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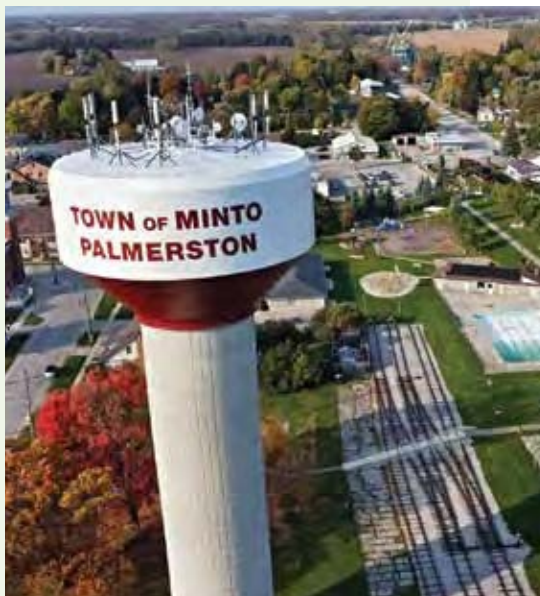
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In summer months, Minto's downtowns come alive with colour thanks to the vibrant, lush designs and attentive care of the Town's landscape team.

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get into *Minto*

“Everyone is welcome here and encouraged to become engaged in the many groups, clubs and organizations that help make Minto the thriving community it is.”

Since 2006, the Town of Minto has been committed to the Vision of Minto as being:

“A progressive rural community where all people are welcome.”

As the Mayor of the Town of Minto and having served on Council for more than 25 years, my mission is simple: continue following the direction we have set forth, support initiatives proposed by staff and the community, and to continually strive to be the community “where your family belongs!”

In 2026, we continue to focus on demonstrating that we are a welcoming and inclusive community. Everyone is welcome here and encouraged to become engaged in the many groups, clubs and organizations that help make Minto the thriving community it is.

Minto is a successful and progressive rural community because of a strong

belief in partnerships and collaboration. Council, staff, and residents work as a team, supporting innovation and diversity to deliver quality programs, services, and events. By joining forces and resources we can accomplish more with less, as can be seen with our action-packed calendar of events that keep residents and visitors busy all year round.

Visiting our revitalized downtowns provides an unexpectedly diverse cross-section of entertainment, shopping, history, and food options – from the Grey-Wellington Theatre Guild and the Norgan Theatre to antique shops and everyday essentials, public art initiatives such as Cool Cones, Trendy Trains, and These Booths Were Made for Talking, renovated libraries, and the Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum.

Minto also boasts three arenas, two swimming pools, numerous ball and soccer fields, and acres of parkland and scenic walking trails that reflect

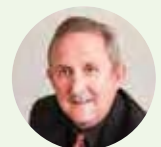
our commitment to respect the natural environment.

Minto is home to locally grown and made goods that reflect our agricultural heritage and entrepreneurial spirit.

Don’t miss unique farm gate offerings from Steckle’s Flowers & Produce, Alpaca Time, and Yungbluts Maples. Our one-of-a-kind Minto Farmers’ Market operates from the beginning of June until the end of September at the Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum.

Come join us for a day, weekend or make your move, and discover why Minto is Where Your Family Belongs!

Mayor David Turton
Town of Minto
town.minto.on.ca



MINTO IS IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYWHERE.

The Town of Minto is located in the north-western boundary of Wellington County, and is composed of the former Towns of Harriston and Palmerston, the former Village of Clifford and surrounding rural area of the former Minto Township.

In Minto, you're only an hour from the major centres of southern Ontario – including Kitchener-Waterloo and Guelph – and popular recreational areas along the eastern shore of Lake Huron and southern Georgian Bay.

An hour from the city, and an hour to the beach. What more could you ask for?



CONSIDERING A MOVE TO MINTO?

In most small towns, you can expect to enjoy the slower side of life. But in Minto, we hustle hard to create communities where everyone feels like they're home.

Whether you're a former Mintonian looking to move back to be closer to friends and family, a city dweller looking for a more relaxed pace, or a business owner ready to relocate, movetominto.ca has all the information you need to make your move!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT TOWN.MINTO.ON.CA

The Town of Minto website provides in depth information about the Town's services, programs, Council, by-laws, events and more! It was recently re-launched with new accessible features.

GET SOCIAL WITH US!

Follow the Town of Minto on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn for updates and information about programs, events and other happenings.

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-  @townofminto
-  /company/townofminto/



COUNCIL MEETINGS

The public is welcome and encouraged to participate in Town of Minto Council meetings. Meetings are typically held the first and third Tuesdays of each month, in person. During the summer months (July & August), Council will meet once each month. Town of Minto Council meeting videos are posted on the Town website and YouTube channel.

Meeting times and agendas are posted on the Town of Minto website at www.town.minto.on.ca. You can view the complete agenda package online the Friday before the meeting.

COUNCIL DELEGATIONS

Members of the public are welcome to appear before Council as a delegation.

To be a delegate in front of council, please complete a delegation request and submit it to Clerk Annilene McRobb, by noon the Wednesday prior to the meeting at which you wish to speak. Delegation requests can also be made online at: town.minto.on.ca/government/agendas-minutes.

Annilene McRobb can be reached at 519-338-2511 ext. 230 or by email at annilene@town.minto.on.ca.

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

- Cultural Roundtable (includes Culture Days working group; Minto Farmers' Market Committee; and Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum Committee);
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (includes Minto Pride working group);
- Economic Development and Planning Committee (includes All Aboard Palmerston Steering Committee; Clifford Connects Steering Committee; Harriston Rising Steering Committee; and LaunchIt Board of Directors); and
- Minto Trails Committee.





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municipal administration

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Ensures the organization's operations are consistent with the values and goals of the Corporation;
- Liaises between the Mayor / Council and the Town's Senior Management Team;
- Reviews and approves recommendations made to Council; and
- Manages corporate strategic direction to provide effective, efficient and safe delivery of services to residents, business owners and community stakeholders.

STAFF CONTACTS

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CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Providing legislative and administrative support to Council and Committees
- Preparing agendas, minutes, by-laws, agreements, and corporate documents
- Maintaining and managing official municipal records
- Responding to public and agency requests for information (including MFIPPA)
- Issuing marriage licenses and coordinating civil marriage ceremonies
- Registering deaths and issuing burial permits (where applicable)
- Serving as a primary point of contact for public inquiries
- Administering municipal policies such as complaints, codes of conduct, and procedures
- Ensuring compliance with provincial legislation and statutory requirements
- Conducting municipal and school board elections
- Administering responsibilities under the Line Fences Act and Livestock Damage Program
- Monitoring and implementing legislative changes that affect municipal operations

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Reviews and inspects Building Permits,
- Enforces Municipal By-Laws
- Administers planning applications.

STAFF CONTACT

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terry@town.minto.on.ca
519-338-2511 ext. 228

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Maintains Minto's roads, sidewalks, storm sewers, water treatment and distribution plant, and sanitary sewer collection facilities.

STAFF CONTACTS

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Water On-Call Operator In Charge
519-321-9311

Wastewater On-Call Operator In Charge
519-292-9573

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Manages municipal financial statements;
- Property Taxes and assessment; and
- Water and Sewer Billing.

STAFF CONTACT

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2026 municipal election



Municipal Elections will be held across Ontario on **October 26, 2026**. Interested in running? Attend a Council meeting or watch on YouTube!

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

eligibility

To run for municipal office, you must be an eligible elector in the Town of Minto. An eligible elector is, on voting day:

- a.** A Canadian Citizen;
- b.** At least 18 years of age at the time you file nomination papers;
- c.** Reside in the Town, or be the owner or tenant of land in the Town, or the spouse of such owner or tenant; and
- d.** Not prohibited from voting under any law.

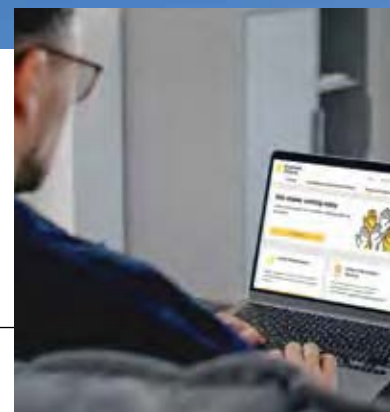
For more information on running for municipal council, please contact Annilene McRobb, Town of Minto Returning Officer, at annilene@town.minto.on.ca or 519-338-2511 ext 230.

positions

- 1 - Mayor
- 1 - Deputy Mayor
- 5 - Town Councillors
- 1 - County Councillor

how to run

- 1.** Make an appointment with the Town Clerk to receive a candidate package.
- 2.** Collect the required 25 signatures of endorsement.
- 3.** File your papers at the municipal office during regular office hours beginning May 1, 2026, until 2 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2026.
- 4.** Pay the nomination fee of \$100.00 (Councillor/Deputy Mayor) or \$200.00 (Mayor).
- 5.** Start your campaign!



VOTER INFORMATION

The Town has approved the use of Vote by Mail for the 2026 municipal election. Vote by Mail increases accessibility and convenience for voters. Voters will be able to attend municipal office and cast their vote if assistance is required.

Elections Ontario maintains the Voters' List for all Ontario municipalities. Register or verify your information at elections.on.ca.

More information on the 2026 municipal election can be found at town.minto.on.ca.



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REGISTER TO VOTE
OR VISIT
REGISTERTOVOTEON.CA

COUNTY WIDE CANDIDATES INFORMATION SESSION

The County of Wellington and its seven lower-tier municipalities will host a candidate information workshop on March 25 at 7 p.m. in the Aboyne Hall of the Wellington County Museum and Archives.

WHO DOES WHAT IN MINTO

Not sure who to call? This quick guide shows what's handled by the Town of Minto, the County of Wellington and the Province of Ontario, so you can access services and get the information you need faster.



COMMUNITY & LOCAL LEADERSHIP

- Municipal elections information
- Cemeteries (records, plots, maintenance)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Downtown improvements and streetscapes
- Local business support and investment attraction
- Local tourism and community events

LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- Roads, sidewalk, culvert and bridge maintenance
- Water & Wastewater Services

PERMITS & RULES

- Building permits
- Burn permits
- Lottery licences
- Marriage licences & ceremonies
- By-law enforcement

PROGRAMS, SERVICES & FACILITIES

- Fire services
- Day camps and after-school programs
- Parks, pools, splash pads and recreation programs
- Facility rentals (indoor & outdoor)



Wellington County

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

- Child Care / Early Learning
- Long Term Care
- Ontario Works
- Public Libraries
- Social Services

COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE

- County Roads & Bridges
- Solid Waste Services
- Garbage & Recycling

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Attainable Housing
- Business Retention & Expansion
- Downtown Development
- Regional Tourism
- Workforce Development



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Province-wide programs that support jobs, training and business development

EDUCATION

- Schools, curriculum and funding

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Highways and major transportation standards/funding
- Province-wide environmental rules for water, air and land

JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

- Courts and justice system
- Provincial policing (OPP)

PERMITS & RULES

- Province-wide rules and standards (environment, employment, safety, etc.)
- Some permits and approvals that apply across Ontario (varies by topic)

PROGRAMS & PUBLIC SERVICES

- Hospitals and provincial health programs/funding

SERVICEONTARIO

- Driver licensing
- Vehicle registration
- Health cards and key documents

business support & economic development

Economic Development is at the heart of every great community. Economic developers have a common objective: building stronger, more resilient, inclusive economies. We are here for you - so we can build a stronger community in Minto together.

As strong supporters of economic development, the Town of Minto is proud of its reputation of being "open for business".

We've built this reputation by:

- providing businesses with the tools and resources they need locally to be successful;
- finding new ways to reduce barriers for Minto businesses and help business owners make things happen;
- developing regional partnerships;
- establishing beautification and placemaking initiatives; and
- providing partnership and support to the Minto Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Revitalization Committees.

If you're a new or existing business in Minto, or are curious about starting or relocating a business here, reach out to our award-winning Economic Development team to learn more about business resources such as business mentorship, grants, loans, training and more.

Contact: *Belinda Wick-Graham*
Director of Economic and Community Development
belinda@town.minto.on.ca
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community improvement grant programs for commercial property owners

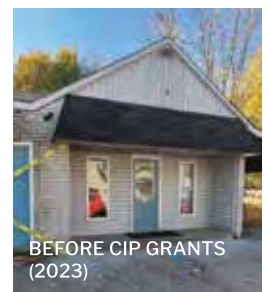
The Town of Minto encourages and supports redevelopment of vacant and/or underutilized properties and buildings within the entire boundary of the Town.

Grants available include:

- **Building Improvement & Structural Works Grant** – matching up to \$20,000
- **Façade Improvement & Signage Grant** – matching up to \$3,000
- **Interior Leasehold Improvement Grant** – matching up to \$5,000
- **Property Improvement Grant** – matching up to \$3,000
- **Flood Risk Reduction Grant** – matching up to \$3,000
- **Community Planting & Stewardship Grant** – matching up to \$3,000
- **Licensed Home Childcare Grant** – matching up to \$2,000
- **Application Fee Grant** – matching up to \$1,000
- **Tax Increment Equivalent Grant (TIEG)** - Varies

The County of Wellington also offers additional incentives to eligible owners and tenants of lands and buildings in key sectors and areas of economic activity.

To inquire about these incentives and how your property or business can benefit reach out today!



pitch it business plan competition

The PitchIt! Minto Business Plan Competition started in 2012 in an effort to grow small businesses in Minto and increase awareness of the resources available.

Offered in partnership with LaunchIt Business Exploration Centre, the competition is geared toward entrepreneurs that wish to open, purchase, expand or relocate a business within the Town of Minto.

Thanks to the support of community sponsors more than \$20,000 in cash and prizes are awarded each year to participants in the program.

Be sure to visit town.minto.on.ca for application information, key dates and complete competition information!



2025 PITCHIT COMPETITION WINNER JENNIFER FERREIRA-RUDINAC (CENTRE) OF PALMERSTON'S FEEL ALIVE HOME JUNCTION, WITH (L. TO R.) BELINDA WICK-GRAHAM, DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; DAUGHTER DIVNA; CO-OWNER & HUSBAND NIK RUDINAC; AND MAYOR DAVE TURTON.

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

The Town of Minto economic development department has built strong partnerships across our region to more efficiently deliver programs and services for businesses and entrepreneurs.



Saugeen Connects

Since 2017, Minto has been an active member of the Saugeen Connects partnership alongside Saugeen Economic Development Corporation and 4 other municipalities including Brockton, Hanover, South Bruce, and Wellington North.

The mission is to collaborate and positively impact area economic growth. Key initiatives include business succession planning and matching; youth retention and development through the Student Start-Up Youth Business Program (SSUP); support for women in business through the Advancing Women Economically (AWE) Program and Women of Wellington Saugeen Area (WOWSA); growth

and retention of businesses; and integration of efforts to leverage immigrant attraction to the area as residents, workers, entrepreneurs, business owners, operators, and investors.

To learn more, visit saugeenconnects.com.

Northern Wellington Partnership

Minto partners with the Township of Mapleton and the Township of Wellington North on business retention and expansion, marketing and business advisory services and training through LaunchIt.

LAUNCHIT

BUSINESS EXPLORATION CENTRE

business support, training & coworking in minto

39 Elora St. S, Unit 2 Harriston
(Inside The Old Post)
Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
519-510-7400

launchitminto.com
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instagram.com/launchitminto

LaunchIt Business Exploration Centre is where business owners, independent professionals, and entrepreneurs connect to work productively, learn new skills, and access expert guidance.

Whether you need a professional coworking space or practical business training, LaunchIt Business Exploration Centre provides resources and connections to help you move forward.

office rentals and meeting space

Looking for a private office for a quiet, focused work, or a meeting space to meet with clients? LaunchIt's flexible space can accommodate all types of work.

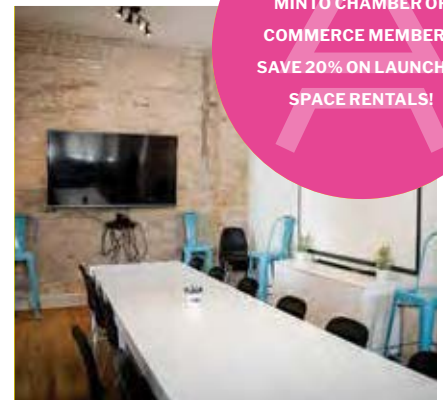


Private Office

Ideal for 1:1 meetings and consultations, small groups, and team meetings when you need privacy.

Seating for 6, including two comfortable armchairs, a table, 2 chairs, and a bench.

\$50 + HST/half-day (3 hours)



Boardroom

Ideal for large meetings with your team, vendors or non-profit group.

Seating for up to 16, whiteboard, TV with HDMI connection, and hybrid meeting hardware.

\$50 + HST/half-day (3 hours)

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Advanced booking is recommended.*

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availability & rates

Our coworking rates are designed to be flexible, with no long-term commitment required.

Coworking Details

Available on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Tuesday Afternoon (1 - 4 p.m.)
- Wednesday & Thursday (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Coworking Rates

- Half-Day (3 hours) \$15 + HST
- Full-Day (9 am - 4 pm) \$30 + HST
- 10-Day Pass \$200 + HST
- Monthly \$300 + HST

why work here

- Bright, historic space with modern furniture and amenities
- Boardroom and/or meeting room access (subject to availability)
- Smart TV with video conferencing capability
- Wireless fibre optic Internet
- Shared washroom and kitchen with coffee bar, fridge, and microwave
- On site café with coffee, breakfast and lunch options

your first half-day is free!

Scan to book your coworking session or visit launchitminto.com for details.





#CliffordConnects #TheseBoothsWereMadeForTalking

CLIFFORD CONNECTS

Well known for its several unique shopping destinations, Clifford's strong sense of community and dedicated volunteer base make it stand out among other small communities.

cliffordconnects.ca

The village of Clifford was founded around 1855 as Minto Village. After the opening of the post office in 1856, the settlement was renamed Clifford by the first postmaster Francis Brown after Clifford in West Yorkshire, England. Clifford was incorporated as a village in 1873. In 1999, Clifford was amalgamated with Palmerston, Harriston and Minto Township to create the Town of Minto.

Home to Wightman Telecom, the Wightman family has owned and operated a communication system in Clifford since 1908, with a telephone system that was originally operated out of a kitchen in Howick Township. The company is now involved heavily in high speed fibre-optic internet, cable, and telephone throughout areas of Southwestern Ontario.

Well known for its restaurants, green spaces, and niche shopping destinations, Clifford's strong sense of community and dedicated volunteer base make it a stand out among other small communities.

CAN'T-MISS CLIFFORD

ROTARY PARK

An expansive park with a pavillion, a small playground, soccer pitch, ball diamond, and the start of the Clifford Trail, Rotary Park is an ideal spot to spend the day in any season.

CLIFFORD FOOD MARKET

Clifford Food Market is a one-stop destination for all your grocery and beverage needs. Owners Gary and Pragnesh Patel and managers Jay and Jill Bhati pride themselves on offering a diverse range of high-quality products, including groceries, fresh produce, and a selection of Beer Store products. Visit Clifford Food Market for a delightful shopping experience where quality meets convenience.

THESE BOOTHS WERE MADE FOR TALKING PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Created to celebrate Clifford's phone and communications heritage, "These Booths Were Made for Talking" were brought to life, with creative and original designs by six local artists. Metal booths were crafted by local maker, Andy Pridham of Weathered Design and Fabrication, and placed through Clifford's downtown core.



SIGNATURE CLIFFORD EVENTS

kites in clifford

Saturday, May 30, 2026
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Clifford Rotary Park

New this year, prepare to be wowed as enormous kites take to the skies of Clifford, in this new family-friendly event. Presented in partnership with the Minto & District Lions Club.

clifford carnival celebration

Saturday, July 11
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Downtown Clifford

Carnival-style fun, car show, festivities, and MORE, join us for a day of community celebration. Stay tuned for full details!

halloween harvest

October 17, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Rotary Celebration Square, Clifford

Find your spooky spirit, dress up, and come on down to celebration square for Halloween festivities.

creatures of clifford halloween celebration

Month of October
Locations throughout Clifford

Celebrate Halloween in Clifford by reporting "Creatures of Clifford" found decorating your house or business in the month of October. Stay tuned for all the creepy details!

clifford's christmas in the village
Saturday, November 28
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Clifford Community Centre

Jingle all the way to the Clifford Community Centre to celebrate the holiday season with business specials, a vendors' market, crafts, and other festivities before the Santa Claus Parade at 7:00 p.m.



CLIFFORD ROTARY CELEBRATION SQUARE

This downtown destination is the home base for the annual Clifford Carnival Celebration, Halloween Harvest, and other events. This beautiful outdoor space located in the centre of the village allows patrons to explore local history, relax at one of the various picnic tables, and enjoy the scenery.



WHERE TO FIND CLIFFORD



WHERE TO EAT

Dell's Diner

3 Elora St. N.
519-327-2222

Clifford Takeout Pizza

29 Elora St. N.
519-327-8600

Clifford Snack Shack* (Seasonal)

29 Elora St. N., Unit C
519-327-4444

The Barrel House*

6275 Highway 89
613-243-3762

WHERE TO STAY

Driftwood Beach Park Campground (Seasonal)

RR #1, Clifford
519-327-8536
driftwoodbeachpark.ca

Lakelet Point Campground (Seasonal)

RR #1, Clifford
519-327-8654

Pike Lake Golf Centre Ltd.*

RR#3, Clifford
1-800-265-2551
pikelake.com

*2025 Minto Chamber Member

CLIFFORD COMMUNITY PANTRY

Launched in July 2024, the Clifford Community Pantry provides non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products. It is located inside the Clifford Library.

Anyone is welcome to donate or take from the community pantry, as needed. If you're in need of something, you're welcome to take it, and if you have extra, you can leave it for someone else who may need it.

The Clifford Community Pantry is an initiative of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. The pantry is monitored by volunteers.

The artwork on the pantry was completed by local Norwell DSS student Shayne Lamont, and sponsored by Minto Pride and the Clifford Connects downtown revitalization committee.



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From businesses, residents and service clubs, to local talent and Town of Minto staff, this is truly a community-led movement to revitalize downtown Harriston so it's a fun destination for all!

Harriston is in the heart of Minto, located in the middle of the municipality, halfway between Clifford and Palmerston.

A grass roots, community revitalization has been underway in recent years, bringing together businesses, residents, service clubs, and local talent. Harriston has a little bit of everything – and something for everyone.



harriston hot spots

TANNERY PARK

Tannery Park is a quiet spot to sit and take in the bustle of downtown Harriston, while also being the hub for Harriston Rising community initiatives. Watch for seasonal displays and photo booths to snap pics throughout the year!

COOL CONES CRAWL

A nod to York Ice Cream production in Harriston, the self-guided “Cool Cones” Crawl features three dimensional metal ice cream cone sculptures that have been topped with the art and craftwork of ten artists, creating unique works of art throughout the downtown core. What could be cooler?

MINTO ARTS GALLERY

Want a bit of culture to go with your cool cone? Harriston’s outside public art is just the beginning: don’t miss the Minto Arts Gallery on the 3rd floor of the Harriston Library for exhibitions featuring regional and national artists.

PRIDE OF THE COMMUNITY

With its many murals, public art, and colourful seasonal decorations, Harriston wasn’t about to let its asphalt go unnoticed. The colourful crosswalk at Elora and Young Streets was provided by the Minto Pride Committee through extensive fundraising, and demonstrates Minto’s commitment to becoming a welcoming and inclusive community that stands up to hate.

SELFIE CENTRAL

Murals, public art and seasonal selfie spots are ripe for the picking in downtown Harriston! You’ll find brightly coloured backdrops throughout the community to strike your best pose. Add the #harristonrising hashtag to your post to be featured on our social media accounts!



SIGNATURE HARRISTON EVENTS



harriston rising's egg scramble

Saturday, April 4
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Harriston-Minto Community Complex
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Hop to this EGG-citing event for Easter fun for the whole family!

Follow your kids as they get crafty with egg-cellent art stations and activities.

downtown harriston street party

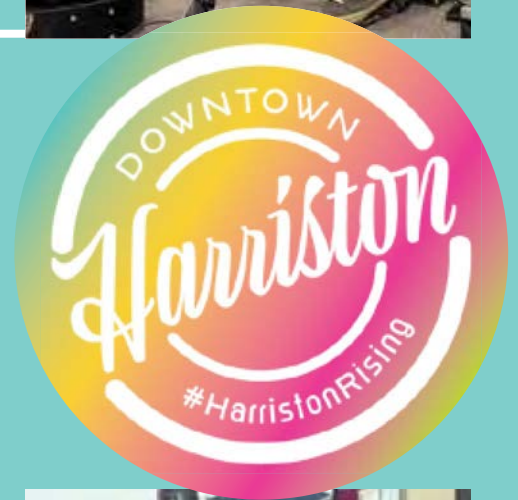
Saturday, August 8
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

This annual community celebration takes place the second Saturday in August with family-friendly activities, retail promotions, and a car show filling the street.

Watch for an exciting line up of events and activities for the whole family!

candy canes and cocktails:
a sip & shop experience
November (Date to be announced!)
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Downtown Harriston
harristonrising.ca
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Grab your shopping besties to gather up the deals with promotions at participating businesses, specialty cocktails, and candy cane surprises – all while listening to live music performed by local artists, and tunes from our rockin' DJ. Stay tuned for details!



harriston halloween haunt

Friday, October 30
Downtown Harriston
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facebook.com/harristonrising
instagram.com/harristonrising

Save the date for a spooktacular evening! Dress up in your best costume and hike downtown for tricks and treats for all ages at participating businesses and spooky activities. If you enjoyed last year's event, just wait for this year's un-boo-lievable plans!



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TRENDY TRAINS

"Trendy Trains" is a public art project featuring 10 artists who have added their art and craftwork to a steel train sculpture, creating unique works of art to celebrate Palmerston's local railway heritage. Take a self-guided tour while the trains are on display throughout Palmerston from June - October.

POPPY ART PROJECT

What began as a small way to honour war veterans quickly turned into a community-wide project. More than 3,500 crocheted poppies create a blanket that covers Old 81 in downtown Palmerston. The poppies are on display in November as part of Remembrance Day.

SIGNATURE PALMERSTON EVENTS

palmerston raleway festival

Saturday, June 20

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Palmerston Lions Heritage Park Pavillion

Contact: hello@allboardpalmerston.ca

Join us for some ales on the rails at the Palmerston Lions Heritage Park Pavillion! Enjoy local food and beverages, live music and outdoor games! Look for the event on Facebook for complete details!



light up the park

Friday, November 13

Activities: 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Official Lighting & Fireworks: 6:30 p.m.

Palmerston Lions Heritage Park

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Join us to 'light up' the Palmerston Lions Heritage Park. Photos with your favourite Christmas characters, Christmas tunes, horse and wagon rides, spectacular fireworks display, and much more to follow throughout Palmerston!

Throughout the months of November and December, enjoy Palmerston's Bright Lights & Festive Nights: Walking Light Trail in the park, in partnership with the Palmerston Lions' and the All Aboard Palmerston downtown revitalization committee.



kris kringle market

Thursday, November 19

4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Downtown Palmerston

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Kick off the holiday countdown at this outdoor celebration! It's a full night of festivities, including late night shopping at downtown businesses, food trucks, Christmas music, a vendors' market and more!

fire & ice family

new year's eve party

Thursday, December 31

Activities: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Fireworks at 8:00 p.m.

Palmerston Arena

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ultimate event guide

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FEBRUARY

- 6, 20 & 27: Catch the Ace, Palmerston Legion, 7 p.m.
- 7: Firefighter Spiel, Harriston Curling Club, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 7: Volunteer & Cultural Symposium, Harriston Community Centre Complex, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 7: Friends and Family Fun Spiel, Palmerston Curling Club
- 11: Minto Chamber of Commerce Business Recognition & Annual General Meeting, Palmerston Legion, 6 p.m.
- 13: Minto Pride Drag Bingo - Love Edition, Palmerston Legion, 7 p.m.
- 15: Family Day Spaghetti Dinner, Palmerston Legion, 5 - 7 p.m.
- 16: Fire & Ice Family Day Edition, Palmerston Arena, 6 - 8 p.m.
- 16: Film Fest, 7:15 p.m., Norgan Theatre
- 18: Masters' Spiel, Harriston Curling Club
- 20: Minto Farmers' Market Trivia, Palmerston Legion, 7:30 p.m. registration, 8 p.m. start
- 20-21: Meiklejohn 111th Bonspiel, Harriston Curling Club
- 28: Black Heritage Month Celebration - "Black Women of Faith and Resilience Finding Community in South Western Ontario", Harriston Train Station, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 28: Coldest Night of the Year Community Walk, Harriston Arena, 4 - 7:30 p.m.
- 28: Catch the Ace, Palmerston Legion, 7 p.m.

MARCH

- 1: Palmerston Skating Club Carnival - "Glow Skate & Celebrate", Palmerston Arena, 2 p.m.
- 6, 13, 20 & 27: Catch the Ace, Palmerston Legion, 7 p.m.
- 8: Indoor Mini Golf, Harriston Legion
- 7: Masonic Lodge Breakfast, Harriston United Church, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- 16: Film Fest, Norgan Theatre, 7:15 p.m.
- 20: Minto Farmers' Market Trivia, Palmerston Legion, 7:30 p.m. registration, 8 p.m. start
- 28: Wrap-Up Bonspiel, Palmerston Curling Club
- 28: Harriston Kinsmen Bonspiel, Harriston Curling Club
- 29: Harriston Skating Club Carnival - "The Big Ticket", Palmerston Arena, 2 - 4 p.m.

APRIL

- 2: Minto-Mapleton Works Job & Volunteer Fair, Norwell District Secondary School, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 3: Good Friday Cantata, Harriston United Church, 7:30 p.m.
- 4: Harriston Rising Egg Scramble, Harriston Arena & Community Complex, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 4: Easter Egg Hunt, Clifford Cenotaph 9 a.m.; Harriston Ball Diamond 10 a.m., Palmerston Lawrence Park, 11 a.m.
- 10: Palmerston Agricultural Society Farmers' Pre-Seeding BBQ, 6 p.m.
- 10, 17 & 24: Catch the Ace, Palmerston Legion, 7 p.m.
- 11 & 12: Life Outdoors Show, Clifford Community Centre

- 20: Film Fest, Norgan Theatre, 7:15 p.m.
- 24 - 26: *Having Hope at Home*, Grey Wellington Theatre Guild, Harriston Town Hall Theatre
- 25: Palmerston Agricultural Society Ladies' Night

MAY

- 1, 8 & 29: Catch the Ace, Palmerston Legion, 7 p.m.
- 1 - 3: *Having Hope at Home*, Grey Wellington Theatre Guild, Harriston Town Hall Theatre
- 2: Clifford Rotary Duck Race, Old Rotary Park, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 7-29: Minto Arts Juried Art Show, Minto Arts Gallery
- 11: Film Fest, Norgan Theatre, 7:15 p.m.
- 23: Palmerston & District Hospital Foundation 23rd Annual Starlight Gala, Harriston-Minto Community Complex, Doors Open 5 p.m., Dinner 6:30 p.m.
- 29: Clifford Rotary Take Out Smoked Pork Chop Dinner, Clifford Community Hall, 5 - 7 p.m.
- 29 & 30: Minto Dance Academy Spring Showcase, Harriston Town Hall Theatre
- 30: Taste Real Spring Rural Romp, Locations across Northern Wellington County
- 30: Kites in Clifford, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Clifford Rotary Park



JUNE

- 5, 12, 19 & 26: Catch the Ace, Palmerston Legion, 7 p.m.
- 6: Harriston Firefighters Pancake Breakfast, Harriston-Minto Community Complex, 7 - 11 a.m.
- 6: 23rd Annual Harriston & District Horticultural Society Garden Festival, Harriston-Minto Community Complex Grounds, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 6: Minto Farmers' Market Season Opening, Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum, 9 a.m. - 12p.m.
- 7: Pride in the Park, Lions Heritage Park Pavilion, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 20: Historical Society Headstone Hunt (runs through August 6)
- 20: Minto Minor Ball Day, Barb Wright Ball Diamond, Palmerston
- 20: Minto Farmers' Market Strawberry Social, Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 20: All Aboard Palmerston Raleway Festival, Palmerston Lions Heritage Park Pavilion, 12 p.m. - 4p.m.



JULY

- 1 - Aug. 31: Harriston Historical Society Exhibit, Minto Arts Gallery
- 3: Harriston-Minto Fall Fair Ambassador Competition, Harriston-Minto Community Complex, 6:30 p.m.
- 3 & 4: Clifford Truck Show, Clifford Rotary Park
- 10 - 12: Harriston Greys Wood Bat Tournament & Beer Gardens, Harriston Fairgrounds
- 11: Minto Farmers' Market Library Day, Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 11: Clifford Connects Carnival Celebration, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 24 - 26: UCTCC John Deere Truck Show, Palmerston Community Centre & Fairgrounds
- 25: Palmerston Agricultural Society 45th Annual Tractor Pull, Palmerston Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.
- 24-26: Grey-Wellington Theatre Guild Summer Youth Theatre, Harriston, Town Hall Theatre



AUGUST

- 1: Catch the Ace, Palmerston Legion, 7 p.m.
- 1: Minto Farmers' Market Celebrates Food Day Canada, Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 6: Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament, Pike Lake Golf Centre, 1 p.m. shotgun start
- 8: Harriston Rising Street Party, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Downtown Harriston
- 8: Harriston Historical Society BBQ
- 15: Clifford Rotary Road Toll, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 21-23: Palmerston Agricultural Society Fair
- 29: BBQ at the Minto Farmers' Market, Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 12: Meet Your Neighbours Welcome Reception at the Minto Farmers' Market, Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- 18: Culture Days, Locations across Minto (events run until October 4)
- 18 - 20: Harriston-Minto Fall Fair, Harriston-Minto Community Complex
- 20: Terry Fox Run, Palmerston Lions' Heritage Park Pavillion, 11 a.m.
- 21: Film Fest, Norgan Theatre, 7:15 p.m.
- 26: Fall Fun at the Minto Farmers' Market, Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 3: Culture Bus, Stops across Minto, Hanover, and Wellington North
- 3 & 4: Pumpkinpalooza, Harwill Farms, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 4: Tri-County Tractor Tour, Palmerston Agricultural Society
- 17: Halloween Harvest, Celebration Square, Clifford, 5 - 8 p.m.
- 19: Film Fest - Title TBC, Norgan Theatre, 7:15 p.m.

- 23: Clifford Rotary Take Out Smoked Pork Chop Dinner, Clifford Community Hall, 5 - 7 p.m.
- 24: The Moore Band Concert, Palmerston Christian Reformed Church
- 30: Harriston Rising Halloween Haunt, Downtown Harriston, 6 - 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 7: Masonic Lodge Breakfast, Harriston United Church, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- 13: All Aboard Palmerston Light up the Park, Palmerston Lions Heritage Park, 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- 14: Palmerston District Hospital Foundation Auxiliary Bazaar, Palmerston Community Centre, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 15: Town of Minto Optimist Club Breakfast with Santa, Palmerston Community Centre, 8 - 11 a.m.
- 16: Film Fest, Norgan Theatre, 7:15 p.m.
- 19: All Aboard Palmerston Kris Kringle Market, Downtown Palmerston, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- 21: Harriston Santa Claus Parade, 7 p.m.
- 27 - 29: Fall Musical, Grey Wellington Theatre Guild, Harriston Town Hall Theatre
- 28: Clifford's Christmas in the Village, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- 28: Clifford Santa Claus Parade, 7 p.m.
- Date TBA: Harriston Rising Candy Canes & Cocktails, Downtown Harriston, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 4 - 6, 10-13: Fall Musical, Grey Wellington Theatre Guild, Harriston Town Hall Theatre
- 5: Clifford Rotary Breakfast with Santa, Clifford Community Hall, 8 - 10:30 a.m.
- 5: Palmerston Santa Claus Parade, 7 p.m.
- 20: Harriston United Church Candlelight Christmas Cantata, 7:30 p.m.
- 25: Dave & Jean Anderson Community Christmas Dinner, Harriston-Minto Community Complex, 1 p.m.
- 31: Fire & Ice Family New Year's Eve Party, Palmerston Arena, 6 - 8 p.m.





MUST-SEE MINTO

minto farmers' market & minto makers' market

Featuring 100% locally grown fruits and vegetables, home baking, meat, cheese, maple syrup, preserves, plants and unique artisan products, the Minto Farmers' Market is your one-stop shop for weekly home grown groceries.

Market season runs Saturday, June 6 to Saturday, September 26
Open Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Railway Heritage Museum
168 William St., Palmerston

Interested in becoming a Minto Farmers' Market vendor? Get in touch to learn more!

Contact: Erin Raftis, 519-338-2511
erin@town.minto.on.ca

mintofarmersmarket.ca
facebook.com/mintofarmersmarket
instagram.com/mintofarmersmarket

MORE REASONS TO VISIT THE MARKET

The Minto Farmers' Market has fun initiatives in partnership with Taste Real, including Market Boxes, Market Trail passport and more! And we always have fresh coffee and lemonade (by donation) to start your shopping off right!



MINTO MAKERS' MARKET

Shop and support local makers and artisans at the Minto Makers' Market! These pop-up markets happen in conjunction with other community events across Minto all-year long. Follow @mintomakersmarket on Instagram for vendor calls and event dates.



FARMERS' MARKET EVENTS

- June 6: Season Opening
- June 20: Strawberry Social
- July 11: Library Day
- August 1: Food Day Canada
- August 29: BBQ at the Market
- September 12: Welcome Reception
- September 26: Fall Fun at the Market



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www.tastereal.ca



Come out to the Spring Rural Romp on May 30!

Alternate formats available upon request. SMOfficial Mark of The Corporation of the County of Wellington.



MUST-SEE MINTO

food & farms

Minto is a foodie's paradise! From certified organic produce and homestyle baking to pure Ontario maple syrup and the tastiest meats for your BBQ, these farms and markets are home to all the makings of a delicious made-in-Minto meal.



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the barrel house

6275 Highway 89, Minto, ON N0G 1M0
613-243-3762
[facebook.com/brlmaker2](https://www.facebook.com/brlmaker2)

Meet local coopers, Marla and Pete Bradford, at their location just outside of Harriston. Tour a selection of wood carving, barrel heads, and painted art, or try a selection of baked goods made with whiskey barrel-aged syrups, sugars, and other handcrafted culinary ingredients.

Taste Real Rural Romps are self-guided tours of farms, markets, nurseries, and local food and beverage locations throughout Wellington County! Happening in both the Spring and the Fall, Rural Romps are a great opportunity to meet taste makers, learn about local food and agriculture, and discover delicious food destinations in our communities. Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. to explore locations across Minto, Mapleton and Wellington North!



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MUST-SEE MINTO

the norgan theatre



Opened in 1947 with the financial assistance of George Norgan, the historic Norgan Theatre is one of the few municipally-owned film theatres in Canada. It is operated primarily by volunteers with administrative assistance from Town of Minto staff.

Equipped with a high-definition digital projector, the Norgan features regular weekend show times with the latest new releases, plus special showings and performances, like the Big Film Fest monthly film festival, comedy nights, concerts and workshops.

Get up-to-date movie information by following us on Facebook or Instagram or sign up for our weekly e-newsletter at norgantheatre.com.

location

275 Main Street W., Palmerston, ON

Information and Rentals:

norgantheatre@town.minto.on.ca

show times

- Fridays at 8:00 p.m.
- Saturdays and Sundays at 7:00 p.m.
- Matinees on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. (subject to film type)

what's playing

norgantheatre.com

facebook.com/norgantheatre

instagram.com/norgantheatre

big film fest

Held the 3rd Monday of each month at the Norgan Theatre, Palmerston

Big Film Fest Organizer:

Gordon Duff, 519-338-2497

Presented in partnership with the Norgan Theatre and the Town of Minto, Big Film Fest is hosted by the Minto Arts Council and brings the best of Canadian and international films from the Toronto International Film Festival circuit to Minto!

Big Film Fest is your chance to see critically-acclaimed and independent films right here in Minto. Visit mintoartscouncil.ca for upcoming showings and film details.

book your party at the norgan!

Whether it's a birthday party, game night, or ladies' night out, a private rental at the Norgan is the ultimate local luxury! Rentals are \$120 for 2 hours and include 10 small popcorns, or \$20 off concession.

Rentals are available 7 days a week. You choose the movie, or hook up your game console to the big screen for the ultimate gaming competition.

For more information and to book online, visit norgantheatre.com, or call 519-343-3640.



2026 Events

Farmers' Pre-Seeding BBQ
April 10

Ladies' Night Out
April 25

Tractor Pull
July 25

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arts, culture & entertainment

MINTO ARTS GALLERY

Whether you're an art lover, a weekend visitor, or an artist yourself, the Minto Arts Gallery is a place to gather, reflect, and find inspiration.

Operated by the Minto Arts Council (MAC), the Gallery is a welcoming space dedicated to showcasing the work of local, regional, and emerging artists.

The Gallery curates a diverse calendar of exhibitions that highlight artistic talent in all its forms, from painting and mixed media to photography, sculpture, and textile arts.

88 Mill Street, Harriston
(3rd Floor, Harriston Carnegie Library)
mintoartscouncil.ca
facebook.com/mintoartscouncil
instagram.com/mintoartscouncil

2026 exhibition schedule

- January: A Stitch in Time - Quilts by Karin Carter and Embroidery by Ann
- February: Looking Through the Glass - Stained Glass Art by Ed Allen
- March: Brigitte Huber, Watercolour Artist
- April: Moumita Roychowdhury, Watercolour/Acrylic Artist
- May: Juried Art Show
- June: Norwell DSS Student Art Show
- July/August – Harriston Historical Society Display
- September: Saugeen Artists Guild
- October: Laurie Aitken and Friends Encaustic/Mixed Media
- November/December: Holiday Online Auction Fundraiser



love the arts? make a difference with the minto arts council

Join the Minto Arts Council and contribute to Minto's vibrant local arts scene.

- **Volunteer:** Help with exhibitions, staff the gallery, distribute posters, or coordinate artist receptions and the Holiday Silent Auction. Training is provided!
- **Become a Member:** Enjoy exclusive opportunities, discounts, and studio tours. Memberships are just \$15/person or \$25/family per season.

Stop by the Minto Arts Gallery to learn more about how you can make an impact!



Stay Connected!

Scan to sign up for the MAC newsletter to stay updated on events and initiatives.



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GREY-WELLINGTON THEATRE GUILD

Harriston Town Hall Theatre
68 Elora St. S., Harriston
greywellingtontheatre.com
gwtg@wightman.ca
519-338-2778
facebook.com/greywellingtontheatre
instagram.com/greywellingtontheatreguild



Drawing members and audiences from near and far, the Grey Wellington Theatre Guild (GWTG) provides laughter and friendship while working to put on quality live productions.

Staging both well-known favourites and innovative modern shows, audiences have been treated to musicals, dramas, comedies, and farces every spring and fall. The GWTG theatre also hosts a Summer Youth Theatre Production for youth aged six to eighteen. The Harriston Town Hall Theatre is wheelchair accessible by elevator and boasts professional-quality lighting, sound and staging facilities.

For more information on upcoming productions, including casting and production dates and ways to get involved, visit greywellingtontheatre.com or email gwtg@wightman.ca.

MORE ARTS & CULTURE OFFERINGS IN MINTO

CULTURE DAYS: SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER, 2026

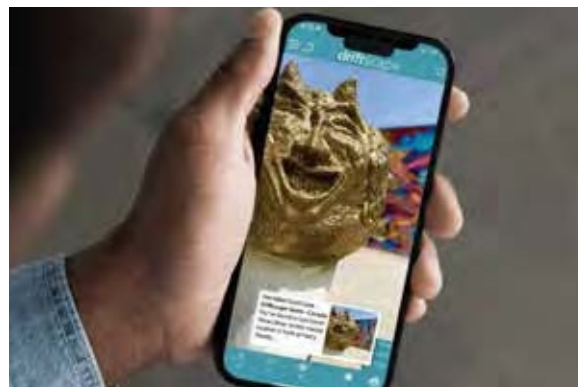
Culture Days is a national celebration of arts and culture. From September 18 - October 4, 2026, millions of people across the country will attend thousands of free participatory arts and culture events both in-person and online. Culture Days programs invite the public to get hands-on and behind-the-scenes to highlight the importance of arts and culture in our communities.

Hosting a free event in Minto during this time period? Email erin@town.minto.on.ca to have your event promoted on Minto's Culture Days calendar, and stay tuned to learn about Culture Days micro grants!

CULTURAL CONNECTION: A DIVERSITY LEARNING SERIES

This educational event series created by the Town of Minto's Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee provides local opportunities to learn and celebrate different cultures. Events include a Black Heritage Celebration in February, Indigenous Celebration, and New Residents Welcome Event in September.

LIVE MUSIC: Town of Minto events in all three communities typically include performances by local musicians. Community groups and Town of Minto facilities such as the Norgan Theatre and the Town Hall Theatre occasionally feature live music in their schedules. Watch social media for details on events with live music.



MINTO IS NOW ON DRIFTSCAPE!

Download the app and explore local arts, culture, and heritage in Minto. Listen to local historians share history with a tap of a button, enjoy three local walking tours, and explore local shops and restaurants.

For details, visit:
town.minto.on.ca/visitors/play/culture-tourism-map



history & museums

palmerston railway heritage museum

168 William St., Palmerston
Wednesdays - Sundays, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
June through August, or by appointment
Contact: 519-343-4014
museum@town.minto.on.ca
palmerstonrailwaymuseum.ca
facebook.com/thepalmerstonrailwayheritagemuseum

Experience Wellington County's only original railway station and one of the few designated as a railway museum in this part of Ontario!

The Palmerston Railway Station was one of the first buildings in Palmerston and was built as a one story structure in 1871. The station is now a museum of railway memorabilia for GTR/CNR out of Palmerston,

and features an extensive collection of railway and local history artifacts, donated almost entirely by railway workers or their families. The Museum is also home to materials available for genealogical research.

Museum and community volunteers recently completed restoration of a Caboose and the Palmerston Agricultural Society Grain Car, which feature displays of heritage and modern agriculture.

Free miniature train and handcar rides are available upon request (weather permitting) from Wednesdays to Sundays, from June through August, as well as Saturday mornings as part of the Minto Farmers' Market experience or at our special events.

Minto's three communities each have a rich history connected by agriculture, the railway and commerce. Our heritage is celebrated and preserved by dedicated volunteers through the Harriston Historical Society and Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum, as well as special activities and events to keep our history alive.

HARRISTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

88 Mill Street, Harriston
(3rd Floor, Harriston Carnegie Library)
Hours: Tuesdays: 1 - 4 p.m.; Fridays: 1 - 3 p.m.;
Saturdays: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; or anytime by appointment.
Contact: Mark MacKenzie, markmackenzie158@gmail.com
harristonhistoricalsociety.com
facebook.com/harristonhistoricalsociety

The Harriston Historical Society is dedicated to the preservation of the unique heritage of the Town of Harriston and Minto Township through archival collections of vintage pictures, documents and artifacts.

With hundreds of family histories, thousands of photographs, and countless other memorabilia, you'll find the Harriston Historical Society collection to be a treasure trove of valuable information and materials for the genealogist, the historian, the student and the tourist in everyone.

Visit the John Webb Gallery on the third floor of the Harriston Carnegie Library for rotating exhibits highlighting their extensive collection.



donate to the museum

The Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum is currently continuing work on multiple restoration projects and we need your help!

If you wish to make a donation, you can visit us and donate in person, or contact museum@town.minto.on.ca to donate remotely. Tax receipts are available for donations over \$20.

local heritage walks

Download the Driftscape app and explore local arts, culture, and heritage in Minto. Enjoy three local walking tours, listen to local historians share history with a tap of a button, and explore local shops and restaurants. For details, visit: town.minto.on.ca/visitors/play/culture-tourism-map

minto 9th annual headstone hunt

June 20 - August 6

Contact: Willa Wick, willawick@wightman.ca

This fun and easy scavenger hunt is full of interesting facts and knowledge about many of the early residents of Minto. Watch for full details on how to participate and prizes to be won!



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FREE DOWNTOWN WI-FI

The Town of Minto provides access to free Wi-Fi on the main street of all three community downtowns. Check your device's available wireless networks to access.

FUEL OIL AND NATURAL GAS

Fuel oil is supplied to the Town of Minto by Esso, Bluewave Energy and North Wellington Co-op. Natural Gas is supplied by Enbridge Gas. Please contact these companies directly for current rates.

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Garbage and Recycling services in the Town of Minto are managed by the County of Wellington. Visit www.wellington.ca/en/resident-services/garbage-and-recycling.aspx for curbside garbage/recycling pickup schedules and details.

LEAF DROP-OFF

Please leave grass clippings and leaves on your lawn for mulch or rake and dispose of them. If these materials are swept onto the streets they find their way into the catch basins and storm sewers and block them. The County of Wellington offers Leaf and Yard Waste Curbside Collection (urban areas only) and Drop-off at Waste Facilities options. Please visit wellington.ca for more information.

POSTAL AND COURIER SERVICES

Communities are served by several post offices located in Clifford, Harriston and Palmerston. Courier services available to the area include FedEx, UPS, DHL, Canpar and Purolator Courier.



PHONE, INTERNET & TELEVISION PROVIDERS

Minto is served by Wightman, EastLink, Xplornet, Packet Works, KWIC Internet Services, and many other internet service providers. Please contact these companies directly for current rates.

Wightman and EastLink supply cable television service to the urban areas of Minto. Please contact these companies directly for current rates.

WATER AND SEWER

The rural areas of Minto are generally served by private wells and septic systems. Water and sewer service in urban areas are provided by the Town of Minto. Rates can be found on the Town of Minto website or by visiting the Municipal Office.

WINTER ROAD CLEARING

The Town's snow plows have a predetermined route to follow. For up-to-date road conditions and restrictions, view the plow route at town.minto.on.ca. The roads department is responsible for clearing all rural roads, and all urban streets within the Town. Snow removal inquiries can be submitted via our Citizen Request Portal at town.minto.on.ca/residents/citizen-request-portal. The County of Wellington clears County Roads. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation is responsible for clearing provincial highways (Highway 9, 89, and 23).

VOLUNTEER IN MINTO

Volunteers who donate their time, talent and expertise are what keep our communities vibrant! The Town of Minto is "Where Your Family Belongs" largely in part because of the great community groups and organizations that deliver exceptional programming and experiences. If you're looking to get involved in the community, visit the volunteer portal to get connected to the right organization for you!

Volunteer Opportunities

Visit www.town.minto.on.ca/residents/volunteer to see available positions and listings from community organizations.

Nothing seem like the right fit? Get matched with an organization based on your interests, skills and availability.

Visit www.town.minto.on.ca/residents/volunteer/volunteer-match and tell us a bit about what you're looking for and we'll personally look for your best match!

Volunteer Organizations

Need support finding volunteers for your organization? Visit www.town.minto.on.ca/residents/volunteer/submit-a-volunteer-opportunity to create a profile and upload volunteer positions so potential volunteers can easily connect with your group.

Need help? Email erin@town.minto.on.ca and Erin will help you get set up!





community garden boxes

The Town of Minto has operated community gardens across Minto since 2014. The community gardens allow residents to grow fresh plants and produce. Raised garden boxes are filled with soil, and hand tools, rain barrels and composters are available on site for community garden renter use.

Community Garden Boxes are available on a first come, first served basis. To apply for a garden box, please email reception@town.minto.on.ca or call the Town office at 519-338-2511.

NEED ANOTHER COPY OF THIS GUIDE?

Find them inside Community Information Boxes across Minto, including outside each community's Post Offices and by the downtown community boards.



Wellington County's Rural Transit Service

Operating Monday to Friday, 6:00 am to 7:00 pm, book a ride to or from any address in Wellington County and Guelph.

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community resources

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

- **Harriston:** Knox Calvin Presbyterian Church, 135 Elora St. S., Sunday evenings
- **Palmerston:** Knox Presbyterian Church, 315 Main St. W., Tuesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.
- **Palmerston:** St. John Parish Hall, 160 Georgina St., Mondays, 8 - 9 p.m.

Community Resource Centre

519-843-7000
1-866-840-3249

Compass Community Services Distress Support

519-821-3760

Guelph-Wellington Community Health Van

- **Harriston:** Wednesdays at Harriston Food Bank, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- **Palmerston:** First Tuesday of the month at The Grove Youth Wellness Hub, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Grove Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario – Palmerston Site

390 Main Street East, Palmerston
Contact: Liz Mallett
1-833-43-GROVE (47683) Ext. 2 youth@
thegrovehubs.ca

Help Is Here Wellington

A collection of resources to support your mental health and wellbeing
helpisherewellington.com

Here 24/7, Addictions, Mental Health & Crisis Services

1-844-437-3247

Integrated Health & Housing Worker

226-962-4325

Law Van (May - Oct)

- **Harriston:** Biweekly, Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Harriston Food Bank
- **Palmerston:** Biweekly, Wednesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Palmerston Foodland



Legal Clinic of Guelph and Wellington County

1-800-628-9205

Minto EarlyON Child & Family Centre

- Main Site: 215 William St., Palmerston
- Mobile Site: Harriston Train Station, 83 Arthur St. W., Harriston
- Mobile Site: Clifford Community Hall, 2 William St. N., Clifford

RAAM (Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic) Digital Front Door

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raamwww.ca/digital-front-door/
1-844-722-2977

Ride Well

1-833-900-7433

Rural Wellington Addiction Services

- Counsellor: 519-803-5873
- Personal Support Worker: 519-362-7848

Rural Wellington Peer Support

Joe, 519-321-9671 (call or text)

Service Ontario (Harriston)

36 Elora St. S., Harriston
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VON (Victorian Order of Nurses)

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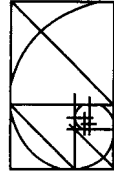
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Dr. Zeeshan Ali and Dr. Shince Mathew
16 John St. N., Harriston
harristonfamilydentistry.ca
519-338-3522

PALMERSTON

The Denture Care Centre*
Richard Bondy, DD
340 Main St. W., Palmerston
denturecarecentre.ca
519-417-1234

Palmerston Dental*

Dr. Thompson, Dr. Nuhn, Dr. MacDonald, Dr. McLean, Dr. Lee
30 Minto Road, Palmerston
palmerstondental.ca
519-343-2720

hospitals & medical centres

CLIFFORD

Minto-Mapleton Family Health Team - Clifford Medical Centre
7 Brown St. N., Clifford
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HARRISTON

Countryside Midwifery Services
16 John St. N., Harriston
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24 Elora St. S., Harriston
519-338-2505



THE MINTO-MAPLETON FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

Minto-Mapleton Family Health Team - Harriston Lions Medical Centre
16 John St. N., Unit #2, Harriston
(866) 260-9672

PALMERSTON

Minto Rural Health Centre
450 Whites Road, Palmerston

- Dr. Chu: 519-343-3831
- Dr. Cressey: 1-866-947-8539
- Dr. Luzinga: 519-343-3831
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- Heal Therapy & Consultation: 519-504-5759
- LifeLabs Waterloo-Wellington: 905-565-0433

Palmerston and District Hospital
500 Whites Road, Palmerston
pdh.nwhealthcare.ca
519-343-2030

Palmerston Medical Centre
Dr. Darling & Dr. Semelhago
207 Main St. W., Palmerston
519-343-5000

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336 Main St. W., Palmerston
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libraries

The Town of Minto is home to three Wellington County Library branches in Clifford, Harriston, and Palmerston. Stop by to enjoy free books, programs, and community services for all ages. With a library card, you can also access a wide range of online resources anytime, anywhere. Membership is free for residents of Wellington County, as well as students and educators.

heritage

We are fortunate to have two historic Carnegie Library buildings in Harriston and Palmerston, built in the early 1900s with support from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. Visitors can enjoy modern collections, technology, and activities in beautifully preserved and modernized spaces that have served residents for more than a century.

collections

Wellington County Library offers endless opportunities for reading, entertainment, and learning. Explore everything from bestselling novels and large-print favourites to DVDs, graphic novels, children's books, and family games. You can also enjoy digital reading with eBooks, eAudiobooks, and online magazines. **Search the full collection online at www.wellington.ca/LibraryCatalogue or through the MyWCL app.**

In addition, the library provides access to a wide range of online resources, such as Ancestry for family history research, Kanopy for film and TV streaming, Mango Languages for learning new languages, and Creativebug for craft and DIY inspiration.

programming

Each branch offers a wide range of programming and activities for all ages. Families can enjoy story times, crafts, and hands-on fun, while adults can take part in creative workshops and book clubs. Seasonal programs, author visits, and special events are offered throughout the year, giving everyone a chance to learn something new and enjoy time together at the library. Discover what's happening at your local branch at www.wellington.ca/LibraryCalendar.

services

Each Wellington County Library branch provides welcoming spaces for you to read, work, study, or relax. Public computers, free Wi-Fi, and printing services are available, along with comfortable seating and quiet work areas. Washrooms are open to the public, and branches have community rooms available to rent. Harriston Branch also shares space with the Minto Arts Gallery and Harriston Historical Society, and Clifford Branch shares space with the Clifford Medical Centre.



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7 Brown Street North,
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cliffordlib@wellington.ca

HARRISTON BRANCH

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harristonlib@wellington.ca

PALMERSTON BRANCH

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palmerstonlib@wellington.ca

Hours and services vary.
Please contact your local branch
or visit us online for current information.

emergency services



To stay up-to-date on emergency situations, follow the Town of Minto and Minto Fire on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

The Town of Minto website also has helpful tips on preparing for floods and other emergencies.

COMMUNITY CONNECT

HELP US BUILD A SAFER COMMUNITY THROUGH PREVENTION, PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Community Connect is a secure, online tool that lets you share critical information with Minto Fire. By creating a free profile, you ensure that firefighters have instant access to important details about your property, your people, your needs, and even your pets — before they arrive.

Residents: Share important details about your home, and your family's needs. The more we know, the more prepared we are to help when it matters most.

Business Owners: Upload your fire safety plans and other essential information about your property. You'll also receive notifications in the event the fire department is ever dispatched to your property.

Get Started: Creating an account is secure, quick and easy. All you need is your email, phone number and address to create a free account today.



Scan to create your free Community Connect profile.

communityconnect.io/info/on-mamiwn

9-1-1 police, fire & ambulance tips

Only use 9-1-1 for urgent police, fire and emergency medical/ambulance assistance. Do not use 9-1-1 to obtain general information and/or information on road conditions.

burn permits

Create a free Community Connect account to request burn permits online. Burn Permits can also be requested by calling the Town of Minto Office (519-338-2511) at least 24 hours in advance.

fire services

- mintofiredept.on.ca
- **For general inquiries:** 519-343-3735
- **Fire Chief:** Chris Harrow
c.harrow@mintofiredept.on.ca
- **Deputy Chief:** Callise Loos
c.loos@mintofiredept.on.ca
- **Deputy Chief:** Marco Guidotti
m.guidotti@mintofiredept.on.ca

local hospitals

- **Palmerston & District Hospital:** 519-343-2030
- **Louise Marshall Hospital, Mount Forest:** 519-323-2210
- **Groves Memorial Hospital, Fergus:** 519-843-2010
- **Guelph General Hospital:** 519-822-5350

police services

- **O.P.P. Dispatch 24 Hours,** 1-888-310-1122
- **North Wellington Operations Centre,** 519-343-5770

other emergency resources

- **Ontario Poison Centre,** 1-844-764-7669
- **Spills Action Centre,** 1-800-268-6060
- **Wellington Dufferin Guelph Health Unit 24/7,** 1-800-265-7293
- **Enbridge Gas,** 1-866-763-5427

flood conditions

The Maitland Valley Conservation Authority has identified several flood-prone areas within the Town of Minto, particularly in Harriston, including parts of the downtown core, the North Ward, and the Harriston Arena grounds. Flood risks are not limited to any one time of year in this area.

If a flood event occurs, the Conservation Authority will issue flood messages to the Town and make them available to local media. The Town will provide up to date information using its website, social media, and through local media.

Preparing for and responding to an emergency is our collective responsibility. Safeguard your home and family. Become prepared.





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children & youth



*Location: The Grove Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario – Palmerston Site
390 Main Street East, Palmerston
Contact: Liz Mallett
1-833-43-GROVE (47683) Ext. 2
youth@thegrovehubs.ca
facebook.com/mintoyouthactioncouncil
instagram.com/mintoyouthactioncouncil*

MINTO YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL

The Minto Youth Action Council (MYAC) was established in 2016, and amalgamated with The Grove Youth Advisory Committee in 2022, to work towards empowering and amplifying the voices of youth in our community.

Are you interested in making a difference in your community? Do you want to have your voice heard? Are you between the ages of 12-26? Then check out the Minto Youth Action Council! All are welcome!

MYAC meet twice per month at the Grove Youth Wellness Hub Palmerston location.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see the projects and events we're working on for youth in Minto!

MYAC MANDATE

- Support safe spaces for youth in the community
- Raise awareness about issues that matter to youth by developing partnerships & collaborating with community organizations.
- Advocate, recognize, and support diverse youth voices in the community.

THE GROVE YOUTH WELLNESS HUBS ONTARIO - PALMERSTON SITE

Location: 390 Main Street East, Palmerston
Contact: Tiffany Fagan, Site Lead
palmerston@thegrovehubs.ca
facebook.com/thegrovepalmerston
instagram.com/thegrovepalmerston
1-833-43-GROVE (47683)

The Grove Youth Wellness Hubs are safe spaces where youth aged 12 to 26 are empowered to take the lead in their own mental health and wellness journey, where they walk into our doors and feel like they belong.

During drop-in hours, youth can access a variety of recreation activities including access to a pool table, foosball table, art supplies, music room with musical instruments, gaming systems such as Xbox and Nintendo Switch, Wi-Fi and snacks.

Weekly scheduled and facilitated programming activities such as art-based programs, music programs, skill building programs, cooking programs and more.

Youth can also access high-quality, integrated services designed to meet a wide range of needs including mental health, education, employment, substance use, housing support, primary care, and training.



YOUTH TRAINING COURSES

AT HOME ALONE & FIRST AID FOR KIDS

Dates, times and locations are online
\$50

At Home Alone combined with First Aid for Kids helps your child become ready to be at home alone and prepared for any emergency! Does your child spend a few hours home alone before or after school due to your work schedule or other commitments? This 3-hour program is designed to help prepare your child to look after themselves during these times. Plus, with First Aid for Kids added to this program, kids will learn how to safely respond in a medical emergency.

BABYSITTING COURSE

Wednesday, March 18, Harriston Train Station
\$75

This 6-hour course will provide participants with the proper ethics and sense of responsibility needed for good child care. Topics include: Caring for Kids, Kids and Play, Kids and Food, Keeping Kids Safe, Handling Emergencies and First Aid. Participants should be 11 years of age or older to register. Please bring a lunch and a doll.



community programs for children & youth



AMBASSADOR OF THE FAIR COMPETITIONS

Harriston-Minto Fair Competition: July 3, 2026

Palmerston Fair Competition: August 19, 2026

Both the Harriston-Minto Agricultural Society and Palmerston Agricultural Society offer an annual Ambassador of the Fair competition.

As an Ambassador of the Fair, youth have the opportunity to establish themselves as young adults in our community; develop leadership, public speaking and networking skills; and represent Minto at numerous local events, including the Harriston-Minto Fall Fair and Palmerston Fair.

To learn more about the Ambassador of the Fair competitions, including registration deadlines and participation requirements, get in touch with the contacts below.

**Harriston-Minto
Fair Ambassador Committee**
HM.AmbassadorCommittee@
gmail.com

**Palmerston Fair Ambassador
Registration Contact**
Tate Driscoll, 519-588-8087
tate@driscollfarms.ca



SAUGEEN STUDENT START-UP PROGRAM

The Saugeen Student Start-Up Program (SSUP) is an initiative of Saugeen Connects, a partnership between Saugeen Economic Development Corporation and five municipalities, including Brockton, Hanover, Minto, Wellington North, and South Bruce.

The program fuels creativity and business skills for youth by providing students aged 12-18 with grant funding and valuable training opportunities to start their own summer business.

Applications typically begin in April.

To learn more visit saugeenconnects.com/youth.

child care programs

after school program

The Town of Minto operates an Authorized Recreation Program providing after school care at Minto-Clifford Public School and Palmerston Public School for children in grades JK - 6.

We are registered with HIGH FIVE and select staff are trained in Principles of Healthy Childhood Development.

DAILY SCHEDULE

- 3:10 p.m. – Dismissal Bell
- 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. – Playground & Outdoor Activities
- 4:15 - 4:30 p.m. – Snack
- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. – Indoor Activities (Gym/Classroom)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration can be completed online at town.minto.on.ca.

We ask that you sign your child(ren) up for at least four days per month. Discounts are available for signing up for an entire week.

Dates requested for a certain month are required by the 20th of the month prior. Dates requested after the deadline will be reviewed to determine if there is space in the program.

PROGRAM FEES (FOR A 5-DAY SCHOOL WEEK)

\$16.25/day and \$65/week

Monthly payment is required in advance. You may be eligible for financial assistance for this program from the Social Services Division at the County of Wellington.



day camp

The Town of Minto Community Services Department offers a safe, inclusive and affordable opportunity for your children to grow during March Break, PA Days, and summer months. Our day camps are designed to provide children with a variety of fun experiences that foster physical, emotional and intellectual development. Camps are open to children aged 4 - 12, and participants must meet minimum age restrictions at time of enrolment. For 2026 camps, children must have already completed junior Kindergarten (birth year 2021). Lunch is supervised and children bring their own lunch.

If your child receives the support of an educational assistant in school, one-on-one support is required at camp and it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to organize this support.

Please visit town.minto.on.ca for more information about day camps, guidelines for participant behaviour, and to register online.

PA DAY & SUMMER CAMP

PA DAY CAMP

- Available for kids aged 4 - 12. Children must have already completed Junior Kindergarten (birth year 2021).
- Drop off is any time between 8:00 – 9:00 a.m., planned programming is 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and pick up is any time between 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Locations: Harriston Arena, Palmerston Arena

Fees: \$45 per child

SUMMER DAY CAMP

- Available for kids aged 4 - 12. Children must have already completed Junior Kindergarten (birth year 2021).
- Sessions run Monday to Friday for eight weeks, beginning Tuesday, July 3 (drop off between 7:30-9:00 a.m., pick up between 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.)
- Locations: Harriston Arena, Palmerston Arena
- Camp activities include weekly themes, bus trips, and swimming.

Fees: \$200 per child per week



community services



The Town of Minto Community Services Department plans and delivers programs such as grassroots sports, aquatics, seniors programs, and other initiatives.

The Community Services Department also maintains and manages bookings for Town-owned and operated facilities such as halls, arenas, pools and outdoor areas.

grassroots children's programs

Grassroots Programs teach the basic skills and strategy of individual sports in a non-competitive atmosphere.

Coming soon to Clifford:

- Youth Pickleball
- Youth Baking Night

Watch the Town of Minto website, and follow @townofmintorec on Instagram to hear about program dates, times and registration.

BALL HOCKEY LEAGUE

April 14 - May 14, Tournament May 16

U7 and U11 on Tuesdays

U9 and U13 on Wednesdays

Palmerston Arena

\$25/player

Must register as a team. No more than 7 players per team.

GRASSROOTS VOLLEYBALL

Thursdays, April 16 - May 28

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Norwell District Secondary School

Ages 10-14

FREE (registration required)

GRASSROOTS BASKETBALL

Tuesdays, April 14 - May 26

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Norwell District Secondary School

Ages 10-14

FREE (registration required)

GRASSROOTS HOCKEY

Begins in October

Harriston Arena

Ages 5 - 14

\$175



FAMILY DROP IN

Clifford Arena

Resumes Monday, February 16, 10 a.m.

Open for families to come and get active! Equipment for the following activities will be available for use: pickleball, plasma cars, basketball, indoor soccer, corn hole, and shuffleboard. All children 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

programs contact

Christian Feldskov

Programs and Childcare Lead

519-338-2511 ext. 237

christian@town.minto.on.ca

adult programs

PICKLEBALL

Clifford Arena

Drop-in availability varies. \$3/session.

- Mondays: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- Mondays: 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.
- Tuesdays: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesdays: 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.
- Fridays: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

WALKING PROGRAM

Clifford Arena

Harriston-Minto Community Complex
Palmerston & District Community Centre
FREE

Our weekday indoor walking program allows adults to walk safely inside and avoid weather interruptions and other challenges to regular exercising. Times vary based on the time of year.

SHUFFLEBOARD

Harriston Train Station

\$40/season

Shuffleboard will begin the week of May 18, 2026, weather-permitting.

seniors' centre for excellence

Contact: Helen Edwards, Program

Coordinator

519-638-1000

hedwards@mapleton.ca

The Seniors' Centre for Excellence is a virtual centre that coordinates health and wellness programs facilitated in community venues across North Wellington. Examples would include exercise and social opportunities, offered in person and online, that will improve overall health and assist in establishing or renewing friendships in your community.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS & BOOK FACILITIES

The Town of Minto uses Active Net to manage registrations for recreational programs. With this convenient online registration system, you'll have one family account to manage program registrations for all members of your household.

AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

Use your Active Net account to register for Adult Programs, Child Care Programs such as Day Camps and After School Programs, Aquatics and Swim Lessons, and Grassroots Sports. You can also use Active Net to book facilities for private use or community organization events.

PAYMENT

Payment is submitted online by credit card through Active Net's encrypted and secure payment processing, or you can choose to pay by cash or debit in person at the Town of Minto office prior to the program start date.

CREATING YOUR ACTIVE NET ACCOUNT

To get started creating your account, visit town.minto.on.ca/residents/recreation-facilities and click the **Book/Register** button.

- 1) Click on the Create an Account link.
- 2) Fill out all required fields and click submit. Please submit your request only once. Once you have an online registration account, you will have the opportunity to add family members.
- 3) You will automatically receive an email after submitting your request for an account.

ONLINE BOOKING FOR FACILITIES & ICE PADS

Online booking is available for all facilities and ice pads. Whether it's the Norgan Theatre for a birthday party, a community centre for a wedding reception, or a private skating party at one of Minto's ice pads, the online scheduler allows you to view availability and schedule your rental.



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WEBSITE IN
OCTOBER FOR
FREE SKATING
DATES & TIMES!

skating

Free public skating is offered on weekends at arenas from October to March. Schedules for public skating can be found on the Town of Minto website at the end of September.

Weekly updates will also be posted on the Town of Minto Facebook Page. See you on the ice!



All of our free skating opportunities would not be possible without the financial support of our generous local businesses and service clubs. Thank you for your continued support!

If your business or organization is interested in sponsoring skating times, please contact April Phillips, 519-338-2511 ext. 243.

stick & puck

Come out for hockey on PA days and weekday afternoons throughout the ice season. Dates and times will be posted on the Town of Minto website in September. Ages 16 and under.

weekday skating

Weekday skating is an ideal time for adults, seniors, and parents with young children to work on their skating skills. These skating sessions are offered twice Monday to Thursday during the day at both the Harriston and Palmerston arenas. There is no cost for these sessions. Check online for schedules.



pools & swimming

HARRISTON
AND PALMERSTON
POOLS OPEN IN
LATE JUNE!

pool info

FEES & PASSES

- Single Admission \$5
- Single Family Admission \$20
- 10 Session Pass \$45
- Public Swimming Individual Pass \$125
- Public Swimming Family Pass \$250

ADMITTANCE POLICY

Subject to change

Children under 10 years of age, not accompanied by a responsible person 14 years of age or older, are subject to a swim test. Children under 6 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible person 14 years of age or older.

MEDICAL CONCERNS

All swimmers with a serious medical condition should inform the Lifeguards on the pool deck before entering the water.

POOL FOULINGS

Everyone is affected when the pool is fouled. Babies, tots and those without bowel control must wear snug fitting pool pants. All participants should avoid eating or drinking too much prior to swimming and those 'under the weather' should stay home. Pool foulings result in pool closure.

FACILITY SWIM TEST

The recreational swim admission standard applies to all recreational swims. Aquatic staff may ask any participant to demonstrate their swimming ability if the participant's personal safety is in question.

To successfully pass the facility swim test, individuals must:

- Successfully swim the length of the pool (25m) without stopping using a recognizable swimming stroke
- Pull themselves out of the pool
- Tread water for one minute

POOL RENTALS

Both the Harriston and Palmerston Pools are available to rent. All pool rentals include qualified lifeguards. Admission standards still apply. Book your rental on the Town of Minto website: town.minto.on.ca.

\$175 / hour

SWIMMING LESSONS

The Town of Minto follows the Lifesaving Society Swim Lesson program.

Visit the Town of Minto website in April for the 2026 swimming lesson schedule, fee information, and to register online.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private and semi-private swimming lessons are available for swimmers who may need assistance mastering a particular stroke or skill, or for those unable to attend group lessons.

\$125 per child for 5 x 30-minute lessons

contacts

AQUATICS@TOWN.
MINTO.ON.CA

HARRISTON POOL:
519-338-2994

PALMERSTON POOL:
519-343-5720

Please note pool phone numbers are active from June 1 - August 31 annually.



ADULT PROGRAMS

AQUA FIT

\$10/visit. Preregistration encouraged, limited walk-in space.

Aqua Fit class is a high energy and fun fitness class in which you perform a range of aerobic moves in the pool shown to you by instructors!

LANE SWIM

\$5/visit

Adults and youth ages 14+ may use lane swim to work on their strokes during a private time with lane ropes.

ADVANCED AQUATICS

BRONZE STAR, BRONZE MEDALLION AND BRONZE CROSS

- All programs at Harriston Pool
- Prerequisites and course fees vary depending on program
- Dates to be determined

These advanced aquatic programs are ideal for those interested in lifeguarding, as well as building their skills in problem-solving, water rescue and emergency procedures.

SWIM TEAM

Join the Minto Minnows!

June 29 - August 7
Monday - Thursday
\$75/person or \$175 per family for the season

The Minto Minnows Swim Team is a great way to improve your fitness level, build endurance, learn new skills and correct your strokes. Each participant is encouraged to strive for their personal best and will have the opportunity to compete in local swim meets.



JOIN OUR AQUATICS TEAM!

Minto's aquatics team is essential to ensure swimming lessons, adult programs and public and lane swim opportunities can be provided.

Recruitment for lifeguards and aquatics supervisors begins in early spring each year, however if you're interested in joining our aquatics team please reach out early! Email HR@town.minto.on.ca to learn more.

parks & trails

There is ample opportunity within the Town of Minto to get outdoors, be active, and enjoy nature. Across our three communities you'll find multiple parks and playgrounds, in addition to nearly 20km of trails. Here are just a few must-visit spots.

CLIFFORD ROTARY CELEBRATION SQUARE

Elora Street and Allan Street,
Downtown Clifford

Celebration Square is an inviting place to spend some time when visiting downtown Clifford. View the historical plaques and colourful gardens, or relax and enjoy your lunch. Seasonal displays are also showcased here and change over the course of the year.

Given its high-profile location, Celebration Square has become the 'go to' site for events and programming year-round. Visit cliffordconnects.ca to view the annual schedule.

Clifford Rotary Celebration Square was funded through contributions from:

- The Government of Canada's Healthy Communities Initiative
- Community Revitalization Fund
- Clifford Rotary Club
- Clifford Firefighters Association

additional park spaces in clifford:

- Clifford Cenotaph Park & Pavillion (Allan St. W. and Clark St. N.)
- Clifford Old Rotary Park
- Clifford Rotary Park & Pavillion

TANNERY PARK

Elora Street, Downtown Harriston

A tranquil space tucked into Harriston's bustling downtown, Tannery Park is situated directly above the Maitland River. There are several seating options where you can pause to enjoy this setting.

Colourful garden plantings featured during the summer can be seen, along with photos and plaques that provide historical insight into Harriston's past.

Plus, seasonal displays and photo booths provide engaging opportunities to snap those selfies at various times throughout the year!

additional park spaces in harriston:

- Harriston-Minto Community Complex Pavillion (111 George St. S.)
- IODE Park (Arthur St. W. and John St. N.)
- Lions Medical Centre Park & Playground (Arthur St. W. and John St. N.)
- Mill Street Park
- Kinsmen Park & Playground (Young St. E. and King St. S.)





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LIONS HERITAGE PARK

166 William Street, Palmerston

Lions Heritage Park, a large multi-use park in the centre of Palmerston, has become a gathering place for families, friends and visitors alike.

A multitude of recreational opportunities are incorporated into this expansive space including a sports pad for basketball and ball hockey, a swimming pool, a tennis court, as well as a playground and splash pad for kids. Additional amenities include many benches, picnic tables, and a full-size pavilion suitable for family gatherings. Look for a large cascading water feature, and some colourful murals here too!

The Lions Club of Palmerston has provided a fully lit brick path that spans the entire park. From Old 81 at Main Street this path winds its way though to the Fire Station on King Street, linking the components of the park together. Informative historical plaques can be found throughout the park, which provide a glimpse of Palmerston's past through pictures and stories.

Focal points in this park include a restored railway station (now the Palmerston Railway Museum) and the impressive pedestrian railway bridge – the only one remaining in Ontario.

In 2013, Palmerston Lions Heritage Park was awarded the Butchart Gardens Land Reclamation Award through the Communities in Bloom program. We are incredibly fortunate to benefit from both the recreational opportunities this park provides, alongside the monumental role it plays in preserving Palmerston's Railway heritage.

additional park spaces in palmerston:

- Barb Wright Playground (520 Cavan St.)
- Lawrence Park Playground (320 Boulton St.)



parks & trails

HARRISTON GREENWAY TRAIL

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The Harriston Greenway Trail provides outdoor enthusiasts plenty of options to take in the sights and sounds of nature.

Several community parks and properties along the Maitland River, sections of the former CN and CP rail lines, as well as a hardwood bush in the Harriston Cemetery are included in this diverse trail network. Several private landowners generously permit the use of trails that run on their properties to enhance the Greenway Trail system. Surfaces vary and include former rail bed sections, some mowed pathways, and some natural surface trails.

The rustic gazebo in the IODE Park on John St. N. is an inviting meeting point to begin your hike through the West End Trails, or to pause for a riverside picnic in the shade.

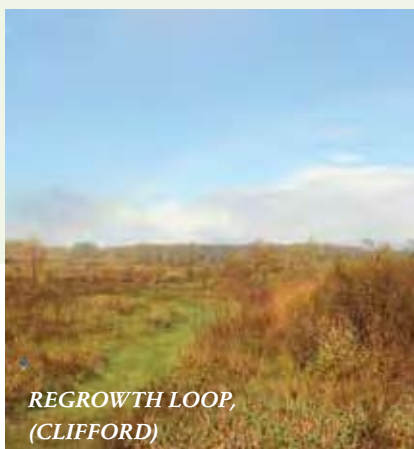
To connect to the White's Junction Trail, follow Wellington County Road 109 to the roundabout, then Wellington County Road 5 to the 7th Line.

THE CLIFFORD TRAIL

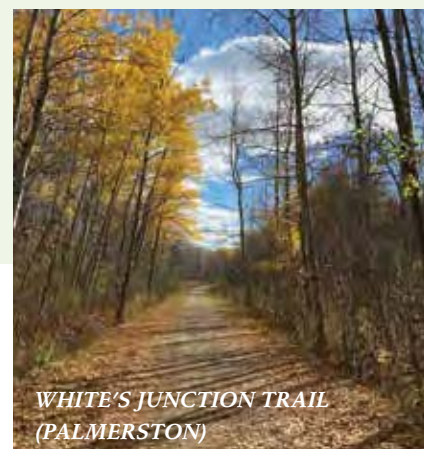
The Clifford Trail is composed of multiple loops offering users different experiences.

You can find the trailhead for the Clifford Trail along with ample parking at Clifford Rotary Park. Adjacent to this is the Rotary Park Loop which is a level path on mowed grass. Hiking here you will loop around sports fields, along a stream, and under trees. You may choose to venture to the nearby Regrowth Loop which is located at the end of James Street East. The initial section here offers a level surface, or you may choose to venture beyond through more natural terrain with some changes in elevation. Many young trees have been started here to establish habitat, protection, and shade cover. The Park Street Extension is located on the opposite end of Clifford. It is a mowed grass surface, incorporates some tree cover, and is a short trek alongside farm fields.

The remaining section of the Clifford Trail is the Rail Line Loop which runs primarily along a former rail bed from West Heritage Road at the northwest end through to Park Street at the southwest edge of Clifford. From Park Street you might pause to appreciate Old Rotary Park or venture out of town as far as the 13th Line.



REGROWTH LOOP,
(CLIFFORD)



WHITE'S JUNCTION TRAIL
(PALMERSTON)

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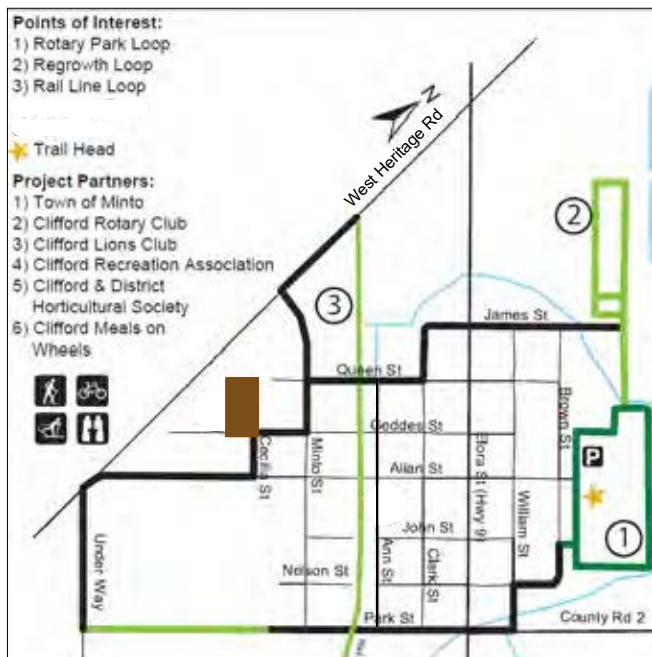
The White's Junction Trail runs along the former CN rail line heading north out of Palmerston as far as the 7th Line.

From the Old 81 steam engine at the front of Palmerston Lions Heritage Park, travel one block north to Inkerman Street. There you will find the White's Junction trailhead sign where this trail formally begins.

This is the longest continuous trail section within the Town of Minto. Its wide surface is comprised primarily of level aggregate, making it quite suitable for cycling. Look for birdhouses, clusters of trilliums blooming in the spring, and benches where you can enjoy a break during your hike or ride. Another notable landmark located along this trail is a pedestrian trestle bridge which you'll find between the 3rd Line and 5th Line.

To connect to the Harriston Greenway Trail, follow the White's Junction Trail to the 7th Line, then east to Wellington County Road 5, to the roundabout and in to Harriston by way of Wellington County Road 109.

CLIFFORD TRAIL



CYCLING

In 2024, Wellington County launched seven new signature cycling routes for riders of all levels –including one in Minto. The new signature cycling routes make the most of the region’s rail trails, take riders on scenic rural roads, to beautiful lookouts, and to unique businesses and destinations worth every pedal stroke to get there.

Minto Town and Country Tour

Distance: 70km

Experience Level: Intermediate/Advanced

Route Surfaces: 96% paved, 4% hard-surfaced tar and chip

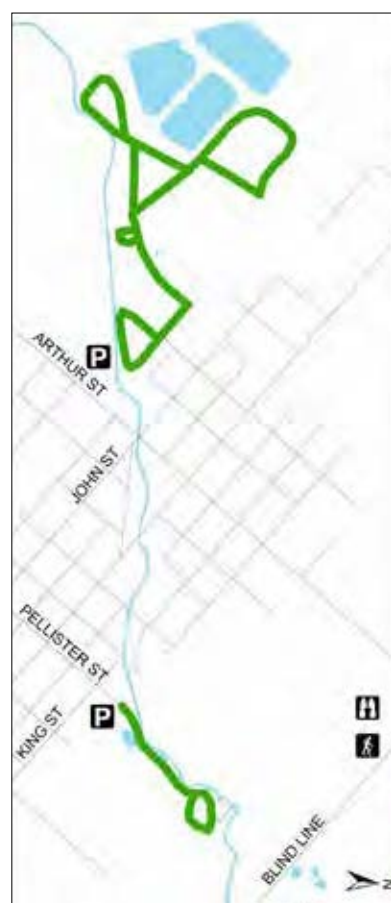
This ride explores the charming towns and countryside of Minto: Clifford, Harriston and Palmerston. Start in Palmerston at CNR Park and the Railway Heritage Museum. Cycle on Wellington Road 5 to Harriston or use the Whites Junction trail for a quieter route. In Harriston, visit unique shops like May’s Cafe at the Old Post (39 Elora St. S.) and Eh-2-Zed (10 Elora St. S.).

For a shorter 36km route, take Wellington Road 9 to 11th Line. For the full loop, enjoy the scenic 16th Line. Arrive in Clifford to visit Wesley Bates Gallery and West Meadow Press. Explore local businesses, then return to Palmerston through scenic countryside. If you haven’t already, make sure to spend some time at the unique Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum (seasonal).

WHITE’S JUNCTION TRAIL (PALMERSTON)



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