

April 11, 2024

A large, circular mural in shades of teal and green, depicting a fish, a person, and abstract shapes, serving as a background for the title text.

Vanier Culture in ACTION

PRESENTED BY :
City of Ottawa

PRESENTED TO :
Vanier Cultures Steering Committee



Vanier Culture in ACTION Plan

The Vanier Culture in ACTION Plan follows five years of deep and ongoing collaboration between the City of Ottawa and residents of Vanier on how best to culturally revitalize the neighbourhood. It recognizes that while Vanier faces significant challenges, it has many strengths to build upon – a rich and storied history, unique diversity, and incredible promise.

Presentation Outline

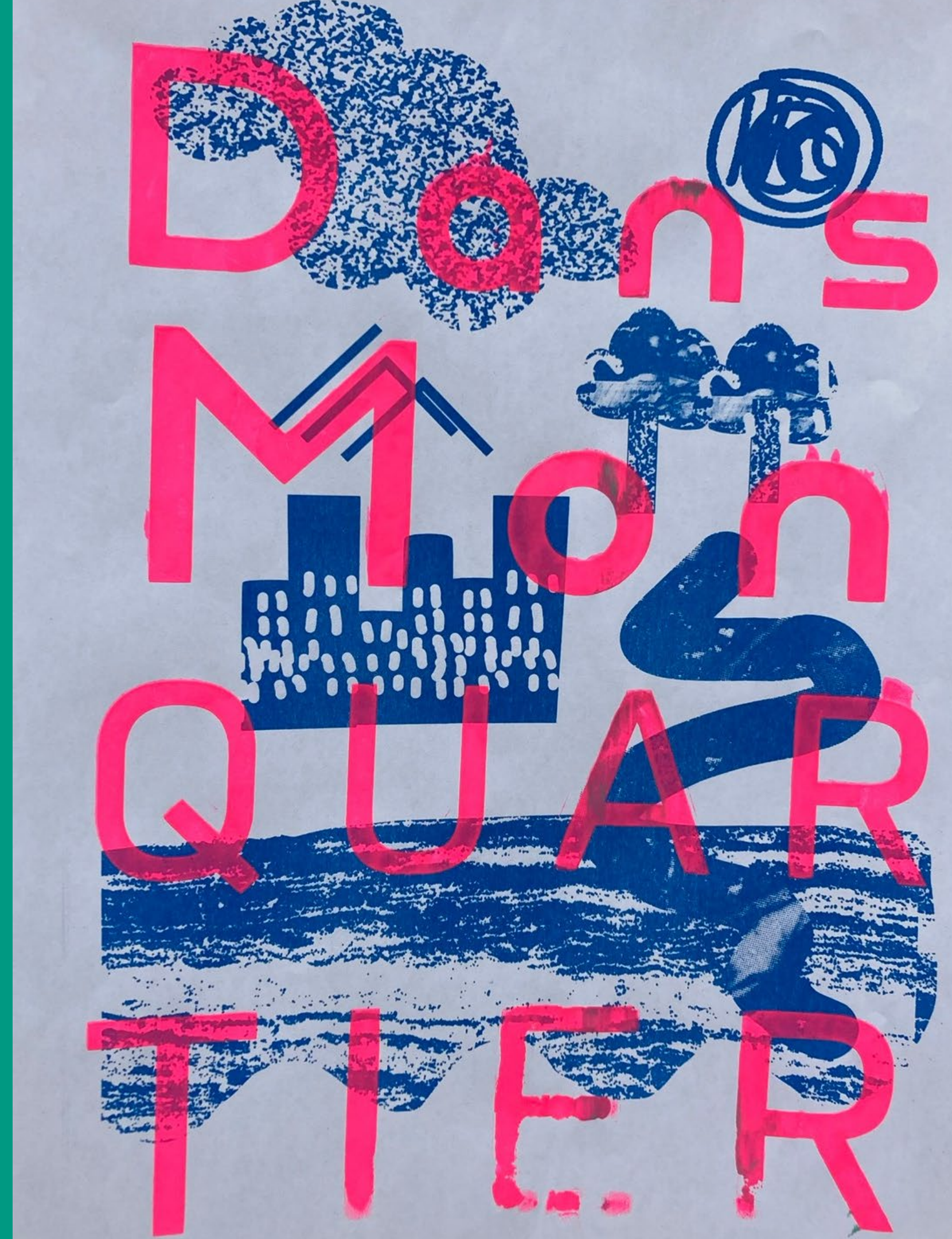


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Key Information



- 39 action items
- Responsibility shared between:
 - 6 City departments
 - 17 work areas
 - 8 community partners
- 13 actions underway
- 2 action complete



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Engagement

In total, more than 250 residents directly contributed to the Vanier Culture in ACTION Plan across 15 engagement opportunities.

- Bilingual community-led Citizen's Forums held in May and June of 2021 and attended by over 200 residents in partnership with the Vanier Community Association
- Francophone artist focus group organized by Voix Visuelle and attended by 20 local francophone artists
- Vanier Cultures Steering Committee featuring representatives of 8 key cultural and community organizations
- 10 Steering Committee and staff-led focus groups and 1:1 interviews with over 30 residents to fill identified gaps in feedback from urban First Nation, Métis, youth, 2SLGBTQQIA+ and racialized residents
- Interdepartmental Working Group for City of Ottawa staff from 7 service areas



STRATEGIC GOALS

- 01 Oversee initiatives that help organize Vanier's cultural life
- 02 Enhance cultural life on traditional main streets
- 03 Enhance cultural life in public spaces and plazas
- 04 Celebrate diversity and welcome newcomers through cultural programming and initiatives
- 05 Revitalize Vanier's image as a thriving cultural hub
- 06 Acknowledge and collaborate with Indigenous residents and cultural organizations in Vanier
- 07 Include cultural aspects & requirements into a Vanier Secondary Plan consistent with the Montreal Road Secondary Plan
- 08 Revitalize Richelieu-Vanier Community Centre by offering and encouraging more cultural and artistic programming
- 09 Promote Muséoparc Vanier as a tourist destination

CITY-LED ACTION ITEMS

PART 1

Action	Lead(s)	Time-frame	Status
Create Departmental Led Working group to focus on implementation of action and strategy	Cultural Development & Initiatives (RCFS)	Long	Underway
Explore legal wall space, mural review process and lettering rules	Cultural Development & Initiatives (RCFS) Public Engagement & Stakeholder Relations, By-law and Regulatory Services (EPS)	Medium	
Explore how zoning amendments can allow cultural activities on second floor of properties	Zoning and Intensification (PRED)	Long	
Require new developments to include a report on traditional land use of proposed site in feasibility studies	Zoning and Intensification (PRED) Cultural Development & Initiatives (RCFS)	Long	
Explore how the Special Events on Public and Private Property Bylaw could benefit from mental health support model	Cultural Development & Initiatives (RCFS) Event Central (EPS)	Medium	

CITY-LED ACTION ITEMS

PART 2

Action	Lead(s)	Time-frame	Status
Explore how to better utilize Gamman House and restore its public garden	Community Arts + Social Engagement (RCFS) Cultural and Heritage Programs and Spaces (RCFS)	Medium	Underway
Explore support for non-ice related sports (Inuit games, lacrosse)	Community Recreation & Culture Programs (RCFS)	Medium	
Review rental agreements to consider impacts and benefits of booking fee structure on Centre Richelieu-Vanier use	Centre Richelieu-Vanier (RCFS) City-Community Working Group	Short	Underway
Work with a Host Nation knowledge keeper to develop a program that builds awareness around Indigenous plants and foraging in Vanier and involves younger urban Indigenous participation	Community Arts + Social Engagement (RCFS) Cultural Development & Initiatives (RCFS) Forestry (Forest Management) (PWD)	Short	
Explore methods to offer subsidized transportation to culturally significant Indigenous events	Cultural Development & Initiatives (RCFS) Customer & Community Relations (TSD)	Medium	

CITY-LED ACTION ITEMS

PART 3

Action	Lead(s)	Time-frame	Status
Explore models to help small cultural events/groups meet current insurance requirements	Cultural Development & Initiatives (RCFS) Legal Operations & Support Services (OCC)	Medium	
Explore ways for Community Benefits Charges to support cultural activities in priority neighborhoods	Policy Planning (PRED)	Medium	
Explore Community Improvement Program features for additional Vanier streets	Economic Development (PRED)	Medium	
Explore ways for municipal cultural funding programs to prioritize cultural activities in priority neighbourhoods, while respecting full assessment criteria and peer assessment process	Cultural Funding Support Unit (RCFS)	Short	Underway
Consult community on how best to protect Parc Richelieu and urban forest from vandalism and environmental destruction	Facility Operations Services (RCFS) Forestry (Forest Management) (PWD) Vanier Community Association	Short	

COMMUNITY-LED ACTION ITEMS PART 1

Action	Lead(s)	Time-frame	Status
Broaden Vanier Cultures Steering Committee membership and renew co-ordination role to focus on implementation	Vanier Cultures Steering Committee	Short	
Encourage Vanier cultural sector players to partner with outside cultural and connected organizations and capture program metrics that can leverage future opportunities	Vanier Cultures Steering Committee	Short	Underway
Encourage creation of a VCA queer working group	Vanier Community Association	Short	Underway
Increase cultural and connected programming/ events offered on and near McArthur Avenue	Vanier Cultures Steering Committee	Short	Underway
Work with Beechwood Cemetery on cultural and connected programming options	Vanier Cultures Steering Committee	Short	

COMMUNITY-LED ACTION ITEMS PART 2

Action	Lead(s)	Time-frame	Status
Offer information sessions as part of Culture Night at Wabano to help Indigenous creators and enterprises	Wabano Centre	Short	
Offer information sessions to help queer creators and creative enterprises	Vanier Cultures Steering Committee	Short	
Explore funding opportunities to support Indigenous sport as part of Vanier identity and culture	Vanier Cultures Steering Committee	Medium	
Explore Vanier service provider rebrands to develop and promote community identity and culture	Vanier BIA Vanier Community Service Centre	Short	Underway
Inventory Vanier community sports to develop and promote community identity	Vanier Community Association	Medium	

COMMUNITY-LED ACTION ITEMS PART 3

Action	Lead(s)	Time-frame	Status
Provide training and coordination for electronic board at Vanier Parkway and Montreal Road to promote cultural and community activities	Vanier Community Service Centre Vanier Cultures Steering Committee	Short	
Relocate Potvin Brothers hockey mural for preservation and renew with a mural that reflects VCSC activities	Vanier Community Service Centre Centre Bernard Grand Maître	Medium	Complete

SHARED ACTION ITEMS

PART 1

Action	Lead(s)	Time-frame	Status
Include cultural and recreational players from adjacent neighbourhoods that serve Vanier residents in coordination discussions	Vanier Cultures Steering Committee Cultural Development & Initiatives (RCFS)	Short	Underway
Ensure signage, way-finding and commemoration reflect Vanier broader cultural identities (pilot - L'Ordre de Jacques Cartier commemoration at St-Charles Market, Indigenous art cross walks)	Cultural Development & Initiatives (RCFS) Public Art (RCFS) Heritage Planning (PRED) Vanier Community Association Vanier BIA	Long	Underway
Highlight positive community stories on Montreal Road through events and activities	Vanier Cultures Steering Committee Ottawa Public Art (RCFS)	Medium	Underway
Develop and distribute information about historic Indigenous trails in Vanier	Vanier Community Association Vanier BIA Cultural Development & Initiatives (RCFS)	Long	

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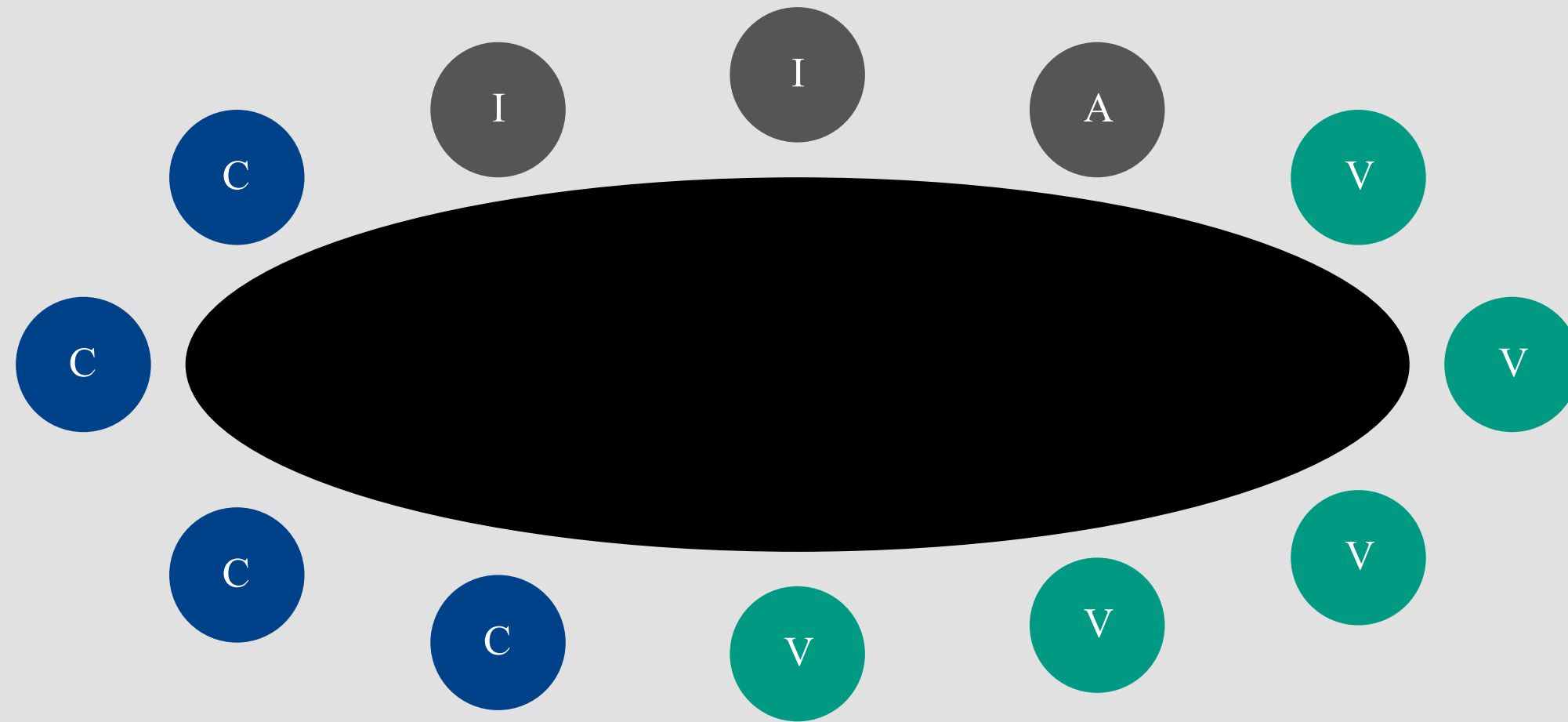
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Action	Lead(s)	Time-frame	Status
Connect Vanier Culture in Action to Queens University SURP (School of Urban and Regional Planning) Project	Cultural Development & Initiatives (RCFS) Policy Planning (PRED) Vanier BIA Vanier Community Association Beechwood Village Alliance	Short	Complete
Develop tourism-ready Vanier cultural packages (programming that is repeated and regular) and share with Ottawa Tourism with sufficient advance notice to promote	Vanier Cultures Steering Committee Vanier BIA Muséoparc Vanier Vanier Community Association Beechwood Cemetery Centre Richelieu-Vanier (RCFS)	Short	Underway
Integrate cultural and connected programming into school board properties	Community Arts + Social Engagement (RCFS) Vanier Cultures Steering Committee	Medium	
Support Francophone cultural organizations to provide activities at Carré de la Francophonie	Vanier Cultures Steering Committee Cultural Development & Initiatives (RCFS)	Medium	

SHARED ACTION ITEMS

PART 3

Action	Lead(s)	Time-frame	Status
Provide access to fieldhouses and public realm spaces for service provider groups that require washroom, water, power, and storage	Community Recreation & Cultural Programs (RCFS) Vanier Community Association	Medium	
Ensure adequate education of Vanier cultural workers around the diversity of cultural communities in the neighbourhood	Vanier Cultures Steering Committee Cultural Development & Initiatives (RCFS) Ottawa Public Art (RCFS)	Medium	
Explore the "Adopt a Park" model to support Richelieu urban forest	Facility Operations Services (RCFS) Vanier Community Association	Short	
Promote pétanque at Centre Richelieu-Vanier	Vanier Community Association Centre Richelieu-Vanier (RCFS)	Short	



City- Community Working Group



The working group will include City of Ottawa staff, representatives of the Vanier Cultures Steering Committee and the broader community including the Anishinabe Algonquin Nation, urban Indigenous and Inuit.

Purpose of the Working Group

- Oversee implementation of the Vanier Culture in ACTION Plan
 - Report on progress to the City and the Vanier Community
 - Forum for City staff and community to find solutions for action items with shared responsibility (ex. mural by-law)
 - Direct access to front-line and decision-making staff
 - Identify additional opportunities for collaboration
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COMPOSITION OF WORKING GROUP



08	—————	CITY OF OTTAWA REPRESENTATIVES
	04	Recreation, Cultural, and Facilities Services * Cultural Development and Initiatives
	03	Other City departments & work areas ex. transportation, forestry, by-law
	01	City Councillor, Ward 12
08	—————	VANIER COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES
	03	Members of Vanier Cultures Steering Committee
	01	Anishinabe Algonquin Host nation representative
	01	Urban Indigenous representative
	01	Urban Inuit representative
	01	Youth-serving organization representative
	01	Community arts practitioner

WORKING GROUP MEMBER SELECTION



- City of Ottawa representatives
 - Appointed by General Manager, Recreation, Cultural and Facility Services on staff recommendation
 - Selected based on role in relation to Vanier Culture in ACTION Plan
- Vanier Cultures Steering Committee representatives
 - Selected by members of the Vanier Cultures Steering Committee
 - Selection communication to the City through the Chair
- Anishinabe Algonquin Host Nation representative
 - Selected by the Anishinabe Algonquin Host Nation
- Additional community representatives
 - Appointed by GM, RCFS on staff recommendation following consultation

NEXT STEPS



MAY 28, 2024
JUNE 12, 2024

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
CITY COUNCIL



SEPTEMBER 2024

CITY-COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP
KICK-OFF