



Agenda
Doors Open Sub-Committee
March 20, 2025 at Noon
Video Conference
Meetings may be viewed live on the City's Youtube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/user/SaultSteMarieOntario>

1) Land Acknowledgement

I acknowledge, with respect, that we are in the Robinson-Huron Treaty that the land on which we are gathered is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and, known as Baawating. Baawating is the home of Garden River First Nation, Batchewana First Nation, the Historic Sault Ste. Marie Metis Council.

2) Approval of Agenda

Resolved that the Agenda for the Doors Open working group be approved.

3) Business Arising

- i) Doors Opens Summary Document – attached for information.
- ii) Discussion Items:
 - a. Review the list of 2022 Locations and identify potential locations for 2025
 - b. Potential Partner Organizations interested in participating in planning
 - c. Volunteers – select lead
 - d. Advertising – Develop a plan

4) Next Meeting

To be determined

5) Adjournment

Resolved that we adjourn.

Doors Open Summary

Doors Open Ontario is a province-wide celebration of community heritage. Designed to create access, awareness and excitement about our heritage, Doors Open Ontario provides residents and visitors with a unique opportunity to explore and enjoy sometimes hidden and always interesting places and spaces in Ontario cities, towns and villages – and it's all free of charge!

In-person events

Any community or cluster of communities may participate in Doors Open Ontario if they meet the following registration criteria:

- an organizing committee must be formed; the committee should consist of a range of community partners, including (but not limited to) the heritage sector, tourism sector, municipal sector, corporate sector and community volunteers
- one lead contact must be appointed by the local Doors Open organizing committee to coordinate, manage and act as liaison between the Ontario Heritage Trust and the participating community/community cluster
- sites included in Doors Open events must be of historical, architectural or cultural significance (natural heritage sites and heritage gardens are eligible)
- events must take place between **April to October**
- communities must have the ability to open a minimum of 10 sites of historical, cultural and/or natural significance for public access during the same time period
- admission to the main attraction at each participating property must be free to the public; sites that are normally open should consider opening an additional part of the property or arranging a special activity
- the organizing committee agrees to acknowledge Doors Open Ontario and the Ontario Heritage Trust in all promotion and publicity materials produced for their local event

Digital events

Any community or individual site may participate in Digital Doors Open, keeping the following criteria in mind:

- To be considered for inclusion in the Digital Doors Open program, site listings must contain digital content – including but not limited to virtual tours, videos (YouTube, Vimeo or Facebook), games and activities, and/or collections and resources. The Trust will work with you to identify potential content for your site, but you will be responsible for that content.
- When considering whether to participate, keep the following in mind:
 - Try not to replicate the in-person experience, where possible. Provide a truly unique digital experience for visitors – thereby making your site more memorable and engaging.

- Even if your site is not normally open or accessible to the public, gather resources that would provide exclusive behind-the-scenes access to your site. A Digital Doors Open experience may be the only way that visitors can explore your site.
- Consider a YouTube or Facebook live-streaming event for a special tour or concert at your site. We can promote the listing and tease out the upcoming live-streaming event.
- Digital site listings are uploaded onto the Ontario Heritage trust site.
- While there is no cost to add a digital listing to our website, you should where possible add a link and/or [logo](#) for Doors Open Ontario on your own website, with the words “As seen on Doors Open Ontario.” This enables valuable cross-promotion between our sites.
- As the Digital Doors Open Ontario program is year-round, you can add digital content at any time. Note: It could take up to one month to process new listings, depending on volume, so try to make your submissions with ample time.
- Consider seasonal activities at your site, too. For example, a park or conservation area may offer unique winter activities versus summer offerings. You may wish to submit a new listing to support different seasons.
- When including images with your listing submission, we ask that you send no more than five but no less than one. Please ensure that the images are high-res and that you have rights/permissions to use them.

Doors Open 2022 – Two-day event in person

- 13 locations
- Walking Tour



List of Properties from 2022 Doors Open Sault Ste. Marie

Algoma Conservatory of Music

75 Huron Street

Algoma University (formerly Shingwauk Residential School)

1520 Queen Street East

Art Gallery of Algoma

10 East Street

Bishophurst

134 Simpson Street

Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre (Ranger Theatre)

50 Pim Street

Canal District

83 Huron Street

Clergue Blockhouse

800 Bay Street

Entomica Insectarium

50 Pim Street

Ermatinger Old Stone House

800 Bay Street

North West Lock Company

75 Huron Street

Ontario Forest Research Institute

1235 Queen Street

Precious Blood Cathedral

778 Queen Street East

Sault Ste. Marie Canal

1 Canal Drive

Sault Ste. Marie Public Library – North Branch

232C Northern Avenue East

Sault Ste. Marie Walking Tour – Starts at 11:00 AM
864 Queen Street East (Starting at the Algonquin Hotel)

Shingwauk Kinoomaage Gamig
1491 Queen Street East