

The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
Cultural Vitality Committee
Agenda

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Biggins Room, Civic Centre

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1.

Land Acknowledgement

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

2.

Election of Committee Positions

Mover _____

Seconder _____

Resolved that nominations be open for the position of Chair for the Cultural Vitality Committee for 2026.

Mover _____

Seconder _____

Resolved that _____ was declared Chair of the Cultural Vitality Committee for 2026.

Mover _____

Seconder _____

Resolved that nominations be open for the position of Vice-Chair for the Cultural Vitality Committee for 2026.

Mover _____

Seconder _____

Resolved that _____ was declared Vice-Chair of the Cultural Vitality Committee for 2026.

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

4. Adoption of Minutes & Agenda

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Mover _____

Seconder _____

Resolved that Minutes for the Cultural Vitality Committee meeting of December 17, 2025 be approved.

Mover _____

Seconder _____

Resolved that the Agenda for Cultural Vitality Committee meeting for January 21, 2026 as presented be approved.

5. Business Arising

5.1 Cultural Forum Planning 2026

5.2 Public Art Task Force - Sault College 2026

6. Sub-committee / Task Force Updates

6.1 Public Art Master Plan Update

6.2 Community Committee on Graffiti Management Update

7. New Business

8. Correspondence

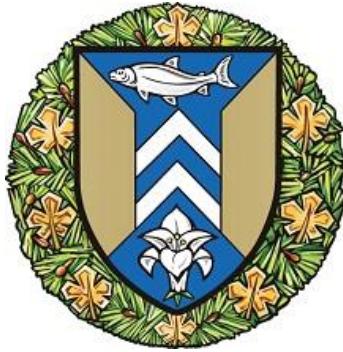
9. Next Meeting

10. Adjournment

Mover _____

Seconder _____

Resolved that this Committee now adjourn.



**The Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie
Cultural Vitality Committee
Minutes**

Wednesday, December 17, 2025
4:30 pm
Biggins Room, Civic Centre

Present: D. Hilsinger, M. Bouchard, S. Meades, N. Moss, D. Lalonde

Absent: D. Spina, E. Cho, A. Arnott, L. Rendell

Officials: V. McLeod, A. Moore

1. Land Acknowledgement

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: N. Moss

Seconded by: M. Bouchard

Resolved that Minutes of Cultural Vitality Committee meeting of December 3, 2025 be approved.

Carried

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Nilah Moss - Item 5.2 - Sault Blues Society

Dawn Lalonde - Item 5.13 - Entomica

Miranda Bouchard - Item 5.16 - Thinking Rock Community Arts

Miranda Bouchard - Item 5.1 - Centre Francophone

Miranda Bouchard - Item 5.11 - Ontario Culture Days

4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: D. Lalonde

Seconded by: M. Bouchard

Resolved that the Agenda for Cultural Vitality Committee meeting for December 17, 2025 as presented be approved.

Carried

5. Business Arising

Moved by: S. Meades

Seconded by: N. Moss

Resolved that the Cultural Vitality Committee recommend to City Council the following grants for the 2026 Arts and Culture Assistance Program – Early Intake as follows:

- DJ Seith - \$1,750
- Matthew Warnock - \$1,750
- Suzanne Deplonty - \$1,750
- Riley Greco - \$1,750
- Rebeka Herron - \$1,750

Carried

Moved by: M. Bouchard

Seconded by: D. Lalonde

Resolved that the Cultural Vitality Committee recommend to City Council the following grants for the 2026 Arts and Culture Assistance Program – Early Intake as follows:

- Black Fly Jam - \$8,500

Carried

Moved by: S. Meades

Seconded by: N. Moss

Resolved that the Cultural Vitality Committee recommend to City Council the following grants for the 2026 Arts and Culture Assistance Program – Early Intake as follows:

- Ashley Aikens McIntosh - \$5,600
- Piecing It Together Shows - \$7,100
- Sault Newcomers - \$3,000
- West Fest \$4,900
- Gabriel George -\$5,200

Carried

Moved by: S. Meades

Seconded by: N. Moss

Resolved that the Cultural Vitality Committee recommend to City Council the following grants for the 2026 Arts and Culture Assistance Program – Early Intake as follows:

- Algoma Conservatory of Music - \$8,500
- Entomica - \$8,500
- Soolebrity Theatre - \$3,650
- Thinking Rock Community Arts - \$8,400

Carried

Moved by: S. Meades

Seconded by: D. Lalonde

Resolved that the Cultural Vitality Committee recommend to City Council the following grants for the 2026 Arts and Culture Assistance Program – Early Intake as follows:

- Ontario Culture Days - \$6,000

Carried

Moved by: S. Meades
Seconded by: D. Lalonde

Resolved that the Cultural Vitality Committee recommend to City Council the following grants for the 2026 Arts and Culture Assistance Program – Early Intake as follows:

- Centre Francophone - \$2,300
- Sault Blues Society - \$1,600
- Sault Film Festival - \$3,000

Carried

- 5.1 Centre Francophone**
- 5.2 Sault Blues Society**
- 5.3 Sault Film Festival**
- 5.4 Ashley Aikens-McIntosh**
- 5.5 Piecing It Together Shows**
- 5.6 Sault Newcomers**
- 5.7 The Klub**
- 5.8 West Fest**
- 5.9 Black Fly Jam**
- 5.10 SSM Airport Development Corporation**
- 5.11 Ontario Culture Days**
- 5.13 Entomica**
- 5.12 Algoma Conservatory of Music**
- 5.14 Sault Theatre Workshop**
- 5.15 Soolebrity Theatre**
- 5.16 Thinking Rock Community Arts**
- 5.17 Cindy Bradford**
- 5.18 DJ Seith**
- 5.19 Drawing Club**

5.20 Gabriel George

5.21 Jena Schmitt

5.22 Matthew Warnock

5.23 Suzanne Deplonty

5.24 Riley Greco

5.25 Rebeka Herron

6. Sub-committee / Task Force Updates

7. New Business

8. Correspondence

9. Next Meeting

January 21, 2025

10. Adjournment

Resolved that this Committee now adjourn.