

**Meeting Notes**  
**Public Art Task Force Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 14, 2023 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Webex – Online Meeting

Present:

- Alyssia Nelson, Cultural Leadership Council
- Linda Jansma, Representative from community
- Mike Drolet, Representative from community
- Sonya Jones, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (Chair)

Staff: B. Waite, S. Kordalewski

1. Land Acknowledgement (5 minutes)

*The City of Oshawa sits on treaty land that is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is the present day home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples. We acknowledge that we live and work on land covered under the Williams Treaties, and the traditional territories of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation.*

*We acknowledge this land out of respect for the many Indigenous nations who have cared for the lands and waters from the beginning of time and still do so today. We extend our gratitude and appreciation for the opportunity to live and work on this territory.*

*We are committed to understanding the truth of our shared history, confronting our past and present, and building a better future together in true reconciliation.*

2. Welcome (5 minutes)

- Sonya welcomed the group.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest (5 minutes)

- None declared.

4. Approval of Summary Notes from Previous Meetings (5 minutes)

- Meeting notes from October 11, 2022 approved.

5. Project Discussion (30 minutes)

- Staff presented details about two projects under development, an open call for artist-initiated projects and a public art project in Oshawa's downtown. The group discussed possible locations.
- Bethany provided information about a proposal to review the City's downtown murals.

6. Staff Updates (15 minutes)

- Centennial Report
  - Staff provided an update on the Community Centennial Committee and a summary of [ED-22-219 – Oshawa Centennial Celebrations Proposal \(All Wards\)](#), outlining the various Centennial projects and events approved by Council on December 12, 2022, including the aspects involving public art.
- Economic Development Restructure

- Staff provided an update on [CNCL-22-69 Proposed Corporate Organization and Council Standing Committees Structure](#), approved by Council on November 15, 2022 and the restructure of the Culture staff to Economic Development.
- ARC Feasibility Study
  - Staff gave an update on the ARC Feasibility Study.
- TeachingCity Community Collaborations course (2022/2023) project
  - Staff shared progress on the project.
- TeachingCity Augmented Reality Outdoor Public Artworks in collaboration w/ RMG
  - Sonya provided an update on this project.
- Culture Counts Awards
  - Staff presented information on the Culture Counts Awards currently accepting nominations.
- Windfields Area Exhibition
  - Staff presented information regarding an exhibition expected to be installed in the Heritage Gallery at Fire Hall 6, honouring the legacy of the Windfields area.
- Anti-Oppression & Anti-Racism 101 Workshop
  - Staff informed members that a virtual workshop, Anti-Oppression and Anti-Racism 101: Intro to Social Justice & Liberation, is being offered to the various arts, culture and heritage organizations.

#### 7. Other Business

- Future meetings – in person or virtual?
  - Members voted to continue with virtual meetings; having in-person meetings for project planning meetings.

#### 8. Adjournment

##### **Upcoming meetings –**

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 @ 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 @ 6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 @ 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 @ 6 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 @ 6 p.m.