



## CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE

Minutes of September 25, 2017

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The Cultural Roundtable held its regular meeting on Monday September 25, 2017 at LaunchIt Minto. Roundtable members in attendance were Chair Peggy Raftis, Mayor George Bridge, Councillor Jean Anderson, Councillor Mary Lou Colwell, Megan Raftis, Raïssa Rogers, Brooke McLean, John Cox, Gordon Duff and 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.

Chair Peggy Raftis welcomed everyone in attendance and opened the meeting at 6:00 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 August 28, 2017 meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### Minto Youth Action Council

Keunen reviewed the previous meeting minutes and announced that the MYAC has grown to 15 members. She highlighted that the youth were focusing on planning their first Birthday celebration on Thursday October 12, at the CNRA Clubhouse in Palmerston and that all Committee members are welcome to attend. Keunen also highlighted that the youth were busy creating their 2018 Action Plan and she reviewed a draft copy with the Committee. Keunen also shared that she was busy applying for applications, including: an OTF Grow Grant with Hanover LaunchPad as the lead applicant for a youth coordinator, youth summits, and focus groups to help with rural youth retention and meaningful engagement; an OMAFRA Leaders Award to recognize the leadership MYAC has in the community; and lastly, an application for Minto to be recognized as a Youth Friendly Community. Keunen also highlighted that Minto partnered with LaunchIt and Saugeen Economic Development Corporation to provide free YSTOP programming for youth that would teach youth valuable workplace skills and reward them with certificated. She noted that the session would take place every Tuesday at LaunchIt Minto for 7 weeks starting on September 26 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm with 8 youth signed up for far.

### **MOTION**

**Moved By: Andrew Gowan      Seconded By: Megan Raftis**

**THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the Minto Youth Action Council minutes from the September 20, 2017 meeting.**

**CARRIED**

### Live2Lead Tickets

Wick-Graham notified the Committee that not all of the nominated up and coming leaders were able to attend the Live2Lead event. She said that she added Kathryn Franck, former Railway Museum student to the list, and that they could try nominating some others. The Committee decided to approach Jacob Bieman and Kathleen Faris. Jean Anderson accepted the one remaining ticket.



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Wick-Graham shared that the Centre Wellington viewing of Live2Lead would be taking place at the Fergus Grand Theatre on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm and tickets would cost \$40. She also shared that Hanover's viewing would be taking place at their theatre on November 10<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

#### Culture Days

Wick-Graham reviewed all of the events on the rack card for Culture Days. She noted that she had cancelled the bus due to lack of registrations. Wick-graham also noted that next year they could use both sides of the rack cards to provide more details. Chair Raftis suggested starting the planning process earlier next year.

#### Light up the Town Planning

Wick-Graham notified the Committee that the Harriston Parade would be taking place on Saturday November 18 at 7:00 pm, so it would not be affiliated with Light up the Town. She announced that Raissa at the Crown Theatre would be showing Rudolph at 6:00 pm before the parade. The Committee planned a schedule of events for Light up the Town that would appear in the Minto Holiday Shopping & Event guide attached as Attachment "A". Wick-Graham shared that the Guide would have a section for all holiday-related events taking place in November/December and to send them along to Taylor.

#### Presentation to Rotary & Ag Society

Chair Raftis shared that she and Wick-Graham would be attending the Clifford Rotary and Harriston-Minto Agricultural Society to present the Cultural Roundtable slideshow presentation at their meetings on October 24, 2017.

#### Roundtable:

Wick-Graham highlighted that the Butter Tarts & Buggies Fall Frolic event would be taking place the weekend of October 13-15 with lots of fall-themes sales, activities and treats.

Gordon shared that the Minto Arts Council would be hosting a Basement Café on October 14 with a performance by Thorn & Roses. He highlighted that Anthony Moore & Karen Cheeseman's exhibit was open at the Arts Gallery. Gordon also highlighted that the first Norgan Film Festival viewing of the season, 'Maudie', was a success with 90 people in attendance. Gordon also provided an update with SPARC, saying that he would be looking into a follow up session on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> in the evening.

Raissa shared that she would be hosting the Rocky Horror Picture Show event again this year on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. She said that they would once again have the movie playing with people on stage as well. Raissa also announced that a soft rock band from St Catherine's would be performing a show at the Crown on October 19<sup>th</sup>.



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Brooke shared that there would be voyageurs storytelling with Stephen Leacock at the Harriston Branch on October 13 at 2:30 pm. She also shared that the week of October 15<sup>th</sup> would be Ontario Public Library week with special draws and Game of Thrones swag being given away.

Jean Anderson said that the last of the Horticultural Society's garden awards had been given out for the season and that they were looking into having awards for "secret gardens" that are hidden in back yards for next summer. Wick-Graham shared that the Communities in Bloom judges had provided suggestions for awards that she would share with Jean. John suggested that a workshop focused on mushroom identification would be beneficial.

Wick-Graham also announced that the Town of Minto received 5 Silver Leaves (Canada 150 themed blooms) and that they received 87.5% which was just points short of receiving Gold, with a special mention for the Green Legacy program. She shared that there would be a presentation made to Council in October.

John Cox shared that Tom Lusi from Wellington County attended the previous Chamber meeting which was focused on agriculture business and immigrant hiring processes.

Megan Raftis reminded the Committee of the MYAC movie *Moana* in Palmerston on Friday September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Peggy Raftis announced that the play *Things my Mother Taught Me*, a romantic comedy, was casted and would be taking place on: November 17, 18, 19 & 23,24,25. She also announced that the Spring play was chosen and it would be a stage adaptation of *Terms of Endearment*.

Adjournment at 7:05 pm

Next Meeting:  
October 23, 2017  
6:00 p.m.  
LaunchIt Minto

Taylor Keunen  
Economic Development Assistant