

Greater Halifax Arts Coalition

Government	Agency	Assessment	Strategy	2017 Actions and Updates
Provincial	Arts Nova Scotia	Limited opportunities for increased funds. Important to continue good relations with the ANS, continue to ask for more support, and make a compelling argument for what increased investment would mean for the Arts in HRM.	Help ensure candidates with an understanding of theatre / large institutions are represented on ANS Board, and on appropriate juries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase contact with ANS Board - Annually invite Chair and Executive Director to GHAC Events - Increase contact between Chairs (Neptune Chair) Set up meeting with Chairs, ANS Executive Director,	
	Communities, Culture, and Heritage	Important to form relationship with the department.	Maintain contact Invite Minister/staff to GHAC events. Advocate for GHAC members to feature in tourism promotions and materials.	
	Other departments	Consider the priorities of the government and approach with proposals that address these priorities	Identify projects that might be funded by other departments Invite Ministers to opening night Advocate for legislation that grants property tax exemptions to not-for-profit performance venues, as is the case in Ontario.	Invitations proceeding as usual.
	MLAs		Invite to GHAC Events Create 1 st annual Arts Day at the Legislature. Canvas candidates on their arts and culture policies. Advocate to keep access to the arts as part of public school life.	Invitations proceeding as usual.

Government Relations Strategy, updated April 7th 2017

To be reviewed by Advocacy Committee

			<p>Advocate for increase to ArtsNS Funding to \$5M.</p> <p>Advocate for improvements to Status of the Artist Legislation: IE Tax deductions for artists.</p> <p>Advocate for Property tax exemptions for Not-For-Profit Venues to be in the Municipalities Act.</p>	
Halifax Regional Municipality	ArtsHalifax	Minimal potential for increase in budget.	<p>Help ensure candidates with an understanding of theatre / large institutions are represented on WAC Board, and on appropriate juries</p> <p>Increase contact with ArtsHalifax Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invite Chair and Executive Director to MTC Board meeting when appropriate(GM) 	<p>MTC will submit an application in November 2014 for three seasons (14/15, 15/16 and 16/17).</p> <p>MTC will contact the new Mayor and all Councillors following the 2014 election. .</p> <p>I will recommend to GASP Committee that they consider WAC Chair and ED to attend an MTC Board meeting in the 2015/16 season.</p>
	City Council	<p>Limited opportunity for increased operational funding.</p> <p>Talk of a municipal Performing Arts Centre has been ongoing for a number of years.</p>	<p>Neptune needs to engage City Council on the topic of an arts centre and ensure that any such building and it's operating plan takes Neptune into account.</p>	<p>Conversations with the City, Winnipeg Parking Authority, Centre Venture, the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation and other neighbourhood stakeholders are ongoing.</p>
	Mayor/Councilors	<p>Important to engage elected officials by inviting them to see the work our Members do.</p>	<p>Follow up on campaign promises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Savage: Increase Arts Budget to \$1M <p>Invite to GHAC Special Events.</p>	<p>Invitations proceeding as usual.</p>