



CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE Minutes of November 27, 2017

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The Cultural Roundtable held its regular meeting on Monday November 27, 2017 at LaunchIt Minto. Roundtable members in attendance were Chair Peggy Raftis, Councillor Mary Lou Colwell, Megan Raftis, Raïssa Rogers, John Cox and Gordon Duff. Members of staff present were Economic Development Manager Belinda Wick-Graham and Economic Development Assistant Taylor Keunen. Regrets were received from Mayor George Bridge, Councillor Jean Anderson, Andrew Gowan, 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: Megan Raftis

Seconded By: Mary Lou Colwell

THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the minutes of the October 23, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

Railway Heritage Museum Update

Wick-Graham highlighted that the Railway Museum Committee reviewed the budget and discussed landscaping and decking costs and labour. She highlighted that there was a new Exhibition Sub-Committee that would work towards revolving museums displays and archives and that they were looking to budget for some software to help with the process. Wick-Graham also noted that they would be allocating all of the rolling stock including the Old 81 under the Committee.

MOTION

Moved By: Belinda Wick-Graham Seconded By: John Cox

THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the Railway Heritage Museum Committee minutes from the November 13, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

Minto Youth Action Council

Megan Raftis highlighted that MYAC met with Callise Loos from Minto Fire to discuss making youth additions to the 91Run and that they would be meeting again in January to follow up with ideas. She shared that MYAC prepared for their delegation to Minto Council for Tuesday November 21st and that they brainstormed youth ideas for Fire & Ice including: snowball throwing and/or snow sculpture competitions, a scavenger hunt, snow soccer, schlocky, etc. Raftis also shared that the youth volunteered at both the Light up the Town and Light up the Park events and really enjoyed the community outreach. She noted that in the upcoming meetings, the youth would be working with local mentors to learn leadership and event marketing skills.



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Raftis also highlighted that she, Keunen and Gabby Ieropoli attended the Parks and Recreation Ontario MBA Symposium in Hamilton on November 22-23 and gained new knowledge and ideas about working with youth.

MOTION

Moved By: Raissa Rogers Seconded By: Megan Raftis

THAT The Cultural Roundtable approve the Minto Youth Action Council minutes from the November 1, 2017 meeting.

CARRIED

Light up the Town Recap

Wick-Graham announced that the Light up the Town event was very successful, and that The Crown saw over 45 people attend the movie and hot chocolate station, with over 100 for the lighting and library activities that followed. She noted that next year, due to the event taking place quickly after Remembrance Day, the event may take place on the Saturday before the parade with Ladies' Night to take place the following week.

Wick-Graham announced that the first annual Light up the Park event, which saw hundreds of people both from inside and outside of Minto, was also very successful and revisions would be made for next year to accommodate more people. She also shared that the Fire & Ice New Year's Eve event planning was underway.

Roundtable Partner Updates:

Keunen shared that she was still working on gathering information for the Youth-Friendly Community application due in January.

Cox reminded the Committee to RSVP for the Minto Chamber of Commerce Christmas Social that would be taking place on Monday December 4 at 6:00 pm at Harry Stones, and to bring a donation to the food bank.

Rogers noted that there was unfortunate weather for Ladies' Night, but they had approximately 40 people into the Crown, and that Light up the Town was a success as well. She shared that she was looking into bookings for the New Year and that they would be having their first music performance: four rock bands in January.

Councillor Colwell congratulated Peggy, Megan and the Grey-Wellington Theatre Guild on a great show the past weekend.

Treasurer Duff shared that the Film Circuit was going well and that he would be looking into films for 2018 shortly. He also reminded the Committee of the Minto Arts Council's Silent Auction open until Saturday December 2nd.



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Wick-Graham announced that the Minto Dance Academy's Christmas Dance Demonstrations would be taking place on December 12 and 13, 2017.

Peggy Raftis shared that the Grey-Wellington Theatre Guild's six-night run of the play *Things My Mother Taught Me* had just wrapped and that there would be a read-through for the next play, *Terms of Endearment* on Monday December 4, 2017.

Adjournment at 6:46 pm

Next Meeting:
January 22, 2018
6:00 p.m.
LaunchIt Minto

Taylor Keunen
Economic Development Assistant