

Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation Launches Feasibility Study



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After a careful and considered Request for Proposal process, the Foundation has engaged the firm of [Janis A. Barlow and Associates](#) (St. Catharines) to undergo its Feasibility Study and research all aspects of a new arts centre in the Haliburton Highlands. They, along with partners from [Novita Techne](#) (Toronto) and Yallowega Architecture (Sudbury), will meet with local stakeholders, determine size, scope and features, plus make site recommendations, propose a design, estimate high level costs, and produce preliminary floor plans and drawings. Detailed business plans and operating models will also be developed and assessed.



Janis A. Barlow and Associates were chosen due to their ties to the Haliburton Highlands and their proven track record across North America in cultural plans, feasibility studies and business planning. Janis Barlow specializes in the development of community cultural resources and in particular, the design and management of theatres for the performing arts. The award-winning team includes Novita Techne, experts in theatre tech and design, and Yallowega Architecture, whose current projects include the future Centre des Arts in Sudbury.

"We're looking forward to working with the artists and business community of Haliburton Highlands to explore the concept of an arts centre for the community," says Barlow. "It's exciting to be coming back to the area, which I have enjoyed over the years through family and work."

HHACF President Dan Manley shares the excitement and anticipation felt by the entire board. "This Feasibility Study marks a significant step forward and the Foundation is in good hands with Janis and her team. We're looking forward to the findings, business plan, designs and artist renderings that will produce the first tangible glimpses of what the HHACF endeavours to build in Haliburton County."

The study is expected to be completed in April 2022.

The *Haliburton Highlands Arts Centre Foundation* (HHACF) is a registered charity founded in 2018. Its mission is to build a world-class arts centre in Haliburton County, situated in the Haliburton Highlands, 250km North-east of Toronto. The region, with a growing arts economy, is the home of the Haliburton School of the Arts (Fleming College), the Highlands Opera Studio, Highlands Summer Festival, the Highlands Chamber Orchestra, the Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF) and more. Let's Build the Dream Together. For more information, please visit <https://hhartscentrefoundation.ca>