

Meeting Notes
Public Art Task Force Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Online Meeting

Attendance: Alyssia Nelson, Barry Waite, Mike Drolet, Linda Jansma, Sonya Jones
Staff: Bethany, Susan, Catherine

1. Land Acknowledgement

The City of Oshawa is situated on lands and waters within the Williams Treaties Territory, home to seven First Nation communities of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg, who have cared for and maintained these lands from time immemorial and continue to do so to present day. [Learn more.](#)

2. Welcome

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Notes

- Meeting notes from November 12, 2024 were approved.

5. Discussion Topics

- Land Acknowledgement Sign Project
 - Staff provided information regarding a potential public art project, seeking endorsement of proposed process and short-list of artists.
 - 1. PATF endorsed the proposed process and artists
- Downtown Oshawa Urban Square – Public Sculpture
 - Staff provided an update on the Downtown Urban Square Public Artwork project
 - 1. Concluding the discussion, the PATF recommended an artist be chosen for direct commission.
 - 2. The PATF endorsed the public engagement plan and jury short list
- Victoria Street Laneway Project
 - Staff provided information on a grant opportunity for a new public art project. The process for the possible project was discussed.
- Convergence 2025
 - Staff presented options for City involvement with Convergence 2025 seeking feedback from PATF members regarding possible projects.
- Recreation Centre 2024 Murals
 - Staff requested PATF feedback regarding the possibility of extending the exhibition of two murals in 2024.
 - 1. PATF members recommended the exhibition be extended.

6. Updates

- TeachingCity Community Collaboration Course
 - Staff provided an update on the progress of the TeachingCity Community Collaboration Course public art project.

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings:

- Tuesday, March 11 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 13 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 8 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept 9 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov 4 at 6 p.m. *varies from the second Tuesday due to Remembrance Day