

Meeting Notes
Cultural Leadership Council Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2026 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Teams – Online Meeting

Present:

- Alyssia Nelson, Individual
- Jennifer Clark, Oshawa Public Libraries
- Kat Akerfeldt, Oshawa Museum, Community Engagement
- Moreen Fearon-Tapper, Durham College

Regrets:

- Alix Voz, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
- Kevin Maina, Trent University
- Kimberly Lepine, Oshawa Seniors Community Centres
- Pariss Garramone, Ontario Tech University
- Samuel Richardson, Canadian Tank Museum: Home of the Ontario Regiment Museum

Staff: S. Kordalewski, 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

- Meeting notes from April 14, 2026 were approved.

5. Member Roundtable

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

6. Staff Updates

- Veterans Square
 - Staff provided information on the use of Veterans Square for events and programming.
- Firefighters Memorial
 - Staff provided information on a Firefighters Memorial being planned by the City.
- Convergence 2026
 - Staff provided an update on the planning for the City's activations during Convergence 2026.
- Culture Days 2026
 - Staff provided an update on planning for the City's Culture Days 2026 program and a Culture Days event guide.
- Culture Counts Awards
 - Staff provided an update on the status of the Culture Counts Awards presentations.
- Alexandra Park Installation Reprogram
 - Staff provide an update on the status of the Alexandra Park outdoor history exhibition project.
- TeachingCity Community Collaboration Course 2026/2027 Project
 - Staff provided a TeachingCity 2026/2027 project update with Durham College's Community Collaboration Course.
- Public Art Projects
 - Ed Broadbent Indigenous Culture and Language Project
 - Staff provided an update on the Indigenous Culture and Language Public Art Project for Ed Broadbent Waterfront Park.
 - Land Acknowledgement Sign Project

- Staff provide an update on the Land Acknowledgement Sign Project.
- Veterans Square (formerly Bond Simcoe Urban Square) – Public Art Sculpture
 - Staff provided information on the public art sculpture installation in Veterans Square.
- TeachingCity Community Collaboration Course 2025/2026 Project
 - Staff provided an update on the TeachingCity 2025/2026 temporary public art project installation.

7. Committee Updates

- PATF
 - An update on the PATF was provided.

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment

Upcoming meetings –

- Tuesday, August 11 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 13 at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, December 8 at 6 p.m.