

Meeting Notes

Cultural Leadership Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Teams – Online Meeting

Present:

- Hannah Keating, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
- Jennifer Clark, Oshawa Public Libraries
- Kimberly Lepine, Oshawa Seniors Community Centres

Regrets:

- Alyssia Nelson, Individual
- Deb Oldfield, Oshawa Art Association
- 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

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

1. Recognition of Indigenous Lands

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 and Introduction

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

- No pecuniary interests were declared.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes

- Meeting notes from April 8, 2025 were approved.

5. Member Roundtable

- Members provided an update on upcoming programs, exhibitions, events and activities.

6. Presentation

- Municipal Culture Planning
 - Staff presented on municipal culture planning and a projected timeline for the City's new Culture Plan.

7. Discussion

- Art & Culture in the Hall 2026 Planning
 - Staff requested feedback on the proposed plan for Art & Culture in the Hall in 2026.

8. Staff Updates

- 2025 Events
 - Convergence 2025
 - Staff provided an update on the status of the City's activations for Convergence 2025.
 - Culture Days 2025
 - Staff provided an update on the City's event being planned for Culture Days 2025.
- Culture Counts Award Recipients
 - Staff provided information on the 2025 Culture Counts Award recipients.
- Public Art Projects
 - Bond Simcoe Urban Square Public Art Sculpture
 - Staff provided an update on the forthcoming Bond Simcoe Urban Square Public Art Sculpture.

- Ed Broadbent Indigenous Language Project
 - Staff provided information on the Ed Broadbent Indigenous Language and Culture Project.
- Land Acknowledgement Sign Project
 - Staff provided an update on the public art component of the Land Acknowledgement Sign Project.
- TeachingCity Project
 - Durham College Community Collaboration Course 2024/2025
 - Staff provided an update on the TeachingCity temporary public art project.

9. Committee Updates

- PATF

10. Other Business

11. Adjournment

Upcoming meetings –

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