



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



Our Cultural Moment this month celebrates The Mount Forest Cemetery

The Mount Forest Cemetery was established in 1816. The cemetery is approximately 15 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 50 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 above. The pillars and sign feature we see today was 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 and for the past two years the Chapel has been a stop on Doors Open Wellington North. 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.

Presently the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable is working with the Township on improving public access to historic burial records. This will result in an on-line archive which will include a detailed location of the grave site, picture of the tombstone and where possible a copy of the obituary or other personal information recorded by the family.