

# **NB Cultural Policy Renewal**

## **AMNB Annual Conference and AGM**

**November 8, 2013**

# Why a renewal?

- Over ten years since the 2002 policy
- Several successes
- Significant changes in the cultural sector
- Platform Commitment and Speech from the Throne



# Who has been involved?

- Minister of Tourism, Heritage and Culture
- THC Project Team
- Interdepartmental Committee
- Stakeholder Working Group
- Municipal Associations (4)
- The General Public
- First Nations

# Some successes from 2002

- Partnerships with First Nations re archaeological resources
- New Brunswick Register of Historic Places
- *Heritage Conservation Act* (2010)
- Museum Zone Network creation
- Lieutenant-Governor's Awards for High Achievement in the Arts
- Digitization of New Brunswick Art Bank
- Education partnerships
- New Brunswick Book Policy

# What have we done?

- THC project team – (*December 2011*)
- Project consultant - (*January 2012*)
- Stakeholder Working Group - (*May 2012*) – 22 members; 8 meetings in total
- Jurisdictional research / literature reviews – (*throughout*)
- 8 Public Consultation Sessions – (*September / October 2012*) – 341 participants; 62 presentations
- 70+ Web page & online submissions – (*September / October 2012*)

# What have we done? (cont'd)

- 2 First Nations Consultation Sessions – *(November 2012)*
- Dean Robert Austin of UNB presents to Working Group and Partner Departments on Creative Economy – *(November 14, 2012)*
- 2 Roundtable Sessions – *(February / March 2013)*
- Editorial Committee - *(April 2013)*
- Interdepartmental Committee & individual meetings – *(throughout)*
- Draft Cultural Policy and action items developed

# Linkages with initiatives / policies

- Innovation Agenda
- Regional Economic Development Plans
- Education Curriculum
- Stratégie Globale
- Population Growth Strategy
- Wellness Strategy
- Overcoming Poverty Together: The New Brunswick Economic and Social Inclusion Plan

# The four directions

- Culture in Everyday Life
- Artists, Arts Organizations and Cultural Professionals
- Creating, Conserving and Celebrating our Heritage
- Culture and the Economy



# Guiding principles and values

- Quality of life
- Creativity and excellence
- Linguistic and cultural diversity
- Value of artists, cultural professionals and volunteers
- Value of cultural organizations
- Access
- Stewardship, leadership and partnerships
- Education and lifelong learning
- Economic and social value of culture

# Next steps

- Finalize draft policy and action items
- Continue discussions with departments
- Submit draft policy and action items to government
- Once approved, commence discussions on implementation plan