

Meeting Notes
Cultural Leadership Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2025 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Teams – Online Meeting

Present:

- Alyssia Nelson, Individual
- Jennifer Clark, Oshawa Public Libraries
- Hannah Keating, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
- Kevin Maina, Trent University
- Lisa Terech, Oshawa Museum, Community Engagement
- Moreen Fearon-Tapper, Durham College
- Pariss Garramone, Ontario Tech University
- Samuel Richardson, Canadian Tank Museum: Home of the Ontario Regiment Museum

Regrets:

- Kimberly Lepine, Oshawa Seniors Community Centres
- Deb Oldfield, Oshawa Art Association

Staff: S. Kordalewski, B. Waite, C. Richards

1. Recognition of Indigenous Lands (5 minutes)

The City of Oshawa is situated on lands within the traditional and treaty territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg and the signatories of the Williams Treaties, which include the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Rama and Beausoleil First Nations.

We are grateful for the Anishinaabeg who have cared for the land and waters within this territory since time immemorial.

We recognize that Oshawa is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is now present day home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. We express gratitude for this diverse group of Indigenous Peoples who continue to care for the land and shape and strengthen our community.

As a municipality, we are committed to understanding the truth of our shared history, acknowledging our role in addressing the negative impacts that colonization continues to have on Indigenous Peoples, developing reciprocal

relationships, and taking meaningful action toward reconciliation. We are all Treaty people.

2. Welcome (5 minutes)
3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest (5 minutes)
 - No pecuniary interests were declared.
4. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes (5 minutes)
 - Meeting notes from February 11, 2025 were approved.
5. Member Roundtable (20 minutes)
 - Members provided an update on upcoming exhibitions, programs, events and activities.
6. Discussion
 - Art & Culture in the Hall 2026 Planning
 - City staff presented a proposal for the 2026 exhibition schedule for Art & Culture in the Hall, requesting feedback from C.L.C. members.
7. Staff Updates (40 minutes)
 - 2025 Events
 - Convergence 2025
 - Staff provided an update on the planned City art activations for Convergence 2025.
 - Culture Days 2025
 - Staff provided an update on Culture Days 2025 event planning.
 - Art & Culture in the Hall – Call for Artists 2025
 - Staff provided information on an upcoming call for artists for Art & Culture in the Hall exhibits for the fall of 2025.
 - Staff are seeking C.L.C. members to take part in the selection committee.
 - Culture Counts Awards
 - Staff provided an update on the status of the Culture Counts Awards.
 - Public Art Projects
 - Bond Simcoe Urban Square Public Art Sculpture

- Staff provided information on the next steps in the Bond Simcoe Urban Square Public Art Sculpture selection process.
- Land Acknowledgement Sign Project
 - Staff provided information on the Land Acknowledgement Sign project in collaboration with the Diversity, Equity and Reconciliation team.
- Durham Region Public Art Projects
 - Staff provided information on public art projects to be installed in Oshawa by the Regional Municipality of Durham.
- TeachingCity Project
 - Durham College Community Collaboration Course
 - Staff provided an update on the status of the TeachingCity temporary public art project in collaboration with Durham College.

8. Committee Updates (5 minutes)

- PATF
 - An update was provided about the previous Public Art Task Force Meeting.

9. Other Business (5 minutes)

- City staff provided information regarding the development of a new City of Oshawa Culture Plan.

10. Adjournment (5 minutes)

Upcoming meetings –

- Tuesday, June 10 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 12 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 14 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 9 at 6 p.m.