

Critical Dates, 2020-22

To achieve its 2020-21 Corporate Plan and progress toward the transition of key national Digital Research Infrastructure (DRI) functions in 2022, the New Digital Research Infrastructure Organization (NDRIO) has identified a number of critical dates for the delivery of outcomes and the achievement of milestones. Consulting with the Board of Directors and NDRIO's federal funder, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), in July 2020 NDRIO updated some of its critical dates in response to the effects of COVID-19, and to allow for more time to engage and consult the researcher and DRI communities. Please see revised critical dates below.

Item	Critical Date	Description of Change
Establishment of Researcher Council	September 2020	In progress. Moved from June 2020 to allow for greater community consultation.
By-Laws, Committee Structures and Supporting Policies	September 2020	
Completion of the Current State Assessment	September 2020	In progress. Moved from June 2020 to allow for greater community consultation.
Transition Milestone #1 CARL Portage Data Management (DM) Funding from CANARIE Ends and CARL Portage Integrates with NDRIO	October 2020	
Recruitment of Permanent CEO	by October 2020	In progress. Moved from September 2020 to align with the specific recruitment timeline.
Development and Delivery of Initial Projects	from October 2020	In progress. Moved from September 2020 to allow for greater community consultation.
Completion of the Researcher Needs Assessment	December 2020	Moved from September 2020 to allow for greater community consultation, including input from the Researcher Council.
Change Management Strategy and Professional Development Plan	December 2020	

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Backroom Finance, Administrative Functions and Management Processes	December 2020	
Program Management Model	December 2020	
Operational Transition Plan – CANARIE	January 2021	
Joint (with CANARIE) DRI Ecosystem Plan	January 2021	
Operational Transition Plan – Compute Canada	April 2021	Moved from January 2021 to allow more time for upfront planning and greater community consultation.
Organization Name and Brand Identity	April 2021	Moved from November 2020 to allow for input from the incoming CEO and Researcher Council, in addition to the community.
Draft Service Delivery Model	May 2021	Moved from September 2020 to allow for greater community consultation.
Delivery of 2021-2024 Strategic Plan	September 2021	Moved from December 2020 to allow more time for upfront planning and greater community consultation.
Cybersecurity Framework	March 2022	Moved from March 2021 to account for results of strategic planning.
Transition Milestone #2 ISED Advanced Research Computing (ARC) Expansion Program Funding Ends and NDRIO Funding Leadership Begins	April 2022	Moved from March 2021 given the effects of COVID-19 and the unique needs of this transition process.
Transition Milestone #3 Canadian Foundation for Innovation Major Science Initiative Funding (Operations) Ends and NDRIO Funding Leadership Begins	April 2022	
Transition Milestone #4 Data Management (DM) and Research Software (RS) Funding from CANARIE Ends and NDRIO Assumes Full Leadership of DM and RS Functions	April 2022	