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Town of Arnprior

Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, March 2th, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM

**Location: Town Hall, Council Chambers –
105 Elgin St. W., Arnprior ON.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Land Acknowledgement**
- 4. Adoption of Agenda**
- 5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**
- 6. Adoption of Previous Minutes**
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- 7. Presentations / Delegations**
- 8. Matters Tabled / Deferred / Unfinished Business**
 - a) Land Acknowledgement Workshop – Finalize Statement, Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture/Curator**
- 9. Staff Reports (by Department)**
 - a) Draft Museum Strategic Plan – Review, Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture/Curator**
 - b) Marketing Cultural Work in the Community Discussion, Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture/Curator**
- 10. New Business**
 - a) Roundtable Discussion**
- 11. Adjournment**

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**Minutes of the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting
November 3, 2025 at 6:30 PM
Town Hall Council Chambers – 105 Elgin St. W. Arnprior**

Committee and Staff Attendance

Committee Members Present:

Chris Couper, Vice Chair
Dan Lynch, County Councillor
Jennifer McGuire, Committee Member
Leslie Anne Hook, Committee Member
David Quesnelle, Committee Member
Jamie Campbell, Committee Member

Town Staff Present:

Emily Stovel, Manager of
Culture / Curator
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Kelly Vieira, Client Services
Coordinator

Committee Members Absent:

Jo Ann Pecaskie, Committee Member

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Chris Couper, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed those present.

a) Appoint a Chair

The Town Clerk asked members to appoint a new Chair. Discussion ensued among committee members with consensus being to appoint Committee Member Leslie Anne Hook.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called, with all Members of the Committee being present except Jo Ann Pecaskie.

3. Land Acknowledgment

Chair Leslie Anne Hook 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 024-25
Moved by Dan Lynch
Seconded by Jamie Campbell

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting dated Monday, November 3rd, 2025, be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 025-25
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Jennifer McGuire

Be It Resolved That the minutes for the October 6, 2025, Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Resolution Carried

7. Presentations/ Delegations

None

8. Matters Tabled / Deferred / Unfinished Business

None

9. Staff Reports

a) Curators Report – Manager of Culture/Curator

Resolution Number 026-25
Moved by Jamie Campbell
Seconded by David Quesnelle

That the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee received the Curators Report for information.

Resolution Carried

The Manager of Culture/Curator provided an overview of the report provided in the agenda package.

Discussion ensued among Committee members with the following being a summary of the comment:

- Art piece discussion how together this gets completed.
- Strategic Plan Retreat – CDAC members will be invited to attend this retreat.

- Would like to see consistent staffing at the Museum, the Museum provides municipal services, and a review of the revenue of the Museum.
- The Museum provides a cultural touchstone for people, including new residents.
- Discussion surrounding the economic impact of the Cultural Night Market took place.

Discussion ensued among Committee Members, asking the Clerk to provide information on Strong Mayor Power Budget Process. The Town Clerk provided a brief overview of the Mayoral decision and process surrounding the 2026 Budget.

10. New Business

a) Review of Draft Land Acknowledgement Statement

Discussion ensued among Committee Members with the following being a summary:

This term's goal is to assess and revamp the current Land Acknowledgement that is used by the Town of Arnprior as an organization, using the Land Acknowledgement as a living document. It is recommended that a change of "we" at the end of the draft updated statement to read, "Town of Arnprior Council". Also, that the Land Acknowledgement be read on a rotating basis and that individuals be invited to provide the Land Acknowledgement at meetings or events, keeping personal additions to 1-2 sentences.

b) Roundtable Discussion

Discussion ensued among Committee Members with the following being a summary:

- Community Librarian position and its ability to potentially support the Town, including the Museum and programming.
- Strategic Planning process for the Museum is underway and more information may follow by email or otherwise, throughout the break period.

11. Adjournment

Resolution Number 027-25

Moved by Jennifer McGuire

Seconded by David Quesnelle

That the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:05 PM.

Resolution Carried