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Supporting Culture
and Heritage in the
HALIFAX Region

Spring 2022

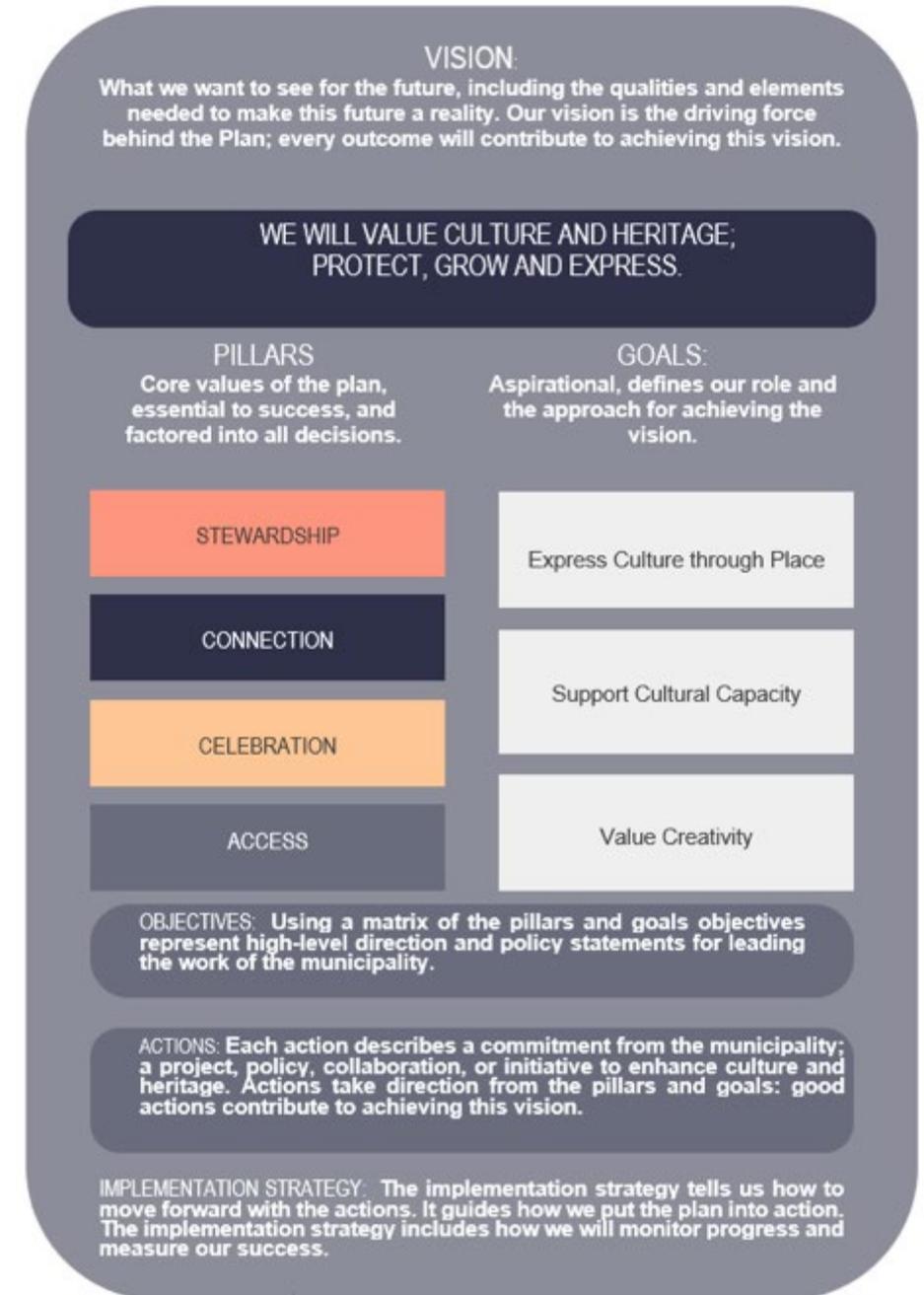


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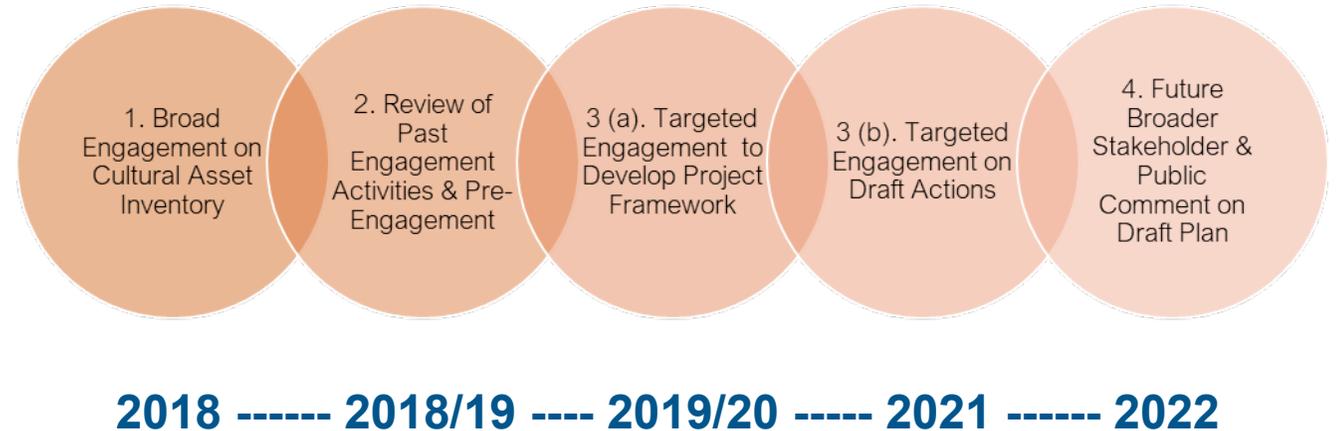
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Engagement

Targeted approach:

- Mi'kmaw & Indigenous
- African Nova Scotian
- Acadian & Francophone
- Immigrants & Newcomers
- 2SLGBTQ+ Community
- Persons with Disabilities
- Heritage & Museums
- Professional Arts Community



40 meetings (in-person & virtual)

46 rights-holder and stakeholder organizations engaged

What We Heard

Recognition and Celebration

Investment

Access

Partnership

Building co-creation into implementation – types of actions

Empowering Community (Rapid Actions)

- Community-directed, the municipality plays a support role.

Co-creation

- Actions necessitate sensitive, community-owned archaeological or cultural information, interaction with community required to complete them in an ethical and culturally-sensitive manner.

Collaboration

- Community partners, external organizations and the public have an opportunity to provide input.

Informing

- Communication to those specific groups or individuals that may be impacted (Many of these actions focused on internal policy and workflow)

To Start Right Away:

***ACTION 1.3.1* Explore means to improve interpretation, commemoration and public access to Africville and Africville Lookoff Park.**

UPDATE: Council endorsed the Africville Visioning Process in April 2021

***ACTION 2.1.1* Develop a Friendship Accord with Mi'kmaq communities...to outline and support a government-to-government relationship.**

UPDATE: Best practice research complete, consultations getting underway by GREA

Community leads, HRM supports

ACTION 1.3.1

Support and implement community-led projects for the identification, celebration, interpretation, and protection of culturally significant sites in HRM

- a) Identification & commemoration of significant locations and events
- b) Include historically under-represented symbols, figures, art in public places

Community partners on creation, decisions

ACTION 2.2.5

Work towards community action plans and community benefit agreements with African Nova Scotian communities, following direction of the 'Road to Economic Prosperity' and HRM's updated Economic Strategy

Building on Beechville work, incorporating community priorities in official plans

Community provides input

ACTION 1.2.1

***Develop an Interpretive Master Plan*, including a commemoration program to guide HRM's role and investment in commemorative and interpretive initiatives, artifact and digital collections, and cultural and heritage program delivery**

HRM Internal, Operational Focus

ACTION 3.2.5

***Strengthen organizational commitment to diversity and inclusion* by embedding advisors within all business units.**

Timeline

Task	Date & Status
Finalize What We Heard report, Develop draft action list based on engagement	Fall 2021
Finalize draft Plan	Winter 2022
Update Council (CPED)	Spring 2022
Final Phase Stakeholder and Public engagement (survey, website and in-person meetings)	Spring 2022
Finalize Plan and actions	Summer 2022
Council report	Summer 2022

Questions