

Meeting Notes
Cultural Leadership Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Teams – Online Meeting

Present:

- Alix Voz, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
- Alyssia Nelson, Individual
- Jennifer Clark, Oshawa Public Libraries
- Kimberly Lepine, Oshawa Seniors Community Centres
- Lisa Terech, Oshawa Museum, Community Engagement
- Pariss Garramone, Ontario Tech University
- Samuel Richardson, Canadian Tank Museum: Home of the Ontario Regiment Museum

Regrets:

- Deb Oldfield, Oshawa Art Association
- Kevin Maina, Trent University
- Moreen Fearon-Tapper, Durham College

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 August 12, 2025 were approved.

5. Member Roundtable

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

6. Discussion

- Art & Culture in the Hall Planning
 - Staff requested feedback regarding the fall 2025 Call for Exhibition Proposals for Organizations and staff provided an update on an upcoming Call for Artists.
- Music Fund
 - Staff discussed the development of a music fund grant program included in the 2026 budget and requested recommendations for the program structure.
- Culture Days 2026
 - Staff provided an update on planning for Culture Days 2026.

7. Staff Updates

- Culture Plan
 - Staff provided an update on the community engagement completed during the fall and winter of 2025 for the development of the Culture Plan.
- Culture Counts Awards
 - Staff provided information on the Culture Counts Awards program and launch date.
- Alexandra Park Installation Reprogram
 - Staff provided an update on the Alexandra Park temporary exhibition reprogramming plan and requested endorsement from the Cultural Leadership Council.
 - The Cultural Leadership Council endorsed the project plan.
- Public Art Projects

- Ed Broadbent Indigenous Culture and Language Project
 - Staff provided an update on the Ed Broadbent Indigenous Culture and Language project.
- Land Acknowledgement Sign Project
 - Staff provided an update on the Land Acknowledgement Sign Project.
- Veterans Square (formerly Bond Simcoe Urban Square) – Public Art Sculpture
 - Staff provided information on the status of the public art sculpture for Veterans Square.
- TeachingCity Community Collaboration Course 2024/2025 Project
 - Staff provided an update on the completion of the TeachingCity 2024/2025 temporary public art installation.
- TeachingCity Community Collaboration Course 2025/2026 Project
 - Staff provided an update on the TeachingCity 2025/2026 temporary public art project.
- Convergence 2026
 - Staff provide an update on planning for the City's activation at the Oshawa Tourism event Convergence 2026.

8. Committee Updates

- PATF
 - An update on the PATF meeting was provided.

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment

Upcoming meetings –

- Tuesday, April 14 at 6 p.m.
- 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.