



Annual Report to the OAA Council

January 24, 2019

Summary of Society Activities

Following a year of renewed energy and commitment in 2017, the membership of the NBSA continued to work diligently in 2018 to increase awareness of the Society and present a fresh image to the community. To support this effort, our society is proud to have completed and launched a new website this fall, available for viewing at nbsa.ca. A link and screenshot of the landing page has been attached at the end of this report.

The society also continued its relationship with the Dionne Quints Heritage Board – a local non-profit responsible for the historic Dionne Quintuplets birth home – for whom we provided support and expertise during their efforts to relocate the historic home to a new location. This year, our society assisted with fundraising events and participated in a commemorative ceremony at the new site of the home, held by the Federal government and attended by over 1000, to recognize the birth of the Dionne Quintuplets as a historical event in Canada. The event garnered national media attention, and links to several of the articles have been included herein.

Our society was also pleased to apply for special purpose funding from the OAA this year – a first for the NBSA. A summary of the application and use of funds is outlined on the next page as part of the Special Project Funding Report.

The Society also continues to build relationships with the City of North Bay, participating as a member of the Municipal Heritage Committee, as well as advancing dialogue on issues of concern to our members.

Special Project Funding Report

Our society was pleased to apply for special purpose funding from the OAA this year – a first for the NBSA. We chose to start small with the goal of receiving \$1500 for the purchase of architecture books to be donated to our local public library. Having received approval for our request, we worked with the library over several months this summer to develop a list of titles to be purchased, focusing first on children’s books and then on adult books. We are pleased to report the full value of the \$1500 has been spent, with over 45 books already in hand. Plans for a media release and photo opportunity are currently underway and expected within the next month.



North Bay Society of Architects, New Website

<https://www.nbsa.ca/>

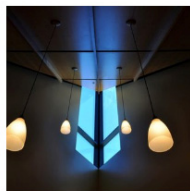
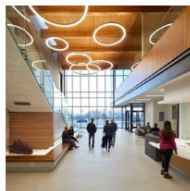
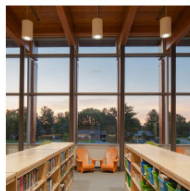


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Established in 1960, The **North Bay Society of Architects (NBSA)** is a non-profit organization comprised of professionals within the Timiskaming, Nipissing and Parry Sound region. Volunteers contribute their time with the intention of creating meaningful dialogue between other architectural professionals, concerning local urban and architectural developments.

The NBSA is comprised of local licensed architects and technologists, students of architecture and affiliates serving to further the recognition and understanding of architecture, and the architectural profession, within the surrounding community. The NBSA is a Society of the **Ontario Association of Architects**, assisting in furthering the objectives of the Association in accordance to the Architects Act.



<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-two-surviving-dionne-quintuplets-to-visit-birth-home-for-ceremony/>

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Annette Dionne visits Ontario house where she was born as 1930s quintuplets celebrated

GABRIELE ROY
NORTH BAY, ONT.
THE CANADIAN PRESS
PUBLISHED AUGUST 5, 2018

Annette Dionne, one of the two surviving Dionne quintuplets, visits the original cabin she was born in, relocated next to the North Bay Museum on Aug. 5, 2018.

FRED THORNHILL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

History repeated itself on Sunday, as more than a thousand people stood outside of the Dionne quintuplets' birth home in North Bay, Ont., hoping to see one of the two surviving identical sisters.

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All 5 were taken from their parents by government, generating \$500M for the province

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Surviving Dionne quintuplet Annette Dionne, right, returned to the log cabin where she and her sisters were born for a ceremony marking their birth as an event of national historic significance. Cecile Dionne, left, could not attend due to health issues. (Canadian Press)

Surrounded by children, one of the two surviving Dionne quintuplets walked through the door of the house she was born in for the first time in decades.