



**Haliburton
Highlands
Arts Centre
Foundation**

Feasibility Committee Year End Report 2021/22

Spring and Summer (Q1) 2021 -

- Project Feasibility Study RFP published to five firms for proposal submissions
- Funding applications sent to the Department of Canadian Heritage, Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization and Haliburton County Development Corporation
- Awarded HCDC funding of 5k
- Three firm interviewed via Zoom; remaining two rejected
- Janis A. Barlow & Associates (plus Novita Techne and Yallowega Architects) select and contract signed
- Toured six candidate sites. In attendance: Janis, Rick, Dan, Michael, Drew, Brent Devolin (Minden Hills), and Andrea Roberts (Dysart)

Fall (Q2) 2021

- Study begins in October
- Stakeholder interviews in November
- Public survey published
- Awarded OHTO funding of 15k
- Awarded DCH funding of 44.5k (50% of study costs)

Winter (Q3) 2022

- First report received from J&R
- In-person strategic planning session at Pinestone with J&R and nearly the full board
- Site Evaluation and Building Program report presentation from J&R, David, and Rick
- Reviewed photos of comparable arts centres from around the world to give design guidance to Yallowega Architects
- Started planning next steps with Fundraising Feasibility Study and interview with Linda Barnett
- Received study proposal from Linda Barnett
- Began research of other fundraising consultant firms (Cindy Wagman, KCI, etc.)
- Soft interview with representatives from PGgrowth

Spring (Q4) 2022

- Wrote RFP for Fundraising Feasibility Study and published it to three firms/consultants: PGgrowth, The Dennis Group and Mridula Joyner
- Awarded HCDC funding of 3.5k
- Presentation from J&R and team of Business Plan, Functional Space Diagram, and 3D renderings.
- Met with Canoe FM, and Sandra Dupret, separately, to discuss the feasibility study and potential partnerships moving forward
- Updated HCDC with latest progress of the study

Respectfully submitted, October 2022

Dan Manley
Chair, Feasibility Committee