



Wellington North
**Cultural
Roundtable**

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

CULTURAL MOMENT FOR OCTOBER 20, 2025 CELEBRATES DANIEL JOSEPH DRISCOLL



*Joseph Driscoll's portrait
from serving as Alderman of
Edmonton City Council.*

For a small village, Arthur has produced its fair share of notable people who have spent their early years in the village and moved to larger centres to share their skills with the world.

One such resident is Daniel Joseph Driscoll.

Born on June 11, 1876, Daniel Joseph Driscoll was the fourth of nine children raised by Daniel Driscoll and Bridget Roach. He received his early education in Arthur and began his career as clerk of the Division Court, later serving as Arthur's town clerk and agent for the Dominion Express Company.

On August 11, 1908, in Edmonton, Alberta, Driscoll married Emma Johnson. Together, they raised eight children, building a family alongside his growing public career.

Driscoll's move west in March 1906 marked the beginning of a long and active life in Edmonton. He was appointed clerk of the District Court, and in 1912, he won a seat on Edmonton City Council. Though unsuccessful in his re-election bids in 1914 and 1915, he remained committed to public service. In 1918, he was elected to the Edmonton Separate School Board, serving a two-year term as Chairman.

His civic involvement extended beyond politics. Driscoll served on the Edmonton Exhibition Association Board, was appointed Dominion Census Administrator for Edmonton West in 1941, and held the role of President of the Edmonton Liberal Association.

Driscoll also left a lasting mark on Edmonton's sports scene. He founded the Joe Driscoll Sporting Goods Company and was active in amateur hockey, serving as President of the Alberta branch of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. He also led the Edmonton Eskimos football team (now the Edmonton Elks) as President, notably during their first Grey Cup appearance in 1921.

Daniel Joseph Driscoll passed away on January 2, 1942, in Edmonton at the age of 65. Though his life was relatively brief, his legacy in civic leadership, sports, and family life continues to resonate. His story is a testament to how far one can go, starting from the humble village of Arthur.

Submitted by the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable