

Strategic Plan for 2024/XLV

Bureau of Home Affairs of Talossa

The Bureau of Home Affairs has prepared and published this plan to guide its activities throughout 2024/XLV, and to provide the citizens of Talossa the means to scrutinize its progress. Aside from this introduction, this plan will take the form of a series of objectives which the Bureau intends to accomplish prior to 26 December 2024/XLVI. These objectives have been chosen for their anticipated feasibility, for their relevance to the mission of the Bureau as stated in Lexh.D.2.7.1, and for their presumed ability to fulfill the interests of Talossa. In determining these objectives, the Bureau performed a general survey of past and present circumstances and solicited the input of the Talossan people. For each objective, the following elements will be described: A description of the objective, the rationale for its pursuit, the phases necessary for its completion, and indicators of the degree of its success.

Note, as the Bureau works to achieve the objectives outlined in this plan, it will be open to carry out other duties within its purview as circumstance warrant. Such duties include assistance in organizing Living Cosa sessions as called by the Cosa, assisting citizens performing the Haxh, engaging Cestours who show interest in Talossa, and maintaining the National Registry. Further note, as the year 2024/XLV draws to a close, the Bureau will prepare a retrospective report on its performance during the prior year and cite new possibilities for action by the Bureau in the future.

Prior to the appointment of its present director on 3 November 2023/XLIV, the Bureau appears to have been dormant for at least five years. This fact can be primarily attributed to the absence of any denizens of the Greater Talossan Area among the citizenry for several years prior to 25 September 2023/XLIV. Emphasizing the significance of the Talossan land to Talossa, the Bureau of Home Affairs seeks to renew its purpose of strengthening the bonds between land and people. The Bureau anticipates this plan will come to represent the first step in a new era of contribution by the Bureau to the ever-developing richness of Talossa.

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Objective #1: Recruitment of GTA Denizens for Citizenship

Description and Rationale

Metropolitan Talossa refers to the collective territory of the seven contiguous provinces of the Talossan Realm. In other words, Metropolitan Talossa is the Realm excluding the Sovereign Province of Cézembre and the Pêngöpäts Antarctic Territory. To Cestours (non-citizens of Talossa residing in or near Talossan territory), Metropolitan Talossan is known generally as the East Side of Milwaukee. Note that “East Side of Milwaukee” is a somewhat nebulous term. Some would not consider Juneautown and the Historic Third Ward (together comprising the southern region of Metropolitan Talossa) to be part of the East Side. Data from 2015/XXXVI estimates the population of Metropolitan Talossa as 44,175. As of the publication of this plan, 100% of its denizens are Cestours.

The Greater Talossan Area (GTA) comprises Metropolitan Talossa and the immediately surrounding area. The GTA is commonly recognized by Talossans to be coextensive with Milwaukee. Some inconsistency exists as to whether the GTA is coextensive with the City of Milwaukee, the County of Milwaukee, or Greater Milwaukee. The latter is a metropolitan area in Southeastern Wisconsin referring to the County of Milwaukee along with surrounding counties. Here, this plan adopts a flexible interpretation of the GTA. For the purposes of this objective, the GTA is defined as comprising Metropolitan Talossa and any anywhere within the County of Milwaukee or an adjacent county from which a citizen or prospective citizen frequently commutes to Metropolitan Talossa, on a daily or near-daily basis. The definition provided here should not necessarily be taken as the standing definition used by the Bureau or any other Talossan institution. It is rather the working definition for this particular objective.

From the founding of Talossa to the mid-1990s, almost all Talossan citizens were GTA denizens. Talossans granted citizenship during this period are called Old Growth Talossans. The late 1990s saw an influx of new citizens from across the world via the Internet. Citizens of this nature became the majority of the Talossan citizenry. Because to do so would lie outside the scope of this plan, the great and innumerable contributions of such citizens to Talossa will not be listed here. Note, however, that these citizens have been unreservedly crucial to the survival and flourishing of Talossa throughout the decades. Since the 2010s, there has been only one GTA denizen among the Talossan citizenry. This represents a problem to be resolved. Counting a healthy number of GTA denizens among its citizenry will naturally facilitate the strengthening of the bond between Talossa and its land. Talossa encourages the immigration of dedicated and good-natured new citizens from across the world. In keeping with its mission, and in full cooperation with the Ministry of Immigration, the Bureau intends to encourage immigration from the GTA specifically.

Phase 1

The Bureau will solicit the assistance of a Talossan citizen or sympathetic non-citizen, with proficiency in graphic design or related skillset, who is willing to work *pro bono* or for a reduced rate. In collaboration with this graphic designer, the Bureau will create one or more recruitment flier designs. The designs will emphasize the Milwaukee-based nature of Talossa. They will also include contact information for both the Bureau of Home Affairs and for Talossan institutions in general. The expected completion date for this phase is no later than 1 April 2024/XLV.

Phase 2

The Bureau will print (the present director anticipates he will personally finance this) and distribute these fliers in strategic locations around the GTA. Given its historic connection to Talossa, the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will be given special consideration for distribution. Other locations to be considered for flier distribution include cafés, bars, libraries, grocery stores, telephones poles, and community bulletin boards. This process is expected to be ongoing throughout 2024/XLV and beyond. The expected completion date for the first wave of this phase is no later than 1 June 2024/XLV.

Phase 3

The Bureau will communicate, via email or in person, any GTA denizens interested in applying for citizenship in Talossa. The Bureau will keep in contact with any new and prospective citizens. This phase will be an ongoing process.

Measurement

By 25 December 2024/XLV, Talossa should have at least two additional citizens who live in the Greater Talossan Area. These citizens should be dedicated, meaning they actively participate in Talossan affairs for a sustained period of time. The period of time should be at least three months, and may include time after 25 December 2024/XLV. These citizens should also be good-natured, meaning their expressed beliefs and behavior is respectful of Talossans and non-Talossans alike.

Objective #2: Initial Preparations for TalossaFest L

Description and Rationale

Talossa will celebrate 50 years of independence on 26 December 2029/L. To look back on a half-century and to look forward to another half-century and beyond will be a momentous occasion for all Talossans. TalossaFest is an irregularly scheduled, multi-day event during which Talossans from around the world gather in Metropolitan Talossa for a celebration of history and culture and to form bonds with their fellow Talossans and with the Talossan land. No TalossaFest has been held in over a decade. It is the recommendation of the Bureau that, in honor of Talossa's 50th anniversary, a TalossaFest be held sometime in the year 2029/L. That is just five years from the present. The Bureau intends to prepare a preliminary report by the end of the year 2024/XLV.

Phase 1

The Bureau will research past TalossaFests. In doing so, it will rely on published material, seek access to unpublished material, and solicit input from previous attendees. Research will be an ongoing process. The expected completion date for the preliminary research of this phase is no later than 1 June 2024/XLV.

Phase 2

The Bureau will solicit the input of Talossans for ideas for TalossaFest L. The solicitation of this input will be an ongoing process. The expected completion date for the preliminary solicitation of input of this phase is no later than 1 June 2024/XLV.

Phase 3

The Bureau will scout possible locations for events and firms to provide planning and accommodations. Scouting will be an ongoing process. The expected completion date for the preliminary scouting of this phase is no later than 1 August 2024/XLV.

Phase 4

The Bureau will collaborate with the Burgermeister of Inland Revenue on estimating budgets for TalossaFest L. Possible budgets will be included in the preliminary report to be published by 25 December 2024/XLIV.

Measurement

By 25 December 2024/XLV, the Bureau will have prepared and published a report detailing preliminary considerations for TalossaFest L. This report will include possible times and locations, possible programs of events, logistical questions, cost ranges, and recommendations for implementation.

