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## First Roundtable hears many ideas

Thanks to over 30 local residents, the launch of the Grey Highlands Cultural Roundtable held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Flesherton Kinplex was a success.

Formed as part of a Cultural Development Fund project coordinated by the libraries and museum and funded by the province, the volunteer collective of people with interest in our community will seek to develop an action plan to carry forward the municipal Cultural Plan.

The purpose of the first meeting was to update the community on the current project; listen to ideas on developing a cultural network, including how best to promote culture; to foster collaboration and coordination among cultural groups and event organizers and to determine how this cultural roundtable should unfold in the future.

A few strong voices emerged, seeking to more closely define culture and beef up local communications opportunities with targeted audiences in mind. Others wanted to have smaller groups to focus on themes like the potential for a local arts council to help find funding for creative individuals and groups or a group to develop ways to enhance inclusion opportunities in our diverse community for people with disabilities and other barriers to participating in events and cultural activities.

According to some comments from those who attended, there are “1,000 secrets out there” to promote which could draw out both residents and visitors to “work, rest, play and enjoy” in our community. If all aspects of the area work together, there could be a great collaborative effort to enhance the knowledge about and participation in the variety of local culture in Grey Highlands.

A website does exist at [visitgreyhighlands.ca](http://visitgreyhighlands.ca). It was created under a previous cultural grant, yet still needs a lot more content and promotion to get people using it to promote and seek events and activities in the area. With this in mind, community groups, individuals and businesses are invited to submit information about their events to be posted on the website. Information for the website will be collected, leading up to the next roundtable meeting.

The next meeting, scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at the Flesherton Library, will focus on priority setting. For more information or to get involved contact [museum@greyhighlands.ca](mailto:museum@greyhighlands.ca) or the library at [contact@greyhighlands.ca](mailto:contact@greyhighlands.ca).

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