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Supporting Culture and Heritage in the HALIFAX Region

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Culture and Heritage Priorities Plan

- Explored the **role of HRM** in supporting culture and how HALIFAX is currently operating.
- Priorities Plans give direction to regulations, programs, or partnerships associated with budgetary requirements.
- Coordination of cultural initiatives across departments that will inform the Regional Plan.
- Engagement focused on gaps- we utilized past results for general public but have been focusing on Indigenous government relations and ANS, Acadian and Francophone, Immigrants and Newcomers, and Accessibility Communities.
- What we heard report public. Going to launch a survey and review of the draft plan.

VISION

What we want to see for the future, including the qualities and elements needed to make this future a reality. Our vision is the driving force behind the Plan; every outcome will contribute to achieving this vision.

WE WILL VALUE CULTURE AND HERITAGE; PROTECT, GROW AND EXPRESS.

PILLARS

Core values of the plan, essential to success, and factored into all decisions.

GOALS:

Aspirational, defines our role and the approach for achieving the

STEWARDSHIP

Express Culture through Place

CONNECTION

CELEBRATION

Support Cultural Capacity

ACCESS

Value Creativity

OBJECTIVES: Using a matrix of the pillars and goals objectives represent high-level direction and policy statements for leading the work of the municipality.

ACTIONS: Each action describes a commitment from the municipality; a project, policy, collaboration, or initiative to enhance culture and heritage. Actions take direction from the pillars and goals: good actions contribute to achieving this vision.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY: The implementation strategy tells us how to move forward with the actions. It guides how we put the plan into action. The implementation strategy includes how we will monitor progress and measure our success.

Who We Engaged

HRM Accessibility Advisory Committee (2019 and 2021)

Canadian National Institute for the Blind

NS League of Equal Opportunity

Canadian Paraplegic Association

WHAT WE HEARD

Diverse Voices & Celebrations

- Recognize and profile under-represented communities
- Partner with communities for celebrations & Events
- Culturally relevant programming
- Diversify engagement, adopt a cultural lens

Access

- Accessible, affordable and inclusive activities
- Equitable and sustainable grants and funding
- Digital transformation to enhance access to culture
- Improve transportation infrastructure

Cultural Promotion

- Establish cultural hubs and creative spaces at municipal facilities
- Broaden HRM's role in cultural tourism
- Promote cross-cultural interaction

Celebrating Diverse Voices

• Action 2.3.4: Develop a fiscal framework and review existing criteria as Phase 2 of the Cultural Spaces Plan to establish an annual application-based grant program for funding requests over \$100,000 for the development or renewal of significant cultural facilities that support diversity, equity, access, and capacity.

Accessible, Affordable, Inclusive

Action 2.4.1: Forward accessibility considerations when planning civic events, including:

- ensuring social and cultural accessibility, introducing quiet and lowsensory environments;
- developing accessibility standards for parking and public transportation;
- providing described events; and
- promoting the HRM's accessibility framework, among others.

Broadening HRM Culture

 Action 1.1.3: Develop conservation management plans for all Municipally owned heritage properties and assets to ensure appropriate levels of conservation, maintenance, and upgrades to meet accessibility, environmental, and heritage conservation standards.

Implementation – Ongoing Process and Partnership

Empowering Community (Rapid Actions)

- Community-directed, the municipality plays a support role.
- Decisions made by community within municipal limitations.

Co-creation

- Involve the end-user of programs, projects or policies in their creation from the beginning.
- Decisions will be made by consensus between the municipality and the community.

Collaboration

- Community partners, external organizations and the public have an opportunity to provide input.
- Decisions will ultimately be made by the municipality.

Questions and Discussion