-040 Heritage Designation that was received for information at the December 11, 2023 Council meeting contained the following recommendation:

If Council is interested in implementing a Heritage Designation procedure and associated by-law staff have the following recommendations that:

1. The heritage designation only be applicable to buildings owned by the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North and that staff proceed with designation of the Lynes Blacksmith Shop.
2. Council does not delegate this authority to staff or an appointed Heritage Committee but retain this authority themselves.
3. if Council wishes to explore designation on any other facilities that Council approve a 6-month contract position to develop the procedure, research and evaluate specific municipally owned buildings and provide recommendations to Council.

Clerk Wallace advised a by-law would be needed for every property that is to be listed with a Heritage Designation. Additionally, in-depth research would be required as well as a conversation with the property owner. A budget would need to be established as there would be fees pertaining to each property, such as \$100 per property to conduct research, \$60 to register the designation on title. A lawyer would be required to register the by-laws on title.

CBO Jones advised Report CLK 2023-040 Heritage Designation was previously brought to Council in December 2023, was received by Council for information but the staff recommendation was not approved. CBO Jones also made mention that the Heritage Property Act has become stricter on guidelines for municipalities.

Member Reid commented that there are historical type plaques on buildings in Mount Forest that looks like a project of the Mount Forest Museum and Archives.

Deputation

None

Business Arising

TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW

Moved by Member Cassan
Seconded by Councillor Renken

THAT the Cultural Roundtable recommend to Council that the functions of a Cultural and Heritage Committee be added to the Terms of Reference of the Cultural Roundtable.

CARRIED

It was discussed that if Council approves the addition of functions of heritage to the Terms of Reference, a heritage subgroup will need to be created to investigate this project further.

The Committee requested the Community Development Coordinator circulate the Historically significant building document of Arthur, Kenilworth and Mount Forest via Google Drive. In addition, staff were directed to add a new column for comments.

Update on Workplan Items

Workplan Item 1: Wellington North Farmers' Market

The Wellington North Farmers' Market season has ended. However, two special Holiday Boxes are currently being curated by the County of Wellington. The first, titled "Home for the Holidays," will feature a selection of seasonal treats and items, while the second, "Holiday Treats," will be filled with popular holiday goodies. Staff has reached out to a select group of Farmers' Market vendors whose products align with the themes and have a long shelf life.

These Holiday Boxes will be available for purchase online starting November 1, with sales running until December 1. Each box will be priced between \$90 and \$100 and can be picked up at one of three locations: the Wellington County Museum and Archives in Aboyne, Guelph, or Minto.

Looking ahead to 2025, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health has advised that stricter guidelines will be implemented for Farmers' Markets. Committee members are encouraged to share contact information for local producers with EDO Mulder to help expand the list of vendors for the 2025 season.

ACTION: EDO Mulder will send out the current "Producer" list to members.

Workplan Item 2: Cultural Grants and Donations

Committee was advised that all monies have been dispersed for 2024. The proposed 2025 operating budget includes \$2,000 for the cultural roundtable fund. Staff reminded the

committee that applications are accepted on an ongoing basis, until funds are fully dispersed for the year, noting that some committee will review some in early 2025.

Workplan Item 3: Cultural Moments

- August 26 – Jack Benham
- September 9 – Saturday Nights on Main Street
- September 23 – Wellington North Cultural Roundtable
- October 7 – Charles Rankin

Staff shared that the Cultural Moments are being well received online. There have been 14 videos created and shared on social media to-date, averaging 731 views across the Township's social media platforms. The Lynes Blacksmith Shop video has been the most viewed to date, with 1,631 views. All committee members agreed that this was impressive.

Additional discussions were held on new topics for Cultural Moments, which included:

- Due Oct. 25 | Meeting Nov. 4: Captain Frederick Campbell – Councillor Renken.
- Due Nov. 8 | Meeting Nov. 18: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church – Member McIntosh
- Due Nov. 22 | Meeting Dec. 2: "Toad" Reeves – Member Reid
- Due Dec. 6 | Meeting Dec. 16: Tornadoes in Arthur – Chair McDougall
- Due Jan. 3 | Meeting Jan. 13: Duke of Wellington – Member Cassan

Workplan Item 5: Wellington North Culture Days

Metz Pumpkinfest: Saturday, September 28

Chair McDougall shared with the committee the event saw the largest pumpkin ever at 619 pounds. There were approximately 250 attendees, and it was a fantastic day.

Mount Forest Museum and Archives: Saturday, October 5

Culture Days Open House and BBQ was well attended.

Artisan Showcase: Saturday, October 12

Councillor Renken recommended that we not host the event on Thanksgiving weekend moving forward. Due to illness, some vendors were unable to attend. The vendors that were in attendance showcased their talents. Committee agreed to move forward with the name "Artisan Showcase". Councillor Renken and Member Reid were congratulated for their hard work and dedication in pulling together this successful event.

Workplan Item 6: Minto, Hanover, WN Cultural Roundtable partnership

Staff provided an update on the four key initiatives included in the Tourism Growth Grant. The municipalities of Minto, Hanover, and Wellington North were awarded \$35,000 earlier this year.

ON Culture Guide – ["The Saugeen Region: Hanover, Minto, Wellington North"](#) is now live on the ON Culture Guide website. The committee took a quick look at the pages online and liked what they saw. Staff are collaborating with Ontario Culture to create a print guide that showcases the rich stories and diverse experiences our communities offer. This initiative will enhance the promotion of the Saugeen region as a cultural tourism destination, with the added benefit of increasing visitor traffic to neighbouring communities.

Saugeen Culture Bus Tours, October 26 – Three buses will transport attendees through communities in Wellington North, Minto and Hanover, stopping at several culturally significant stops and hidden gems. Stops will include a distillery, museum, theatre performance, historical cemetery tour and much more. All attendees will receive a bagged lunch, snacks, treats and gifts from local businesses. This special event is a part of the Ontario Culture Days experience in the Saugeen and Northern Wellington area.

Driftscape App: No updates.

This award-winning mobile and web app will allow our small rural communities to share their sites and stories with visitors in an engaging and interactive manner.

2025 Cultural Symposium: No updates.

Other Items

Member Recruitment:

Staff advised that the committee appointment by-laws need to be reviewed to accurately reflect the membership. Committee is asked to bring forward the names of new members to the next meeting. Councillor Renken has approached Carol Vair. Member McIntosh has approached Mathilda O'Donnell.

Lynes Blacksmith Shop:

Progress on the new roof is coming along, with all committee members agreeing that it looks great thus far.

Items for Consideration

Wellington Advertiser Cultural Ads

The committee reviewed the August and September Cultural ads.

Upcoming Events

Saugeen Culture Bus Tours – see notes above under “Workplan Item 6”

October 26, 2024, 10:00am – 4:00pm

\$25.00 p/p (\$150 value)

Tours in Minto, Hanover and Wellington North.

Mayor's Charity Bonspiel

November 21, 2024

To register email mwilson@wellington-north.com

Staff expressed the need for more teams, currently half full. \$300 per team, which includes two games, a catered lunch and prize. The silent auction has some great prizes donated so far. All sponsorship levels are full.

Roundtable

Staff shared that Amir Specialty Poultry hosted a Groundbreaking Ceremony on October 10, and that approximately 100 people attended, just west of Arthur. The company is expanding

from 15,000 to a 80,000 square foot facility. Councillor Renken added it's a family owned three generation company.

Member Reid updated the committee on the Outdoor Art Gallery in Mount Forest. The gallery will have 24-hour lighting, and she will let everyone know when a proper opening will be happening.

Member McIntosh was delighted with the upcoming 150th anniversary celebrations of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Arthur on Sunday, October 27.

Councillor Renken let the committee know of the upcoming Hospital Auxiliary Silent Auction coming up on November 16 at the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex.

Member Craig reminded everyone of the Arthur Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting and Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, October 23 at the Arthur Community Centre. Member Craig also mentioned the veteran banners will be going up soon in downtown Arthur.

Staff updated committee members on the Northern Wellington Employer Resource Speed Networking Event coming up on October 22 at the Arthur Community Centre.

Chair McDougall wanted to share with the committee how great the community garden is in Mount Forest; it is managed by Elsa Mann through the Mount Forest Family Health Team. The Arthur Community Garden is ran by Musashi Autoparts and is located on their property. Chair McDougall expressed an interest in exploring workshops to teach men and women in their 20's and 30's the art of canning and preserving.

ACTION: Chair McDougall will look at what resources are available to host a canning/preserving workshop.

Date of next meeting and adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 14 at Council Chambers in Kenilworth

Moved by Member Cassan
Seconded by Member McIntosh

THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting of October 17, 2024, be adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

CARRIED