



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

Committee Members Present:

- Bonny McDougall, Chair
- Doris Cassan, Member
- Penny Renken, Councillor (left at 2:05 p.m.)
- Tim McIntosh, Member (left at 1:40 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 Cassan Seconded by Councillor Renken THAT the agenda for November 13, 2025, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting be accepted and passed. CARRIED
Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
None
Minutes of Previous Meeting – October 16, 2025
The Committee reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting held on October 16, 2025. These minutes were accepted at the November 3, 2025 Wellington North Council Meeting. Moved by Member Cassan

Seconded by Member McIntosh

THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee receive for information the minutes of the October 16, 2025, Committee Meeting.

CARRIED

Deputation

None

Business Arising

None

New Business

Virtual Art Display

Committee discussed creating a virtual or YouTube presence to display local works of art, similar to the Township's "25 Fun Facts and Folklore" campaign in 2024. Members noted this would be a great way to share the artistic talents of Township residents without the need of a physical display space.

ACTION: Members Cassan and Vair will talk with artisans about participation. An image and description of their work would be required. This could warrant a workplan item and a subgroup of the main committee members.

ACTION: Member Vair will be the first artist to participate in a pilot with her pieces. The committee has requested a mockup for the next Cultural Roundtable meeting.

"What Lies Beneath" Subcommittee Update

Update on the activities of the "What Lies Beneath" Arthur downtown subcommittee.

EDO Mulder gave an overview of the CIP façade grant program, and Member Cassan spoke to the work the subcommittee has completed in researching and identifying buildings of historical interest.

The question was asked if building owners be interested in giving information and history about the building, the age and the stories behind the buildings, etc. to assist the subcommittee with their research.

ACTION: Chair McDougall and Member Craig will continue their research and highlight what attributes these historical buildings have and document their findings.

Update on Workplan Items

Workplan Item 1: Wellington North Farmers' Market

EDO Mulder presented an update of the Wellington North Farmers' Market Holiday Boxes for the 2025 season. There are once again two specially curated boxes to choose from "Home for the Holidays" – a cozy mix of home goods and delicious seasonal treats and "Holiday Treats"

– a sweet and savory selection from local vendors to satisfy every craving this season. Both boxes are available now at \$89.00 each. Orders can be made until December 1 at www.tastereal.ca

Workplan Item 2: Cultural Grants and Donations

Moved by Member Cassan

Seconded by Member Craig

THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee uses a portion of the remaining dollars in the 2025 Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Program to fund the creation and installation of plaques under the Cultural Roundtable Barn Quilts located throughout the Township.

CARRIED

CDC Wilson provided an update on the 2025 Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Program, and spoke of the recent Council approval of the 2026 Community Grants and Donations Program.

CDC Wilson noted there is \$875 remaining in the 2025 Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Program. After discussion, the committee recommended using some of the remaining funds in the 2025 budget for the creation and installation of plaques underneath the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Barn Quilts. These plaques will speak to the mandate of the Cultural Roundtable, and provide an explanation on the Cultural Roundtable's logo and the areas of cultural significance it represents.

Review of Criteria for Requests to Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Program

The committee reviewed a document created by Member Cassan outlining the criteria currently in the guidelines for the Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Program. This document would be used to assist the committee in scoring applications to ensure they meet the criteria of the program. After discussion, the committee recommended adding the following criteria to the scoring document:

- How many visitors/participants does the event/program serve?

The committee also recommended the following be added to the application form:

- Have you received funding in the past from the Cultural Events Funding and Sponsorship Program?

Further, the committee recommended that the wording of the program guidelines be changed to have successful applicants provide a follow-up report on their event to the Cultural Roundtable.

CDC Wilson will bring revised documents back to the committee for consideration at the next committee meeting.

Workplan Item 3: Cultural Moments

CDC Wilson updated Committee on the following Cultural Moments that were received by council:

- November 3: Wellington North Women Who Served
- November 17: Lieutenant Samuel Lewis Honey

After discussion, future topics were discussed with committee members offering to create:

- Arthur – Canada's Most Patriotic Village (Member Craig)
- The Howitzer in Mount Forest
- Arthur and Mount Forest Christmas Hamper Programs (Member Craig/CDC Wilson)
- New Year's Eve 1977 in Arthur (Chair McDougall)

Workplan Item 5: Wellington North Culture Days

No update

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

No update

Items for Consideration

None

Upcoming Events

See below

Roundtable (verbal)

Councillor Renken

- Louise Marshall Hospital Auxiliary Bazaar, Sat Nov 15, luncheon, quilt draw, bake sale. Tickets are \$20.
- Knox Conn Presbyterian Church, annual Nativity display with over 600 Nativity Scenes. November 29/30 and December 6/7.

Date of next meeting and adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2026, 12:00 p.m. at the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex (Meeting Room). In the event of inclement weather, meeting will be hybrid/virtual.

Moved by Member Vair

THAT the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting of November 13, 2025,
be adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

CARRIED