

MUSEUM OF HAMILTON HAMILTON 175

Project Update | April 30, 2021

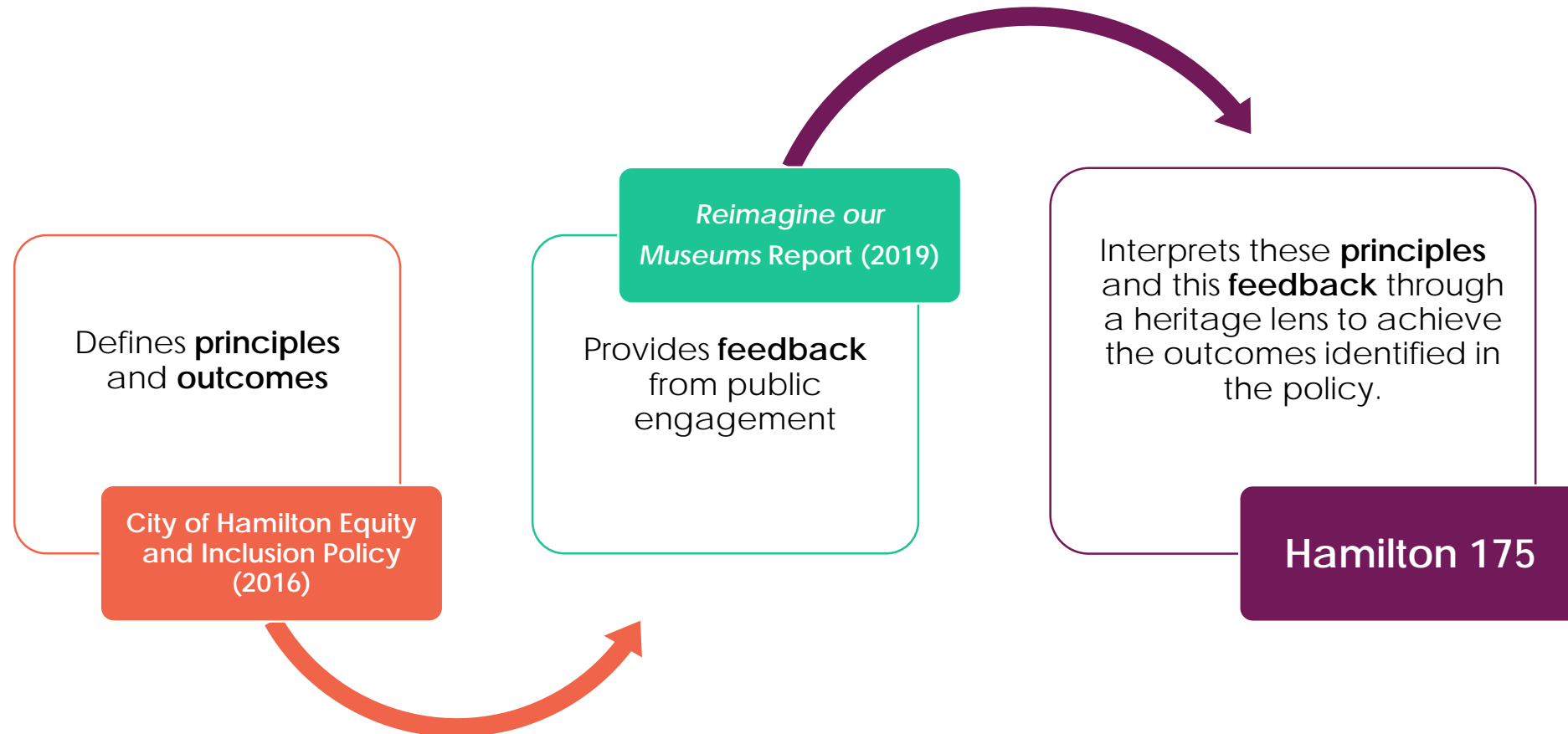
On October 14, 2020, Council approved funds for the Tourism and Culture Division to develop an online commemoration of the 175-year anniversary of the City's founding (June 9, 1846) by launching a dedicated website as the first step in developing a virtual Museum of Hamilton.

Rationale

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Museum of Hamilton is a digital storytelling platform interpreting Hamilton's histories through heritage-based digital exhibits and inclusive new content co-created with external stakeholders and community groups. The website will launch with the **Hamilton 175** project, a digital commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the city's founding as directed by Hamilton City Council on the [report from November 18, 2020](#).

Background to the Approach



City of Hamilton Equity and Inclusion Policy (2016)

DEFINES PRINCIPLES AND OUTCOMES

- Governance decisions made in the interests of under-served communities enhance the outcomes of all Hamiltonians.
- All members of the City of Hamilton's communities must have equitable access to its services, programs and opportunities.
- Public engagement ensures that diverse communities and individuals sit at crucial decision-making tables.
- The City of Hamilton must be committed to finding ways to deal effectively with resistance to organizational change.

Reimagine our Museums (2019)

PROVIDES FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Present more inclusive and representative histories of Hamilton;
- Expand, broaden and deepen stories and narratives currently untold at existing civic museums;
- Introduce technology and other interactive means of digital engagement to the museum experience; and
- Explore the idea of a Museum of Hamilton.

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Interprets these **principles** and this **feedback** through a heritage lens to achieve the outcomes identified in the policy.

Empower Hamilton communities to preserve and share their heritage, histories and narratives through a digital storytelling website content-managed by HRM in collaboration with the communities represented.

Project Goal

2021

Hamilton 175

Commemorates a significant historical event through 2021.

Museum of Hamilton

A new digital storytelling website interpreting the City's histories through heritage-based digital exhibits and inclusive new content co-created with external stakeholders and community groups.

Timeline

1816 / 1833 / 1846 – Three relevant historical dates, but...

June 9, 1846 – Hamilton incorporated as the second City in Upper Canada after Toronto, with Wards, councillors, and a mayor

2020 – Hamilton City Council approved funds to create and deliver an online commemoration of 175 years of Hamilton's history

2021 – Marks the 175-year anniversary of incorporation

June 9, 2021 – Hamilton 175 commemoration day

November 2021 – Website launch

Thank you

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