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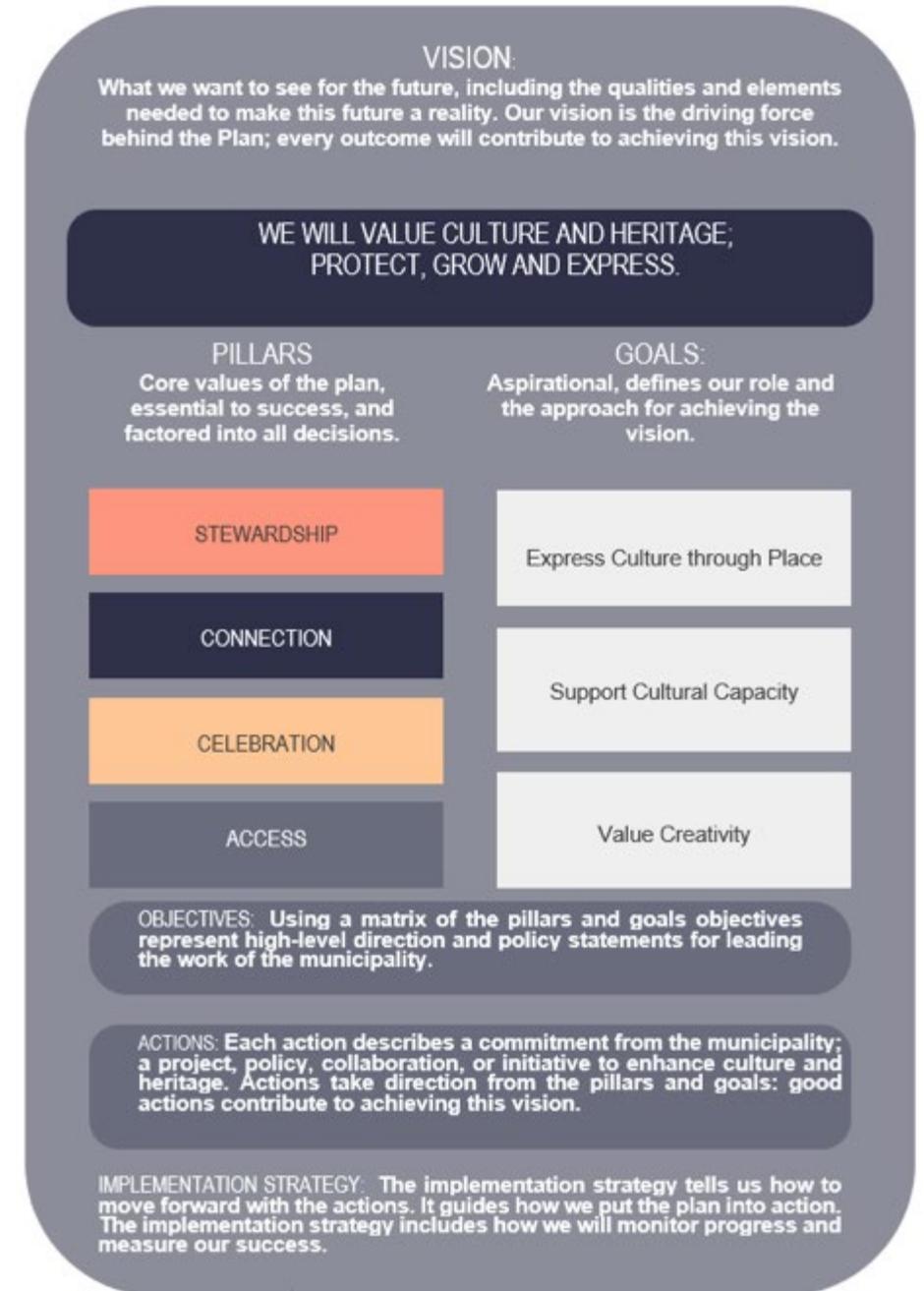
Supporting Culture
and Heritage in the
HALIFAX Region

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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.



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 low-sensory 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