Cultural Roundtable Committee Minutes
Monday, February 24, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Launchit Minto

Attendance: Peggy Raftis, Councillor Jean Anderson, John Cox, Bonnie Whitehead, Megan Raftis, Caitlin Hall, Raissa Rogers, Rosie Krul, Wayne Martin and
Staff Present: Belinda Wick-Graham, Manager of Economic Development and Gordon Duff, Treasurer
Guest: Jessica Rowden, Minto Pride
Regrets: Jennifer Frayne, Taylor Keunen and Mayor George Bridge

1. Call to Order by Chair Peggy Raftis at 6:05 pm
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
   a. January 20, 2020 Cultural Roundtable

   MOTION
   Moved By: Raissa Rogers; Seconded By: Megan Raftis
   THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the minutes of the January 20, 2020 meeting.  
   Carried

3. Committee Minutes for Approval
   a. Minutes of January 15, 2020 Minto Youth Action Council
   b. Minutes of February 19, 2020 Minto Youth Action Council

   MOTION
   Moved By: Councillor Jean Anderson; Seconded By: Wayne Martin
   THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the minutes of the January 15, 2020 and February 19, 2020 Minto Youth Action Council
   Carried

Wick-Graham also highlighted that the northern Wellington municipalities will be hiring a Youth Engagement Coordinator this spring to carry-on the work done by Erin Raftis in 2019.
4. Roundtable Discussion
   a. Pride Education Session

   Jessica Rowden, a member of the Minto Pride Committee provided a presentation to the Cultural Roundtable similar to the presentation that was provided earlier to Council.

   Rogers reported that the Pride Rainbow Social held on the Family Day weekend was attended by 45 people. All ages were represented and attendees were from Minto and beyond.

   The Pride in the Park event will be held on June 13th from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm at the Palmerston Lions Heritage Park. The group requested that they be able to fly the Pride Flag in the Park at the event. Wayne Martin suggested the group speak to Greg Mallet about using a better PA system.

   Krul noted that the group is looking for a youth representative for their Committee.

   b. Committee Updates

   Storytelling

   Martin noted that the theme for the Palmerston storytelling event this year will be the 70s and 80s. The Palmerston event will be held on September 27th as part of Culture Days. Whitehead expressed interested in coordinating something similar for Clifford.

   Wick-Graham will speak to Councillor MacKenzie to see if the Harriston Historical Society or Minto Heritage Association would be interested in hosting similar theme events in Harriston and Drew. It was suggested with the theme to attract some younger people to offer a roller skating event (Retro Rollers).

   Culture Days

   The theme for this year’s Culture Days event is “Unexpected Intersections”. Wick-Graham reported that John McVicar is hosting the 4th Annual Headstone Hunt, which will launch on August 26, 2020 and involve all of Minto’s cemeteries. The theme for this year is once again “Military”. The winners will be announced at a special event as part of Culture Days on September 26th from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Clifford Community Hall. Mr. McVicar is planning a special Military exhibit, storytelling, puzzles, crosswords, snacks and video clips.

   c. Recreation, Culture & Facilities Master Plan

   Wick-Graham reminded the members that a new survey is posted on Engage Minto each month and encouraged members to complete the new survey, which this month focuses on “Volunteer, Sport & Cultural Organizations”

   Martin brought forward some of the ideas that were suggested for the Norgan Theatre when it was renovated. Some of those included an addition at the rear of the building, adding a green room and additional storage for the purpose of hosting live events. Duff noted that
earlier that day CBO Kuipers noted that the Norgan Theatre could not host live performances as there are additional fire codes that would need to be adhered to. It was also noted that the Town Hall Theatre and Crown Theatre in Harriston provide live theatre so the Town may not want to invest in enhancing a space to include live performance and compete with our own facilities and private facilities in our community.

d. SPARC

Duff noted that he is preparing to submit a Collaborative Grant to the Ontario Trillium Foundation under the Seed Fund. The Minto Arts Council will act as the Lead Applicant with the Grey Wellington Theatre Guild, Cultural Roundtable and SPARC as supporting organizations.

The grant request would be for $30,000 and would allow the collaborative to host four workshops on various topics that would support the performing arts in rural communities. Results are expected in July and if successful the project would start in September.

e. 2020 Budget Allocation

The Committee reviewed the 2020 budget of $10,000 and discussed the allocation which will look as follows:

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f. Roundtable Updates

Krul noted that the Library has been busy hosting strike day programs and preparing for March Break programs. There is a new Creative Bug database available on the Library website now as well as free park passes for local conservation areas.

Cox reported that the Minto Chamber of Commerce recently hosted their Annual General Meeting with a great attendance of 55 people. The Community Achievement Awards are
quickly approaching and will be held on April 30th at the Harriston Legion. Members were encouraged to visit www.engageminto.ca to nominate a deserving business.

Martin highlighted that the Raleway Festival is set to go June 20, 2020 from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the Railway Heritage Museum and will feature local wines, beer, cider and spirts as well as local food. He also noted that the National Pee Wee Girls Fastball Tournament will be held in Palmerston July 3 – 5, 2020.

Duff noted that the Minto Arts Council is hosting Sarah Smith as the headliner for their March 6th Basement Café Concert. The film for Film Fest on March 16th will be “Once for Brothers”. The next exhibit features local artist Dana Savard with the opening on March 5th from 6:00 – 7:30 pm and will include the Minto Dance Academy performing. The Juried Art Show will take place in May.

Councillor Anderson highlighted that the Horticultural Society is currently running the Think Minto First Fundraiser. She also noted that trees were removed in Mill St. Park to assist in flood mitigation efforts and the Horticultural Society is seeing it as an opportunity to continue to improve Mill St. Park.

Whitehead reported that the Food Grains Spiel would be taking place on March 7th in Clifford and that recently Kyle Smith from the Wellington County Museum visited the Knox United Church in Clifford and presented on the History of Hockey to members of the Seniors Centre of Excellence.

Megan Raftis noted that the MYAC Prom & Grad Pop Up Shoppe will be held April 4th at LaunchIt Minto.

Hall highlighted that the Taste Real Rural Romp will be taking place on May 30th from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and that the Minto Farmers’ Market in Palmerston is extending their season until the end of September.

Wick-Graham reported that the Minto Dance Academy is hosting their Spring Demos on May 25th and 26th at the Town Hall Theatre.

Wick-Graham highlighted that Clifford Connects is launching the “These Booths Were Made for Talking” Public Art Project in March. Six artists and sponsors will be recruited and the Booths will be unveiled at the Clifford Street Celebration on June 6, 2020. The Harriston Rising group is also preparing for a mural event that will see 5 murals painted over the course of a week in Harriston and completed at the Harriston Street Party on August 8, 2020.

Peggy Raftis noted that the play “5 Alarm” is running April 17, 18 and 19 (matinee) and April 23, 24 and 25. The Youth Production for kids 6+ will be held the last weekend in July 24 - 26, 2020.

Adjournment at 8:20 pm