

Annex One

City of Ottawa – Anishinabe Algonquin Nation Civic Cultural Protocol and Implementation Plan

Civic Cultural Protocol Collaborative Process

The City's Cultural Development and Initiatives Unit (CDI) led a municipal culture plan renewal process (**2010-2012**) that initiated important engagement with First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities, organizations and individuals in Ottawa. This renewal process also began to build strong relationships with the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation, the Host Nation in Ottawa.

The Renewed Action Plan for Arts, Heritage and Culture in Ottawa (2013-2018), unanimously approved by Council in **February 2012**, included the following actions:

- “Honour and recognize Aboriginal (First Nations, Inuit and Métis) Cultural Identities”
- “Recognize the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation as the Indigenous community in Ottawa by developing civic protocol, communication and cultural partnership opportunities.”

Development of an Anishinabe Algonquin Nation Civic Cultural Protocol and Implementation Plan began in **2013**. An inaugural meeting between Chief Gilbert Whiteduck (Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg), Chief Kirby Whiteduck (Algonquins of Pikwakanagan), Mayor Jim Watson and former City Manager Kent Kirkpatrick identified this initiative as a priority along with other initiatives such as commemoration of the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation at Ottawa City Hall. Other senior City of Ottawa staff and Band Council members attended this meeting as well. The former City Manager identified the City's Arts and Heritage Development Branch (AHDB) as the City of Ottawa lead for this initiative.

On **September 30, 2019**, a meeting between Mayor Watson, Chief Kirby Whiteduck (Algonquins of Pikwakanagan), Grand Chief Lisa Robinson (Algonquin Nation Programs and Services Secretariat) and Lynn Whiteduck (Representative, Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council) took place focused on the status of the City of Ottawa – Anishinabe Algonquin Nation Civic Cultural Protocol and Implementation Plan. Also in attendance were the Director, City Manager's Office; Program Manager, Arts and Heritage Development; and Indigenous Cultural Developer (Cultural Development and Initiatives Unit).

In **2014** and **2015**, work began with Chiefs from Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation and Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg on the development of an initial protocol frame. Once the frame had been established, Algonquin Chiefs asked that the Cultural Development and Initiatives Unit (Arts and Heritage Development Branch) facilitate next steps in protocol development with internal City cultural partners on specific arts, heritage and culture themes.

Since **August 2016**, development of the Civic Cultural Protocol and Implementation Plan has included the full engagement of and collaboration with the Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council, The Algonquin Nation Programs and Services Secretariat and the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation. Together, these three bodies represent the 11 federally recognized Anishinabe Algonquin First Nations. Internal City of Ottawa cultural partners have included the following cultural service areas:

- City Archives
- Cultural and Heritage Programs and Spaces
- Cultural Funding Support
- Community Recreation and Cultural Programs
- Office of Protocol and Intergovernmental Affairs
- Ottawa Public Library
- Public Art Program
- Public Information and Media Relations, Events and Communications

Between 2017 and 2019, collaborative work between CDI, the Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council, The Algonquin Nation Programs and Services Secretariat and The Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation focused on the development of Civic Cultural Protocol common goals, shared commitments, principles for mutual collaboration and contextual information.

From **September 2016 to September 2019**, CDI facilitated protocol discussions with City of Ottawa cultural service areas.

On **May 9, 2018**, Anishinabe Algonquin Nation representatives and City of Ottawa cultural service area teams gathered to discuss principles for mutual collaboration and cultural partnership ideas. A visit to the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation on July 2018 (38 City participants) and to the Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council on October 2019 (32 City participants) enabled City of Ottawa cultural sections and partners to learn and connect directly with Anishinabe Algonquin representatives, Elders, community members, artists, and youth. Awareness was built around cultural priorities and opportunities for concrete collaboration were explored.

In **2019**, a draft protocol and implementation plan were prepared by CDI with the input, feedback and learning from Host Nation representatives and with the actions and objectives proposed by City of Ottawa cultural areas. On **June 7, 2019**, a large meeting was held to present the draft protocol and implementation plan and to receive initial final feedback from Anishinabe Algonquin representatives and City

cultural sections. The Anishinabe Algonquin Nation initiated consultations with their First Nation communities in **June 2019** and provided final feedback to the City by the end of **September 2019**.

In **November 2019**, Cultural Development and Initiatives, in collaboration with its Host Nation partners, coordinated and facilitated two gatherings at Ottawa City Hall to present the Civic Cultural Protocol and Implementation Plan for final feedback from Anishinabe Algonquin Nation Elders (November 15th) and from urban Anishinabe Algonquin Nation members living and working in Ottawa (November 19).

In **2019**, the Draft Civic Cultural Protocol and Implementation Plan were also presented for feedback to the following stakeholders and partners:

- Business and Technical Support Services Manager; Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services (**March 20, 2019**)
- Recreation, Culture and Facility Services Departmental Leadership Team (**April 23, 2019**)
- City of Ottawa Business Integration Team (all departments) (**June 20, 2019**)
- Arts, Culture and Recreation Advisory Committee (**June 25, 2019**)
- Community and Social Services (Partner and Stakeholder Initiatives) and Innovative Client Services (Human Resources) (**July 15, 2019**)
- Ottawa Museum Network (**August 7, 2019**)
- City of Ottawa Aboriginal Working Committee (**September 13, 2019**)

In the **summer of 2020**, the Civic Cultural Protocol and Implementation Plan were presented for feedback to the Ottawa Aboriginal Coalition.

CDI Partnered Cultural Initiatives with Anishinabe Algonquin Host Nation (2010-2020)

From **2010 to 2020**, the Cultural Development and Initiatives Unit built solid relationships and developed numerous cultural and heritage initiatives and programs in collaboration with Anishinabe Algonquin First Nations. This partnered cultural work served to support development of the civic cultural protocol:

- Engagement of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation and Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation in the development of Renewed Action Plan for Arts, Heritage and Culture (2013-2018), approved by City Council in **February 2012**
- Developed and delivered an Anishinabe Algonquin Cultural Awareness Day in collaboration with Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation and Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation at Odawa Native Friendship Centre fostering and facilitating direct connections with Anishinabe Algonquin Elders, Chiefs, artists, youth. 140 participants from cultural and connected sections and various City departments and external partners. (**November 14, 2012**)

- Helped to initiate renewed political links between the City of Ottawa and the Algonquins of Pikwakangan First Nation and Kitigan Zibi Anishinabe First Nation since **2010** and with the Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council and the Algonquin Nation Programs and Services Secretariat since **2016**. Assisted other departments with guidelines around respectful inclusion and engagement of Anishinabe Algonquin Elders, Chiefs, Band Council Members, Knowledge Keepers, artists and community members at cultural events since **2012**
- Initiated and supported the development of the first historic meeting of Mayor Jim Watson with Chief Kirby Whiteduck from Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation and Chief Gilbert Whiteduck from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation (**January 16, 2013**)
- Developed and implemented a ceremony to honour the raising of Anishinabe Algonquin Flags for the first time at Marion Dewar Plaza, Ottawa City Hall with the Office of Protocol and in full collaboration with Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation and Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation (**June 21, 2013**)
- Organized and coordinated City of Ottawa visits to learn and connect directly with Anishinabe Algonquin community members and representatives
 - Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation 25 participants (**May 12, 2014**)
 - Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation 22 participants (**May 22, 2014**)
- Coordinated and facilitated the presence of master canoe builder and artist Daniel “Pinock” Smith from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation at Ottawa XYZ - interactive cultural map (**June 2014**) <https://youtu.be/xkyr-UxQgRo>
- Fostered and facilitated the participation of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation and Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation as partners in major Rideau Canal Promenade Interpretive initiative alongside Department of Canadian Heritage, Parks Canada, and Agriculture Canada. The Anishinabe Algonquin content included in the interpretative panels and audio tour was developed with their full collaboration. The Interpretative panels were unveiled in **September 2019**.
- Coordinated and facilitated engagement, participation and collaboration of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation and Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation in City of Ottawa and connected cultural initiatives such as:
 - Heritage Day (**since 2013**)
 - Archaeology Month (**2013 - 2017**)
 - Creative City Summit (**2013**)
 - Social Theory, Politics & the Arts International Conference (**October 2014**)
 - Ontario Heritage Conference (**May 2017**)

- Developed, installed and unveiled an Anishinabe Algonquin Commemorative Artwork at Marion Dewar Plaza - Ottawa City Hall, in full collaboration with Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation and Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation **(June 21, 2016)**
- Planned and implemented a ceremony to honour the permanent presence of Anishinabe Algonquin flags at Ottawa City Hall with Office of Protocol and in full collaboration with Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council and Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation **(June 21, 2018)**
- Organized and coordinated City of Ottawa visits to learn and connect directly with community members and representatives, to support the development of the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation Civic Cultural Protocol
 - Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation 38 participants **(July 16, 2018)**
 - Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council 31 participants **(October 18, 2018)**
- Co-ordinated and facilitated participation of Anishinabe Algonquin Elder, Anishinabe Algonquin Nation Representatives and Eagle River Singers at Launch Ceremony of O Train Confederation Line **(September 14, 2019)**
- Co-ordinated and supported meeting of Mayor Jim Watson with Chief Kirby Whiteduck from Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation, Chief Lisa Robinson representing the Algonquin Nation Programs and Services Secretariat and Lynn Whiteduck representing the Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council **(September 30, 2019)**
- Developed and delivered a public engagement session to connect culture and land-use planning titled “Defining Ottawa Together - Culture in the Official Plan” **(October 17, 2019)**
 - Facilitated meaningful participation of Anishinabe Algonquin Elder in a video produced for session
 - Co-ordinated and facilitated meaningful engagement, participation and collaboration of Anishinabe Algonquin Nation (Elder, panelist, discussion group participation)
 - Collaborated with Community and Social Services on the facilitation of an Indigenous breakout group
- Development of strategic cultural partnerships with Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation, Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council and Algonquin Nation Programs and Services Secretariat for the establishment of an Anishinabe Algonquin Nation Consultative Culture Circle **(December 2019)**
- Co-ordinated and facilitated the presence of Chief Wendy- Anne Jocko from Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation and Chief Lisa Robinson representing the Algonquin Nation Programs and Services Secretariat at a virtual meeting with Mayor Jim Watson to celebrate National Indigenous Day **(June 16, 2020)**

- Organized and facilitated a meeting with Anishinabe Algonquin Nation representatives, City of Ottawa Official Plan and Transportation Master Plan representatives focused on the engagement of the Host Nation in the development of a new OP and TMP for Ottawa **(November 17, 2020)**
- Development of strategic cultural partnerships with Omamiwinini Pimadjiwowin (Algonquin Way Cultural Centre) and the Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg Pimadjiwogamig (Cultural Centre) for Phase One of a Host Nation cultural awareness-building video **(December 2020)**

Relationships and Reconciliation

The collaborative process has resulted in strong relationships between the City of Ottawa and the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation. Throughout the development process, Cultural Development and Initiatives fostered and facilitated direct connections between Anishinabe Algonquin Nation Chiefs, Elders, artists, community members and multiple internal and external cultural connected partners to learn from each other and to build the capacity for collaboration.

The development of the Protocol and Implementation Plan has been an act of reconciliation. Execution of the objectives and actions contained in the Implementation Plan will further develop the partnerships seeded during protocol development and will demonstrate the City of Ottawa's commitment to reconciliation and to healing the relationship with the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation, the Host Nation in Ottawa.