

# CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE

## Minutes of June 14, 2016

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The Cultural Roundtable held its regular meeting on Tuesday June 14, 2016 at the Launch It Office. Roundtable members in attendance were Mayor George Bridge, Councillor Mary Lou Colwell, Councillor Jean Anderson, Chair Andrew Gowan, Gordon Duff and Brooke McLean. Members of staff present were Economic Development Manager Belinda Wick-Graham and Economic Development Assistant Taylor Pridham. Guests in attendance were Community Youth Resiliency Worker Gabriella Leopoli and Health Promotion Specialist with Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Leslie Binnington. Regrets were received from Peggy Raftis, Megan Raftis, Caitlin Hall, Willa Wick and John Cox.

Belinda Wick Graham welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

The Committee reviewed the previous meeting minutes.

### **Motion**

**Moved By: Mayor George Bridge**

**Seconded By: Brooke McLean**

**THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 meeting.**

**CARRIED**

The Committee and guests commenced the meeting with introductions. Gabriella Leopoli discussed Youth Action Council and what it entails. She expressed that it is a youth-driven, grassroots initiative made up of local youth volunteers, aged 14-24. Members of a youth Action Council have an opportunity to create change in their community and make a difference in the issues that affect youth. Leopoli expressed that it is an opportunity for youth to have their voice heard surrounding issues, get to plan events and activities, meet other individuals, learn teamwork, skill-building, networking as well as training through workshops. She also noted that there are many community benefits.

Leslie Binnington added that the next step in forming a Youth Action Council is to recruit an adult ally for Minto to help facilitate everything as well as provide guidance and support to youth. Binnington noted that the role would be more of a partnership role to help make joint decisions and give the youth voices within the community. She noted it would take approximately 10 hours per month with planning and attending meetings. Binnington also noted that as for the budget, it can be as low as \$1000.00 up to \$5000.00, with opportunities for the youth to do fundraising as well. Councillor Colwell noted that an adult around the age of 35 years old would be a prime candidate for the role in regards to being able to connect and relate with youth. Wick-Graham mentioned that the Recreation and Economic Development Departments would be joining together on this initiative and seeking further support and involvement from the Minto Upper Deck. The Committee agreed that a target time for October start would be best and that in the mean time there would be several meetings leading up to it. The Committee also agreed that the Launch it Office could be a

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good space for the Youth Action Council with Wick-Graham adding that the back room could be a designated youth space.

**Motion**

**Moved By: Mary Lou Colwell**

**Seconded By: Jean Anderson**

**THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve moving forward with the formation of a Youth Action Council.**

**CARRIED**

Wick-Graham informed the Committee that she had been in contact with Norwell Principal Paul Richard about the Flipping the Iceberg initiative. She noted that Richard had suggested pairing with the Norwell Link Crew and 100 students in the Fall of 2017 for a day-long session at the Norgan Theatre. The session would be targeting students ranging from Grade 8 to Grade 9. Wick-Graham noted that the potential cost of a full day session from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. that would cost approximately \$7500.00, with Norwell potentially offering \$1000.00 towards the event. She mentioned that approaching the Optimist or Rotary Clubs would be helpful to look into donations or a small fee could be charged to students in attendance. Wick-Graham will follow up to see if we could get a lower rate from Mr. Smith.

Wick-Graham reviewed the Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum Information Meeting minutes from May 10, 2016 and May 24, 2016. She noted that in the second meeting, a Steering Committee had been formed. Wick-Graham reported that the Committee would be meeting at the museum the following day in the morning of Wednesday June 15, 2016 to go through items. She also reported that a flat screen tv, mannequins and a model train will be delivered the following week for the museum that would also be used at the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo. The minutes of these meetings are attached as Schedule "A".

Wick-Graham reviewed the Local Heritage Markers Committee minutes from May 18, 2016 and June 1, 2016. She shared that Mark Mackenzie had been appointed as Chair of the Committee. Wick-Graham reviewed that the Committee had discussed including storyboard markers for certain buildings meeting significance requirements determined by the Committee. She also noted that the Old Post was looking into getting a plaque and unveiling it at the Harriston Street Party on August 13, 2016. Minutes for these meetings are attached as Schedule "B".

Wick-Graham provided the Committee with a Volunteer Seminars Series Update, mentioning that there has been two sessions so far: the first being in Mount Forest and the second being in Harriston at the Library. Wick-Graham informed the Committee that Reva Cooper

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had provided electronic copies for future use and that the next session would take place in October in Mount Forest, and in November in Harriston.

Wick-Graham informed the Committee that there were three new grant applications for the Cultural Enhancement Grant and the Community Event Development Grant. Wick-Graham reviewed the first application from the Palmerston Railways Heritage Museum, which was asking for \$1000.00 to put towards timing equipment needed for handcar races.

**Motion**

**Moved By: Mayor George Bridge**

**Seconded By: Brooke McLean**

**THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the \$1000.00 Cultural Event Development Grant for the Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum.**

**CARRIED**

Wick-Graham reviewed the second grant application from the Harriston Kinsmen who were asking for \$500.00 towards purchasing local, live music entertainment for the Harriston Street Party on August 13, 2016.

**Motion**

**Moved By: Mary Lou Colwell**

**Seconded By: Jean Anderson**

**THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the \$500.00 Cultural Enhancement Grant for the Harriston Kinsmen.**

**CARRIED**

Wick-Graham reviewed the third grant application from the Great Lakes Truck Show held in Clifford, asking for \$500.00 to book a live country band for the event.

**Motion**

**Moved By: Mayor George Bridge**

**Seconded By: Andrew Gowan**

**THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the \$500.00 Cultural Enhancement Grant for the Great Lakes Truck Show.**

**CARRIED**

Wick-Graham noted that all of the groups who receive grants have agreed to promote that the Cultural Roundtable sponsored the event or product. Andrew Gowan mentioned that it would be a good idea to lend the groups the Cultural Roundtable banner at the time of the event for more exposure. The Committee agreed with the recommendation.

Gordon Duff informed the Committee that he would like to continue with Culture Days; however it would take a sabbatical for 2016 because of the International Plowing Match and

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Rural Expo in September. He informed that there is a student arts show exhibit taking place at the Minto Arts Gallery as well as the Historical Society has a new display out for July and August.

Brooke McLean reported that there were 200 kids in for Teen Day at the Library and that the Summer Reading Club would be kicking off shortly. McLean also noted that the IPM would be borrowing Hot Spots given to the library through a pilot project through Wellington County and that Wellington County is the only rural community in America taking part in this pilot.

Councillor Colwell reminded the Committee that the annual Minto Chamber of Commerce BBQ would be taking place on August 4, 2016 and John Cox's cabin outside of Harriston.

Andrew Gowan updated the Committee about four videos being made at OSIM Interactive for the Come Home to Minto Campaign. The four videos are: Wightman Telecom, North-Wellington Co-op, The Old Post, and a video combining TG Minto and MSW Plastics.

Wick-Graham shared that the WOWSA event for the screening of the documentary Dream, Girl was well-attended at the Norgan Theatre on Thursday June 9, 2016. There were over 84 people in attendance, with 30 women from Guelph who bussed in for the screening.

Adjournment at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting:  
October 24, 2016  
6:00 p.m.  
Launch It Office

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