

Meeting Notes
Cultural Leadership Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 12, 2025 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Teams – Online Meeting

Present:

- Alyssia Nelson, Individual
- Hannah Keating, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
- Jennifer Clark, Oshawa Public Libraries
- Kimberly Lepine, Oshawa Seniors Community Centres
- Moreen Fearon-Tapper, Durham College

Regrets:

- Deb Oldfield, Oshawa Art Association
- Kevin Maina, Trent University
- Lisa Terech, Oshawa Museum, Community Engagement
- Pariss Garramone, Ontario Tech University
- Samuel Richardson, Canadian Tank Museum: Home of the Ontario Regiment Museum

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

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 June 10, 2025 were approved.

5. Member Roundtable

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

6. Staff Updates

- Municipal Culture Planning
 - Staff provided an update on the project to update the Culture Plan.
- Alexandra Park Installation Reprogram
 - Staff provided information about a project proposal on an exhibition project in Alexandra Park.
- Public Art Projects
 - Ed Broadbent Indigenous Culture and Language Project
 - Staff provided an update on the Ed Broadbent Indigenous Culture and Language Project.
 - TeachingCity Community Collaboration Course 2024/2025 Project
 - Staff provided information on the TeachingCity temporary public art installation for 2024/2025.
 - TeachingCity Community Collaboration Course 2025/2026 Project
 - Staff provided information on the project proposed for a temporary public art project with Durham College's Community Collaboration Course for 2025/2026.
 - Land Acknowledgement Sign Project
 - Staff provided a status update on the land acknowledgement sign project.
 - Bond Simcoe Urban Square – Public Art Sculpture
 - Staff provided information on the status of the Bond Simcoe Urban Square public art sculpture.
- 2025 Events
 - Convergence 2025

- Staff provided an update on the City of Oshawa's art activities at Convergence 2025.
- Culture Days 2025
 - Staff provided information about the City's Culture Days activities for 2025.
- Art & Culture in the Hall 2026 Planning
 - Staff provided information on the Call for Exhibition Proposals from Cultural Organizations for Art & Culture in the Hall.

7. Committee Updates

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

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment

Upcoming meetings –

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