Hanover
Ontario, Canada

CULTURAL ROUNDTABLE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 6th, 2025 | 10:00am
Saugeen Room | Civic Centre

MEMBERS PRESENT Ruth Linnen | Bev Morgan | Stephen Ferguson

OTHERS PRESENT April Marshall | Brandon Dobson | Catherine McKay | Andre Petitjean

REGRETS Pat Butler

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST- Nil

DELEGATIONS: Nil

DISCUSSIONS & DECISIONS

1. **Adoption of April 2nd, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**

   Moved by R. Linnen | Seconded by B. Morgan
   THAT the minutes of the April 2nd, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes be approved as printed and circulated. **CARRIED**

2. **Business Arising from Minutes-** Nil

3. **Doors Open Ontario Participation-** C. McKay & A. Petitjean shared information on Doors Open Ontario Participation and potentially bringing an event like this to Hanover. Registration costs: $1000.00 Early-Bird registration for a Doors Open. $1500.00 afterwards. An organizing committee is needed, with a lead contact, and a minimum of 10 sites of historical, architectural or cultural significance. The event must be held between April-October and no admission can be charged for the event.
   Potential stops:
   - Police station
   - Fire Station
   - Water Sanitation
   - Water Treatment
   - Masonic Lodge
   - Churches
   - Paramount Theatre
   - Civic Theatre
   - Drive-In
   - Cemetery
   - Old Stores (Building Plaques)
   - Heritage Square
   - P&H Centre & HRAC

- Private Homes (Heimbeckers)
- Andres Alpachas
- Shining Star Ranch
- Agricultural facilities
- Slab Town, Knappville
- Saugeen River
- Trout Farm

Finding sufficient volunteers to organize sites was noted as a concern.

ACTION: A. Marshall to contact Grey County, Saugeen Partners, Town of Hanover Staff & Heritage Committee to garner interest in participating (either by partnering or facilitating opening and organizing sites and tours).

4. Initiative Updates

4.1. Music in the Square

Advertising has begun. Collaborating with community organizations and stakeholders has been terrific, as many other special events are being coordinated with this live and local music series.

4.2. Event Development Fund

A. Marshall noted the new criteria has made the selection process much clearer. The first intake approved applications includes:

- New Events | Barns 2 Beaches at Saugeen Municipal Airport
- Growing Events | Hanover Fair & Eat Well Market
- Returning Event | Saugeen Artists Guild Quick Paint

4.3. Downtown Plan

An MOU has been developed to recognize the partnership between the Downtown Improvement Area (DIA) and the Town. Tourism & Downtown Plan to be built together. A cultural roundtable committee member was requested to be a representative with the Downtown Plan working group. Bev, Ruth and Brandon expressed interest. The Chamber of Commerce also to be approached with a partner request.

4.4. Culture Days & Welcome Week

Cultural Groups to organize their own events and promotions will be facilitated. No interest from cultural groups to continue the Cultural Showcase event. Plans continue to launch the library as a newcomer resource centre as part of Welcome Week.

5. Joint Cultural Roundtable- With Minto & Wellington North

5.1. Cultural Symposium Debrief

Well attended event with excellent feedback from participants. Bev noted that Saugeen Artists Guild members saw much value from attending. Roundtables to discuss community interest and if the symposium will be held again in future.

5.2. Culture Bus Tour- October 4th, 2025

Hanover's stops will include Heritage Square, Clock Tower & Saugeen Municipal Airport. The Heritage committee will provide tours of the square to share the history of the site and how it's reflected in the development of the park.

5.3. Joint meeting, hosted by Hanover- September 25th, 2025

Looking to host in the Community Hall. Members were asked to consider agenda items for our turn to host the rotating meeting.

6. Roundtable Member Updates | New Business

6.1. B. Dobson

Reviewed the following upcoming events: Volunteer Fair June 17th, 2025 at P&H Centre on the Arena Floor; Canada Day in Hanover - July 1st, 2025. Summer Camps of interest to committee: Painting with Mak Camp, Art Camp, Camp Spark & Hanover Community Players Drama Camp.

6.2. B. Morgan

Saugeen Artist Guild offering a $200.00 bursary for students attending post-secondary. Guild beginning to look at storage facilities/options and for a storefront for their Christmas store. July 12th Paint in the Square event reviewed.

6.3. S. Ferguson

Hanover Community Players (HCP) to be at Volunteer Fair. Christmas Show will be School of Rock with a successful 40 applications for roles. HCP Board set aside $30,000 for Cultural Events and is partnering with Grey Bruce Community Foundation to distribute funds. A new storage facility in the Flea Market has helped make prop and set design much easier. The Western Ontario Drama League has reached out to HCP to host a festival.

7. Correspondence- Nil

8. Adjournment

Moved by S. Ferguson

THAT the meeting by adjourned at 11:35am. **CARRIED**

Next Meeting: September 3rd, 2025 @ 10:00am