



## TOWN OF MINTO

**DATE:** May 26, 2016  
**REPORT TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Annilene McRobb, Deputy Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Committee Appointments

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### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

- 4.1 Promote sustainable growth and development, and strategies that make Minto an attractive place for families to live and for businesses to prosper, and pursue development in settlement areas consistent with the character of the area.
- 8.5 Support development of year round tourism product such as targeting snowmobiling families, winter sport tournaments, cultural celebrations and events including those related to Christmas and the holiday season.
- 8.7 Utilize the Cultural Roundtable as the primary group to implement the Cultural Plan with representatives from local, regional and provincial agencies, business, non-profit and government organizations as well as youth.

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **Local Heritage Marker Committee**



Mark MacKenzie of the Harriston Historical Society attended the February 2, 2016 Council Meeting as a delegation and advised Council that after 20 years provincial funding for historical plaques is no longer available. The Society wants to continue to offer historical plaques for key historical sites like the former Town Hall and the Old Post Office in Harriston. Council discussed options and suggested the Historical Society work through the Cultural Roundtable Committee for requests of funding these projects. The Cultural Roundtable Committee met April 25, 2016 and passed the following motion:

**That the Council of the Town of Minto creates a Local Heritage Marker Ad Hoc Committee made up of representatives from local historical societies to develop the a Local Heritage Marker Program.**

This report provides for these volunteers to be appointed to the Local Heritage Marker Ad Hoc Committee.

#### **Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum Committee**

Wellington County Museum and Archives recently added support staff to help with outreach programs. They were able to assist with a review of the Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum. March 29 Museum and Archives staff were invited to tour the Rail Museum and meet with Mayor Bridge and Bob McEachern to discuss future plans for the station, outbuildings, and the park.



The Cultural Roundtable Committee met on April 25, 2016 and passed the following motion:  
**THAT The Council of the Town of Minto creates the Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum as a Sub-Committee to the Cultural Roundtable.**

Council received and approved these minutes at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and passed, which created this Sub-Committee without appointed members. At the May 17 Council meeting Council received notes from the Sub-Committee's May 10 meeting where they worked through issues related to the new County plan for the display and artifacts. The Sub-Committee met again May 24 to continue the work, and recommended Mayor Bridge, Councillor Mary Lou Colwell, Andrew Gowan Chair of Cultural Roundtable, and at large members Susan Welsh, Bob McEachern, Chad Martin and Wayne Martin be appointed to the Palmerston Railway Heritage Committee Sub-Committee of Cultural Roundtable.

This report provides for these volunteers to be appointed to the Palmerston Railway Heritage Committee Sub-Committee of Cultural Roundtable.

**COMMENTS:**

To implement the directions recommended by the Cultural Roundtable, the Appointment By-law must be amended in order to add the committees and appoint the members. Minutes of both the Local Heritage Marker Ad Hoc Committee and the Palmerston Railway Heritage Committee Sub-Committee of Cultural Roundtable will go to the Cultural Roundtable Committee for receipt and for any recommendations to be forward through the Roundtable to Council for approval.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The Cultural Roundtable Committee has a budget of \$15,000 for 2016. Funding requests from the sub-committees have to be presented to the Cultural Roundtable Committee for consideration.

It is proposed to implement many of the changes at the Railway Museum in time for IPM 2016. \$7,000 has already been budgeted for IPM tourism. The Town booth experience is Railway so many of the items we are purchasing for the booth space will be used at the Museum i.e. TV, Model Train, Mannequins etc.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receives the Deputy Clerks May 26, 2016 report on Committee Appointments and that an amending appointment by-law be considered in open session.

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Deputy Clerk