



**The Corporation of the
City of Sault Ste. Marie**

C O U N C I L R E P O R T

March 23, 2026

TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council
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DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services
RE: Walk of Fame Award

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council approval to formally dissolve the Sault Ste. Marie Walk of Fame Committee and to approve a process for future nominations.

Background

The Sault Ste. Marie Walk of Fame Award was established to recognize individuals and groups who have made significant contributions to the community, bringing national or international distinction to the City. The program was previously overseen by an eight-member committee comprised of three City Councillors, three Downtown Association representatives, two citizens-at-large, and a Chamber of Commerce representative (with the Mayor as ex officio).

Analysis

With the dissolution of the Downtown Association, there is no standing body to coordinate the receipt, review, and selection of Walk of Fame nominations. Maintaining a formal committee without administrative support would present logistical and resource challenges for City staff.

To ensure continued recognition of deserving individuals while simplifying administration, an ad hoc nomination model is recommended. Under this approach, a City Councillor could bring forward nominations for consideration by Council as a whole. This approach maintains transparency, ensures Council oversight, and allows for flexibility in the timing and frequency of recognition.

It is recommended that awards be presented at the annual civic award ceremony administered by Community Development and Enterprise Services.

Financial Implications

There are four cabinets housing the granite Walk of Fame awards located at:

- Art Gallery of Algoma
- Queen/March Street parkette
- GFL Memorial Gardens
- Memorial Tower

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New cabinets will need to be built to accommodate future awards as all cabinets are now full. Public Works has quoted approximately \$8,500 to construct a new cabinet with capacity for 12 leaves. The cost of a single award (together with a contribution to reception costs) is about \$1,300. At this time there is no budget allocation. Funding options are being assessed.

Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact

This is an operational matter not articulated in the corporate Strategic Plan

There is no climate impact.

Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

Resolved that the report of the City Clerk dated March 23, 2025 concerning Walk of Fame Award be received and that future nominations be made by members of City Council on an ad hoc basis.

Respectfully submitted,

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