



The Corporation of the
City of Sault Ste. Marie
COUNCIL REPORT

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TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council
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RE: Outside Agency Grant Agreements 2026

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval of outside agency grant agreements for 2026.

Background

Funding for the outside agency grants was approved in the 2026 Operating Budget on December 8, 2026. The annual funding agreement identifies the activities and/or services eligible for funding, payment schedule and reporting requirements.

Analysis

The list of outside agencies with annual funding agreements is provided below. In 2021, several new reporting requirements were added to each agreement as a condition of funding. Reporting metrics for each organization for 2025 can be found under Schedule C of each agreement under the related by-law located elsewhere on the agenda. Staff met with each organization to review the reporting metrics, and updates were made to provide a clear picture of visitation and programming.

Organization	2026 Funding Amount
The Ontario Bushplane Heritage and Forest Fire Educational Centre	2026 approved funding of \$205,000 – No increase from 2025
Sault Ste. Marie Museum (Sault Ste. Marie & 49 th Field Regiment R.C.A. Historical Society)	2026 approved funding of \$290,000 – No increase from 2025
The Art Gallery of Algoma	2026 approved funding of \$328,550 – No increase from 2025
Soo Arena Association (Peewee)	Tax rebate is estimated at \$22,462 an increase of 3.87% from 2025.

Financial Implications

Funding for the outside agency grants has been approved in the 2026 Operating Budget.

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Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact

The outside agency grant agreements align with the Corporate Strategic Plan 2024-2027 through the Quality of Life Focus area by supporting Arts and Culture.

Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

The relevant By-laws 2026-8, 2026-9, 2026-10, 2026-11 are listed under item 12 of the Agenda and will be read with the by-laws under that item.

Respectfully submitted,

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