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Town of Arnprior

Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, April 7th, 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**
 - a) **Committee Minutes – March 2nd, 2026**
7. **Presentations / Delegations**
 - a) **Local Immigration Partnership Newcomer Event and Welcome Packages, Gabriella Salera**
8. **Matters Tabled / Deferred / Unfinished Business**
9. **Staff Reports (by Department)**
 - a) **Marketing Discussion**, Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture/Curator
 - b) **Curator's Report**, Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture/Curator
 - c) **Training Exercise – Indigenous Relations**, 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
March 2, 2026 at 6:30 PM
Town Hall Council Chambers – 105 Elgin St. W. Arnprior**

Committee and Staff Attendance

Committee Members Present:

Leslie Anne Hook, Chair
Chris Couper, Vice Chair
Dan Lynch, County Councillor
Jennifer McGuire, Committee Member
Jamie Campbell, Committee Member
Jo Ann Pecaskie, Committee Member

Town Staff Present:

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

Committee Members Absent:

David Quesnelle, Committee Member

1. Call to Order

Chair Leslie Anne Hook, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and welcomed those present.

2. Roll Call

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

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 001-26
Moved by Jamie Campbell
Seconded by Jennifer McGuire

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee Meeting dated Monday, March 2nd, 2026, be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 002-26
Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Jamie Campbell

Be It Resolved That the minutes for the November 3rd, 2025, Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee meeting be adopted with the amendment of the word “electronically” being removed from Emily Stovel’s name.

Resolution Carried

7. Presentations/ Delegations

None

8. Matters Tabled / Deferred / Unfinished Business

a) Land Acknowledgement Workshop – Finalize Statement, Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture/Curator

The Manager of Culture/Curator provided the background information on the work that has been completed on the Draft Land Acknowledgement statement. Committee Members were provided with the final draft and asked to comment on any further adjustments that were needed. No further adjustments were made, and Committee Members requested through the Chair the following motion:

Resolution Number 003-26
Moved by Jamie Campbell
Seconded by Chris Couper

That the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee accepts the Draft Land Acknowledgement Statement as presented, attached as Appendix A to these minutes; and

Further That this Draft Land Acknowledgement Statement be presented to Council for consideration.

Resolution Carried

9. Staff Reports

a) **Draft Museum Strategic Plan – Review**, Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture/Curator

Resolution Number 004-26

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee received the Draft Museum Strategic Plan for information.

Resolution Carried

The Manager of Culture/Curator provided an overview of the Draft Museum Strategic Plan. Discussion ensued among Committee members with the following being a summary of the comment:

- Committee members supported the focus on collaboration between recreation (including Public Works and or Operations), Library and Museum and them having regular more frequent meetings.
- Discussion on the reestablishment of “Friends of the Museum” and how the roles of the Museum, the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee and Friends of the Museum would function. Friends of the Museum was described as looking to be re-designated as a Charity/ Not-for-profit organization.
- Discussion on pursuing more grants to assist with the revenue stream for the Museum with a focus on marketing and cultural and art-based events and programming.
- Committee members would like to see benefit from the organizational review and the possibility of the Economic Development person, if this is created, to support the pursuit of additional grant applications, research and writing.
- Discussion on consideration of a “Museum Crawl” through the Arnprior & District Museum rebuilding the Renfrew County Museum’s Network, and it could include a Passport Program.

b) **Marketing Cultural Work in the Community Discussion**, Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture/Curator

The Manager of Culture/Curator provided an overview of discussion on Marketing Cultural Work in the Community. Discussion ensued among Committee members with the following being a summary of the comment:

- Committee members plan to reflect on the accomplishments and goals of the CDAC in the past term, with Vice Chair Chris Couper providing a summary of the accomplishments paired with the release of the Museums Strategic Plan at a future Council meeting.

- Committee members discussed a joint statement from all members of the Committee to provide what the committee means to them and why this type of community Committee work is important.

10. New Business

a) Roundtable Discussion

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

- Committee members commented on the Library having been built on the back of William Baird – Grist Mill, could this be considered for park lands under culture of as a heritage designated space? This could be an addition to the millennium trail, would require interpretive signage, with options to bring stories to this space, not necessarily a heritage designation.
- Committee questioned about the banners displayed outside of the Museum and Legion and whether we changed those banners? The Manager of Culture/Curator noted we do this work with the Arnprior District Highschool for the semester but will not be changing them at this time.
- Leonard Spinks is turning 100 this year, the Manager of Culture/Curator noted she is intending to record him for an interview. County Councillor Lynch noted he can try to facilitate communication for the interview through Leonard's daughter.

11. Adjournment

Resolution Number 006-26

Moved by Jennifer McGuire

Seconded by Jo Ann Pecaskie

That the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee adjourn at 7:45PM.

Resolution Carried

Appendix A

DRAFT Land Acknowledgement

As the Arnprior Town Council (or the entity for whom you are speaking),

We respectfully acknowledge that we (choose: work/gather/celebrate) on the unceded and unsurrendered territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg peoples.

Insert here a brief story from local Algonquin life and experiences that have impacted you (options: recognize the harder parts of the shared history, recognize local neighbours and that we are all here now, together). Check the Pikwakanagan newsletters in Council packages and anishnabeknews.ca, Algonquins of Ontario: tanakiwin.com.

We are all so fortunate to know this place, to call this place home.

We are committed to learning about Indigenous experiences to ensure that contributions of all Indigenous neighbours will continue to be recognized for today and future generations.

We as the Town of Arnprior will encourage others to join us through public events and conversations that support growth and collaboration in learning and understanding.

Include here a brief statement about one's personal relationship with reconciliation.



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Curator's Report

Emily Stovel
Manager of Culture/Curator

April 7, 2026



Community Connections

- Presentation to West Carleton Fiber Guild, September 9th
- County Council Art Gallery of the Ottawa Valley Presentation, September 10th
- Heritage Valley Radio interview, September 22nd
- Ontario Museum Association AGM Toronto, September 29th
- Collections Presentation, October 1st
- Diwali collaboration, October 24th
- Opportunity Shop Coat Sale, October 21st to 23rd
- Coop: ADHS and St. Joseph (Renfrew)
- Ottawa Valley Tourism Association Conference, November 3rd
- Remembrance Day Choir Event, November 7th



Community Connections

- Opportunity Shop Boot Sale, November 15th
- Opportunity Shop Holiday Sale, November 19th – 21st
- Lego League Tournament, ADHS, November 29th
- The Longer Table Planning Workshop, January 24th
- Lanark County Genealogical Society, February 7th
- Marketing partnership (Spring 2026)
- Renfrew County Museums Network Relaunch Meeting, February 24th
- Pineridge Children's Centre Programs, March 18th and 20th



Exhibits

- ADHS WWI Exhibit, installed December 11th
- Remembrance Day, “Memory Serves”, installed November 6th
- Climate Change and Art Advocacy, installed November 1st
- Arrival Initiative Planning launched with Carleton University Bachelor’s of Media Production and Design



Programming

- Lego League 2025: September through November
- Climate Art Workshops, November 1st, March 21st, and March 29th
- Witches Walk and Chrystal Toop, October 25th
- Panel on Recycling in Rural Communities, November 8th
- Homeschool Art Stations, November 25th & December 2nd



Cultural Planning

- KAIROS Blanket Exercise, training
- Presentation to CCNC: October 2025
- Work with departments and committees
- Community Data Collection



Operations

- Summer staff
- Friends of the Museum
- Strategic Planning
- Digital file reorganization
- Marketing strategies



Next Up

- New Staff
- Website Revision Proposal
- Strategic Plan Implementation
- Our Museum Is... Exhibit
- Fibre Arts Workshops, Sundays in May
- Noche Vibes, May 30th
- Summer Camp, July through August
- Cultural Night Market, August 22nd, 2026

Questions?



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