

FULL STEAM AHEAD

Muskoka Heritage Place

2026-2030
Strategic Plan



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Land Acknowledgement

Muskoka Heritage Place (MHP) is located on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, specifically the Chippewa, Ojibwa and Potawatomi peoples, under the terms of the Robinson-Huron Treaty #61 of 1850, and the Williams Treaties of 1923. The Town of Huntsville honours all Indigenous peoples – First Nations, Métis and Inuit – for their cultures, their languages, their wise teachings and ways of being, their stewardship and protection of the lands and waters - and life – that have shaped this country since time began.

Together, we commit to acknowledge, to learn, to educate, to create opportunity and to honour sacred places, and to take actions toward real Truth and Reconciliation in support of our commitment to wellness for all, and to walking the path together in respect, peace and harmony for future generations.



On Track for 2030

This Strategic Plan (the Plan) is the outcome of culminating discussion, reflection and analysis grounded in research, industry trends, best practices, public and stakeholder feedback, demographic shifts and infrastructure requirements.

It provides a strategic framework for Muskoka Heritage Place in the execution of its operations over the next 5 years that takes into account its past, present and future.

To ensure we were on track with our community, the process engaged many Muskoka Heritage Place stakeholders including MHP staff and volunteers; Town of Huntsville Council, Staff, and Accessibility Advisory Committee; peer organizations; and community partners, users and residents. Their thoughts and opinions were gathered through facilitated discussions and survey participation. It is also informed by numerous strategic plans, past reports, and Committee discussions.

Over a period of six months (December 2025 to May 2026), the strategic planning process was led by the Community Services Division and guided by the Town of Huntsville's Strategic Plan (2024) and Community Services Master Plan (CSMP, 2022).

Key Inputs



LEADERSHIP AND
TEAM INTERVIEWS



PUBLIC
SURVEYS



STAKEHOLDER
MEETINGS



INDUSTRY
TRENDS

Town of Huntsville Strategic Priorities:

Balanced Growth

Protected Natural Environment

Lively, healthy and safe communities

Stable, trusted, and engaged
community partner

Community Services Master Plan Goals:

Active Living

Inclusion & Access

Connecting people with Nature

Supportive Environments

Recreation Capacity

Celebrating the Arts, Culture & Heritage

The result is a 5-year plan that will:

- Diversify and expand programming to diversify audiences, staff and volunteers.
- Focus on developing evenings, adult, off-season and local programming.
- Leverage MHP's natural and built assets, its unique stories, and walkability to downtown amenities.
- Refresh the visitor experience, rotating exhibits and village activities more often to engage new and repeat visitors.
- Strengthen awareness and access through infrastructure investments, alternative programming, and communication.

- Build greater capacity amongst staff and volunteers with new tools and human resources.
- Advance objectives within the Town of Huntsville’s Strategic Plan, Accessibility Plan, and Community Services Master Plan.





Who We Are

Muskoka Heritage Place is located at the heart of Huntsville, in Muskoka, Ontario. The area's scenic beauty, rugged landscape, extensive waterfront, and close proximity to the world-famous Algonquin Park have made Huntsville a popular retreat for year-round residents, seasonal residents, and tourists alike.

The site pays homage to this unique Muskoka experience through its museum exhibits, Pioneer Village, Rotary Village Station, and Portage Flyer Train. We offer a wide variety of educational and public programming including school visits, adopt an artifact, heritage workshops, seasonal events, research opportunities and outreach, special events and exhibits.

Current Mandate

To collect, care for, interpret and preserve a viable collection of historical artifacts, documents, photographs, archives and other materials particular to Muskoka; and to provide an uniquely historic attraction which imparts accurate, educational, historical information in a spirited and entertaining manner pertinent to the Muskoka experience.

Current Values

Honesty. Courtesy. Respect. Safety.

Our Museums

The Muskoka Museum is located in our main admissions building at 88 Brunel Road. It takes you on a journey beginning with our First Peoples, through settlement and development, industry and tourism, showcasing hundreds of artifacts that once were in the hands of those who shaped Huntsville.

Rotary Village Station Steam Museum, located at 100 Forbes Hill Drive, is a recreation of a typical 1920's Ontario train station and explores the history of steam travel in the Huntsville area.

Portage Flyer Train

The Portage Flyer Train was once the world's shortest narrow-gauge commercial railway, which can be experienced once again by visitors to our Steam Museum and Train Station. Enjoy a leisurely ride back in time on our authentic open-air coaches as you travel alongside the Muskoka River to the edge of Fairy Lake where you can visit the original Purser's Cabin and its exhibits on the rich history of the resorts of Fairy Lake, Peninsula Lake and Lake of Bays.

Pioneer Village

The Pioneer Village represents a small Muskoka settlement as a crossroads community as it was in the late 1800s. It features 19 authentic pioneer buildings nestled amongst the Muskoka bedrock. From May to October the village comes alive with costumed narrators sharing local stories and hands-on activities, tending the farm animals amidst the sounds of the Portage Flyer Train chugging along the Muskoka River.

Stewardship

Muskoka Heritage Place is the steward of 65,000 artifacts related to the human history of Muskoka, with a focus on Huntsville. It currently prioritizes the acquisition of objects, photographs and archival material made or used prior to 1910, and includes items from the area dating back as far as 7000 years.

The Pioneer Village and Portage Flyer Train further preserve the area’s tangible and intangible heritage. In the past 5 years, the municipality has undertaken a number of capital projects to restore, repair and maintain this built heritage:

- Boles Barn kitchen upgrades
- Restoration of Spence Inn porch
- Sugar Shack reconstruction
- Restoration of Purser’s Cabin windows
- Muskoka Museum ceiling replacement
- Purser’s Cabin, Train Station and Maw House roof replacement



5 Year Report Card

MHP provides annual updates to Council on its activities. The following are some highlights of changes implemented since 2022 to streamline operations and increase visitation. To learn more, request a copy of our Annual Report through our website or Admissions.

Programming Developments

- Father's Day and Thanksgiving Trains
- Snowshoeing in the Village
- Heritage Workshops and Fall Fair
- Re-introduced National Indigenous Peoples Day
- STEM Day Camps – Full, with waitlists
- Sensory-friendly experiences at Halloween and Christmas events
- Shifted giftshop wares to "Made by MHP" and "Made in Muskoka"

Marketing Shifts

- Launched new website in 2025
- Developed new Village Map
- Added Instagram to our suite of tools

Staffing Shifts

- Added seasonal Program Coordinator tied to revenue
- Staff completed steam certification
- Dedicated resources to maintenance

Fees and Charges By-law Changes

- New Family and Season Passes
- Day Passes in library circulation
- Muskoka Museum free Oct - May
- Added to Access to Affordable Recreation Program

Curation

- Bray House - in residence exhibit
- Purser's Cabin exhibit refresh
- Temporary exhibits: 2024 HERstory; 2026 Community Quilts
- Migrating the collection online
- Added offsite, climate-controlled storage

New Partnerships

- Autism Ontario
- Hope Arises Project Inc.
- Huntsville Art Society
- Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka
- North Simcoe Muskoka Specialized Geriatric Services



By the Numbers

Below are a few facts on MHP and its operations:

- \$59,000 increase in admission revenue from 2021 to 2025
- 18 community partnerships in 2025
- 65,000 artifacts in the collection
- 19 heritage structures
- 3 authentic locomotives
- \$267,500 total capital investment over the past 5 years
- 2025 digital reach included:
 - 3608 Facebook & 1,024 Instagram followers
 - 166,000 website views of which 49,000 are first time visitors





Our Team

Staff

Muskoka Heritage Place is municipally owned and operated by the Town of Huntsville, under the Director of Community Services. Its core staffing complement consists of:

- Jillian Jordan, Manager (1.0 FTE)
- Sara White, Collections Coordinator (1.0 FTE)
- Jacqueline Surette, Manager of Recreation, Culture and Heritage (0.2 FTE)
- Kenny Craine, Chief Rail Operator (0.5 FTE, seasonal)
- Greg Smith, Rail Operator (PT, seasonal contract)
- Program Coordinator – (0.33FTE, seasonal)
- Seasonal Staff (PT) – 14

We report to Town Council and receive support from all Town Departments. Together, we are stewards of our collection, programming, built heritage and capital infrastructure.

Volunteers

Volunteers are vital to MHP operations, helping care for artifacts, visitors, grounds and buildings. The operation of our Portage Flyer Train is highly dependent on volunteers, particularly members of the Huntsville and Lake of Bays Railway Society who contribute hundreds of hours annually to ensure its success. In 2025, MHP had 45 volunteers who contributed a total of 1637 hours, including 4 high school co-op students.





Who We Serve

Huntsville

Located in Ontario's cottage country, the Town of Huntsville is the largest community in the District Municipality of Muskoka with a population of 21,147.

Set in one of the most beautiful natural settings in Canada, tourism and recreation are its primary economic drivers, resulting in a significant influx of visitors and seasonal residents annually. It has a vibrant downtown situated on the Muskoka River and offers many cultural and outdoor recreational opportunities.

Its population has grown by 22% since 2001 and continues to evolve as more and more people call Huntsville home, with First Nations, Black, South Asian, Filipino and other visible minority groups making up the diverse fabric of our community. The following information was sourced from Statistics Canada.

Population Growth

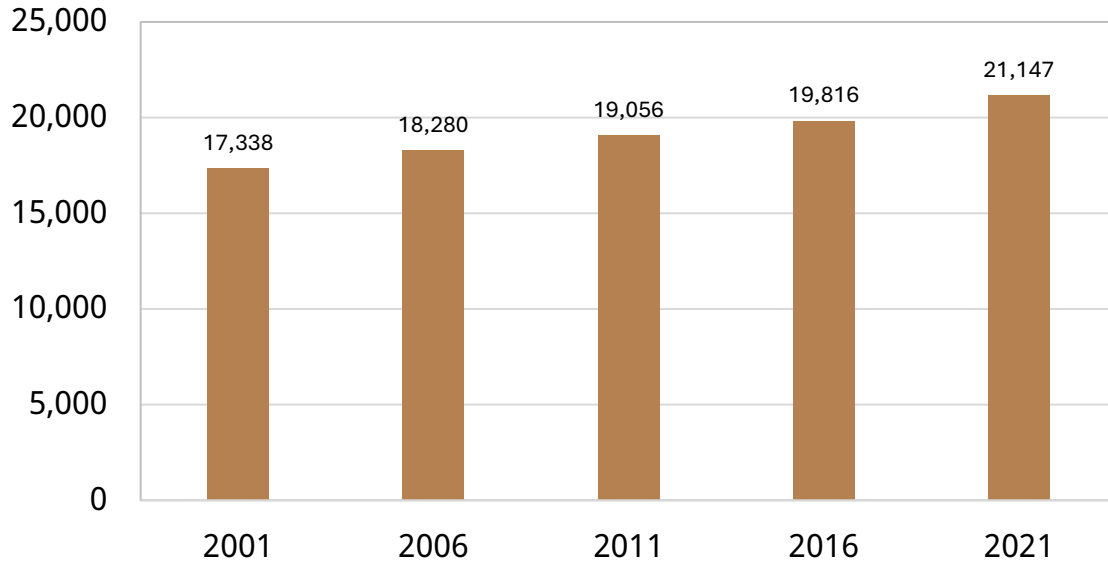


Table 1: Population growth of Huntsville from 2001 to 2021 based on data from the 2021 Census.

Visible Minorities

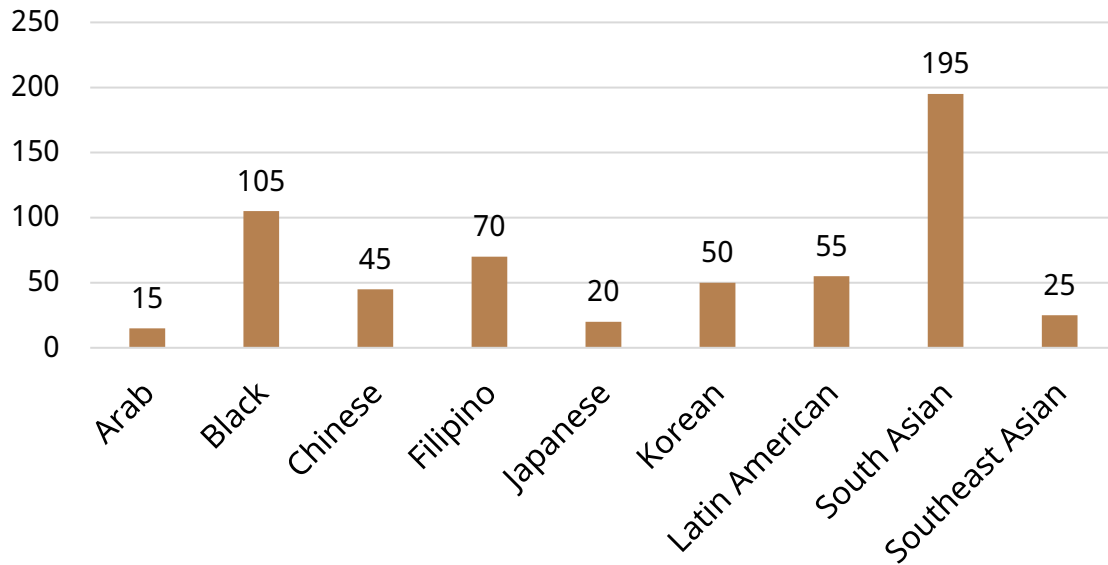


Table 2: The number of people living in Huntsville who identified with each of these ethnicities in the 2021 Census.

Indigenous Identification

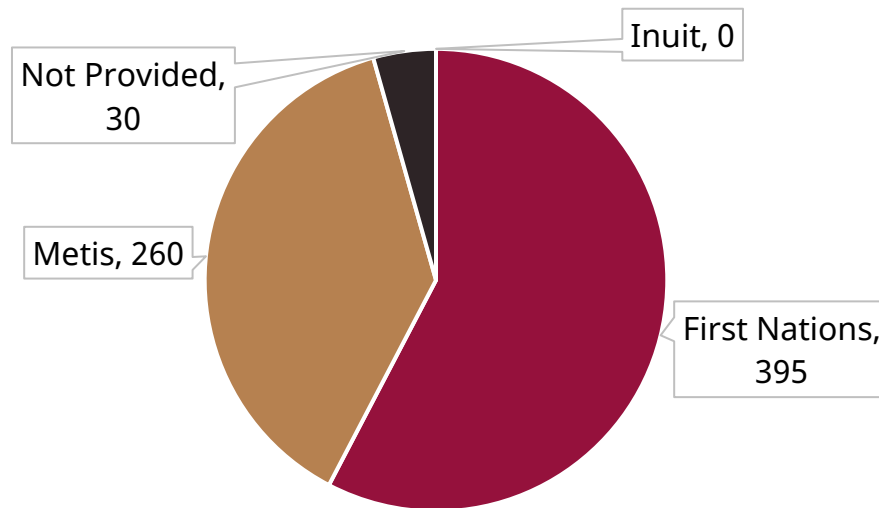


Table 3: The number of people living in Huntsville who identified as First Nation, Inuit or Metis in the 2021 Census.

Visitation and Users

The Muskoka Museum is open year-round, with the full site operating from the May long-weekend to Thanksgiving. Our workshops, programs and special events can extend operations into the evenings and holidays. Over the past five years we have averaged 22,000 guests, 700 students, and were open 267 days or 1575 hours a year.

The majority of our users are children and adults. Responses to the Strategic Plan's Public Engagement Survey suggest that people primarily take advantage of MHP's seasonal activities and events versus other programming throughout the year. They mostly come with family and visitors, and are equally likely to come once a year, every few years or multiple times a year.

When asked why they do not visit more often or at all, people seemed content with their current use, many noting they had already visited the site. Lack of awareness, new or diverse programming and exhibits, and adult activities were top reasons for not visiting more often. Generally speaking, people felt the promotion of more diverse experiences is needed to increase use, entice repeat visitation, and enhance the visitor experience.

A total of 154 people responded to the Public Engagement Survey, most from within 100km of Huntsville.

Percentage of Users by Age

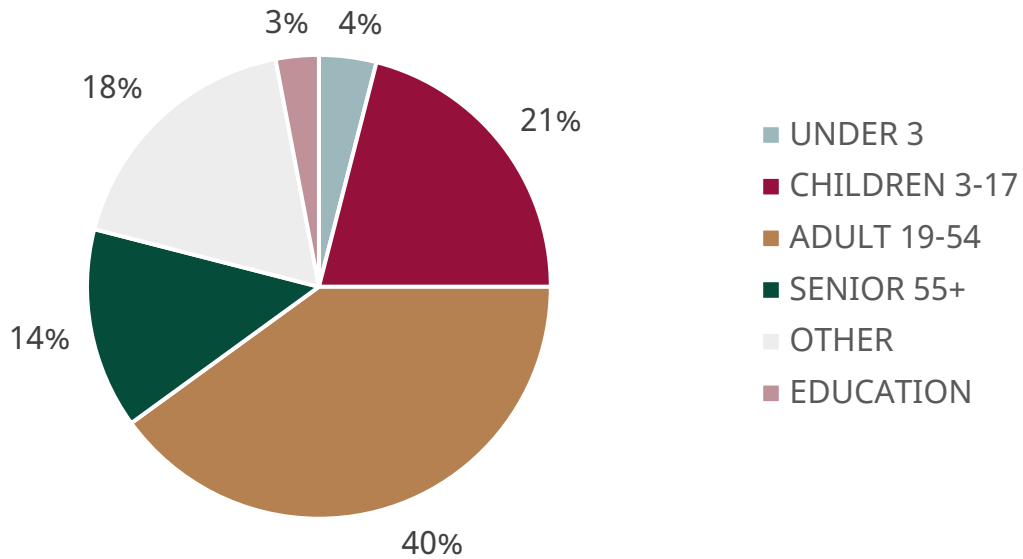


Table 4: Average percentage of visitors by age cohort and activity, according to museum statistics. Below are yearly numbers sourced from Museum Visitor Surveys.

Visitation by Year

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
HOURS OPEN	1728	1524	1926	1800	1050
DAYS OPEN	288	254	321	295	175
VISITORS	22,101	22,988	22,232	18,926	13,555

Demographics

Numbers are accurate to the best of staff's ability based on various sources.

	2025 # visitors	2025 % of total visitors	2024 # visitors	2024 % of total visitors	2023 # visitors	2023 % of total visitors	2022 # visitors	2022 % of total visitors
UNDER 3	799	4%	990	4%	1339	6%	854	4%
CHILDREN (3 - 17)	4730	21%	4255	19%	4194	19%	3728	20%
ADULT (19-54)	8766	40%	9042	39%	9791	44%	8429	44%
SENIOR (55+)	3182	14%	3710	16%	2141	10%	1630	9%
OTHER (MEMBER, PROMO, SPECIAL EVENTS, PRIVATE EVENTS)	3708	18%	3192	14%	4248	19%	3588	19%
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS (INCLUDING SUMMER CAMP VISITS)	644	3%	1799	8%	644	3%	697	4%



Full Steam Ahead

Muskoka Heritage Place is an important cultural asset for Huntsville, playing a crucial role in celebrating and preserving the distinct character of the community. Full Steam Ahead, our 2026-2030 Strategic Plan, envisions a future where residents and visitors come to experience Muskoka's unique culture and heritage. Anchored by an updated mission, vision, and values, the Plan sets in motion clear goals and measurable actions across five strategic priorities:

- Awareness and Experiences
- Revenue Diversification
- Digital Capacity and Access
- Accessibility, Infrastructure and Site Improvements
- Organizational Capacity

The Plan is both a roadmap and a commitment to all those who call Muskoka home, and to the stories that shape us.



Renewed Purpose

Our new vision, mission, and values align us with our governing body, the Town of Huntsville, and the community we serve, ensuring we remain relevant, responsive and reflective of their evolving needs, interests and priorities.

Vision

Our North Star - what Muskoka Heritage Place aims to be

To be a vibrant and immersive community hub where residents and visitors come to connect, contribute, and celebrate the unique Muskoka experience.

Mission

Our purpose and how we achieve it

To collect, care for and interpret the stories and material culture of all Muskokians. Through exhibitions and diverse programming, MHP connects people and the past, and inspires the community to listen, learn, and engage with the unique Muskoka experience.

Our Core Values

The standard principles followed to achieve our vision and mission

Muskoka Heritage Place shares these values with the Town of Huntsville.

- Respect** we value the individualities and contributions of our community members and coworkers.
- Understanding** we value, recognize, and empathize with the points of view of others, whether we agree with them or not.
- Integrity** we value doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.
- Empowerment** we value providing opportunities to learn and grow.
- Transparency** we value pro-active, open, and honest communication with the community and coworkers.
- Responsibility** we value taking ownership of our actions and exercise good judgement in decision making

Our Brand

In 2025, Muskoka Heritage Place’s visual identity was refreshed. Similar to the priorities identified within this strategic plan, the new logo, watermarks and other brand collateral blend the present with the past, combining heritage-inspired elements, vibrant colours and vintage styling seamlessly with Huntsville’s municipal identity.

This new brand is reflected in all of our marketing material, including this Plan and our new website muskokaheritageplace.ca.



EASTER EGG HUNT

GREAT PUMPKIN TRAIL

Strategic Priorities and Implementation Plan

The next several pages provide a high-level overview of MHP's five-year implementation plan. It includes goals and objectives for each strategic priority with projected timelines, human resources and financials, including possible funding sources, required to realize success. Measurable performance indicators are set out for each area to track and evaluate the Plan's progress.

Strategic Plans are idealistic in nature, charting a course for the organization based on existing information and assumptions that it will have the resources and capacity to deliver each goal within the suggested timeframe. Changes can therefore be expected in response to evolving needs, resources, approvals, and priorities. Progress and shifts will be reported annually to Council as part of MHP's Annual Report in Q1 and the Community Services budget submission.

Assumptions and/or Challenges

Human Resources

Muskoka Heritage Place has two full-time staff responsible for the collection, programming, special events, repair and maintenance, site activation, capital projects and 16 seasonal staff. While efforts will be made to adapt existing work plans to achieve the Plan's objectives, much of the existing programming is essential to operations, with the MHP Manager and Collections Coordinator often stepping in to provide coverage in the summer months. To fully realize the Plan and its potential for earned revenue, additional staffing resources may be required.

Partnerships

There are a number of objectives that recommend external partners under human resource requirements. Competing priorities, interests and capacity issues in other organizations could affect MHP's ability to move ahead with these projects.

Volunteers

Volunteers are vital to MHP operations, particularly the Portage Flyer Train. MHP will need to attract new volunteers to maintain and grow its current service level within its existing operating budget.

Infrastructure

Without heat or electricity throughout the Village or a large indoor space, programming is primarily limited to daylight hours and summer months. Staff will leverage this time when developing new programming; however, investment in indoor facilities would open up new opportunities for evening and off-season programming.

Relevant Plans

The goals and objectives of this Strategic Plan support the 2022 Community Services Master Plan (CSMP), 2024 Town of Huntsville (Huntsville) Strategic Plan, and both organizations' Accessibility Plans, specifically the goals listed below. These will be referenced throughout the Implementation Plan where appropriate.

Huntsville Strategic Plan

Our Foundation

- 1.1: Align organizational capacity to service delivery needs.
- 2.1 Create, implement, and invest in the Town's Asset Management Plan, including long-term financing strategies.
- 2.2 Continue to seek alternative funding sources from other levels of government, including grants, sponsorships, and partnerships.
- 2.3 Advance IT and digital enablement to support efficient and effective service delivery.
- 3.2 Explore new ways to raise awareness of Town programs and services and enhance information-sharing and transparency.

Pillar #1: 1.2 Ensure a continued focus on maintaining and upgrading existing Town infrastructure as part of growth management planning.

Pillar #2: 1.1 Continue to apply best practices in maintaining our natural heritage features.

2.2 Continue implementation of the Town's Climate Adaptation Plan.

- Pillar #3:** 2.1 Continue to support the vibrancy of the arts and culture community through partnerships, policies, and programming.
- 2.2 Support programming that advances diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- 2.6 Continue to support community events that foster a sense of belonging and engagement.
- 2.7 Reinforce longstanding partnerships with volunteer groups and organizations.
- 2.8 Continue to strengthen the Town's relationship with Huntsville's local Indigenous community and participate in the Muskoka Area Indigenous Leadership Table.
- 3.1 Strengthen connections with local business and industry leaders.
- 3.2 Continue working with tourism partners to implement strategic initiatives that boost the Town's appeal and drive visitor growth.

Community Services Master Plan

Active Living: Foster active living through physical recreation and leisure opportunities for all ages.

Inclusion and Access: Increase inclusion and access to recreation for populations that face constraints to participation.

Connecting People and Nature: Help people connect to nature through recreation.

Supportive Environments: Ensure the provision of supportive and social environments that encourage participation in recreation and help to build strong caring communities.

Recreation Capacity: Ensure the continued growth and sustainability of the recreation field.

Arts, Culture and Heritage: Support the provision of a wide range of arts, culture and heritage opportunities available to residents and visitors alike.

Our Strategic Priorities



Priority 1: Awareness & Experiences

Goal: Grow audiences and memberships by appealing to new, repeat and local visitors.



Priority 2: Revenue Diversification

Goal: Ensure sustainability of operations through revenue-generating opportunities that leverage the site's unique opportunities and authentic experiences.



Priority 3: Digital Capacity & Access

Goal: Action [MHP's Digital Strategy](#) to provide greater access to the collection.



Priority 4. Accessibility, Infrastructure & Site Investments/Improvements

Goal: Maintain and modernize the site's built environment that helps support existing and grow new opportunities.



Priority 5. Organizational Capacity

Goal: Right-size team, including staff, volunteers, and partners, to increase organizational capacity and accommodate growth.

Priority 1: Awareness & Experiences

Goal: Grow audiences and memberships by appealing to new, repeat and local visitors.



Objectives	Timeline	Human Resources	Financials
<p>1.1 Revise and Implement Exhibit Strategy</p> <p>Incorporate suggestions from the strategic planning process to create a diverse and inclusive exhibit strategy</p>	2026-2027	MHP Manager, Collections Coordinator	\$18,200 in existing budget reports for major refresh
<p>1.2 Grow Off-Season Programming</p> <p>Develop a plan for off-season programming to extend the site's operations, which would include developing a guided tour to engage audiences when the village is closed</p>	Ongoing	MHP Manager, Program Coordinator	Additional expenses offset by earned revenue; MAT; external funding
<p>1.3 Develop More Hands-On Experiential Activities and Stories</p> <p>Work with staff and the community to create a programming framework that will identify themes, program types, and target audiences to incorporate and market across the site. This will include evening and adult programming</p>	Ongoing	MHP Manager, Collections Coordinator, Program Coordinator	Existing operating unless proposed through the budget process or sourced externally, MAT
<p>1.4 Reshare Indigenous Stories</p> <p>Identify new opportunities to share Indigenous stories in updated exhibits, activities and programs</p>	Ongoing	MHP Manager, external partners	
<p>1.5 Marketing and Communication Presence</p> <p>Review and update strategies yearly to strengthen awareness of MHP's new and existing programs and services. Survey community to determine activities and stories to incorporate into programming that foster a sense of belonging</p>	Ongoing	MHP Manager, Marketing	

Indicators of Success:

- Increase in participation
- More memberships and season passes sold and used
- Increase in local visitorship
- Increase in admission revenue
- A more diverse range of visitors see themselves reflected in the stories and content shared at the museum

Relevant Plans

Huntsville Strategic Plan

Pillar 3: 2.1

Pillar 3: 2.2

Pillar 3: 2.6

Pillar 3: 2.8

Our Foundation: 3.2

CSMP

Active Living

Inclusion and Access

Connecting People and Nature

Supportive Environments

Arts, Culture and Heritage



Costumed narrators help create an immersive

Priority 2: Revenue Diversification

Goal: Ensure sustainability of operations through revenue-generating opportunities that leverage the site's unique opportunities and authentic experiences.



Objectives	Timeline	Human Resources	Financials
2.1 Food & Beverage Operator Pilot and evaluate the success of an on-site food & beverage operator	2026	MHP Manager, Risk Management, Legal, Marketing, External Partners	Increase in earned revenue
2.2 Create Wedding and Private Rental Packages Develop and market pre-packaged micro-weddings and private rental packages with customizable options (i.e. civil ceremony services, pop-up weddings, chartered train)	2027	MHP Manager, Marketing, Economic Development, Community Services Sales Team, Clerks	Costs funded by existing operating or additional earned revenue
2.3 Seek Alternative Funding Opportunities to Alleviate Tax Levy Identify and source eligible funding opportunities (public, private, MAT) that advance strategic priorities and goals	Ongoing	MHP Manager, Economic Development	Reduction in tax levy; leverage existing budgets to secure additional funding
2.4 Pilot Two Revenue-Generating Programs Leverage existing assets to develop a minimum of two new activities (i.e. (themed train night, autumn witches train, ghost/cemetery walks)	Over the course of the Plan	MHP Manager, Program Coordinator	Costs funded by existing operating or earned revenue; MAT
2.5 Gift Shop & Product Strategy Identify MHP specific merchandise (train anniversary line, local makers, digitized image prints) to roll out in online store	2030	MHP Manager, Economic Development, Finance	Additional earned revenue

Indicators of Success:

- Increase in earned revenue
- Improved customer satisfaction
- More revenue in reserves
- Meet wedding and private rental budget by 2030

Relevant Plans and Priorities

Huntsville Strategic Plan

Pillar 3: 3.1

Our Foundation: 2.3

Our Foundation: 2.2

CSMP

Recreation Capacity

Arts, Culture and Heritage

MHP offers a stunning backdrop for private events and photography



Priority 3: Digital Capacity & Access



Goal: Action [MHP's Digital Strategy](#) to provide greater access to the collection.

Objective	Timeline	Human Resources	Budget
3.1 Online Collections Database Publish PastPerfect Online to create public access to MHP's vast artifact and archival collection	2027	MHP Manager; Collections Coordinator	Existing operating
3.2 Interactive Place-Based Digital Opportunities Develop and implement virtual tour and/or GIS driven interactive map of Muskoka Pioneer Village and include audio element, whilst maintaining authentic experience	2027 - 2028	MHP Manager, GIS, Collections Coordinator, Program Coordinator, AAC, possible external partnership	One-time operating request or external funding; MAT
3.3 Online Exhibitions Curate virtual exhibits to develop online audience and showcase collection through digital venues, prioritizing one new exhibit per year	Ongoing	Collections Coordinator, Program Coordinator	Existing operating or external funding if required
3.4 Plan and Implement IT Solutions for Digital Growth Identify, install and complete fibre optic and RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) installation across the site	2027 RFID roll out	MHP Manager, IT	One-time request. Recurring operating costs funded by additional operating; MAT; earned revenue

Indicators of Success:

- 25% of overall content (exhibits, collection, etc.) available digitally by 2030
- Database will have a landing page and be searchable on MHP's website
- Number of digital visitors
- Improve access to new and existing audiences

Relevant Plans and Priorities

Huntsville Strategic Plan

Our Foundation: 1.1

Our Foundation: 2.3

CSMP

Inclusion and Access

Supportive Environments

Arts, Culture and Heritage

Accessibility Plan 2023-2027



Priority 4. Accessibility, Infrastructure and Site Investments/Improvements



Goal: Maintain and modernize the site’s built environment that helps support existing and grow new opportunities.

Objectives	Timeline	Human Resources	Financials
<p>4.1 Identify and Action Required Repair and Maintenance of Heritage Buildings</p> <p>Ensure sustainability of the site’s built heritage by prioritizing and securing annual financial and human resources</p>	Ongoing	MHP Manager, Museum Facilities Operator	Existing operating and capital; source additional funds if required
<p>4.2 Accessibility Micro-fixes</p> <p>Improve walkway, landings and signage to the main entrance at 88 Brunel Road and wayfinding signage to the Rotary Village Station at 100 Forbes Hill Drive. Review annually for communication, technical, physical, and information barriers aligned with Accessibility Plans</p>	Ongoing	MHP Manager, AAC, Marketing, Economic Development	\$105,000 for walkway in existing budget reports; source additional funding as required
<p>4.3 Site Security</p> <p>Ensure MHP is part of Town measures to address vandalism and site security, such as cameras, fencing, and alarm monitoring</p>	2027	MHP Manager, Clerks, IT	One-time budget request or external funding; MAT
<p>4.4 Accessible Paths and Boardwalk Concept</p> <p>Advance a boardwalk/accessible trail along Cann Lake from the village to unlock year-round, low impact access to the Town’s natural heritage features</p>	2028-2029	MHP Manager, Environmental stewards, Planning	External funding; MAT

Objectives	Timeline	Human Resources	Budget
<p>4.5 Administrative Building/Visitor Centre Modernization</p> <p>Complete concept, costing, and phasing for expanded indoor program, event and meeting space with washrooms, storage, and climate-control collection space with backup power and security where risk exists</p>	2030	MHP Manager and All Departments	\$2.8M in existing budget reports; source additional funds if required
<p>4.6 Covered Pavilion</p> <p>As part of resolution GC182-23, investigate the history and legal/contractual issues related to MHP as a suitable location for a 4-season pavilion</p>	2027 and beyond	Clerks, Community Services, Legal, GIS, MHP Manager	Any legal fees to be funded by existing operating

Indicators of success:

- Improved customer satisfaction
- Improvements meet or exceed AAC's expectations/goals
- Increased use/attendance of site by everyone
- Use of micro-fixes (e.g. virtual tours)

Relevant Plans and Priorities

Huntsville Strategic Plan

Pillar 1: 1.2

Pillar 2: 1.1

Pillar 2: 2.2

Our Foundation: 2.1

CSMP

Inclusion and Access

Connecting People and
NatureSupportive
Environments

Recreation Capacity

Arts, Culture and Heritage

Accessibility Plan 2023-2027



Our portable ramp improves access to our coaches

Priority 5. Organizational Capacity

Goal: Right-size team, including staff, volunteers, and partners, to increase organizational capacity and accommodate growth.



Objectives	Timeline	Human Resources	Budget
<p>5.1 Volunteer Recruitment and Retention Program</p> <p>Strategically recruit volunteers for specific roles that sustain site operations, and support volunteers with ongoing training and recognition</p>	Ongoing	MHP Manager, Program Coordinator	Existing operating
<p>5.2 Partnership Development</p> <p>Identify and source, as required, partnership opportunities that support our mission and help advance our strategic goals</p>	Ongoing	MHP Manager, Program Coordinator	None
<p>5.3 Host FAM (Familiarization) Tour/Experience</p> <p>Invite hoteliers, restaurant staff, tourism operators, local museums, and other key stakeholders to experience MHP; include package toolkits for frontline staff</p>	Annually starting 2027	MHP Manager, Economic Development, Business and Tourism Agencies, MOM (Museums of Muskoka)	Existing operating; MAT
<p>5.4 Expand Staff and Volunteer Training Opportunities and SOPS</p> <p>Provide additional hours for cross-training, mentorship and workshops that provide the versatility to offer new activities and work various positions</p>	2027 and beyond	MHP Manager, HR, Finance	Increase SWB for additional training hours
<p>5.5 Program Coordinator</p> <p>Convert existing 0.33 FTE to 1 FTE to support expanded and improved programming, exhibits and outreach</p>	2027	MHP Manager, HR	Increase SWB, funded by earned revenue; possibly MAT

Objectives	Timeline	Human Resources	Financials
5.6 Marketing Resources Support additional SWB and marketing dollars to advertise MHP activities and the attraction itself	Ongoing	MHP Manager, Marketing, Community Services Sale Team	Funded by earned revenue; additional operating; MAT

Indicators of success

- Potential partnerships identified for each strategic goal and objective
- Increase in volunteerism
- Increase awareness/admissions directed through FAM tours/experiences
- Increase in employee engagement and satisfaction

Relevant Plans and Priorities

Huntsville Strategic Plan

Pillar 3: 2.1

Pillar 3: 3.2

Pillar 3: 2.7

Pillar 3: 3.1

Our Foundation: 1.1

Our Foundation: 3.2

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Inclusion and Access

Recreation Capacity

Arts, Culture and Heritage

Accessibility Plan 2023-2027



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