

Meeting Notes
Cultural Leadership Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Teams – Online Meeting

Present:

- Alix Voz, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
- Jennifer Clark, Oshawa Public Libraries
- 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:

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

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

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 February 10, 2026 were approved.

5. Member Roundtable

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

6. Discussion

- Art & Culture in the Hall Planning
 - Staff presented information on Art & Culture in the Hall exhibition planning for the 2027 exhibition periods. Members provided feedback on the exhibition plan.
- Convergence 2026
 - Staff provided an update on City activities for Convergence 2026 and requested feedback from members on potential themes for a call for artists for the event.

7. Staff Updates

- Music Fund
 - Staff provided an update on the development of a Music Fund grant program.
- CLC and PATF Recruitment
 - Staff provided information on the status of CLC and PATF recruitment efforts and the next steps in the process.
- Culture Counts Awards
 - Staff provided an update on the status of the Culture Counts Awards process.
- Culture Days 2026
 - Staff provided an update on planning for the City's Culture Days 2026 program and requested submissions for a Culture Days brochure.
- Alexandra Park Installation Reprogram

- Staff provide an update on the status of the Alexandra Park outdoor history exhibition project.
- TeachingCity Community Collaboration Course 2026/2027 Project
 - Staff presented a TeachingCity project idea for the Durham College Community Collaboration Course 2026/2027 and requested feedback from members.
- Public Art Projects
 - Ed Broadbent Indigenous Culture and Language Project
 - Staff provided an update on the Indigenous Culture and Language Public Art Project for Ed Broadbent Waterfront Park.
 - Land Acknowledgement Sign Project
 - Staff provide an update on the Land Acknowledgement Sign Project.
 - Veterans Square (formerly Bond Simcoe Urban Square) – Public Art Sculpture
 - Staff provided a status update on the public art sculpture to be installed in Veterans Square.
 - TeachingCity Community Collaboration Course 2025/2026 Project
 - Staff provided an update on the TeachingCity 2025/2026 temporary public art project.

8. Committee Updates

- PATF
 - An update on the PATF was provided.

9. Other Business

- Summary of Adjudication Dates
 - Staff provided a summary of the upcoming selection committees and anticipated timeframes for adjudication.

10. Adjournment

Upcoming meetings –

- Tuesday, June 9 at 6 p.m. – end of current term
- Tuesday, August 11 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 13 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 8 at 6 p.m.