

Meeting Notes
Cultural Leadership Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2026 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Teams – Online Meeting

Present:

- Alix Voz, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
- Austin Waddell, Individual
- Caroline Herbert, Individual
- Cat Nicholson, Individual
- Gary Atkins, Individual
- Jennifer Clark, Oshawa Public Libraries
- Kailey Haskell, Individual
- Kat Akerfeldt, Oshawa Museum, Community Engagement
- Moreen Fearon-Tapper, Durham College
- Samantha George, Parkwood National Historic Site
- Spike Universe, Durham Regional Excellence in Arts, Music & Sound (DREAMS!)
- Ted Peters, Individual

Regrets:

- Kevin Maina, Trent University
- Kimberly Lepine, Oshawa Seniors Community Centres
- Pariss Garramone, Ontario Tech University

Staff: B. Waite, I. Brandt

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

- The meeting notes from June 9, 2026 were approved.

5. New Term Onboarding

- Staff provided information on the following topics: role of the Cultural Leadership Council, various City of Oshawa strategic plans and projects completed by Culture staff.
- Staff provided information on additional roles available to C.L.C. members including C.L.C. chair and C.L.C. representative on the Public Art Task Force.

6. Member Roundtable

- Members introduced themselves and shared information on upcoming projects, events, programs and exhibitions.

7. Staff Updates

- Convergence 2026
 - Staff provided an update on the City activities at Veterans Square during Convergence 2026.
- Culture Days 2026
 - Staff provided information on the upcoming Culture Days workshops and Culture Days event guide.
- Art & Culture in the Hall Call for Exhibition Proposals
 - Staff presented the upcoming exhibition plan for Art & Culture in the Hall.
- Culture Counts Awards
 - Staff shared information on the Culture Counts Awards nominations timeframe.
- TeachingCity Community Collaboration Course 2026-2027 Project

- Staff provided an update on the status of the 2026-2027 TeachingCity Community Collaborations Project with Durham College.
- Alexandra Park Installation Reprogram
 - Staff provided information on the Alexandra Park Installation Reprogram project.
- Public Art Projects
 - Ed Broadbent Indigenous Language and Culture Project
 - Staff provided information on the next steps regarding the Ed Broadbent Indigenous Language and Culture Public Art Project.
 - Land Acknowledgement Sign Project
 - Staff provide an update on the artwork to be installed as part of the Land Acknowledgement Sign Project.

8. Committee Updates

- PATF
 - Not applicable – the July 7, 2026, Public Art Task Force meeting was cancelled.

9. Other Business

- C.L.C. member moved to begin playing music by local artists in City facilities and to form a working group to explore this item.
 - This item was tabled to be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment

Upcoming meetings –

- Tuesday, October 13 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 8 at 6 p.m.