



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 20 @ 12:00 PM
VIRTUAL**

Committee Members Present:

- Doris Cassan, Acting Chair
- Linda Hruska, Member
- Trina Reid, Member
- Penny Renken, Member, Councillor
- Tim McIntosh, Member (joined at 12:13 p.m.)

Regrets:

- Bonny McDougall, Member
- Carol Vair, Member
- Faye Craig, Member

Staff Members Present:

- Robyn Mulder, Economic Development Officer
- Mike Wilson, Community Development Coordinator

Calling to Order
Chair Cassan called the meeting to order at 12:14 p.m.
Adoption of Agenda
Moved by Member McIntosh Seconded by Member Hruska THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable add "Meeting Frequency and Timing" to the March 20, 2025 meeting agenda under "Other Items"; AND THAT the agenda for the March 20, 2025, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be accepted and passed. CARRIED
Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
None

Minutes of Previous Meeting – February 20, 2025 (approved by Council on March 10, 2025)
<p>Moved by Member McIntosh Seconded by Member Hruska</p> <p>THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee receive for information the minutes of the February 20, 2025, Committee Meeting.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
Deputation
None
Business Arising
None
Update on Workplan Items
<p>Workplan Item 1: Wellington North Farmers' Market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications are open and starting to come in • Looking for vendors, predominately farmers and producers
<p>Workplan Item 2: Cultural Grants and Donations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Updates
<p>Workplan Item 3: Cultural Moments</p> <p>Staff provided an overview of the Cultural Moments presented to Council since the last Cultural Roundtable meeting, noting they are well received by Council, as well as on social media. The three Cultural Moment videos for 2025 average 673 views:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 24 – J.J. Morrison • March 10 – J.P. Bickell • Upcoming Moments • Mach 24 – Seniors' Centre for Excellence • April 14 – Mennonite Culture <p>The committee discussed other possibilities for future moments including the Arthur Creamery, Arthur Enterprise News, Mount Forest Confederate, The Wellington Advertiser, Exotic Animals of Wellington North, Epoch's Garage and the former Kenilworth Post Office.</p> <p>Staff will look into reading moments on air at 88.7 The River and also printing copies for seniors.</p>
<p>Workplan Item 5: Wellington North Culture Days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates

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

Tourism Growth Program

Driftscape

- No updates

May 30 Symposium

- The invitation will be finalized shortly and sent to Committee Members.

Other Items

Strathcona Long Term Care and local art exhibit

- No update.

Meeting Frequency and Timing of Committee Meetings

The committee discussed whether the frequency of the meetings could possibly be extended to every two months, with the next meeting being May 15, 2025. The committee decided to keep the time of day of the meetings the same for now and continue to offer hybrid attendance options for anyone that is unable to attend in person.

Moved by Member McIntosh

Seconded by Councilor Renken

THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable meets every two month, beginning May 15, 2025;

AND THAT the time of the meetings will continue to be 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CARRIED

Items for Consideration

Wellington Advertiser Cultural Ads

The committee reviewed the February 2025 cultural advertisement page in the Wellington Advertiser.

Upcoming Events

International Women's Day

March 5, 2025, The Neustadt Community Hall

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Advancement of Women (AWE) initiatives

Webinars start March 12, 2025. 15 women have applied, currently 9 approved.

Volunteer Celebration and Newcomer Welcome Event

May 1, 2025
Arthur Arena Lower Hall
Cultural Roundtable Symposium
May 30, 2025
Hosted by the Town of Minto

- No updates

Roundtable (verbal)

Councilor Renken – Will contact staff to organize a meeting with Kate Rowley from the Mount Forest Museum and Archives.
Member Hruska – nothing to add.
Member McIntosh – Noted that he has a mutual friend who knows members of the Rae family, and asked if staff would like to connect with them about the future Rae Luckock plaque being installed in Arthur. Staff suggested Member McIntosh connect with Clerk Karren Wallace.
Member Reid – May 4, 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Kenilworth Country Pantry Open House – John Rae's cookbook will be available for purchase as well. May 31, Chili Dinner fundraiser at the Mount Forest Legion.
Chair Cassan – nothing to add

Date of next meeting and adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2025 (Arthur and Area Community Centre, Upper Hall)

Moved by Member McIntosh
Seconded by Member Hruska

THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting of March 20, 2025, be adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

CARRIED