



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

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Biggings 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mover \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mover \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mover \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mover \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

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**

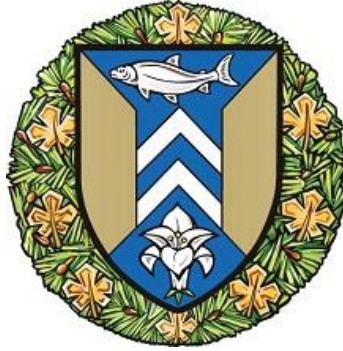
**9. Next Meeting**

**10. Adjournment**

Mover \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

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  
Biggings 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

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**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.