



February 2023 Update - Report to Hudson Town Council

In 2016, the Prévost administration created a committee that lay the groundwork for what is now known as the Hudson Arts and Culture Council (HA&CC), which was created in 2019 by the Nicholls administration and continued under the Hutchison administration. It was initially comprised of members elected by their peers during a series of public meetings grouped into various cultural resource sectors. A Vision, Mission and Mandate was approved by Town Council, and the HA&CC was tasked to assist the Town Council in developing a Cultural Policy for the Town of Hudson. While several original members remain, some have been replaced, all of whom have been appointed by Town Council.

The current membership (February 2023) is as follows:

Lynda Clouette-Mackay
Cam Gentile
Christopher Gobeil (Chair)
Geneviève Grenier (Secretary)
Anile Prakash (Treasurer)
Kalina Skulska
Kevin Solarik
Clint Ward

In January 2021 the HA&CC presented a draft policy recommendation to Town Council that distilled the work of the HA&CC and its predecessor committee. It included a recommendation that we work with the PIVO program offered by Les Arts et La Ville to refine our cultural policy and prepare a final draft for presentation to Town Council. An initial contract was signed with Les Arts et la Ville, which has since been renewed.

Hudson's Arts and Culture Policy is intended to guide current and future Town Councils when it comes to establishing priorities, making budget allocations, seeking sources of financing, and achieving cultural goals, within Hudson as well as the relationship of the Town to the MRC, the Montérégie, and the provincial and federal levels of government.

HA&CC has been developing a survey with a print version that will be distributed to all residents and businesses in Hudson, as well as an electronic version that will be launched in order to reach as broad an audience as possible. The intent is that once the results of the survey are tabulated, the needs and expectations of the community in regard to Arts and Culture will be more clearly defined, thus providing direction for the development of a robust and complete Arts and Culture Policy. The timeline for the release of this survey is late March 2023, allowing respondents one month to complete and return their responses.

It is the goal of the HA&CC that by incorporating the results of the survey, the eventual Hudson Arts and Culture Policy will provide a truly comprehensive, inclusive, and useful tool for helping preserve and enhance the cultural and artistic atmosphere that makes Hudson such a unique place.