

Meeting Summary
Cultural Leadership Council Meeting
March 31, 2021 6:00 – 7:30pm

Webex – Online Meeting

Name	Organization or Individual	Attended
Shannon Barill	Individual	N
Brennyn Bauer	Parkwood National Historic Site	N
Tracy Callahan	Oshawa Senior Community Centres 55+	Y
Jeremy Blowers	Ontario Regiment RCAC Museum	Y
Victoria Byers	Individual	N
Karen Coyle	Individual	N
Jennifer Gardner	Oshawa Public Libraries	Y
Lauren Gould	Robert McLaughlin Gallery	Y
Greg Murphy	Durham College	Y
Alyssia Nelson	Individual	N
Rebekah Noseworthy (Chair)	Individual	Y
Will McGuirk	SlowCity	y
Stephanie Pollard	Individual	Y
Amanda Robinson	Ontario Tech University	Y
Lisa Terech	Oshawa Museum	Y
Margaret Wilkinson	Individual	Y
Hailey Wright	Trent University	Y

1. Recognition of Indigenous Lands (5 minutes)

The City of Oshawa is situated on treaty land that is steeped in rich Indigenous history, and is the present day home to many First Nations, Metis and Inuit people. Today, we acknowledge that we are gathering on the traditional territories of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation.

2. Welcome (5 minutes)

Laura Iantomasi welcomed Tracy Callahan as the new OSCC standing member.

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest (5 minutes)

None indicated by CLC members

4. Approval of Summary Notes from Previous Meetings (January 27, 2021) (5 minutes)

Meeting summary was approved

5. Public Art Task Force Update (5 minutes)

Laura lantomasi provided an update that the last PATF meeting was a short one. Laura shared that there was a project presentation on the Signs of Life Presentation by Rebekah Noseworthy and Chad Tyson. Rebekah spoke and acknowledged her project with Chad, and gave more details on what the project entails.

6. CCC Update (5 minutes)

Laura lantomasi provided an updated that the Community Centennial Committee meetings were going well and things were beginning to move forward. Laura updated that three sub-committees have been formed including community engagement, marketing and branding, and heritage. It is anticipated that more sub-committees will be formed as the anniversary date moves forward. Lisa Terech asked about the Heritage committee and encouraged people to reach out to her for heritage, offering the services of the Oshawa Museum.

7. Staff Updates (10 minutes)

a. Culture Counts Awards

Laura lantomasi announced that the nominations for both Culture Counts and Community Legend have been received. Laura discussed next steps, towards determining the recipients, and that the goal is to have the award winners announced in the coming months.

b. Feasibility Study Update

Laura lantomasi shared that the RFP bids were received, and that the project has been awarded to NGL Nordicity. The project is currently on hold due until further notice due to staffing.

c. Impact of COVID-19 on Culture in Oshawa

Laura lantomasi provided an update and expressed that this project is currently on hold at this time.

d. Impact of COVID-19 on Culture - Community Conversation – DC Capstone Project

Laura Iantomasi provided update that due to staffing with the City of Oshawa, and the timeliness for the students meant that students were redeployed to other projects in order to meet their capstone project course requirements.

Greg Murphy shared that there may be an opportunity to receive support through Durham College for this project in the fall.

e. Staffing Update

Laura Iantomasi talked about the current staff changes that have happened in the Area of Culture with the City of Oshawa.

8. Member Roundtable (20 minutes)

- Lauren Gould shared that the RMG is currently looking to move programming outdoors and be more active in creative place making.
- Jeremy Blowers shared that the Ontario Regiment Museum's - Canteen Building restoration has begun based on a motion passed by council in 2019. It will be turned into a classroom and education centre.
- Jennifer Gardner shared that the Library is busy planning May and June programming. Jennifer shared that the library is working with OSCC and RMG for a senior's art program. The theme this year is victory.
- Will McGurik shared a few of his projects he is working on including one with Dani Crosby which features students at Durham College, and an a project being shared on Bell TV, and the upcoming Oshawa Music Awards.
- Greg Murphy provided an update on Durham College, looking ahead to the fall to ensure that the health of both the faculty and student is supported.
- Hailey Wright shared that Trent Durham is hoping for a return to campus in fall. Hailey shared that students ran a virtual indigenous art sale, which was widely successful, and that they have a teaching city project looking at cultural economy with city of Oshawa.
- Amanda Robinson shared that Ontario Tech U is doing an upcoming-webinar on Grading in university courses as part of their beyond the walls series.
- Laura Iantomasi introduced Cassidy Watts and Sarah Wintle to the group as City staff that are supporting Culture currently, and shared that they are responsible for the Social Media channels, and are always looking for content to share to help support the cultural community.

- Rebekah Noseworthy provided a further update on her signs of life project. Rebekah also shared a new initiative she has started for a subscription box called Durham Crate, with a focus on supporting local entrepreneurs. Rebekah also shared her involvement with the Clubhouse app, in regards to some good community conversations.
- Will McGuirk shared that he has worked on a project on the impacts of COVID-19 on musicians through photos, which will be shared in a gallery.
- Discussion on how we could best capture the effects of COVID-19 and archive the information to have a history. Lisa Trech discussed that the museum has been capture information, collecting newspaper articles and more information so that there is records and information for the future.

9. Other Business (5 minutes)

Discussion on how the CLC could be proactive with their planning on how to help culture groups in Oshawa with COVID-19 recovery. Discussion keep this as an agenda item for future meetings so that the CLC can work on.

10. Action Items

No action items at this time.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31p.m.