

Meeting Notes
Public Art Task Force Meeting
Tuesday, March 11, 2025 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Online Meeting

Attendance: A. Nelson, B. Waite, L. Jansma, M. Drolet, S. Lebert

Regrets: S. Jones

Staff: B. Waite, S. Kordalewski

1. Land Acknowledgement

The City of Oshawa is situated on lands and waters within the Williams Treaties Territory, home to seven First Nation communities of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg, who have cared for and maintained these lands from time immemorial and continue to do so to present day. [Learn more.](#)

2. Welcome

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes

- Meeting notes from January 14, 2025 were approved.

5. Discussion Topics

- Bond Simcoe Urban Square – Public Sculpture
 - Staff provided an update on the Bond Simcoe Urban Square Public Art community engagement and the next steps with the public art jury.
- Convergence 2025
 - Staff provided an update on the City's art activations being planned for Convergence 2025.
- Content Guidelines Update
 - Staff presented recommendations to revise the content guidelines used in calls for artists, artist agreements, etc.
 - The PATF endorsed the revisions. The content guidelines are:
 - a. The following content guidelines must be adhered to for Artwork:
 - b. The content is not in conflict with any laws, City by-laws or policies;
 - c. The content does not conflict with the City's values, vision or strategic goals;
 - d. The content does not conflict with goals as outlined in key strategic plans, including the Diversity and Inclusion Plan and the Culture Counts: Oshawa Arts, Culture & Heritage Plan; and
 - e. The content does not contain material which could be considered inappropriate, discriminatory, hateful, violent, abusive, insensitive, culturally appropriative or otherwise offensive.
 - f. The content should be suitable for audiences of all ages, and should not include content involving references to drugs, injury, obscene gestures, and/or crude content.
- Durham Region Public Art Projects
 - The City presented information about public art projects being led by the Regional Municipality of Durham:
 - Sculptural bench public art initiative

- Ritson placemaking project

6. Updates

- TeachingCity Community Collaboration Course
 - Staff provided an update on the TeachingCity temporary public art project with Durham College's Community Collaboration course.
- Land Acknowledgement Sign Project
 - Staff provided an update on the land acknowledgement sign project.
- Recreation Centre 2024 Murals
 - Staff provided information on ED-25-25 – Extending the Exhibition Period of Artworks at Northview Community Centre and South Oshawa Community Centre.

7. Other Business

- Staff updated the PATF members that a vote for the task force chairperson for this term will take place at the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, May 13 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 8 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept 9 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov 4 at 6 p.m. *varies from the second Tuesday due to Remembrance Day