



CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE

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The Cultural Roundtable held its regular meeting on Monday July 24, 2017 at the Town of Minto Office. Roundtable members in attendance were Chair Peggy Raftis, Councillor Jean Anderson, Megan Raftis, Raïssa Rogers, Brooke McLean, John Cox, Councillor Mary Lou Colwell, Gordon Duff, Andrew Gowan. Members of staff present were Economic Development Manager Belinda Wick-Graham and Economic Development Assistant Taylor Keunen. Regrets were received from Caitlin Hall and Mayor George Bridge.

Guest in attendance: Ella Henderson, Guelph-Wellington Local Immigration Partnership

Chair Peggy Raftis welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

The Committee reviewed the previous meeting minutes.

MOTION

Moved By: Jean Anderson Seconded By: Megan Raftis

THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the minutes of the May 29, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

The Committee reviewed the Minto Youth Action Council minutes from June 7, June 21 and July 6, 2017 attached as Schedule "A". Keunen highlighted that MYAC had chosen the following Outdoor Movies in Minto dates/locations: Thursday August 24 in Clifford, Friday September 15 in Harriston, and Friday September 29 in Palmerston. Keunen shared that MYAC had received funding and SWAG from Guelph-Wellington-Dufferin Public Health and that the youth were enjoying this partnership. She also highlighted that the youth were busy planning the Amazing Race for the Harriston Street Party and that there were 10 businesses who were enthusiastic about participating. Keunen also informed the Committee about the Social Enterprise that the North for Youth Committee has been working on, which would consist of a hub for youth to provide social media, graphic design and marketing services to local businesses/groups for resume and experience building, while being beneficial to Minto businesses/groups. Keunen also highlighted that she had spoken to Marion Price from Play Works Ontario about the new criteria for the Youth Friendly Community Application and that the application would be posted either at the end of August or early September.

MOTION

Moved By: Megan Raftis Seconded By: Raïssa Rogers

THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the Minto Youth Action Council minutes from the June 7, June 21 and July 6, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

The Committee reviewed the Railway Heritage Museum Meeting minutes from June 13 and July 11, 2017. These minutes are attached as Schedule "B". Wick-Graham highlighted that there were fifteen people in attendance for the Live History shows at the Museum on July 12, 2017. She also shared that the museum student, Kathryn Franck, had been working on bringing in groups for museum tours and that so far Birmingham and the Royal terrace were



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signed up. Wick-Graham reported that there were 6 teams for the Handcar Races in June and that they would be taking place again next year on the same weekend. She shared that the Museum Committee was working with Stenski Kelly and associates to design a new museum entrance, parking lot and landscaping. Lastly, Wick-Graham announced that the Communities in Bloom reception had taken place at the Railway Museum on Sunday July 16, 2017 and was a well attended event to meet the judges.

MOTION

Moved By: Jean Anderson Seconded By: Andrew Gowan

THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the Railway Heritage Museum Committee minutes from June 13 and July 11, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

Wick-Graham welcomed Ella Henderson to the meeting at 8:18 pm. Henderson explained that she works for the Guelph-Wellington Local Immigration partnership (LIP) which is funded by the federal government, which addresses socioeconomic issues in the area and provides research to discover priorities in the area. She highlighted that the LIP has been active for the past nine years and has been providing language training and interaction for immigrants; however, they do not focus on immigrant attraction or settlement services. Henderson shared that the organization has a big picture view and as a coordinating body they come together to improve local services for immigrants. She noted that there are a lot of income, language and job barriers for local immigrants; therefore, the LIP is working on a map for Wellington County that is searchable to find needed services such as school, housing, etc., to help with settlement. Henderson added that down to road they would like to add a cost of living filter. She also highlighted that the Global Advantage Business Awards (GABA) is an event hosted by LIP that recognizes businesses/employers hiring international talent. Henderson noted that a full report of research is located on their website: guelphwellingtonlip.ca.

Wick-Graham informed the Committee that there was a Filipino Night that took place in Palmerston at the CNRA Clubhouse on June 28th, 2017 with 30 people, authentic Filipino food, and discussions surrounding settlement challenges, transportation, jobs, etc. She highlighted that 20% of The Royal Terrace's workforce is Filipino, that they have been integrated into the church community, and that they are keen to attract more Filipino's to Palmerston/Minto. Wick-Graham also shared that OSiM Interactive filmed some footage for an attraction video to bring immigrants from within Ontario. Henderson shared that she would love to be a resource for inclusion moving forward.

Wick-Graham reported that there was an application for the Community Event Development Fund from the Harriston-Minto Agricultural Society for the Fall Fair on September 15-17, 2017. The application is attached as Schedule "C". She highlighted that they would like to



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add entertainment to the fair by booking local band, Big Wheels, for \$500.00, which would include radio, website, social media and newspaper advertisement.

MOTION

Moved By: Andrew Gowan Seconded By: Megan Raftis

THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the Harriston-Minto Agricultural Society's Community Event Development Fund Application.

CARRIED

Wick-Graham highlighted that last year, the Cultural Roundtable sponsored \$1000.00 and 10 tickets towards the Live2Lead Conference. She noted that last year they asked for nominations for individuals to win tickets, but received no nominations. Wick-Graham shared that the event would be taking place again this year on October 6th, 2017 with new speakers, John Maxwell, Dave Ramsay, Cheryl Band Warrick Dunn, and that it would take place from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Norgan. She also noted that there would be two showing to follow in Erin and Hanover. The Committee decided to try to do nominations again for the tickets and to sponsor another \$1000.00 this year.

MOTION

Moved By: Mary Lou Colwell Seconded By: Jean Anderson

THAT The Cultural Roundtable to sponsor \$1000.00 towards Live2Lead event on October 6, 2017.

CARRIED

Duff reported that he and Keunen had arranged two dates for a SPARC Regional Hub follow-up meeting; however due to conflicting schedules and the flood, the meeting was postponed, a poll will be sent to look at the possibility of a September meeting. Duff also highlighted a blog writing opportunity offered by SPARC, paying \$100.00 per post and open to anyone. He also shared that the 2018 Conference was being held in Cobalt on May 22-24, 2017.

Wick-Graham shared a document that she and Keunen had created highlighting potential ideas for Culture Days events. She noted that in terms of insurance, it would be possible to have some events at Dave and Jean Anderson's property. The Committee reviewed the list and Wick-Graham shared that she and Keunen would finalize the events within the next week and look into having rack cards made for early September. She also noted that she would email the schedule once it was fine-tuned.

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Jean Anderson shared that the Harriston-Minto Horticultural Society installed a new bee pollinator houses on Mill Street and at the Railway Museum. She also shared that the first



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two months of the Gardens of the Month had gone extremely well and they were still receiving nominations.

John Cox announced that the Chamber of Commerce Annual BBQ would once again be held at his cabin on Thursday August 17, 2017 and that all are welcome.

Megan Raftis reported that the Youth play took place last weekend which was successful with approximately 200 people in attendance.

Brooke McLean highlighted that the Clifford Library would be hosting a magician on the Friday afternoon of Clifford Homecoming and that the tech open house would also take place. She also shared that Magician Brad Toulouse would be at the Harriston Street Party on August 12, 2017 and that the library will be one of the participating locations for the MYAC Amazing Race.

Raïssa Rogers announced that the Smokey & Bandit movie screening and car show would be taking place on Friday July 28, 2017 starting at 5:30 pm. She noted that she was working on a café in her building but that it is not quite ready.

Gordon Duff shared that the Basement Café posters for October 14, 2017 had arrived with Rose & Thorns headlining and Juanita Wilkins returning as an opening act. He also highlighted that the fall movie for the Film Fest had been confirmed and he would send them to Keunen.

Chair Peggy Raftis reported that the theatre casting would be taking place on Wednesday July 26, 2017 for Beauty & the Beast. She also shared that they are in need of a pianist.

In other business, Brooke announced that the libraries now have a new screening service called Kanopy which is accessible to the public through their library card numbers. She said that she would send details to the committee by email.

Adjournment at 7:28 pm

Next Meeting:
August 28th, 2017
6:00 p.m.
LaunchIt Minto

Taylor Keunen
Economic Development Assistant