



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee
From: Suzanne Dronick, Wellington Terrace LTCH Administrator
Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022
Subject: Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Compliance Visit

Background:

Starting May 30, 2022 and ending June 9, 2022, the Ministry of Long-Term Care was onsite at Wellington Terrace for a proactive inspection. The following Inspection Protocols were used:

- Falls Prevention and Management
- Food, Nutrition and Hydration
- Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC)
- Medication Management
- Pain Management
- Palliative Care
- Prevention of Abuse and Neglect
- Resident care and Support Services
- Residents' and Family Councils
- Resident's Rights and Choices
- Safe and Secure Home
- Skin and Wound Prevention and Management

The LTC inspectors found two areas of non-compliance that were remedied prior to the conclusion of the inspection, an assistive device needed to be updated on a care plan and securing the controlled substance cupboard to the ground.

Furthermore, the home received two written notifications. One related to a failure to measure air temperatures and the second was related to medication management. See the attached public report.

Recommendation:

That the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Compliance Visit report be received as information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Suzanne Dronick
Wellington Terrace LTCH Administrator

Original Public Report

Report Issue Date June 17, 2022
Inspection Number 2022_1624_0001
Inspection Type
☐ Critical Incident System ☐ Complaint ☐ Follow-Up ☐ Director Order Follow-up
☒ Proactive Inspection ☐ SAO Initiated ☐ Post-occupancy
☐ Other _____

Licensee

Corporation of the County of Wellington

Long-Term Care Home and City

Wellington Terrace Long-Term Care Home, Fergus

Lead Inspector

Nuzhat Uddin (532)

Inspector Digital Signature

Additional Inspector(s)

Katherine Adamski (753)

Maya Kuzmin (741674) was also present during this inspection.

INSPECTION SUMMARY

The inspection occurred on the following date(s): May 30, 31, June 1-3, 6-9, 2022.

The following intake(s) were inspected:

Intake: #010130-22 related to a proactive compliance inspection

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INSPECTION RESULTS

NON-COMPLIANCE REMEDIED

Non-compliance was found during this inspection and was **remedied** by the licensee prior to the conclusion of the inspection. The inspector was satisfied that the non-compliance met the intent of section 154(2) and requires no further action.

NC#01 remedied pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154(2)

O. Reg. 246/22 s. 6 (10)(b)

A resident did not have their plan of care reviewed and revised related to the assistive device that they required.

The DOC completed the review and revised the plan of care when notified by the Long-term Care Homes (LTCH) inspector.

Date Remedy Implemented: June 9, 2022 [753]

NC#02 remedied pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154(2)

O. Reg. 246/22 138 (1)(b)

The controlled substances for destruction were stored inside a cupboard in a separate locked area, however, it was not stationary.

The DOC confirmed with an Inspector that they had bolted the controlled substances for the destruction cupboard to the ground.

Date Remedy Implemented: June 9, 2022 [532]

WRITTEN NOTIFICATION AIR TEMPERATURE

NC#03 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154(1)1

Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22 r. 24 (3)

The licensee has failed to ensure that the temperatures required to be measured under subsection (2) were measured and documented at least once every morning and once every afternoon between 12 p.m. and 5 p.m. Subsection (2) specified that temperatures must be measured and documented in writing, at a minimum in at least two resident bedrooms in different parts of the home and one resident common area on every floor of the home, which may include a lounge, dining area or corridor.

Rationale and Summary

The home's Heat Related Illness Prevention and Management Plan directed Maintenance to monitor the home's cooling system three times per day. Temperatures were to be taken at least, once every morning, every afternoon between 12 and five in the afternoon, and once in the night. The following locations were to be monitored; two resident bedrooms in different parts of the home and one resident common area on every floor of the home.

The home's Air Temperature Reading Records from May 15 to June 7, 2022, showed that the temperatures were not measured and documented in the home in two resident rooms and one resident common area on every floor of the home on 9 occasions:

- May 15, 16, 2022, between 0700 and 1100 hours;
- May 23, 30, 31, 2022, between 1200 and 1700 hours;
- June 5, 2022, between 0700 and 1100 hours;
- June 3, 4, 5, 2022, between 1200 and 1700 hours.

There was minimal risk to residents resulting from the air temperatures not being monitored and documented at the required intervals.

Sources: Interview with maintenance staff and other staff, the home's Heat Related Illness Prevention and Management Plan (ER1-20, page 6) and Air Temperature Reading Records for May and June 2022.

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WRITTEN NOTIFICATION POLICIES AND RECORDS

NC#04 Written Notification pursuant to FLTCA, 2021, s. 154(1)1

Non-compliance with: O. Reg. 246/22 11(1)(b)

The licensee has failed to ensure that where the Act or this Regulation requires the licensee of a long-term care home to have, institute or otherwise put in place any plan, policy, protocol, program, procedure, strategy, initiative or system, the licensee is required to ensure that the plan, policy, protocol, program, procedure, strategy, initiative or system, is complied with.

Rationale and Summary

O. Reg. 246/22 s.123.(2) the licensee shall ensure that written policies and protocols are developed for the medication management system to ensure the accurate acquisition, dispensing, receipt, storage, administration, and destruction and disposal of all drugs used in the home.

Specifically, staff did not comply with the home's policy titled "Administering Routine Medications", last reviewed April 2002, that directed registered staff to prepare for each resident's medication by following the Resident's MAR/Treatment Administration Record sheet, ensuring competence, safety and authority according to the College of Nurses of Ontario

(CNO) medication practice standard. Competence, safety and authority are always verified before any medication is administered according to the CNO medication practice standard.

A registered staff did not supervise or remain with the resident after providing them with a medication. There were three other residents sitting at the same dining room table.

The DOC stated that the registered staff were to follow the CNO practice standard and the rights of medication administration before administering the medications to the resident.

Not supervising a resident during a medication administration pass placed the resident and other residents at moderate risk of harm.

Sources: Administering Routine Medications policy, medication administration observation, interview with an RPN and the DOC.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee
From: Suzanne Dronick, Wellington Terrace LTCH Administrator
Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022
Subject: Long-term Care Update

Background:

Bill 7, More Beds, Better Care Act, 2022

This Bill amends the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021, to add a new provision for alternate level of care (ALC) patients who occupy a bed in a public hospital and are designated by an attending clinician as requiring an alternate level of care. This new provision authorizes certain actions to be carried out without the consent of ALC patients.

These actions include:

- A placement coordinator determines the patient's eligibility for a long-term care home, select a home, and authorize their admission to the home. They also include having certain persons conduct assessments for the purpose of determining a patient's eligibility.
- Licensees will be required to admit the patient to the home when certain conditions have been met and to allow persons to collect, use and disclose personal health information, if it is necessary to carry out the actions.
- Certain limitations apply, including prohibition of action to be performed without first making reasonable efforts to obtain the patient's consent. If consent is later provided by an ALC patient, the parts of the process that have been consented to must be conducted in accordance to the regulations.
- An ALC patient may apply to the Appeal Board for a review of a determination of ineligibility made by a placement coordinator, and the Appeal Board shall deal with the appeal in accordance with the regulation.
- The use of restraints is not authorized in order to carry out the actions or the physical transfer of an ALC patient to a long-term care home without their consent.

LTC Guidance

On September 1, 2020, the Deputy Minister released updated guidance for Long-term Care.

Highlights of the changes are as follows:

- All new residents and other transfers into the home must be placed in a single room or double room.
- The Guidance Document notes the regulations under the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021, (FLTCA) require licensees to ensure their emergency plan related to COVID-19 outbreaks identifies an area of the home to be used for isolating residents as required, among other requirements; however, homes are no longer required to directly set beds aside for this purpose.

- Licensees are advised that the occupancy funding protection cap will expire as of September 30, 2022. Licensees are reminded that regular reporting through the Weekly LTCH Occupancy Data and Summary Report (L9 Survey) continues to be mandatory for all LTC homes to inform occupancy target funding calculations.

Recommendation:

That the Long-term Care Update report be received as information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Suzanne Dronick
Wellington Terrace LTCH Administrator



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COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee
From: Jana Burns, Wellington Place Administrator
Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022
Subject: **WCMA Update**

Summer Comments

The WCMA has welcomed 4,325 visitors so far this summer, numbers which are similar to pre-pandemic. It was wonderful to expose the many weeks of camp children to the Museum, and to teach them of their obligation to caring for the site. We also hosted events, including the Historical Society AGM, where I had the opportunity to provide remarks and updates on our activities, and introduce guest speaker Senator Black.

Positioning the WCMA for Success

At a team building day August 3, staff acknowledged that it is important we be a place that stands out among tourism experiences in the region. With this objective, we had a kickoff meeting August 22 with BC Hughes Tourism Development, retained to undertake the coaching and recommendations involved in this project. Two workshops will take place in the fall, an Essence of Place workshop late September followed by a Visitor Experience workshop early November. Both workshops will involve staff and external tourism stakeholders, to help us develop our ideal positioning and our unique selling propositions. The timing of this project is opportune as it runs parallel to the County's first ever Tourism Strategy, led by Christina Mann in Economic Development.

145 Anniversary of the Poor House – September 24

On September 24, from 11am to 3pm, the WCMA will host our House of Industry and Refuge Anniversary Celebration for the public. The event begins with opening remarks followed by a skit presented by the IH&S Committee members. Costumes will be available for Committee members (overcoats, top hats, etc.). The skit will involve short, prepared statements in the form of an historic debate that occurred amongst council surrounding the opening of the House of Industry in 1877. Archives staff have researched and developed the skit and Councillors will be provided their notes in advance of the day.

Following the skit, at 11:45am attendees will be head to the Aboyne Hall for the performance of a special play based around the life of the House of Industry preformed by a local theatre company and created just for this event. At the conclusion of the performance, the Nicholas Keith Room will be transformed into the House of Industry dining room for a historical lunch featuring stew from Fraberts Fresh Food, warm bread, and beer - everything one would need for a days work on the Poor House Industrial Farm!

A second vignette will be available at 1:30pm, and tours of the Museum will be ongoing in the afternoon, including to some of the less familiar corners of the House of Industry.

Summer Camp

2022 represented the first year we held an entire summer full of camps for those aged 5 to 12 years. Aside from varied weekly themes, we had the opportunity to expose children to the museum world. Camps were sold out and the comments from both campers and parents were universally positive. Programme Manager Kyle Smith let me know that many campers even said it was their favourite camp ever.

One highlight of the camps was the creation of the Camp History Detectives Exhibit, where kids explored the Museum collection to curate their own exhibit using artifacts they themselves chose. The campers chose an artifact and were assisted to display their item in the Museum with professional labels describing why it spoke to them. The exhibit is quite cute and is still available for viewing. Much praise goes to summer students and camp leaders Ronan Crozier and Sarah O'Donnell, who planned and executed the programmes, and without whose leadership the camp would not have been as successful.

Family Drop in Activities

During the summer Programming staff organized a number of family drop-in activities. These consisted of special presentations such as visits from the OPP K9 unit, Firetrucks, Garbage Trucks, an astronomy show, and storytelling and other crafts and activities to supplement the afternoon. The events took place Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings, were well attended and met with enthusiastic support from the public.

Poor House Tours – Summer 2022

As a part of the 145 anniversary, and as a way to animate the Museum on weekends when we see our largest visitor traffic, Programming staff have been leading tours of the Historic Building each Saturday at 1pm. These drop-in tours are offered as a part of the regular Museum admission. Tours last an hour and involve the entire history of the building, including visits to the Cemetery. Tours have been successful with up to 24 attendees each week and groups are usually a wonderful mix of locals who want to know more about the building and visitors from outside the local area who saw our advertisements while they were in downtown Elora during their 'staycation'. Given the success of the Poor House tours, they will be extended into the fall.

Historic Drinking in Elora Tours in Association with the Elora Distillery

An WCMA 2021 Action Plan objective was to provide a downtown presence and partner with local businesses. This summer staff have piloted guided tours of the downtown Elora area on Saturday afternoons at 3pm. The tours are a partnership with the Elora Distillery, they advertise and sell the tickets and tours begin at the Distillery. The tours are a historic overview of how alcohol, alcohol sales and alcohol regulations have shaped the village, and also feature a number of colourful characters and stories from our past, using research from the Archives. The tours have not been as well attended, but have been wonderful to help a local business support local history and having the Museum staff very prominently (and loudly) talking local history downtown when Elora is at its busiest, excellent advertising for the Museum. People often tag along on tours eavesdropping and many other follow us home to the Museum afterwards or take a few of the cards that we handout along the way.

Sunset Concerts

Summer Concerts were back again after a shortened year last year due to Covid19 restrictions. This year we were able to have a full schedule of artists perform in the Historic Barn. Attendance was up and down, we do not have a Museum social media account, however a dedicated push was made at the end of the summer to increase awareness of the concerts and the Communications division was very helpful in helping to raise our numbers for the close of the year.

August 28 Car Show

The Car Show represents the final large event of the WCMA summer season. The Show is exceedingly weather dependent and this year the weather was perfect, the cars came in unprecedented numbers. Our previous record for cars registered was 250 and this year saw 350 cars, with over 100 not officially registering. The front lawn was filled with cars and they began to overflow onto any available grass space on the property.

The high number of cars translated into over 2,000 attendees and over 1,200 visitors to the Museum building itself. As a result, the 2022 Car Show has been the WCMA's single biggest public event ever. Notable is that well over 1,000 people attended The Car Show than in previous years. Despite the attendance, our event infrastructure was stressed but never broke, we had space for everyone, two food vendors making sure everyone was fed and hydrated, the Fergus Brass Band provided musical entertainment and our washrooms remained usable.

Staff will be meeting in the aftermath of such a significant event to plan for next year. The Car Show has grown beyond our expectations, and we will be planning to make next year even bigger and better. An excellent way to end the summer!

September 11 Wedding Festival

On Sunday, September 11, the WCMA will host a Wedding Festival from 11:00am – 3:00pm in a large tent on the WCMA grounds. This is a family-friendly event with great food, live music, beer and wine, games, crafts, a photobooth, and a Wedding Showcase presentation featuring stories and wedding traditions from Wellington County and around the world. Guests are encouraged to dress up in wedding attire, whether new, old, tacky or borrowed, and show them off in the showcase.

The Wedding Fest will complement the wedding dress exhibit currently in the Exhibit Hall. As this event takes place during Welcoming Week, we are encouraging residents of all backgrounds to participate. We have listed our event with the Guelph Wellington Local Immigration Partnership as part of Welcoming Week, and

Help us make Wedding Fest unforgettable by submitting your unique story to our Wedding Showcase! Did your wedding include a special cultural or family tradition? Did the Best Man lose the rings just before the wedding? Do you still have your outfit and want a chance to show it off? [Submit your stories and photos online for a chance to be part of our Wedding Showcase here!](#)

Come dressed in your best wedding attire, be it from your own wedding, your grandma's closet, or a second-hand store! Do you have a tacky bridesmaid dress, ruffled tuxedo, or adorable ring bearer outfit? This is your chance to wear it again! Let's face it, weddings have been on hold for the last two years and we want a reason to celebrate!

shared the information with our Economic Development and Tourism stakeholders in the municipalities. Please help us in spreading the word.

Living in Relation Exhibit

Living in Relation is a family-friendly exhibit with engaging opportunities that align with Anishinaabe teachings. Since June, the public has experienced teaching opportunities with Indigenous exhibit host Amber Holmes in the gallery space (every Friday). To date the exhibit has reached over 4,306 visitors. We are currently planning additional programming opportunities for our visitors this fall and winter. It is a “living exhibit,” meaning it will evolve over the duration of the show with the addition of Museum visitor contributions being displayed, and “play” items such as animal hand puppets and natural building blocks for young children to engage with. Other planned updates this fall include content changes such as highlights of the upcoming plan for the Indigenous Gathering Circle at Wellington Place, as well as the use of relationship pronouns (ki and kin) and the realignment of the direction of the colonial map to reflect Anishinaabe teachings.

The WCMA partnership bringing Amber Holmes’ Indigenous exhibit was recently invited to speak at the Ontario Museum Association Conference on November 7, 2022. This in-person presentation will provide opportunities for participants to actively engage in the different aspects of the Living in Relation exhibit. The outcomes of the presentation will be like the exhibit whereby participants are asked to reflect on their individual relationships with the environment and to reflect on call to actions by the TRC so that they can make positive changes in their professional and personal lives.

Artifact Storage Building Renovations

The expansion of the mezzanine level in the artifact storage building is proceeding on schedule. This additional storage space is crucial. The large wood (furniture) storage located in the attic of the Museum has been full for several years, and staff have been shifting overflow artifacts out to the storage building which is rapidly running out of space.

The artifact storage building holds the bulk of our large artifacts, such as:

- Agricultural implements (thresher, plows, cultivators, seeders, fanning mills, etc.)
- Vehicles (wagons, sleighs, hearse, street organ, etc.)
- Furniture (school desks, chairs, cabinets, etc.)
- Household items (sewing machines, Beatty appliances, stoves, windows, pumps, etc.)
- Large artifacts from local businesses (signs, dental and optometry tools, carts)
- Unique artifacts such as a jail cell, witness box, and items from the House of Industry and Refuge

In July, staff cleared the floor on the west side of the building, moving and tarping the large artifacts that could not be moved onto or under the existing mezzanine to protect them from the dust generated by the construction. The footings for the expanded mezzanine have been poured, and water lines have been extended to the building to provide humidification to the environmental controls. This is important as fluctuations in humidity are damaging to wood and metal artifacts (the most common materials present in the artifacts stored in this building), and the ability to control the humidity in the space as well as the

temperature will ensure we can meet our standard of care for the artifacts and ensure their preservation for future generations.



Cutting new footings (above) and newly poured footings (below) for mezzanine expansion.



Barn Restoration

The exposed stone foundation of our heritage barn has been in need of repointing for some time. The stone walls and concrete silo were previously painted white, which prevented water from passing through the mortar and exiting the walls safely. Over time, this has caused damage to the stones, and the paint on the silo has begun to flake off, creating an untidy appearance.



West wall of stable prior to removal of paint and old mortar (August 2022).



Silo prior to sandblasting to remove old paint (August 2022).

The structures have now been cleaned of all paint and repairs have been made to ensure the walls are stable. A historically accurate lime mortar will be used to ensure the continued preservation of these foundation walls, and drip edges will be added to the underside of the window ledges to prevent further damage by water running down the walls.

Time Capsule Discovery

When running the water line to the artifact storage building, crews unearthed the time capsule that was buried on June 16, 1996, as part of the “Brotherly Walk” event at the WCMA. This was a re-enactment of the original centennial “Bury the Hatchet” event that took place on June 18, 1967, when the townspeople of Fergus and Elora met at Aboyne to celebrate the centennial together and end the rivalry between the two communities. David Lowe of Fergus, and William Taylor and Walter Kreps of Elora organized the event, with Lowe donating a pipe, Taylor a hatchet, and Kreps a concrete vault in which to bury the two items on “neutral ground” at the Wellington County Home for the Aged in Aboyne. Residents of Elora and Fergus dressed in period costume and walked to Aboyne, escorted by the Fergus Pipe and Brass Bands, and gathered for a picnic and celebration.



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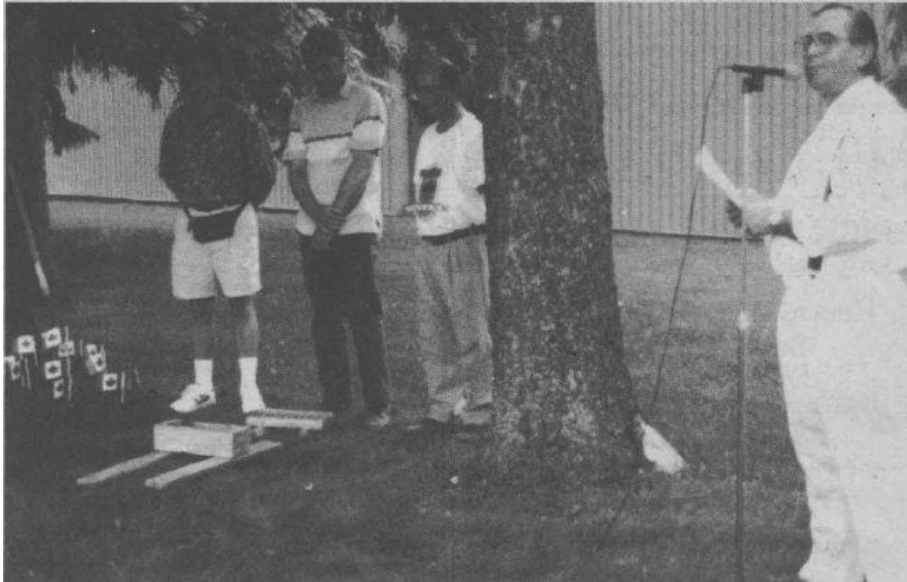
Art Hoffer, Reeve of Elora (with pipe and shovel), Mayor John Campbell of Fergus (centre, with hatchet), and Warden Cameron Lush (right). Warden Lush placed the concrete vault containing a “peace declaration” scroll into a garden at the front gate of Wellington Place, then Hoffer and Campbell placed the pipe and hatchet inside.



The burial was marked with a placard, but later dug up and the items were given to Wilf Roszell, Superintendant of the Wellington County Home for the Aged for safekeeping. When the Home closed in 1971 and moved to a new facility in Elora, the capsule and its contents were donated to the WCMA.



John Lowe (left) and Ken Taylor (right) re-enact the ceremony undertaken by their fathers nearly 30 years before.



John Lowe, Jim Kreps, and Ken Taylor with the new time capsule, June 16, 1996.

The Archives

From June to August, 190 members of the public visited the Archives to undertake research in person. Archives staff processed 59 photo reproduction orders, answered 67 phone calls, and responded to 145 emails. This summer we began to see a return to pre-pandemic in person visits from members of the public travelling from all parts of Ontario, western Canada as well as the United States. Overall, in person visits are still down compared to pre-pandemic numbers. Email requests continue to increase year over year. Photo reproduction orders have increased since the pandemic due to the public's ability to use our online portal for photo reproduction requests, available as soon as the public view the image online through our Collections Catalogue.

Inquiries from the public included: research to establish where and when ancestors lived in Nichol Township; to ask where United Church records should be deposited and if we accept church records into our collection; to establish if a cemetery existed on church grounds; request records to be viewed during an upcoming visit; to let staff know the researcher was having trouble accessing issues of the Wellington Advertiser while using our online database; procedure to donate records relating to a family in Elora; to ask if we are interested any Guelph directories for the collection; looking to use postcard from the collection depicting giant hogweed in an art exhibit; searching for background information on an individual for a eulogy; looking for historical information for a walking tour in Wellington North for Cultural Days and property history research.

Fifty-nine photograph reproduction orders were processed. Photographs were used in a number of ways including: a T.E. Bissell of Elora postcard article; to show family how the father's hometown has changed over the years; to frame and display historic photo of neighborhood as well as home a family lived in; background research for a book on Elora; Minto Township family history publication; to share image with elderly family member who is in the photo; historical research on downtown Guelph buildings; to use photo in a book on the militia of Waterloo County as well as in local newspaper articles.

Over the past several months Archives summer student Tim Liebrecht was the principal member of staff undertaking the background research into the House of Industry residents for the database to be launched on September 24th as part of our House of Industry 145th anniversary events. Tim was assisted by Archives Volunteer Susan Edwards and Archivist Assistants Kelsey Lindinger and Kyle Pugh. This was Tim's second year with the Archives, where he has provided invaluable historical research and data input for our upcoming House of Industry resident database. From Tim: "I really enjoyed working with the historic House of Industry records. The research made each resident feel like much more than just a number and showed many of their journeys from childhood to parenthood to their final years."

Recommendation:

That the WCMA Update be received for information and forwarded to County Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jana Burns
Wellington Place Administrator



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COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee
From: Jana Burns, Wellington Place Administrator
Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022
Subject: **Wellington Place Update**

Indigenous Gathering Circle

Staff met with the Indigenous Advisory Committee (IAC) several times over the summer to finalize the design of the Indigenous space at Wellington Place. The landscaping tender, which was combined with the playground landscaping project, closed August 26 and a separate report is provided to Committee.

The IAC is creating a landing page on the County site to house the Gathering Circle project, including renderings, the schedule, volunteering, and future bookings. Green Legacy staff were consulted to establish the plants and trees to be sourced for the three orchards. Many native and non-native trees, berry bushes and Indigenous medicines will also be placed along the trails. Fruit trees being chosen include more disease resistant and heavy bearing trees such as Toka plum and Honeycrisp apple. The space will also include a habitat with grasses such as Asters and Goldenrods, in support of bees and butterflies, in addition to native Sugar Maples, as well as cedars for windbreaks.

A meeting was held late August with the Wellington Place Child Care Centre to incorporate their thoughts and concerns. The meeting was also to enquire how to engage the children in the choosing of plants, and how to encourage their use of the site. The Child Care is very excited to be included in the project, and there is strong consensus that inspiring especially young children is important to ensure their lifelong love and care for nature. Consultation with the Terrace will ensue, and WCMA staff will speak with the local high school to determine whether the students could assist in building a child sized garden shed.

The water feature rocks are being sourced by the IAC. The rocks will be drilled to allow water to flow through them, they will be secured and an Indigenous artist will position the rocks in a meaningful way. Signage will also be designed to ensure the public is aware of the various plant species, whether they are edible and their Indigenous and non-Indigenous significance.

Museum Trail

Given a significant increase in usage of the Museum trail, the County will need to invest in its rehabilitation. The portion which runs from the Charles Allan Way stop sign south to the Trestle Bridge trail requires regrading, stone dust and work to ensure future washouts are mitigated. Triton Engineering has provided us with an estimate of work of \$50,000 +HST which will be included in the proposed 2023 property capital budget.



Charles Allan Way

The rehabilitation of Charles Allan Way from County Road 18 to the roundabout was budgeted at \$340,000 for 2022, and includes an OPP Collision Reporting Lane for \$40,000. As the project progressed, staff observed the opportunity for economies of scale by incorporating a multi-use path for the same section of road. The path, which currently exists on the adjacent Frederick Campbell Street, would enable walking and cycling, and align with the rest of the property and as per the original Concept Plan. The total cost estimate for the road rehabilitation, the OPP inspection lane, the multi-use path in addition to the Museum trail resurfacing is \$500,000 +HST and will be included in the proposed 2023 capital budget.

Recommendation:

That the Wellington Place Update be received for information and forwarded to County Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Burns
Wellington Place Administrator



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COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Library Board
From: Danielle Drimmie, Information Services Librarian
Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022
Subject: TD Summer Reading Club, 2022

Background: To provide the Library Board with a summary of the 2022 TD Summer Reading Club activities at Wellington County Library.

Summer Reading 2022:

Wellington County Library branches were busy with fun and learning this summer as we participated in the Canada-wide TD Summer Reading Club (TD SRC) as well as running our own Teen and Adult Summer Reading programmes. This was our first summer operating at pre-pandemic levels since 2019, as both 2021 and 2020 programmes were significantly impacted by pandemic restrictions.

TD SRC is a centralized programme that was developed to fill the learning gap for school-aged students. Summer Reading at Wellington County Library also includes preschoolers, teens, adults, and seniors. It draws in reluctant readers with fun activities, encourages lifelong reading, and generates interest in the library. Our aim this year was to re-engage patrons at their home branches and move away from system wide virtual programming of the past two summers. The ability for patrons to browse the library and attend in person programmes has reinvigorated staff and patrons, and had a visibly positive impact on Summer Reading participation.

Our Summer Reading Club launched on June 25 alongside the closing of the Wellington County Writers Festival at our outdoor event at the Hillsburgh library branch. At the event we promoted SRC for all ages, signed up participants and gave out swag bags with registration.

This year's incentive programme included grand prize baskets, beads and brag tags. Participants were asked to read one book to earn one ballot towards branch specific grand prize contest. In order to provide full accessibility to this programme, a "book read" could include any format including audio books, eBooks, or books read to them by another person. Weaker readers could also track their reading time, rather than the number of complete items.

TDSRC participants collected one bead for every book read, and one brag tag for every ten books read. The beads and brag tags were collected on cords that participants could use as bracelets or attach to their bags. These incentives were intended to encourage repeat visits to the branch throughout the summer and keep readers motivated.

Participation was very impressive this year, with 2,145 children ages zero to thirteen registering for our reading programme. Together they read an impressive 44,378 books.

Our Teen Summer Reading challenge for ages 13-19 years saw 241 teens read 1,033 books.

For the sixth year in a row we also offered an Adult Summer Reading challenge. This year we saw 594 patrons registered, collectively reading 3,495 books.

These participants total 2980 people, a number that represents huge increases over both 2021 and 2020 Summer Reading participation, and comes very close to meeting our 2019 total of 3203 participants. This bounce back in numbers is extremely encouraging and demonstrates that patrons are eager to take part in this programme at a pre-pandemic level. The number of books read exceeded even 2019 numbers with 48,991 total books being read across all age groups.

We were fortunate to have two summer students working with us over the course of Summer Reading Club. These two students worked out of our Fergus and Drayton branches. They provided support to library staff by handling SRC registration and reward tasks, preparing programme materials and assisting with activities.

Our guest performers were also very popular this year, with every branch hosting a special guest and drawing a crowd. Patrons enjoyed magicians, musical guests, animal visitors and more. In total we offered 192 Summer Reading themed programmes throughout July and August with 2636 patrons in attendance. These programmes were available to all age groups and encouraged skill building in literacy, STEAM, problem solving, imagination play and more.



Aboyne staff talks to a group of young patrons about Summer Reading Club



TD SRC programme at Erin Branch



A great turn out for special guest Party Safari at Fergus Branch



TD SRC programme at Drayton Branch

Recommendation:

That the report on the TD Summer Reading Club 2022 be received for information.

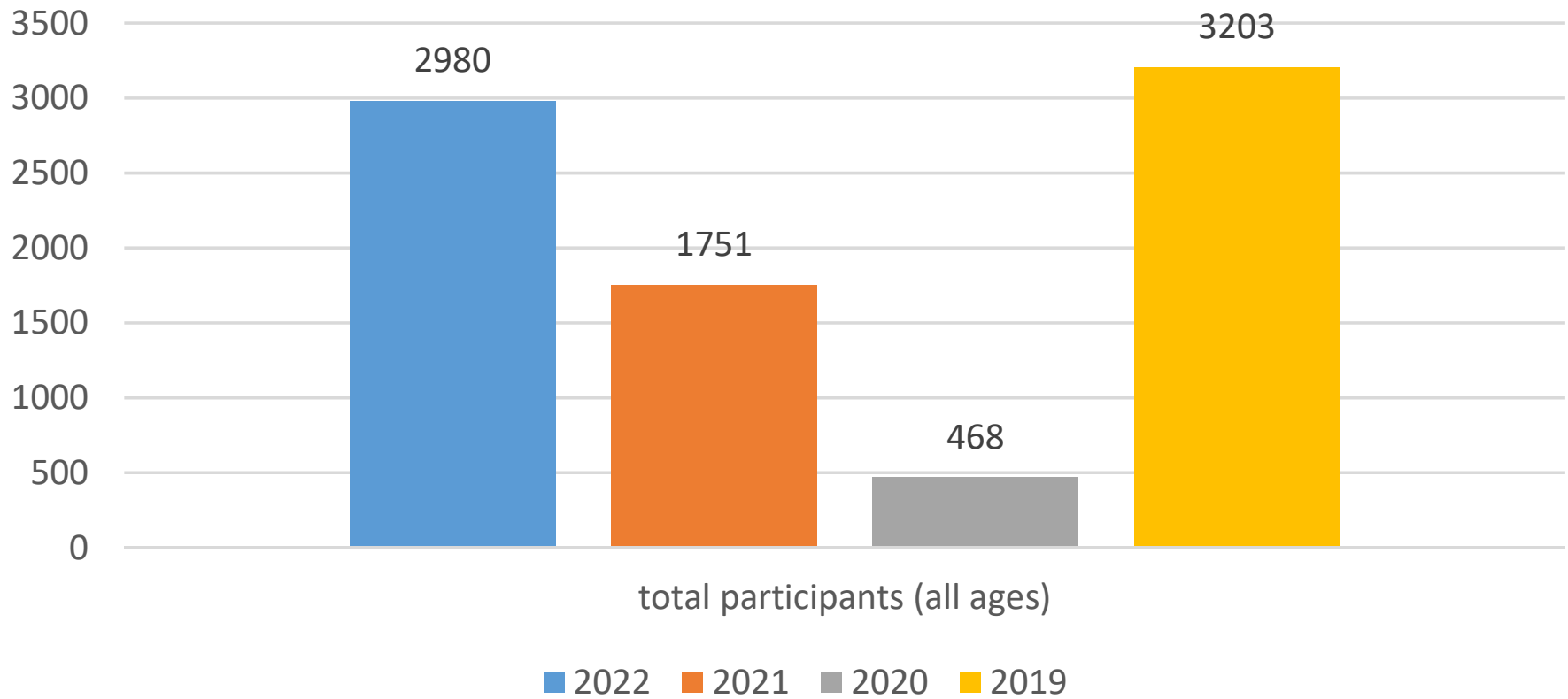
Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Drimmie

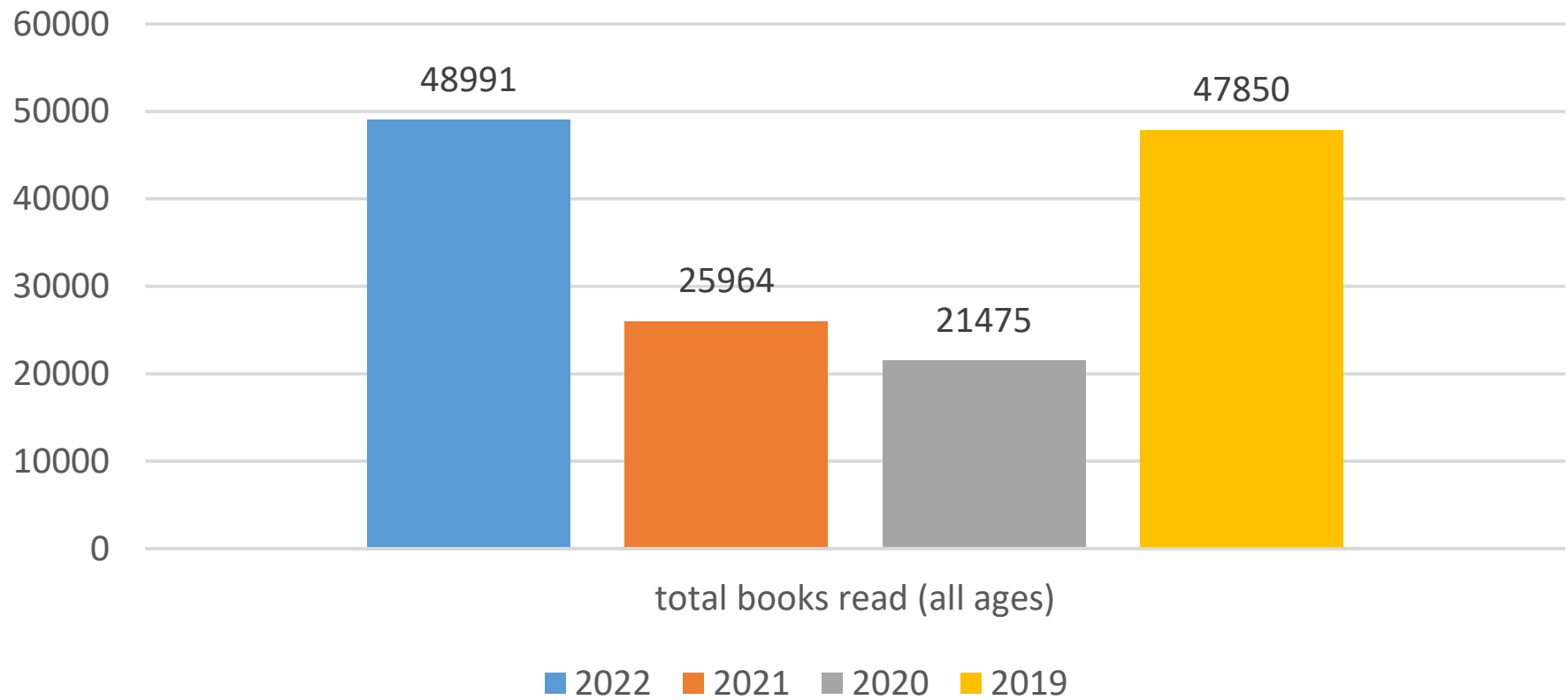
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Information Services Librarian

Summer Reading Participants



Books Read



STACKED

apple sandwiches

These are a quick and easy autumn-themed snack, and the options to customize them are endless!

INGREDIENTS

Apples

Fillings

(choose your favourite)

Peanut butter or other nut butter
Soft cheese (like goat's cheese)
Greek yogurt
Nutella

Toppings

(choose your favourite)

Honey
Maple syrup
Caramel sauce
Granola
Raisins
Mini chocolate chips

KITCHEN TOOLS

- Knife for slicing and coring
- Cookie cutter (optional for coring)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wash, slice and core your apples (you can use a small cookie cutter if you'd like a fun shape for the core). Be sure to slice your apples horizontally, into thin slices.
2. Spread the filling of your choice on a slice and then top it with another apple slice. Stack your sandwich as tall as you'd like with slices and fillings.
3. Sprinkle or drizzle the toppings of your choice over your sandwich.

Enjoy!



STAFF PICKS

In true Simone St. James style, this book masterfully combines mystery with a paranormal, ghostly twist. Intertwining the stories of Shea, a true crime blogger, and Beth, who may (or may not) be a murderess, this story will keep you guessing to the very end.



The Book of Cold Cases
by Simone St. James

Available in adult fiction, eBook
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The Next Chapter

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Short Story Contest 2022

Love to write?

Wellington County students in Grades 4, 5 and 6 are invited to submit original stories of 500 – 750 words to the annual Olive and Fred Robins Junior Short Story Contest.



ENTRIES WILL BE
ACCEPTED ONLINE

www.wellington.ca/ShortStoryContest
FROM OCTOBER 1 – 31

SERVICE UPDATE

All Wellington County Library branches will be **CLOSED Sunday, September 4** and **Monday, September 5**.

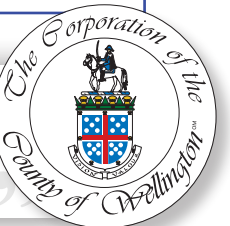
All Wellington County Library branches will be **CLOSED Monday, September 26** for a staff development day.

A **\$150 cash prize** will be awarded to the top two stories. The winning stories will be made available on the Library website and will be submitted to the Wellington Advertiser for publication.

*terms and conditions apply

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By all these lovely tokens, September days are here, With summer's best of weather and autumn's best of cheer. – **Helen Hunt Jackson**



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Seed Library Programming

Have you been flexing your green thumb this summer?

Seed library programmes are taking place across Wellington County this month. Join us to expand your gardening knowledge and learn about Wellington County Library's seed library. In partnership with Our Food Future Guelph-Wellington.



Seed Saving 101

Palmerston: Saturday, September 10, 10:00-11:30 am
Arthur: Thursday, September 15, 6:00-7:30 pm
Drayton: Friday, September 30, 10:00-11:30 am

Grow Food, Save Seeds!

Hillsburgh: Saturday, September 17, 10:00-11:30 am
Fergus: Thursday, September 22, 6:00-7:30 pm

Saving Seeds and Tucking in your Garden for Winter

Elora: Saturday, September 17, 10:30 am-12:00 pm
Puslinch: Thursday, September 29, 6:00-7:30 pm

Grow Good Food in your own Backyard

Aboyne: Wednesday, September 28, 6:00-7:30 pm

Please consider donating seeds back to the Library so that we can continue the cycle. Seeds can be donated at any Library branch: We accept seeds for vegetables, herbs and flowers. Seeds should be dry, and labeled in sealed bags or envelopes.

For more information, visit wellington.ca/seedlibrary



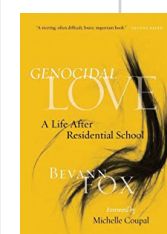
Orange Shirt Day



September 30 is National Orange Shirt Day - a day to acknowledge Indigenous experiences in Canada's historic Residential School system. We encourage readers to explore titles related to the healing journeys and lived experiences of the survivors and their families.



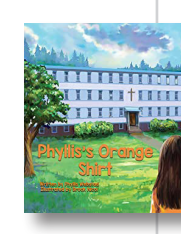
Residential Schools
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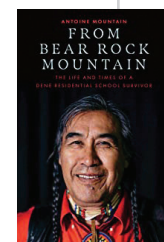
Genocidal Love: A Life After Residential School
by Bevann Fox



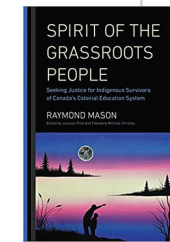
The Witness Blanket: Truth, Art and Reconciliation
by Carey Newman



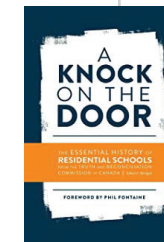
Phyllis's Orange Shirt
by Phyllis Webstad



From Bear Rock Mountain: The Life and Times of a Dene Residential School Survivor
by Antoine Mountain



Spirit of the Grassroots People: Seeking Justice for Indigenous Survivors of Canada's Colonial Education System
by Raymond Mason



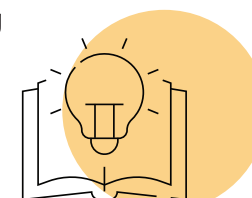
A Knock on the Door: The Essential History of Residential Schools from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada

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Get the latest from your library to your inbox and discover more of what WCL has to offer.

Sign up at www.wellington.ca/LibraryNews and choose from:

- Weekly book and collection news for all ages
- Monthly County-wide newsletter
- Special events, including author visits, performers, and festival
- Monthly news from your local branch, including events, in-branch technology, and service alerts
- News alerts, including service changes



Retirement Cathy Stewart-Leahey

Join us as we celebrate and honour her 20 years of dedicated service to the community with an open house

Drop into the Marden Branch
 7368 Wellington Rd 30
 Friday, September 30 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 Special Remarks and Cake Cutting at 2:00 pm

LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

Summer 2022



Happy patrons enjoy a Build a World programme during Summer Reading Club 2022

Wellington County Library helped patrons have fun both indoors and outdoors this summer!

Board games circulated 692 times

Park passes circulated 379 times



Park passes are available for:

- Grand River Conservation Areas
- Conservation Halton
- Hamilton Conservation Authority
- Ontario Parks
- Credit Valley Conservation
- Toronto Region Conservation Authority

Summer Reading

- 2,145 kids aged 0-13 registered for TD Summer Reading Club and read a total of 44,378 books
- 241 teens read a total of 1033 books
- 594 adults read a total of 3495 books

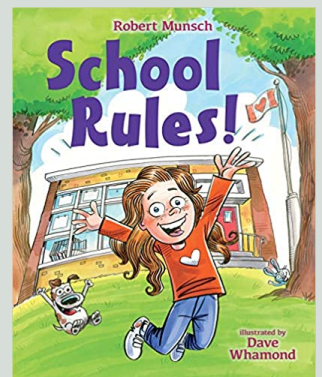


A family of Fergus patrons created their own homemade brag tags to track their reading. The incentive programme was so popular that the branch ran out of brag tags by the final week.

1113



A total of 1113 Robert Munsch books circulated across WCL in June, July and August.



Top Circulating Junior Fiction

