THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025 @ 12:00 NOON UPPER HALL, ARTHUR AND AREA COMMUNITY CENTRE

TIME	SUBJECT	PAGE	LEAD	ACTION	
12:01pm	Calling to Order		Chair		
	Adoption of Agenda				
	Recommendation: THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable approves the agenda for the November 13, 2025, meeting as presented.		Chair	Resolution	
	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest				
			Chair		
12:05pm	Minutes of Previous Meeting – October 16, 2025 (approved by Council on November 3, 2025)				
	Recommendation: THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee receives for information the minutes of the October 16, 2025, Committee Meeting.	001	Chair	Resolution	
	Deputation				
	None		Chair		
	Business Arising				
	None		Staff		
12:10	New Business				
	Virtual Art Display		Member Cassan		
12:20	"What Lies Beneath" Subcommittee Update	1			
	Update on the activities of the "What Lies Beneath" Arthur downtown subcommittee.	006	Chair McDougall, Members Cassan and Craig		
12:30	Update on Workplan Items				
	Workplan Item 1: Wellington North Farmers' Market Verbal Update of Holiday boxes		EDO		
	Workplan Item 2: Cultural Grants and Donations - Review of Criteria for Requests for Cultural Events Sponsorship and Grants - Verbal update on 2025 Sponsorship and Grants Program	013	CDC/EDO		

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	Workplan Item 3: Cultural Moments - November 3: Wellington North Women Who Served	014	CDC	
	- November 17: Lieutenant Samuel Lewis Honey	016		
	Workplan Item 5: Wellington North Culture Days - Verbal report recapping 2025 Culture Days and the Saugeen Culture Bus Tour		EDO	
	Workplan Item 6: Tourism Growth Grant – Partnership - No Update			
1:00pm	Items for Consideration			
	Wellington Advertiser Culture Ads - October	018		
1:05pm	Other Items			
	Meeting dates for 2026 – As per Terms of Reference February, April, June, July, September and November. Committee to discuss specific dates.			
1:10pm	Upcoming Events			
1:15pm	Roundtable			
			All	
	Date of next meeting and adjournment			
	Next meeting date:			
	Recommendation: THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting of November 13, 2025, be adjourned at p.m.		Chair	Resolution



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 @ 12:00 PM MOUNT FOREST & DISTRICT SPORTS COMPLEX, MEETING ROOM

Committee Members Present:

- Bonny McDougall, Chair
- Doris Cassan, Member
- Penny Renken, Councillor (left at 1:29 p.m.)
- Tim McIntosh, Member (left at 12:26 p.m.)
- Carol Vair, Member
- Faye Craig, Member

Regrets:

• Trina Reid, Member

Staff Members Present:

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

Calling to Order

Chair McDougall called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Member Renken Seconded by Member Cassan

THAT the agenda for the October 16, 2025, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

Minutes of Previous Meeting – August 14, 2025

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting held on August 14, 2025. These minutes were accepted at the September 8, 2025 Wellington North Council Meeting.

Moved by Member Cassan

Seconded by Member Vair

THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee receive for information the minutes of the August 14, 2025, Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

Deputation

None

Business Arising

None

New Business

None

Heritage Discussion

Moved by Member Cassan Seconded by Member Craig

THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee receives for information the verbal report on the Heritage Discussion from the September 8, 2025 Wellington North Council Meeting.

CARRIED

A staff report was presented to council regarding historically significant buildings within the community.

Council directed staff to consult with the Arthur BIA and Mount Forest BIA, as well as the Cultural Roundtable. Early feedback from that consultation has indicated that both BIAs acknowledge the importance of historically significant buildings in the downtown cores. Additionally, they shared concerns regarding the restrictions that could potentially be put in place if buildings or districts are designated. Instead, both BIAs have indicated they would prefer to see the CIP expanded to provide greater incentives to property owners seeking to upgrade their facades. Committee and the BIAs are supportive of enhanced communication around the CIP program and sharing historical information about buildings with property owners and businesses.

Committee reviewed the following questions, included as an attachment on the Report.

Q1. What is the main goal/objective that the Cultural Roundtable would like to see with respect to heritage in Wellington North? For example, recognition of properties and their historical importance, investment in properties, preservation.

Answer: Recognition, historical importance and preservation

Q2. If preservation and aesthetic appeal is the goal, has the committee discussed the limitations of the designation process?

Answer: Yes, cost and time for staff as well as regulations

Q3. Is the Committee prepared to provide resources to accomplish any goals related to designation? What would these be?

Answer: Committee has limited funds, this would need to be a budget consideration.

Q4. Are there any other creative ways the Committee could achieve their goals related to heritage?

Answer: Yes. The committee came up with a couple of creative ways to bring awareness to the importance of historical attributes.

- Work with the Mount Forest Museum and Archives to identify historically significant buildings and communicate the Community Improvement Program and new Design Guidelines.
- Provide Cultural Moments on various buildings in the downtown cores to raise awareness. These Cultural Moments could be shared directly with property/business owners as well as the Biz Bull. This project could be titled "What Lies beneath"

Action: Faye, Bonnie and Doris to identify buildings of historical significance in Arthur and research historical information.

Action: Penny, Carol and Trina to identify buildings of historical significance in Mount Forest, working with the Mount Forest Museum and Archives.

Action: Robyn to email the downtown heritage maps included in Façade Design Guidelines.

Update on Workplan Items

Workplan Item 1: Wellington North Farmers' Market

Staff member Mulder presented an update of the Wellington North Farmers' Market 2025 season. Committee agreed it was a very successful season and look forward to continuing with this success into next year.

Workplan Item 2: Cultural Grants and Donations

Criteria for future grants and donations was tabled to be discussed at the next meeting.

An update was provided on the 2025 Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Program. To date, a total of \$1,125.00 has been allocated:

- \$750 to Metz Pumpkinfest
- \$375 to the Mount Forest and District Arts Council

There has been no update received from the organizers of the proposed Diwali event. Staff suggest Committee proceed on the assumption that this event will not take place in 2025 based on the date and lack of communication.

A total of \$875 remains for 2025.

The 2026 Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Program will be considered through the annual operating budget. The Community Grants and Donations program applications will be

reviewed by Council on November 3.

There are some applications that may be of interest to the Cultural Roundtable to consider as part of the 2026 Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Program:

- Mount Forest and District Arts Council (\$400)
- Wellington North Pride (\$290.41 full day pavilion rental)

Staff inquired if Committee would like to direct these applications to the Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Program. The Committee didn't come to a decision.

Action: Member Craig to fill out an application for pipers at the cenotaph in Arthur for next summer.

Workplan Item 3: Cultural Moments

Staff member Wilson advised Committee that the Cultural Moments are well received at Council. Mayor Lennox made the comment at the most recent Council meeting, "I don't know where the Cultural Roundtable digs up these moments, but I am sure glad they do."

The views of the Cultural Moments continue to be strong. 765 is the average total views 1265 is the average post reach The total views is 12242

The Biz Bull also continues to publish Cultural Moments monthly that focus on the communities of Arthur, Damascus and Kenilworth.

Additional Cultural Moment ideas are required for upcoming council meetings; November 3 and 17, December 1 and 15. Staff have gone ahead and written a Cultural Moment on Joseph Driscoll, who was born in Arthur and moved west in the early 1900s to become a political and sporting figure.

Staff member Mulder suggested the Committee prepare a Cultural Moment discussing the Arthur and Mount Forest BIA 2025 projects, and subsequently include this content on the Culture page of the Wellington Advertiser. Committee was in agreeance with both.

Historical Society Reports

In addition to the reports, Kate Rowley from the Mount Forest Museum and Archives will be making a presentation to Council later this year or early next year with an update on the Lynes Blacksmith Shop.

Workplan Item 5: Wellington North Culture Days

Staff member Mulder gave a verbal recap of the Culture Bus Tour and showed images of the day. The Culture Bus tours are a partnership between the Town of Minto, Town of Hanover and the Township of Wellington North. This year the tours took place on Saturday October 4th from 10am to 4pm. Three tour buses, each departing from a different municipality, followed the same route at differing times. This year's locations were:

- 1. Arthur Greenfield Cemetery, Tour and stories by Jeff McKee
- 2. Mount Forest Museum & Archives, 25th Anniversary, behind the scenes storage tour; outdoor market and new Baskets to Caskets Exhibit
- 3. Saugeen Airport in Hanover, tour of the terminal, hangers, photos with planes
- 4. Heritage Square and Clock Town, Hanover, Farmers' Market; Heritage Square tours and clock tower
- Wesley Bates Gallery & West Meadow Press, tour of facility and demonstration of how to make a Print Press Card
- 6. Minto Arts Gallery, Harriston, "Works of Art by Connections Fibre Artists"

The cost to participate was \$35.00, and each participant received lunch, treats, beverages, gifts from local businesses as well as a behind the scenes tour of these favourite landmarks. A follow-up survey was circulated, and staff look forward to reviewing the feedback. Staff and Committee look forward to partnering again next year to provide this wonderful cultural event.

Workplan Item 6: Minto, Hanover, WN Cultural Roundtable partnership - Tourism Growth Program

No update.

Items for Consideration

None.

Upcoming Events

Mayor's Charity Bonspiel Friday, November 7, 2025 Arthur and Area Curling Club

At present, only six team spots remain.

Roundtable (verbal)

None

Date of next meeting and adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 12:00 noon at the Arthur and Area Community Centre (Upper Hall).

Moved by Member Craig

THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting of October 16, 2025, be adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

CARRIED

What Lies Beneath: Potential for Restoration of Downtown Buildings in Arthur A brief review by a subcommittee of the Cultural Roundtable Wellington North Bonny McDougall

Faye Craig

Doris Cassan

November 2025

Mandate

The committee reviewed the downtown buildings of the former village of Arthur with a view to finding signs of historic architecture under the modern facades.

The ultimate goals are to retain some parts of the village's history and to make the downtown more attractive to users.

Process

The group reviewed the document Wellington North Façade Improvement Guidelines using historical documents and photographs at the Arthur Historical Room.

The subcommittee wishes to thank the Historical Society for providing helpful photographs and documentation from the village's past.

Discussion included past uses of the buildings while scanning old and new photographs for potential historic significance.

A limitation of this review is the lack of a skilled architectural historian.

Outcome

The former village of Arthur was established in the mid nineteenth century. The post office, a school and a church built in 1851 and the rail line reached the community in 1871, thus the style of buildings of interest would likely be Victorian.

The group identified several buildings that may hold further historic architecture under their modern facades. For a full table of the buildings discussed please see the appendix.

The buildings of interest to the subcommittee include

- 124 George Street due to second floor original Victorian brick and cornice
- 177 and 181 George Street due to remaining cornice on north part of building and heavy stucco render finish which may obscure original façade
- 176 George Street due to terrazzo floor and gable peak
- 186 George Street due to stepped up roofline on façade
- 198 George Street due to original façade in need of repair and restoration
- 206 George Street due to gabled roofline

Next Steps

Potential actions include

1. Approaching building owners to gain insight into and enhance their knowledge and ours, of the architecture of their buildings and their interest in restoration. Owners could also help to identify barriers to future restoration projects for their buildings.

- 2. Expected barriers include financial restrictions, so it would be helpful to explore and enhance funding opportunities for building owners.
- 3. It is noted that there are at least two outstanding murals to be added to the village from the original project several years ago. The group recommends that project be revived and refreshed for potential to add interest to the downtown area.
- 4. The group discussed potential input from interested groups eg. Business Improvement Association, service groups, public consultation, in order to garner interest in the aesthetics of the downtown which may create influence on building owners. It is important that consultations take place only if there is real potential to create change so as not to create false expectations.
- 5. In general, it is noted that commercial buildings being used exclusively for residential purposes are deleterious to a desirable commercial area. The Township has already implemented a bylaw to prohibit further residential storefront use, and current owners should be encouraged in some way, to return their buildings to commercial use.

APPENDIX 1
Review of buildings shown in the document Wellington North Guidelines for Façade Improvement

Smith Street	Current use	History Notes
211	Vacant	Built as Co Op grain mill and store. Cleve Mullin was owner June Mullin lives across the road
175	Residential	Brick house with a lot of ivy. Currently may be a rental home
171	Erni's Restaurant	
151	Residential Vinyl siding	Always residential
141	Residential: newer house with siding	Always residential Possibly Meulenbacher
137	Residential Victorian brick	Was funeral home, then Dr. Landoni's home and office.

103	Firehall modern construction	
101	Arthur Cash N Carry modern construction brick	Was Sussman's outlet
		Site of former O'Donnell's service station
101 Tucker Street	United Church	Always church
George Stree	t NORTH SIDE OF STREET FROM FREDER	RICK TO CHARLES
137	Sussman's and vacant store and Vape	Was Arthur Sandwich
143	Shop Stop Work order on vacant north end of building.	shop in recent years as well.
	Apartments in rear of south end of	
	building. Centre tower of the building and parts to	
	the south were original fieldstone store, a Hardware store at one time	
	Has a mural on north side	
147	Coffey Plumbing	Was Eclectica gift shop and was Walsh's pharmacy
149	Accountant	
157	CoverUps flooring and décor Restored/Replicated Victorian façade	Some kind of merchandise store
165	Foodland Modern Build	
177	Lawyer's office	
181	Tang;s Chinese Food	
183	Tattoo parlor	
185	2 nd Look thrift shop siding on upper floors	
189	Brokerlink Insurance modern construction	

197	Lawyer's office modern construction	
197a	Boggs Insurance modern construction	
197b	Meroon convenience store modern construction	
199	Royal Bank of Canada modern construction	
George Stree	et SOUTH SIDE FROM FREDERICK TO GEO	ORGE
124	Chiropractor and variety store	
122	Tito's modern construction	
132	Residential – possibly clapboard under	
138	Residential	Once TV and appliances
146	Council chambers modern construction	
148	Residential	"Mulholland" building Once a livery station Owner Ray Hutchinson
150	Post office modern construction	
156	TD Bank	Original construction probably gone
168	Queens Suites apartments with modern renovation and Cannabis Stop	

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176	Laundromat has some Victorian upper floor remaining and terrazzo flooring in one part of ground floor. Needs repair but is well kept. Also has a Victorian gable structure	Owned by Baileys at one time. Darlene Woods and Lyn Mauzanik are contacts		
182	?Beatty Petroleum and residential Modern looking construction but has an older style of step up at the top of the façade	May have been egg grading station which had an interesting inset balcony from a previous use.		
186	Vacant	Time Machine Collectibles		
		Alec Beatty, who lives at 182		
188	C3 Techs – modern construction	Cory Bilton from Harriston		
192	All About Me modern construction is original	Sheila was a drugstore		
198	Antique Store – original Victorian brick with peeling paint and disintegrating mortar and bricks.	Robert Owles owner was RBC and then Enterprise office.		
	Agreement once upon a time for a mural on the south side of building			
Charles Stree	t SOUTH-WEST OF GEORGE STREET			
100	Lifetime Lumber newer construction			
110	Residential and not really considered part of downtown – siding over Victorian			
Charles Street NORTH-EAST OF GEORGE STREET				
106	Barbershop modern construction or all original obscured			
108	Driving school modern construction			
George Stree	t FROM CHARLES TO ELIZA			
207	Alaimo Lawyers modern construction			

221	Residential	
243	Funeral Home – block façade probably modern construction	
257	Tipsy Fox cement block construction. Had a fire in past	Was Commercial hotel
267	Residential	
281	Royal Canadian Legion modern construction	
291	Residential with siding	
George Stree	t SOUTH SIDE FROM CHARLES STREET I	O FRANCIS STREET
200	Walsh's IDA Pharmacy modern construction	
206	Masage and Royal LePage offices Some Victorian features intact	Was Red and White Grocery Marge Smelley
212	Karate Dojo	3
222	Sterre café with excellent Victorian restoration of façade	
238	Vacant	Imagination Space
		Was once a livery stable and then a John Deere dealership Irmla is a contact
240	Residential	
244	Vape Shop modern construction.	Was a restaurant JR's
254	Mid Town Auto	
270	Vacant had a fire in recent past	Was a florist shop
276	Residential	

284	Accountant – preserved façade and a mural on south side	Was Registry office
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Committee review of requests for Cultural Events Funding and Event Sponsorship

Group or Organization				
Date of Application for funds				
Amount Requested				
Date of Event				
Date of Cultural Roundtable review				
Criteria	Y	es/	No	Notes
not-for-profit organization or commu	nity			
group				
not-for-profit events and projects				
incorporates culturally significant				
elements to their existing events,				
programs, and projects				
takes place in the Township of				
Wellington North				
events and projects must be covered by				
liability insurance				
must recognize Cultural Roundtable	of			
Township of Wellington North, as				
sponsor on all associated marketing				
materials				
☐ Funding awarded Amour	nt			
☐ Funding declined: see criteria scoring above				
-urther notes:				



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CULTURAL MOMENT FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2025 CELBRATES THE WELLINGTON NORTH WOMEN WHO SERVED IN THE FIRST AND SECOND WORLD WARS



Nursing Sister Alice Cook of Mount Forest.

When Canadian women served in both World Wars, it was mostly on the home front, raising money and replacing men whose military service took them away from all types of work. However, for several women from Wellington North, that was not the case.

In World War I, they also served as nurses in the Canadian Army Nursing Service. Nursing Sister Alice Cook of Mount Forest gave her life to the service of injured and ill soldiers in a wartime Toronto hospital, dying of influenza at age 25. She was the only woman from Wellington County to die while serving in the First World War. Her story was shared as our November 2020 Cultural Moment.

By the Second World War, although women were not allowed to serve in combat, they took on many crucial roles in the various services both in Canada and in Europe. Women of Wellington North were well represented in nearly every branch.

Two Raftis sisters from West Luther - Genevieve Marie and Mary Marcella - enlisted in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (WRCNS, also known as the Wrens), trained on HMCS Conestoga and were posted in 1945 to HMCS Stadacona Base, Halifax. There they served as nurses aids as well as taking on other necessary work. Marjorie Driscoll, from Arthur, also served in the Wrens, the fourth member of her family to sign up. She had already earned her Bachelor's degree at the University of Toronto.

Erie Mae Jackson of Conn, a prolific writer throughout her life, especially of biographical and autobiographical books, joined the Canadian Women's Army Corps (CWAC) in 1944. She rose to the rank of Sergeant and qualified as a Non-Commissioned Officer. The Wellington County Museum holds her writings.



Erie Mae Jackson of Conn in her military uniform.

Several women followed their brothers or cousins into service. Pearl Ida Day joined the CWAC, in Toronto, while her four brothers served overseas. Mildred Colwill, who also enlisted in the CWAC, in 1942, was the sixth member of her family to serve in the Army.

Isabel Jean Mullin joined the Army in the spring of 1942, at age 18, and served in the CWAC. She was transferred to England where she worked as a driver for Canadian Army Officers.

In some cases, little information is easily available on these resolute women. Claire Connell, for instance, is only briefly noted in the *Arthur Enterprise-News* in 1944: "Miss Claire Connell joined the RCAF." Many may now be known only to their families or to the keepers of military records.

No matter how they have been remembered, these Wellington North women must always be honoured for their loyalty and courage in answering their country's call to service. They set the bar for those local women who are currently doing the same.

Submitted by the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

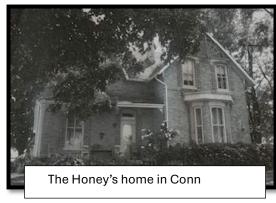


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CULTURAL MOMENT FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2025 CELBRATES LIEUTENANT SAMUEL LEWIS HONEY, VC

Samuel Lewis "Lew" Honey was born on February 9, 1894, in Conn, Ontario, the eldest son of Rev. George and Metta Honey. His father served as the Methodist minister for the Conn circuit, living in the parsonage at Maple Street and Highway 89 until 1896, when Rev. Honey was called to serve in Listowel.

Honey earned a teaching certificate and graduated in 1914 with credentials in teaching



methods, later completing a cadet instructor course. Though he planned to attend college, the outbreak of war changed his path. On January 22, 1915, he enlisted. During basic training, he was promoted to Acting Sergeant and sailed to England that October. His rank led him to Aldershot for specialized courses in physical training and bayonet fighting, which he later taught at Bramshott Camp until August 1916.

That same month, Honey became a Sergeant and joined the 78th Infantry Battalion in France. His courage quickly stood out. On February 22, 1917, he earned the Military Medal for Gallantry after raiding a German trench under heavy grenade fire. At Vimy Ridge in April, he received the Distinguished Conduct Medal for leadership under intense fire. Later that year, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant and returned to Bramshott as an instructor before completing officer training and returning to the front in October.



In September 1918, during the assault on Bourlon Wood, Honey's regiment advanced through three enemy positions. On September 27, after all commanding officers were killed, Honey assumed command. That day, he earned the Victoria Cross—the highest military honour a Canadian soldier can awarded—by single-handedly capturing a German position, its guns, and 10 prisoners. That night, he led another daring raid to seize a German post. Wounded on September 29, Honey died the next day, the final day of the 78th Battalion's attack.

Admired by his men, Honey was buried in France. His legacy endures: a plaque first placed at Westcott United Church in Conn in 1964 now stands at the Royal Canadian Legion in Mount Forest. In 1975, his family donated his medals to the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa, ensuring his story remains part of Canada's proud military heritage.

Submitted by Councillor Penny Renken, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

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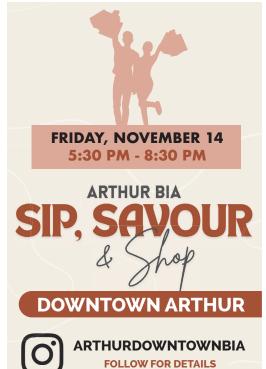
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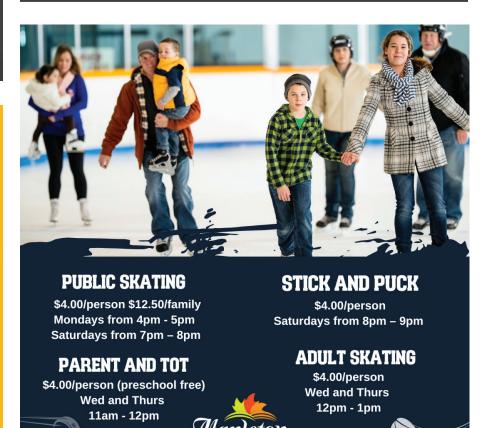
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