

## Cultural Leadership Council Meeting Summary

January 27, 2021 6:00-7:30 pm  
Virtual (Webex)

Attendees:

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

City Staff: Kirsten Frankish

### 1. Recognition of Indigenous Lands

*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

### 3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

- None indicated by attending CLC members.

### 4. Approval of Summary Notes from Previous Meetings (November 25, 2020)

- Jeremy Blowers noted that the decision by CLC members to increase the frequency of CLC meetings from quarterly to bi-monthly was not captured. Kirsten Frankish stated she would add this to the meeting summary.

## **5. CLC Consultation – Impact of COVID-19 on Culture in Oshawa (45 minutes)**

- Kirsten Frankish led CLC members through a consultation focusing on the Impact of COVID-19 on Culture in Oshawa.
- This exercise was recognized as a companion piece to the individual and organizational feedback forms available from November 6 – December 14, 2020.
- Members shared feedback based on personal experiences as practitioners and key staff within Oshawa’s cultural organizations, including:
  - i. Significant decreases in walk-in visitors in period between shutdown/ stay at home periods
  - ii. Planned projects and exhibitions needing to be rescheduled
  - iii. Cancellation of events having significant impact on revenues for organizations, causing concern about financial viability moving into 2021 and beyond
  - iv. Program delivery models have changed significantly
  - v. Everyone (artists, students, staff) are continuing to be resilient but can be very challenging, especially during isolation/ restrictions
  - vi. Bombardment of information – information fatigue setting in
- A document capturing comments and themes from the consultation will also be shared with CLC members.
- The need for a comprehensive and “living” resource document for the cultural community that could be maintained on a City of Oshawa webpage was also identified
  - i. CLC members agreeing to contribute based on information obtained through their own networks.
- Kirsten Frankish identified that raw data from the Feedback Forms would be made available to CLC members, and that the summary document to be made available to the public would include this data as well as feedback gathered through consultations with the CLC, Public Art Task Force (PATF) and the upcoming Impact of COVID-19 on Culture – Community Conversation, which is anticipated to take place in Spring 2021.

## **6. Impact of COVID-19 on Culture – Online Community Conversation Update (5 minutes)**

- Kirsten Frankish provided an update in terms of the planning for the Online Roundtable, which is being led by students from Durham College’s Event Planning and Management program.
- The event is currently being planned for Spring 2021 and will be available for free to members of Oshawa’s Cultural Community.

- Questions and discussions will incorporate themes from the Feedback Forms made available from November to December 2020.
- Breakout rooms will be facilitated by members of the CLC.
- **Support Needed:** Facilitators to assist with moderating breakout rooms for online event (**5-7 CLC members needed**)
  - i. Jeremy Blowers
  - ii. Greg Murphy
  - iii. Amanda Robinson
  - iv. Karen Coyle
  - v. Stephanie Pollard

#### **7. Public Art Task Force Update (5 minutes)**

- Alyssia Nelson provided an update on the PATF meeting that took place on January 25, 2021 with members being asked to provide feedback as to whether two recent requests met the criteria for Public Art based on criteria in the City of Oshawa's Public Art Policy.
- The requests were:
  - i. From a community group to install a plaque within City Hall
  - ii. A citizen request to relocate a series of historical newspaper artefacts from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall to a more visible public location
- PATF members assessed the criteria and determined that these pieces did not meet the established criteria.
- Kirsten Frankish indicated that the requests would be referred back to the Facilities Management branch, but that there may be an opportunity to include the newspaper artefacts in an upcoming rotation for Art and Culture in the Hall, located outside Council Chambers.

#### **8. Community Centennial Committee Update (5 minutes)**

- Kirsten Frankish provided an update on the Community Centennial Committee meeting from January 26, 2021.
  - i. Sponsorship Presentation by Elaine Garnett, Community Partnerships Manager for the City of Oshawa
  - ii. Logo and Visual Identity Discussion
  - iii. Creation of Initial Sub-committees (Marketing, History/ Heritage of Oshawa, Community Engagement)

#### **9. Staff Updates (5 minutes)**

- Community Legends and Oshawa Culture Counts Awards
  - i. Deadline for nominations for both Award programs is February 14, 2021
  - ii. 3-5 adjudicators needed
    1. Jennifer Gardner
    2. Amanda Robinson
    3. Alyssia Nelson
    4. Greg Murphy
    5. Lauren Gould
- ARC Feasibility Study Update

- i. The Review Panel has completed the RFP review and is in the process of obtaining references.
- ii. The timeline for the Feasibility Study has shifted from the original start and end dates due to COVID-19 impacts.
- iii. City staff will provide additional details and updates as information becomes available, including opportunities for the CLC to take part.

**10. Other Business (5 minutes)**

- No other business identified for verbal updates by CLC members during the meeting.

**11. Adjournment at 7:16 pm**

**Next meeting** – March 31, 2021 from 6-7:30 pm