# 2022 - 2027







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# Introduction



As the Museum celebrated its 100th anniversary and resumed operations after two years of pandemic, we embarked on an intensive effort to rethink our approaches, policies and procedures, with a view to charting a course for the next five years.

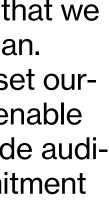
Consultation was a big part of this undertaking. We interviewed over 600 stakeholders – Museum members, staff, Board members and community and cultural organizations (including many representing historically marginalized communities) – to gain a better understanding of their interests and expectations of the Museum.

The consultation process confirmed that our audiences' needs have changed. They want their museum to better reflect their current social concerns and to present their stories in an inclusive and critical manner through its collections and programs. Visitors expect a museum that is participatory, audiencecentred and environmentally sustainable, and that fosters dialogue and exchange.

It became clear that to remain relevant we had to take account of changes occurring in society, which increasingly emphasize the importance of acknowledging the consequences of colonialism and of participating actively in the reconciliation process with First Peoples. There is also a need to amplify the voices of marginalized communities and to play an active role in protection of the environment.

It was based on these observations that we developed our five-year strategic plan. This plan outlines the task we have set ourselves. We are confident that it will enable us to meet the expectations of a wide audience and help strengthen the commitment to social justice.

Suzanne Sauvage, C.M., O.Q. **President and Chief Executive Officer** 



# Development Process

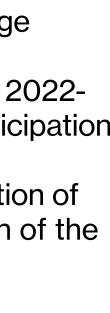
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# Development of the five-year strategic plan involved the following steps:

- 1. Creation of a working committee with assistance from Garrow & Evoy – composed of Board and management team members
- 2. Development of an impact statement to define our vision and provide a framework for our deliberations
- 3. Consultations with the Museum's various audiences, community and cultural groups, its staff and members of its Board of Directors (more than 600 people) to validate the statement and identify the issues and priority actions to focus on in achieving the intended impact

- 4. Development of a theory of change
- 5. Planning and development of the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan with the participation of the management team
  - Analysis of the situation; definition of strategic objectives; production of the action plan
- 6. Presentation to the Board of Directors and approval



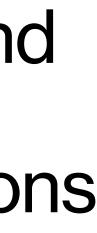


# Vision 2027



# By 2027, the McCord Stewart Museum will be:

- A museum that takes a critical and inclusive approach to presenting social history through its collections
- A museum moving towards decolonization
- A museum that practices public engagement, fostering dialogue and social connection
- A reference for sustainability in the museum field







# The McCord Stewart Museum will be a change agent for a more just society because:

- It offers a safe space for all
- It has earned the trust of Indigenous peoples in Canada
- It inspires its visitors to deepen their awareness of and commitment to social justice issues
- Staff are trained, engaged and empowered to further the Museum's objectives.



# In 2027, the McCord Stewart Museum will have:

- Raised annual visitor levels to 500,000, 30% from diverse backgrounds
- Increased membership to 10,000 people
- Hosted 40,000 children and adults for educational and cultural group visits
- Raised \$2,450,000 in annual selfgenerated revenue
- Generated \$425,000 in annual sponsorship revenue;
- Achieved total annual revenues of \$11,500,000



# Rigour

# Integrity

# Openness

# Boldness

# Creativity

# Engagement



# The Museum's Values

# Rigour

Every day, we demonstrate irreproachable intellectual and professional rigour.

We apply best working methods and practices.

We have an eye for detail and a job well done, and we strive for excellence in everything

This rigour contributes greatly to our reputation and credibility, both personal and institu

# Integrity

We advocate respect for:

Individuals, both staff and visitors, as well as everyone involve Our mission and values The past that we highlight through our collections

We share the same work ethic.

We work in complete transparency and our governance is exemplary.

# Openness

We believe openness is essential - both intellectually and in our attitude to others.

We welcome otherness and demonstrate generosity and a willingness to listen

We promote inclusion and accessibility, without discrimination based on age, social background, education level or origin.

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# The Museum's Values

# Boldness

We have the courage to take risks.

We dare to do things differently and step outside our comfort zone.

We wish to assert ourselves and stand out from other institutions.

# Creativity

We like to innovate and reinvent ourselves.

We seek out original solutions and find new ways to solve problems.

We are resourceful and inventive.

# Engagement

We are passionate individuals and believe in the real and wholehearted engagement of a

We work closely and effectively with others ... and enjoy it!

We encourage the engagement of our colleagues, our audiences and everyone else invo

Our engagement is a source of inspiration and deepens our sense of belonging to the Museum.

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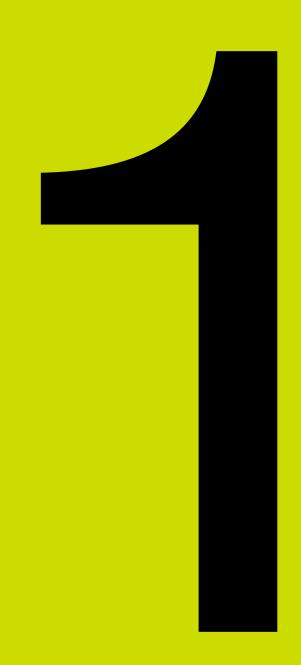
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# Action Plan



# Strategic Priorities







# Decolonize our museum practices

**Retain and** expand the Museum's audiences





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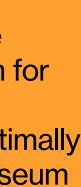
Focus A – Responsible governance Focus B – Social and cultural responsibility Focus C – Environmental sustainability

# Prepare the future

Focus A – Increase revenues Focus B – Modernize governance Focus C – Maintain our reputation for excellence Focus D – Manage collections optimally

Focus E – Implement the new museum project





# Decolonize our museum practices

# Objectives

1	Increase	staff	diversity	/
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- Educate, train and mobilize staff and Board of Directors
- Apply the principles of inclusion to internal management
- community organizations
- Create content and documents that are more inclusive

Integrate decolonization and sustainability practices into the Museum's work processes

Forge ties with Indigenous museums, cultural centres and schools

Develop connections with historically marginalized communities (LGBTQ2+, Black, newcomers) through

Improve the visitor experience for audiences from historically marginalized communities

Decolonize our museum practices

# Objective 1 Increase staff diversity

## Actions

Develop new recruitment channels/networks to increase the number of applicants from historically marginalized communities Develop and implement an employer brand communication plan to promote the Museum and attract potential applicants from these communities

Develop an internship program geared to these communities

Support initiatives that promote the museum profession to these communities.

## Indicators

Percentage of staff members from diverse backgrounds within five years (focus on management positions: minimum 30%)





Decolonize our museum practices

# Directors

## Actions

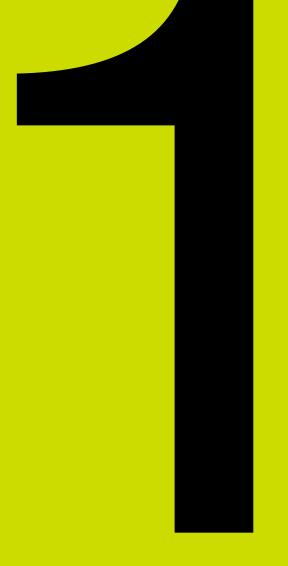
Develop an ongoing training plan including lectures, a toolbox, an internal forum for sharing experiences, etc.

Develop a communication plan to enhance staff and Board engagement and pride

## Indicators

Number of meetings held Level of participation in activities and use of tools Participant evaluations





# Objective **2** Educate, train and mobilize staff and Board of

**Decolonize** our museum practices

# Objective 3 Integrate decolonization and sustainability practices into the Museum's work processes

## Actions

Rethink our internal planning tools (strategy screen, project post-mortem) Develop an action plan for each department regarding the decolonization of our museum practices and environmental sustainability Review the Museum's policies (access to collections, collecting, restitution)

## Indicators

Percentage of initiatives incorporating these practices Percentage of plan completion, by department Percentage of policies revised



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Decolonize our museum practices

# Objective **4** Apply the principles of inclusion to internal management

## Actions

Take a caring approach to change management

Embrace an approach based on consultation, collaboration and co-creation

institution at their service

## Indicators

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Evaluation of well-being at work (Amélio internal survey) Number of initiatives and collaborations Periodic assessment of communities' perceptions of the Museum as an ally and their level of trust in the institution



Work systematically – and in a reciprocal manner – with the communities concerned by the issues addressed, while placing the

**Decolonize** our museum practices

# Objective **5** Forge ties with Indigenous museums, cultural centres and schools

## Actions

Continue the Umitemieu project (with Indigenous schools) Meet on-site with museum and cultural centre directors to identify their needs and opportunities for collaboration Develop programs that address community needs, including off-site initiatives (in regional areas) Seek financial assistance to support these initiatives and provide them free of charge

## Indicators

Number of initiatives and collaborations Periodic assessment of communities' perceptions of the Museum as an ally and safe space





**Decolonize** our museum practices

# Objective 6 Develop connections with historically marginalized communities (LGBTQ2+, Black, newcomers) through community organizations

## Actions

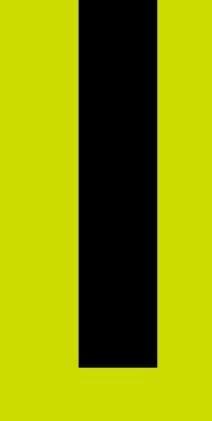
Reach out to various organizations to identify these communities' needs and opportunities for collaboration Develop lasting programs at the Museum and off-site, in collaboration with partner organizations and on a reciprocal basis Seek financial assistance to support these initiatives and provide them free of charge

## Indicators

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Number of long-term structuring partnerships (minimum of two) Percentage of Museum visitors from these communities Number of activity participants





**Decolonize** our museum practices

# Objective **7** Improve the visitor experience for audiences from historically marginalized communities

## Actions

Evaluate and improve the visitor experience Train staff to make these audiences welcome Make the Museum more accessible (website, etc.) Identify key measures to assess achievement of audience diversity goals

## Indicators

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Percentage of audiences from these communities Assessment of these audiences' well-being at the Museum, their perceptions of the Museum and their level of satisfaction

Decolonize our museum practices

# Objective 8 inclusive

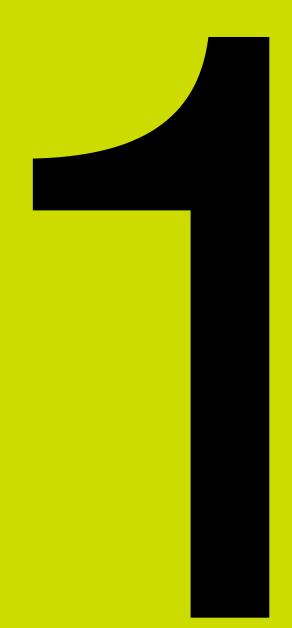
## Actions

Adopt inclusive writing in all internal and external communications Review hiring and HR documents (e.g., job postings, job descriptions, staff guides, etc.)

## Indicators

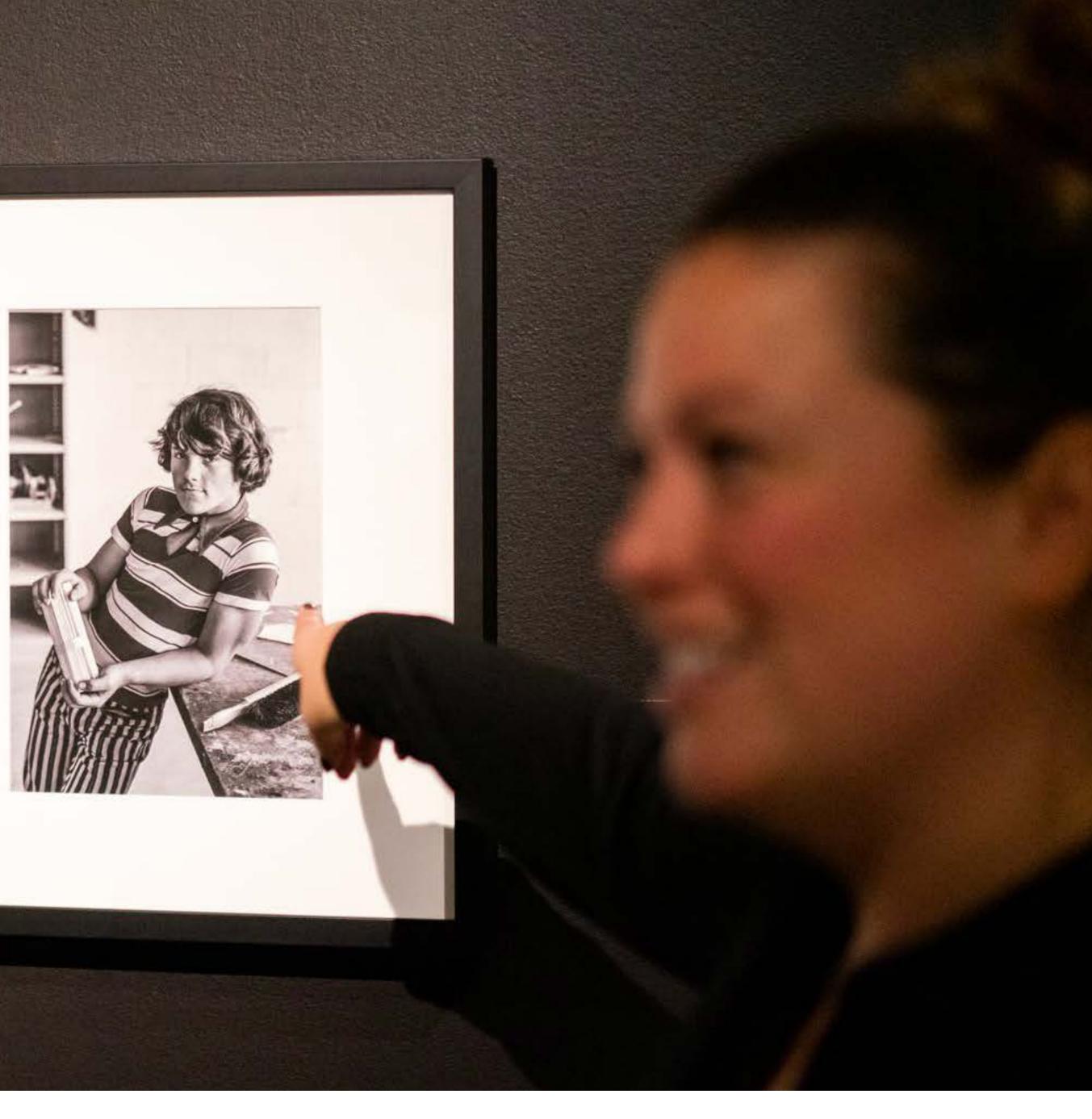
Percentage of documents reviewed Assessment of the perceptions of applicants and staff, including new members





# Create content and documents that are more





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Cedric Pearson Girls at the Disraed High School, 1972 Digital print Collection of the artist

Codric Pearson Terrain de Jess de l'OFA, Disraell, 1972 Consum numérique Consumer les l'antiste



# Retain and expand the Museum's audiences

# Objectives

- Reach more 18-34 year olds



programming that reflects the Museum's vision

Communicate with our audiences (individual and group clients, members and donors) according to their interests

Retain and expand the Museum's audiences

# Objective **1** Build and widely disseminate programming that reflects the Museum's vision

## Actions

Integrate decolonization and sustainability practices into the conception and implementation of the programming Develop solid marketing plans – targeting both new and existing audiences – that convey this vision Promote the Museum's values and distinctiveness Maintain and develop partnerships (media and others) Maintain a sustained and dynamic online presence Develop off-site and virtual programming to overcome the Museum's space limitations and market it to ensure its success Report transparently on the Museum's progress towards its goals

## Indicators

Project scores determined using the strategy screen, including decolonization and sustainability practices

Post-visit (or post-activity) assessment of visitors' perceptions of the Museum

Museum attendance and participation in various initiatives

etc.) of online activities

Number of off-site and virtual activities and participants

Annual dissemination of results regarding the Museum's progress towards its objectives

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Reach (number of sessions, subscriptions, posts, etc.) and performance (engagement rate, click-through rate, conversion rate,

Retain and expand the Museum's audiences

# Objective 2 Communicate with our audiences (individual and group clients, members and donors) according to their interests

# Actions

Use our new SugarCRM software to its full potential and implement a new ticketing system (POS)

Develop segmented direct marketing strategies to reach various market segments and personalize communications

### Indicators

Number of visits and participants in activities (first-time and repeat visits)

Average number of visits per person

Number of members

Number of donors



Retain and expand the Museum's audiences

# Objective 3 Reach more 18-34 year olds

## Actions

Increase the Museum's presence in the media and networks they frequent Leverage their interest in sustainability and the Museum's social impact in external communications geared to these audiences Develop activities geared to 18-34 year olds (Sugar Ball, revisited After Hours events, CEGEP and university events)

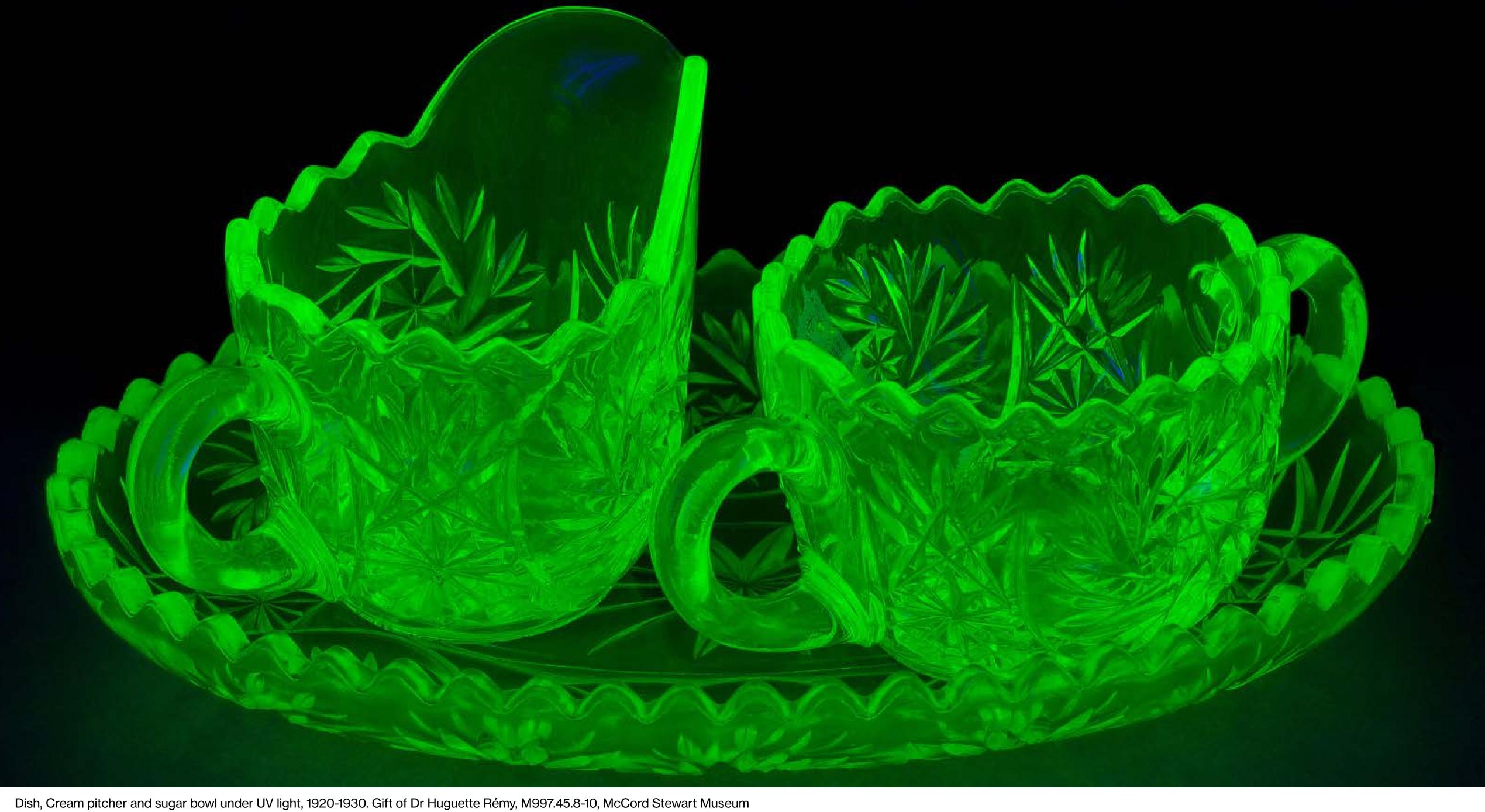
## Indicators

Number and percentage of annual Museum and platform visits by 18-34 year olds Awareness of the Museum in the 18-34 age group Number of targeted initiatives Number of participants











# Set the benchmark for sustainability in the museum field

# **Objectives**

## Focus A – Responsible governance

- Apply sustainability principles in all practices
- Report on and contribute to the promotion of sustainability

# Focus B – Social and cultural responsibility

# Focus C – Sustainability

Strengthen implementation of the Museum's and the Foundation's values of inclusivity and social justice

Reduce the environmental footprint of the Museum's and Foundation's activities



Set the benchmark for sustainability in the museum field Focus A – Responsible governance

# Objective **1**

## Actions

Include sustainability principles in decision-making and collection use practices Train and mobilize staff on these principles and on ways they can contribute to achieving objectives Collaborate with all internal and external stakeholders Apply responsible investment practices Integrate equity, diversity and inclusion into the culture of the Museum and its Foundation (see "Strategic priority 1").

# Indicators

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Inclusion of sustainability principles in collections policies and procedures as well as in strategy screens and post-mortems Recommendations for the sustainable use of collections Development of two yearly training sessions and a toolbox for staff Inclusion of sustainability principles in job descriptions, job postings and performance evaluations Orientation of investment portfolio in light of environmental, social and governance (ESG) considerations



# Apply sustainability principles in all practices

Set the benchmark for sustainability in the museum field Focus A – Responsible governance

# Objective **2** sustainability

#### Actions

Communicate sustainability progress and results in a transparent manner

Raise awareness of sustainability and responsible behaviours among stakeholders (including audiences)

Participate actively in the sustainability transition of the museum field by promoting the Museum's initiatives and sharing its learning and experiences regarding sustainability

#### Indicators

Internal communications: newsletter, signage, staff meetings, guide for new staff members and surveys External communications: sustainability webpage, annual report, social media and signage in the Museum's public spaces Participation in events and networks dealing with sustainability issues



# Report on and contribute to the promotion of



Set the benchmark for sustainability in the museum field Focus B – Social and cultural responsibility

## **Objective** Strengthen implementation of the Museum's and the Foundation's values of inclusivity and social justice

#### Actions

Integrate decolonization practices into all areas of Museum and Foundation activity (see "Strategic priority 1") Facilitate physical and virtual accessibility to the Museum's activities (see "Strategic priority 1") Prioritize staff health and quality of life at work Present history in a critical and inclusive manner (see "Strategic priority 1") Foster dialogue and discussion through public programs (see "Strategic priority 1")

#### Indicators

Development of a resource kit on staff health and quality of work life geared to managers Development of the recognition component in the engagement tracking software Creation of departure records Mental health training opportunities Inclusion of social and cultural responsibility in the staff guide

Set the benchmark for sustainability in the museum field Focus C – Sustainability

## Objective **1** Reduce the environmental footprint of the Museum's and Foundation's activities

#### Actions

Optimize the use of resources by encouraging reduction and reuse, and practice sustainable waste management

technologies and transportation

#### Indicators

Development of a sustainable procurement policy

Annual post-mortem and monitoring of best practices for the recovery, reuse, recycling and repurposing of exhibition and museum materials

Implementation of pilot projects to characterize waste and identify areas for improvement

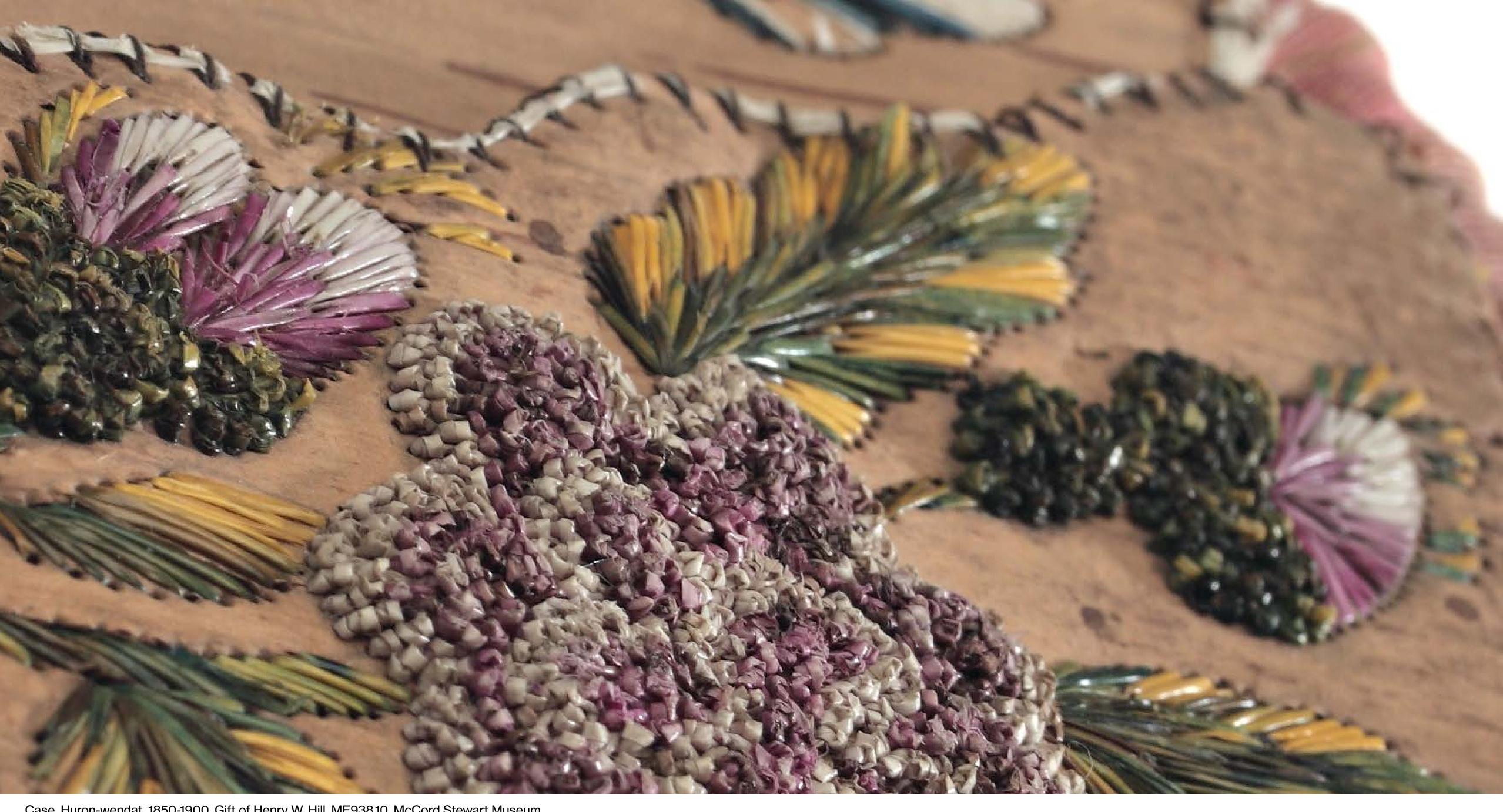
Measurement of GHG emissions for the Museum building and related pilot projects

Development of a policy on the use of digital technologies and electronic devices

Completion of the conversion to LED lighting throughout the Museum, including the galleries.

Reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by adopting sustainable practices, particularly with regard to energy use, digital





Case, Huron-wendat, 1850-1900. Gift of Henry W. Hill, ME938.10, McCord Stewart Museum

# Prepare for the future

# Objectives

#### Focus A – Increase revenues

- Increase our self-generated revenue
- Improve boutique and online boutique marketing
- Bring back the day camp and children's parties
- Increase revenues from sponsorship and major donations
- Increase government funding
- Produce more travelling exhibitions

#### Focus B – Modernize governance

- Foster inclusive governance
- Adopt integrated risk management
- Increase Board members' engagement with the Museum
- Evaluate Museum governance

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Redefine and increase promotion of corporate offerings (room rentals, tours and workshops, boutique offerings)

Increase revenues generated by the McCord Museum Foundation

# Préparer l'avenir

# Objectives (following)

#### Focus C – Maintain our reputation for excellence

- Maintain our reputation for excellence despite contextual challenges
- 2 Adapt our way of working to reflect social changes
- 3 Develop an efficient records management system for our physical and digital records
- 4 Ensure the Museum remains an employer of choice

#### Focus D – Manage collections optimally

- 1 Implement best collection practices
- 2 Continue cataloguing and integrating collections
- 3 Initiate a review of the loans and repatriation process for Indigenous collections
- 4 Continue and expand online dissemination of the collections through the Online Collections platform

#### Focus E – Implement the new museum project

- Re-engage both boards (Museum and Foundation) in the new museum project
- Develop a strategy to convince the Québec government of the project's importance

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Prepare for the future

Focus A – Increase revenues

# Objective **1** Increase our self-generated revenue

#### Actions

Use our new customer relationship management software to increase visits and spending at the Museum Promote membership and donations on a continuous basis and wherever possible Monetize online content (where appropriate) Evaluate a possible increase of ticket and membership fees Increase the number of travelling exhibitions to generate new revenues

#### Indicators

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Total expenditures per person (per visit and per year) Monthly and annual results by revenue centre

Prepare for the future

Focus A – Increase revenues

# Objective **2**

#### Actions

Constantly improve offerings

Optimize the online boutique platform

#### Indicator

Number of visits and boutique/online boutique revenues



# Improve boutique and online boutique marketing

Rethink the promotion of the physical and online boutiques, and develop a solid communication plan focused on increasing sales

**Prepare for** the future

Focus A – Increase revenues

## Objective **3** Redefine and increase promotion of corporate offerings (room rentals, tours and workshops, boutique offerings)

#### Actions

Identify this clientele's existing need Formalize a coherent and attractive Develop and implement a promotion

#### Indicator

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Number of sales and revenue

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Prepare for the future

Focus A – Increase revenues

# Objective 4

#### Actions

Bring back the Museum's day camps

Continue reviewing the Children's Parties offering launched before the pandemic

#### Indicator

Number of participants and revenues generated



# Bring back the day camp and children's parties

Prepare for the future

Focus A – Increase revenues

# Objective **5** donations

#### Action

Solicit new partners looking to achieve an impact similar to the Museum's

#### Indicator

Number of partners and revenues generated



## Increase revenues from sponsorship and major

Prepare for the future

Focus A – Increase revenues

# Objective 6 Increase government funding

#### Actions

Explore new sources of government funding related to inclusion and the decolonization of our practices

Request an increase in our operating grant

#### Indicator

Revenues generated



Prepare for the future

Focus A – Increase revenues

# Objective **7** Produce more travelling exhibitions

#### Actions

Increase number of approaches to institutions in other locations

Involve the marketing team in the development of promotional materials and the search for potential museums

#### Indicators

Number of travelling exhibitions available

travelling exhibitions



**McCord Stewart Museum** 

Number of potential museums per travelling exhibition, number of institutions approached and number of confirmed

Prepare for the future

Focus A – Increase revenues

## Objective 8 Increase revenues generated by the McCord Museum Foundation

#### Actions

Develop a community of donors willing to make a long-term commitment Increase the endowment fund by at least \$1 million per year

#### Indicator

**Revenues** generated

**McCord Stewart Museum** 

Increase the McCord Museum Foundation's contribution by at least \$500,000 per year to help reduce the structural deficit



Prepare for the future

Focus B – Modernize governance

# Objective **1** Foster inclusive governance

#### Actions

Take diversity (of age, gender, experience, culture, etc.) into account when recruiting Board members Implement a mentorship program for newly appointed Board members Develop a toolbox and best practices guides and make them available to Board members

#### Indicators

Percentage of Board members from diverse backgrounds (minimum 25%) Average age targeted: 55 Gender parity



Prepare for the future

Focus B – Modernize governance

# Objective **2** Adopt integrated risk management

#### Actions

Develop a risk management plan Implement a risk monitoring system Conduct a strategic watch every three months, between each Board meeting

#### Indicators

Degree (percentage) of plan implementation Strategic watches carried out



Prepare for the future

Focus B – Modernize governance

## Objective 3 Increase Board the Museum

#### Actions

Hold an annual discussion session on Museum issues Invite Board members to selected training sessions on inclusion and decolonization along with staff members

#### Indicators

Annual meeting held Number of Board members who at



# Increase Board members' engagement with

Number of Board members who attended training sessions and number of training sessions attended

27

Prepare for the future

Focus B – Modernize governance

# Objective **4** Evaluate Museum governance

#### Action

Hire an external consultant to conduct an evaluation and prepare recommendations and an action plan

#### Indicators

Consultant hired

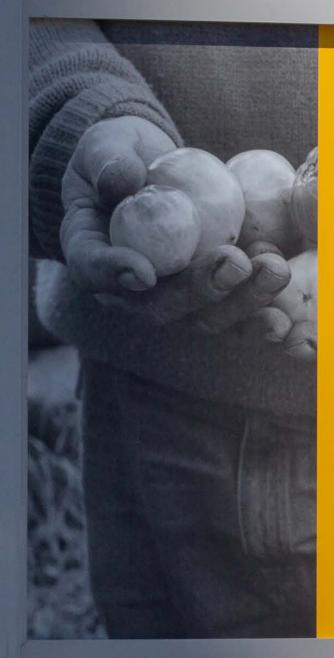
Report obtained

Percentage of action plan completed





Eating local Exhibition. Photo: Roger Aziz, 2022 © McCord Stewart Museum



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Les aliments locaux font partie depuis longtemps de l'expérience urbaine. Ces photographies de la collection du Musée McCord, prises principalement à Montréal et dans les environs entre les années 1860 et 1990, illustrent différents contextes -carrés potagers dans l'arrière-cour, jardins com-munautaires, marchés publics - où les produits de la terre sont au premier plan et favorisent les relations humaines. À l'heure où les citadins d'aujourd'hui se préoccupent de plus en plus de la provenance de leurs aliments, il convient de rappeler que par le passé, l'accès aux produits agricoles locaux était un aspect courant de la

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Bonifiez votre visite en parcourant l'exposition avec un contenu audio et textuel accessible sur l'application Musée McCord Museum. Enhance your visit by browsing the exhibition with audio and textual content available on the Musée McCord Museum app.

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**Prepare for** the future

Focus C – Maintain our reputation for excellence

## Objective **1** Maintain our reputation for excellence despite contextual challenges

#### Actions

Conduct systematic post-mortems of the Museum's activities Make managers accountable for quality control in their departments Acknowledge rigour and creativity in staff evaluations

#### Indicators

Number of post-mortems conducted and internal evaluation of activities Evaluation of activities and initiatives by audiences and partners Annual staff evaluation results



**Prepare for** the future

Focus C – Maintain our reputation for excellence

# Objective **2**

#### Actions

Implement our digital strategy and enhance our digital practices Harmonize the use of digital sharing platforms (OneDrive, Teams, etc.) Train staff

#### Indicators

Percentage of hybrid model migration plan completed Percentage of digital strategy implemented Number of training courses held and number of participants Percentage of staff using IT

# Adapt our way of working to reflect social changes

Adopt the hybrid work model (adjust hardware and computer systems, modify workspaces and the management practices)

**Prepare for** the future

Focus C – Maintain our reputation for excellence

## Objective **3** Develop an efficient records management system for our physical and digital records

#### Actions

Hire a consulting firm to evaluate and define the Museum's records management procedures Train staff and ensure procedures are followed Develop tools to facilitate their implementation

#### Indicators

Consultants' report obtained Percentage of records management procedures implemented Number of training sessions held and number of participants



Prepare for the future

Focus C – Maintain our reputation for excellence

# Objective 4

#### Actions

Maintain the Amélio survey and follow up diligently on comments Evaluate and adjust the survey questions regularly Enhance internal communications on the survey to increase participation Continue implementing the Amélio improvement plan

#### Indicators

Percentage of surveys completed Employee engagement survey results – Target: 8/10 or better



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## Ensure the Museum remains an employer of choice



**Prepare for** the future

Focus D – Manage collections optimally

# Objective **1** Implement best collection practices

#### Actions

Update our acquisition and deaccession policy

Organize quarterly meetings of three departments (Collections and Research, Conservation, and Collections Management) to review acquisition procedures and space issues

Create a mandatory online form for submitting donation proposals

Lift the moratorium on acquisitions in April 2023

Develop a strategy in conjunction with the Collections and Research, Conservation, and Collections Management teams for the sustainable use of the collection in accordance with our sustainability policy

#### Indicator

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Percentage of actions completed



Prepare for the future

Focus D – Manage collections optimally

# Objective **2**

#### Actions

Catch up with the collections cataloguing backlog and ensure continuous cataloguing by allocating the necessary resources

Complete integration of the Stewart Museum and Musée de la mode collections

#### Indicator

Number of objects to be catalogued or integrated into the collection



# Continue cataloguing and integrating collections

**Prepare for** the future

Focus D – Manage collections optimally

## Objective **3** Initiate a review of the loans and repatriation process for Indigenous collections

#### Action

Develop the process in consultation with the Indigenous Advisory Committee

#### Indicator

Adoption of a policy





**Prepare for** the future

Focus D – Manage collections optimally

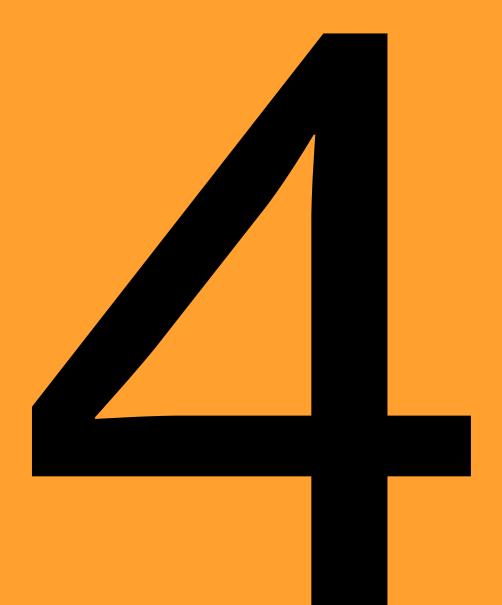
## Objective **4** Continue and expand online dissemination of the collections through the Online Collections platform

#### Actions

Prepare new groups of objects (digitization, vocabulary, translation) Standardize data for upcoming development phases

#### Indicator

Number of items added to the online collection



**Prepare for** the future

Focus E – Implement the new museum project

# Objective **1** Re-engage both boards (Museum and Foundation) in the new museum project

#### Actions

Set up a joint committee to re-launch the project (composed of members of both boards) Plan a new presentation of the project to the board to educate and inform new members

#### Indicator

Percentage of actions completed

**Prepare for** the future

Focus E – Implement the new museum project

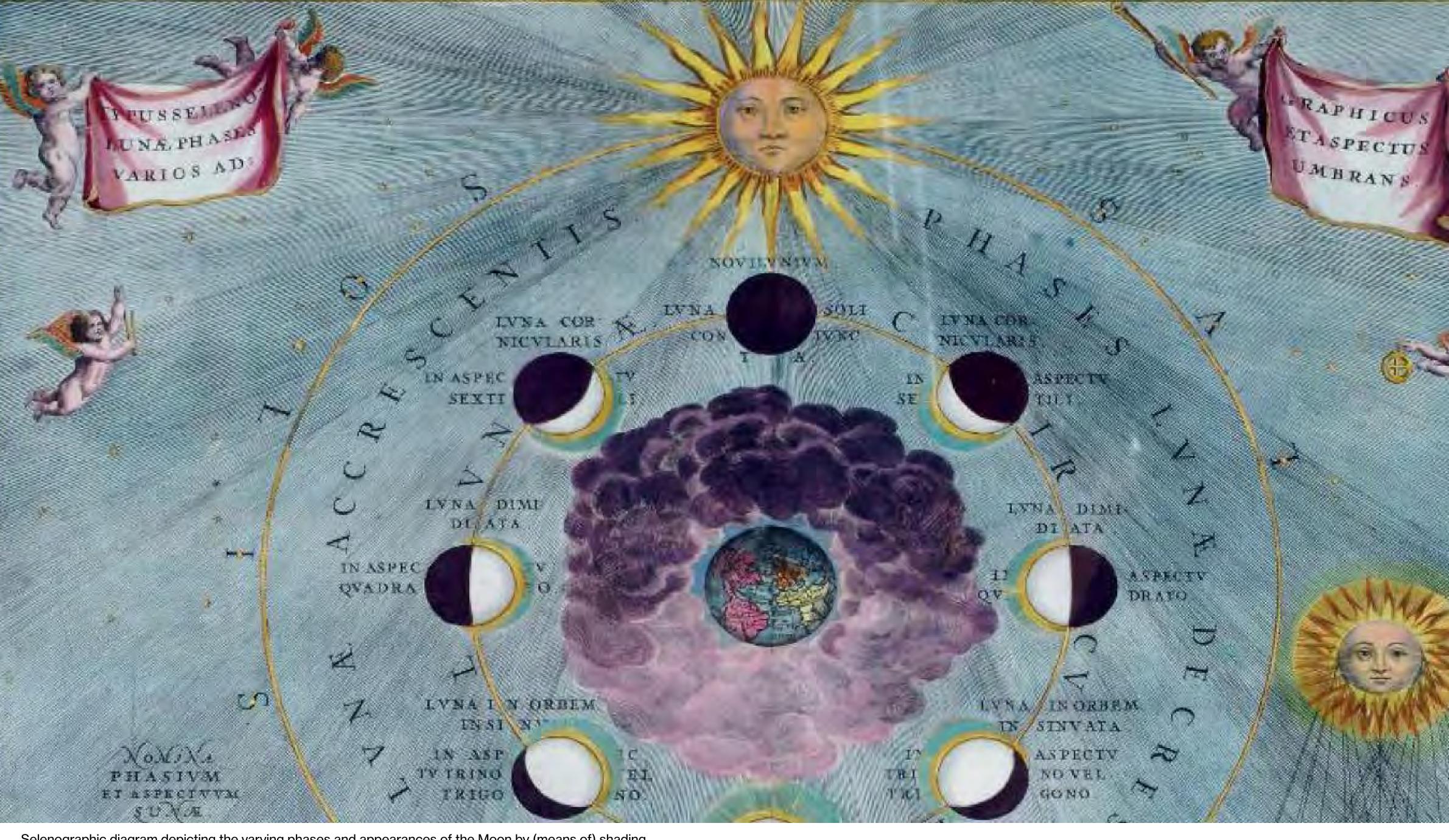
## Objective **2** Develop a strategy to convince the Québec government of the project's importance

#### Actions

Update the budget developed in 2019 to reflect current costs Plan meetings with the Minister of Culture and Communications and other ministers to secure their support Bring the subject back into the media spotlight Meet again with the Mayor of Montréal to ensure her continued support Meet with the Minister of Canadian Heritage and the Prime Minister of Canada

#### Indicators

Updated budget finalized Number of meetings held Number of media mentions and articles, and social media reach



Selenographic diagram depicting the varying phases and appearances of the Moon by (means of) shading, from *Harmonia Macrocosmica seu Atlas Universalis et novus*, 1985.35.1, McCord Stewart Museum



# Theory of Change



# 2027 Social Transformation Process

# By 2027, the McCord Stewart Museum will be:

- A museum that presents social history in a critical and inclusive manner through its collections
- A museum that participates in decolonization
- An interactive, people-powered museum that encourages dialogue and discussion
- A model of sustainability in museum operations

#### Target audiences

- Historically marginalized people and groups: ethnocultural communities, LGBTQ2S+, people with disabilities, etc.
- Indigenous audiences
- Montrealers and tourists of all ages and backgrounds

Museum and Foundation

• Volunteer managers (Board

employees

of Directors)

• Interns

#### Museum strategies

- Build relationships of trust and respect with various communities • Reach out to communities (outside
- the museum)
- Incorporate co-creation when developing our initiatives
- Diversify and expand our partnerships
- Present history in an inclusive manner by leveraging collections, emotions and shared experiences • Encourage public participation in its
- initiatives
- and inclusion through decolonization actions and practices in all its initiatives
- Provide a warm, personable and inclusive welcome
- Educate, inform, train, support and inspire personnel on an ongoing basis • Help bring about a change of culture in
- all museum practices

#### Decolonization practices

- Amplification of non-dominant voices
- Sharing of power and authority, acceptance of new operating modes, new procedures and new scheduling approaches
- Acknowledgment of unconscious and colonialist biases
- Acknowledgment of Indigenous knowledge and the knowledge of other communities
- In the service of communities
- Empathy
- Education and awareness of Indigenous cultures and other minority cultures

Ensure all Museum initiatives adhere to sustainable development principles

- Champion diversity, equity, accessibility

#### Short-term effects

- Feeling that the Museum is inclusive and amplifies community voices
- A more critical and inclusive understanding of history • More empathy for a diverse range of perspectives
- Desire to come back • Positive experience with the Museum team and a friendly welcome
- Awareness of social inequalities
- Greater sensitivity to and understanding of your own colonialist biases and those of the institution
- Ability to be an agent of change in your work • Better understanding of the impacts of
- decolonization and conditions for success
- Motivation and positive perception of your role at work

#### Medium-term effects

- Feeling of confidence in the Museum • Perception that the Museum is an ally
- Recognition that the Museum is committed to being an ally of Indigenous people and historically marginalized • Desire to include the Museum in your regular cultural activities • Stronger sense of belonging to the McCord Stewart Museum Greater understanding and empathy for people from marginalized communities
- Greater sensitivity to and understanding of the impact of coloniality • Ability to be an agent of change in your circles
- Ability to challenge yourself, rethink the way you work and do so without feeling
- Pride and greater sense of attachment to the Museum and its practices
- Greater engagement in the changes initiated by the Museum

#### Long-term effects

- The Museum is a safe space for evervone.
- The Museum has won the confidence of Indigenous peoples in Canada.
- Museum audiences demonstrate greater awareness and engagement in social justice
- Personnel are fully trained, engaged and equipped for this process.

# The McCord Stewart Museum will be an agent of change, working for a more just society.

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