



CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI)

for

Ominisko-ililo-Wâshehikanišîš

Submission Deadline: September 25, 2026

Eligibility: Missanabie Cree First Nation band members & Cree artists

Location: Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

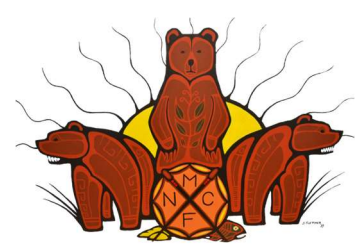


Overview

The Missanabie Cree Business Limited Partnership (MCBLP) is currently inviting artists to submit an Expression of Interest in contributing artwork to the new **Ominisko-ililo-Wâshehikanišîš** building located at 259 Great Northern Road in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

This EOI seeks completed artworks, or proposed artworks, suitable for installation in designated areas of the building. Artists must include pricing, hanging or installation requirements, and supporting images to assist MCBLP in assessing feasibility and alignment with the project vision. Artwork should reflect Cree culture, teachings, stories, language, and/or community identity.

MCBLP will give priority to Missanabie Cree First Nation (MCFN) band members, while welcoming submissions from other Cree artists.



Building Overview

The Ominisko-ililo-wâshehikanišiš building is a 33-unit, three storey transitional housing complex designed to provide short-term, culturally grounded housing for MCFN members and other Indigenous individuals experiencing housing insecurity.

The facility will offer a safe and supportive environment with an on-site support person from the MCFN band office and will incorporate traditional ceremonies, cultural practices, and community-based supports to help residents stabilize and transition to long-term housing.

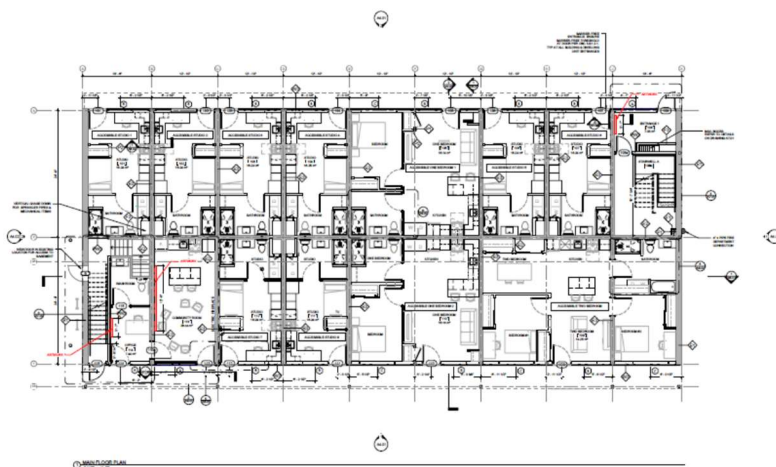
Artwork Opportunities

The Ominisko-ililo-Wâshehikanišiš building includes multiple designated locations for artwork across three floors. Artwork will be displayed in community rooms, offices, stairwells, and common areas throughout the building. Artists may submit EOI submissions for one or multiple locations. Artwork must fit within the dimensions listed below and must be designed for wall-mounting on standard interior walls.

Main Floor Artwork Dimensions:

One (1) space measuring: 12' – 9"

Two (2) spaces measuring: 3' – 7"



The areas highlighted in red is where artwork will be displayed. These areas are suitable for medium to large wall-mounted artworks.

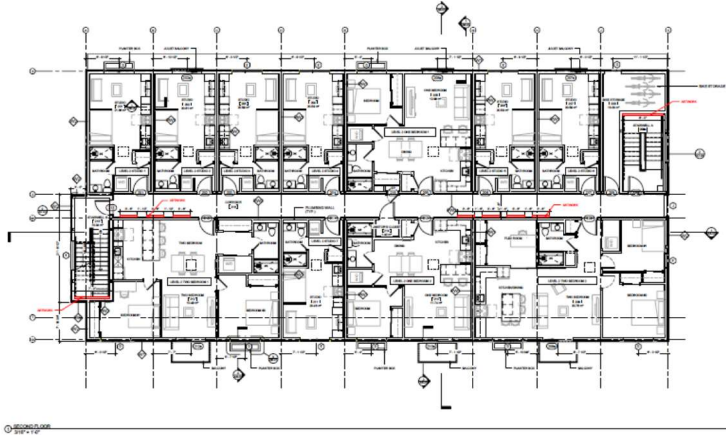


Second Floor Artwork Dimensions:

One (1) space measuring: 8' – 0"

One space (1) measuring: 7' – 0"

Seven (7) spaces measuring: 3' – 6"



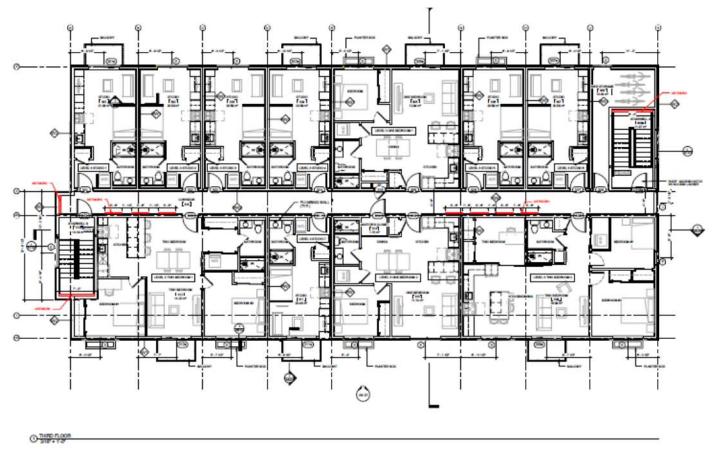
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Third Floor Artwork Dimensions:

One (1) space measuring: 8' – 0"

One (1) space measuring: 7' – 0"

Eight (8) spaces measuring: 3' – 6"



The areas highlighted in red is where artwork will be displayed. These spaces are suitable for small to medium wall-mounted artworks.



Artwork may be up to, but not exceed, the maximum dimensions listed.



Rendering of the community room with a mock piece of artwork

Eligibility

This EOI is open to:

- Missanabie Cree First Nation band members
- Other Cree artists

Submission Requirements

Artists must include the following:

- A. Artist Information
 - Name, Nation/Community
 - Contact Information
 - Short biography (max. 250 words)

- B. Artwork Submission

Artists may submit existing artwork or proposed artwork. Each piece submitted must include:

- Concept, story, cultural meaning



- Medium and materials
 - C. Images
 - Photographs of completed artwork
 - Sketches of proposed artwork
 - D. Dimensions
 - E. Purchase Price
 - F. Hanging/Installation Requirements
 - G. Timeline (*if artwork is not yet completed*)
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How to Apply

Please compile all required materials listed in the **Submission Requirements** section into one PDF file and submit it by email.

Your PDF must include:

1. Letter of interest outlining your reason for applying
2. Portfolio of relevant work
3. All required artwork information (as outlined above)

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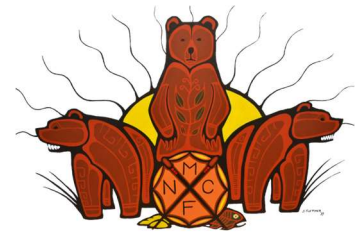
Subject Line: Artwork EOI – Artist Name

Timeline

June 1, 2026	Call for Expression of Interest Launches
September 25, 2026	Submission Deadline
October 30, 2026	Selected Artist(s) will be notified
February 26, 2027	Due date for final artwork

Please Note:

- All submissions are considered confidential
 - The submission of an application does not guarantee selection
 - Original artworks will be displayed in shared spaces
 - Authorized prints may be submitted for use in furnished units
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Selection Process

All submissions will be reviewed by a panel. To ensure a fair and equitable process, artist identities will not be disclosed to the review panel during evaluation.

Submissions will be assessed using a scoring system. Each submission will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Cultural relevance and connection to Cree identity – 30 points
- Artistic quality and visual impact – 25 points
- Suitability for designated space – 20 points
- Feasibility for installation – 15 points
- Alignment with the building's purpose and the cultural environment – 10 points

Total: 100 points

Shortlisted artists will be contacted and may be asked to provide additional details, clarification, or refined pricing before final selection.

For more information or questions throughout the application process, please contact:

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