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**Minutes of the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 PM  
Arnprior and District Museum – Community Room**

**Committee and Staff Attendance**

**Committee Members Present:**

Michael Bradley, Chair  
Chris Couper, Vice Chair  
Dan Lynch, County Councillor  
Leslie Ann Hook, Committee Member  
Jennifer McGuire, Committee Member  
Jo Ann Pecaskie, Committee Member  
Gaganpal Singh Bhasin, Committee Member

**Committee Members Absent:**

None

**Town Staff Present:**

Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture /  
Curator  
Oliver Jacob, Deputy Clerk

**1. Call to Order**

Michael Bradley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM and welcomed those present.

**2. Roll Call**

The roll was called, with all Members of the Committee being present.

**3. Land Acknowledgment**

Chair Michael Bradley asked everyone to take a moment to acknowledge and show respect for the Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of the land we operate on, by stating:

“I would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we work and gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Anishinaabe People. This Algonquin Nation have lived on this land for thousands of years, long before the arrival of the European settlers, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to be present in this territory.”

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

Resolution Number 011-24  
Moved by Jennifer McGuire  
Seconded by Leslie Ann Hook

**Be It Resolved That** the agenda for the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting dated Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

**5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**

Resolution Number 012-24

Moved by Gaganpal Singh Bhasin

Seconded by Leslie Ann Hook

**Be It Resolved That** the minutes for the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Resolution Carried

**7. Presentations/ Delegations**

**a) Cultural Night Market Update**

Oliver Jacob, Deputy Clerk, provided a verbal update and responded to questions.

Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members with the following being a summary of the comments noted:

- Feedback was provided on the proposed Cultural Night Market logo including the recommended removal of the dancer / stars as well as considering the addition of the word “Arnprior” to denote that the event takes place in our community.
- It is important that the photos that are representative of the community continue to be used in advertising for the Cultural Night Market and other Town programs / activities.

Resolution Number 013-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Couper

**That** the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee supports the creation of a special event logo for the Cultural Night Market.

Resolution Carried

**b) Cultural Planning and Museums**

Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture / Curator, provided a PowerPoint Presentation and responded to questions.

Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members with the following being a summary of the comments noted:

- Additional coordination with local schools and school boards would be helpful to encourage participation in buddy-style programming for young people. The buddy system could be implemented to provide opportunities for leadership

development and involvement in community events like the Sunday Market and Cultural Night Market.

- There may be an opportunity for storytelling projects to incorporate youth as well as residents from The Grove Nursing Home in Fall 2024.

### **c) Curator's Report**

Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture / Curator, provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the activities of the Arnprior and District Museum and responded to questions.

Discussion ensued amongst Committee Members with the following being a summary of the comments noted:

- Obtaining grant funding is increasingly important to support the activities and programs of the Arnprior and District Museum, particularly as it aims to become a community hub.

## **8. Matters Tabled / Deferred / Unfinished Business**

None

## **9. Staff Reports**

None

## **10. New Business**

### **a) Roundtable Discussion**

Michael Bradley, Chair, shared that this item is an opportunity to share any questions, comments, thoughts and perspectives, with the following being a summary of the discussion topics that took place:

- Mark Woermke's presentation on German immigration to Renfrew County was well received by those in attendance and kudos were expressed to the Manager of Culture / Curator for the Spring Speaker Series.
- Hosted by pflag Canada – Arnprior Chapter, the flag raising for Pride Month was held on the morning of Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 with Members of Council, Town staff and community members in attendance.
- Town communications have continued to become more representative of the community and they have included more diverse perspectives in recent months.
- It was noted that the Ottawa Valley Strikers, Arnprior's cricket team, is currently playing across the region, including at our local McLean Park Ball Diamonds. There are over 65 members of their group, including 25 individuals who are regularly participating as players. They will be participating in the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Multi-Sport Day alongside the Parks and Recreation team and

they will be inviting Members of Council and the committee to attend their future events to learn more about their sport and its cultural significance.

- There will be an innovative Museum project launching in the next few months which will bring drag performer Holli Cow to the Museum to start a community conversation about the art of drag and drag makeup.

At the committee's request, the following motion was considered concerning the resolution on Islamophobia and Antisemitism as initially discussed at the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 committee meeting.

Resolution Number 014-24  
Moved by Leslie Anne Hook  
Seconded by Jennifer McGuire

**That** the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee support the resolution on the eradication of Islamophobia and Antisemitism from the Town of Shelburne and recommends that Council adopt a similar resolution with additional background information to be developed by Town staff.

Resolution Carried

## **11. Adjournment**

Resolution Number 015-24  
Moved by Gaganpal Singh Bhasin  
Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:33 PM.

Resolution Carried