

## **DRAFT COMMITMENT FOR SUPPORT TO INCREASE CULTURAL SPACES**

**WHEREAS**, There is an identified need for increased public space(s) to house, engage in, and support arts, culture, and heritage activities for the municipality of North Grenville's residents and visitors.

And recognizing recommendations #23 and #24 from the Parks, Recreation, and Culture master plan<sup>1</sup>:

*"#23. Undertake a strategic visioning exercise to identify arts and cultural space needs and determine potential strategies to address demonstrated needs over time.*

*#24. Consider opportunities for repurposing surplus municipal buildings for arts and cultural uses prior to disposal. Revitalized heritage facilities may be repurposed for uses such as museums, art galleries, exhibition spaces, and/or creative studios."*

And in response to the **January 2021 recommendation** from the former North Grenville Heritage advisory committee<sup>2</sup>:

*"The Heritage Advisory Committee recommends the North Grenville Council acknowledge the data and specimens accumulated by Dr Fred Schueler and Aleta Karstad as an important element of North Grenville's heritage, and take appropriate, prudent, and affordable action to assist them in finding homes for their specimens, and in making use of their data and specimens for research and public education."*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, The ACH advisory committee requests the short-term exploration by the municipality for unused or underused municipal spaces that could be repurposed for immediate use by Fragile Inheritance<sup>3</sup> as they work to secure their collection of irreplaceable natural specimens primarily collected from the North Grenville region.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this recommendation also requests the inclusion of designated funds in future budgets representing a commitment to contribute to community-led efforts to establish future permanent multi-purpose, non-performance, spaces. *(that could serve to store and curate natural and heritage collections for educational exhibits and research efforts. This space will also facilitate meetings, presentations, and workshops, and serve as a venue for hosting a naturalist's club. – remove?)*

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<sup>1</sup> Municipality of North Grenville Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan 2020, page 65 retrieved from <https://www.northgrenville.ca/component/edocman/parks-recreation-and-culture-master-plan/viewdocument/364>

<sup>2</sup> **MISSING**

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.fragileinheritance.ca/>

**TO DISCUSS**

- Need to confirm the January 2021 recommendation from the Heritage committee that Dr. Fred Schueler included in his presentation
- Missing link on NG website <https://www.northgrenville.ca/community-and-culture/recreation/heritage> - “learn more about committees” link take you to a “404 - page not found” – should take you to the old Heritage committee page with access to prior meeting agendas and minutes with a further link to the current ACH **OR** should take you to the current ACH and also list previous Heritage committee meeting materials there as was done with the former AC committee
- “Residents” include school populations that reside in the NG boundaries regardless if all students are NG residents. Also, “visitors” include both tourists and research students/researchers from communities outside of NG
- Does it need more clarity around a citizen-formed steering committee or public/private partnerships? This would be a reasonable expectation in creating any future multi-purpose space e.g. museum (with or without gallery). Also, possible partnerships with Kemptville Campus or Ferguson Forestry Centre. Or just remove the second recommendation and go with the request for surplus space list?
- Council just approved \$10K budget inclusion for 2025 for “specifically for Heritage projects such as plaques and other initiatives” – will this remain annually past 2025? How is this different in their eyes? What other budget sources are there?
- Also, thinking about underused spaces for other ACH groups – e.g. what are the current exhibit spaces for visual artists? NGPL, lobby of the Urbandale Theatre, municipal lobby, other?? Thinking of the Marianne Van Silfhout main gallery in SLC (plus the 6 display cabinets in their foyer gallery) or the City Hall Art Gallery (1600 sq ft) in Ottawa <https://ottawa.ca/en/arts-heritage-and-events/art-centres-galleries-and-exhibition-spaces/galleries-and-exhibition-spaces/city-hall-art-gallery#section-f5138647-d0eb-4e24-9a2b-5b8b4143fe33>