



CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE Minutes of October 23, 2017

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The Cultural Roundtable held its regular meeting on Monday October 23, 2017 at LaunchIt Minto. Roundtable members in attendance were Chair Peggy Raftis, Councillor Jean Anderson, Councillor Mary Lou Colwell, Megan Raftis, Raïssa Rogers, 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 Mayor George Bridge, Brooke McLean and 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: Andrew Gowan

THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the minutes of the September 25, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

Minto Youth Action Council

Megan updated the Committee regarding the Minto Youth Action Council sharing that Councillor Jean Anderson attended the last meeting and they would be working together to look into outdoor youth spaces across the community. She highlighted that MYAC was very happy with their first anniversary celebration and were excited to add more to their 2018 Action Plan with the additional funds they received. Megan highlighted that MYAC was busy working on their slideshow for their delegation to Council on November 21, 2017 and that the youth were brainstorming for their new youth space at LaunchIt. Megan also noted that they would be having their first joint meeting with the Mapleton Youth Action Council at Norwell on October 24, 2017.

MOTION

Moved By: Jean Anderson Seconded By: Raïssa Rogers

THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the Minto Youth Action Council minutes from the October 18, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

Railway Heritage Museum Update

Wick-Graham highlighted that there were over 1000 visitors to the museum over the summer and that Kathryn Franck, the museum student, did a great job of implementing children's programming. She said that the Committee is looking for more volunteers at the museum and will be training people to give tours while Bob is unavailable. Wick-Graham also highlighted that the Handcar Races were successful with \$3,600.00 raised and plans to make it bigger and better next summer. She also shared that the baggage room and storage shed were being organized for more usage and that the next meeting would consist of landscape development plans for the museum.

MOTION

Moved By: Andrew Gowan Seconded By: Raïssa Rogers

THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the Railway Heritage Museum Committee minutes from the October 16, 2017 meeting.



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CARRIED

Culture Days Recap

Wick-Graham shared that overall Culture Days was successful. She noted that some events were more successful than others, such as the Filipino Fest and drumming, where as some didn't have many or any show up, such as the genealogy lab and picnic in the park. Keunen noted that the outdoor MYAC movie had to change locations due to rain and be held indoors which played a factor in low attendance. The Committee expressed that Eventbrite is not very user-friendly for elder residents. Jean suggested going back to planning a Culture Bus for the weekend since that was the most successful. Peggy added that planning the events in the beginning of the year to generate more ideas and provide for more time to market the events. She also said that the Theatre would be planning something for 2018 on the Friday evening.

Light up the Town Update

The Committee reviewed the schedule of events for Light up the Town and solidified the timing and locations of the events to be printed in the Minto Holiday Shopping & Event Guide. The Committee decided to have storytelling and the hot chocolate station at the Crown before 7:00 pm, with the other events taking place at the library afterwards. Keunen said that she would follow up with Brooke about having Krista do the storytelling. Peggy volunteered to do the storytelling if needed. Wick-Graham shared that they would appreciate volunteers to help light the trees on Saturday November 4th at 8:00 am.

Review Presentation to Rotary & Ag. Society

The Committee reviewed the Slideshow Presentation. Wick-Graham shared that she and Peggy would be presenting to the Clifford Rotary Club at 7:00 pm and the Harriston-Minto Agricultural Society at 8:00 pm, both on Tuesday October 24, 2017.

SPARC Update

Gordon shared that the original meeting on October 30th was delayed due to hiring a new SPARC coordinator, so the new proposed date would be on Monday November 27th at 7:00pm following the Cultural Roundtable meeting since most members would be attending the SPARC meeting anyways. He added that they would be providing a meal again and that invitations would be sent out by the end of the week. Gordon also added that Michael and Chris would be in attendance, and hopefully their new hire, as well as this would be the "make or break" of the SPARC regional hub depending on interest and attendance.

Roundtable Partner Updates:

Andrew shared that he would be taking a leave from the Committee for the winter due to health concerns and that he would hope to return in February.

Wick-Graham shared that planning was underway for the Fire & Ice event on December 31st and that full details would be included in the upcoming Minto Holiday Shopping & Events Guide. She announced that Blessings to You was sponsoring the Fire Hoop performances, MYAC was looking into planning some activities for youth, there would be more food options and that they were looking into having the Curling Club open for a licensed lounge. Wick-Graham also noted that Ladies' Night



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would be taking place on Wednesday November 15th and that a new Men's Night would be taking place on Thursday December 21st.

Wick-Graham also shared that the Minto Arts Council was finishing their current exhibit on Saturday and that the Silent Auction would be taking place from November 9th to December 2nd until noon, along with the Juried Art Show. She added that a new brochure for 2018/2019 was being printed.

Raissa announced that the Rocky Horror Picture Show would be taking place on Halloween weekend.

Gordon announced that "A Slice of an Ending" would be the Film Circuit movie showing at the Norgan on November 20th. He also shared that the last Basement Café had 36 people in attendance and that they were exploring options of making it a licensed event on February 2nd, 2018. Gordon also shared that they might be looking into only booking two shows per year in 2018: one in February and one in October.

John Cox invited the Committee to attend the Chamber's Business Christmas Social on Monday December 4th at Harry Stones starting at 6:00 pm.

Jean Anderson announced that the Horticultural Society's AGM would be taking place in November and that she would become President for 2018. She shared that the Society was planning to do a workshop for living garden easels in Willa's barn, made out of birch for Christmas and that they could be changed for different seasons. Jean also announced that she and David would be hosting another Free Community Christmas Dinner on December 25th at the Harriston-Minto Community Centre. She shared that she would post volunteer notices and information regarding donations.

Keunen highlighted that the Butter Tarts & Buggies' first Fall Frolic event, which took place on October 13th-15th, was well attended at various participating businesses and that there was positive feedback despite the weather.

Peggy highlighted that the Grey-Wellington Theatre Guild's play "Things my Mother taught me" would be playing November 17, 23, 24 & 25 at 7:30 pm, on November 18 at 8:00 pm, and on November 19 at 2:00 pm.

Adjournment at 7:02 pm

Next Meeting:
November 27, 2017
6:00 p.m.
LaunchIt Minto

Taylor Keunen
Economic Development Assistant