



ANNUAL REPORT to the OAA Council

December 31st 2023

Summary of Society Activities

In 2023, the North Bay Society of Architects pursued new initiatives that were all extremely well received by the community. We renewed the offering of two annual NBSA Bursaries for local students pursuing architectural studies, detailed in the Special Project Funding Report. Our involvement with the North Bay Municipal Heritage Committee (MHC) continued, with expanded support as the prime sponsor of their annual photo contest, as outlined in the Special Project Funding Report. Additionally, a significant initiative was launched at the elementary school level mainly grade 6 — "The Climate Change Challenge," providing students with building kits to address and explore climate change impacts by putting their creative and problem-solving minds to the test. Further details are in the Special Project Funding Report.

Furthermore, the NBSA conducted an election in the later part of the year, resulting in the election of a new Executive team comprised of both returning and newly appointed members.

Chair- Jean Philippe Larocque Architect B. Arch, OAA, OAQ, MRAIC, LEED AP BD+C

Vice Chair- Noémie Lavigne Intern Architect BAS., M. Arch.

Treasurer - Ruth Elder Architect B. Arch, OAA, MRAIC

Secretary – Andrew Bruce-Payne Architect, B. Arch, OAA

Website Communication Director – Emilie Renaud Intern Architect BAS., M. Arch.

Special Project Funding Reports

NBSA 2023 Bursaries

Originally structured to assist high school students pursuing architecture careers within our society's boundary, the scholarships had a history of awarding \$1000 for a degree in architecture and \$500 for a diploma in architectural technology. Recognizing the rising education and living costs, we increased the scholarship values for 2023 to \$1,500 and \$1,000, respectively.

Two applications were received this year from two young aspiring students looking to enroll in the architectural technology program. Two \$1,000 bursaries were awarded to Natalie Ready and Calvin Barton who have both been accepted at Algonquin and Georgian Colleges respectively.



Municipal Heritage Committee Photo Contest

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Municipal Heritage Committee salutes multimedia contest winners

The top prizes in the Nostalgia Rewind Contest were distributed by the City of North Bay's Municipal Heritage Committee, courtesy of the North Bay Society of Architects and DIA

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Co-winners Ian Miller (centre) and Clark Boivin (right) receive their prizes from Jean Larocque of the MHC and North Bay Society of Architects, a major sponsor of the Municipal Heritage Committee's Nostalgia Rewind Contest. | Stu Campaigne/BayToday

The NBSA collaborated with the North Bay Municipal Heritage Committee (MHC) to rejuvenate a Photography Contest initiative. Supported by Special Project Funding, the contest invited photo and video entries from three age groups, showcasing interactions with built and natural environments. Entries were encouraged to highlight Built Heritage, Natural Heritage, or Human Heritage. The NBSA, as the prime sponsor, contributed \$1,500

to the contest. Submissions were accepted from September 15, 2022, to January 31, 2023, and winners were selected in early Spring by the Municipal Heritage Committee, including an NBSA member.

"We are excited about this year's launch and the changes to our long-running photo contest. With these changes, we hope to receive an array of creative video and photo submissions and to see even greater participation," said Contest Chair Jeff Borden. "I would also like to thank the North Bay Society of Architects for its sponsorship, which has allowed us to increase the total prize amounts."

The winning entries received prominent media coverage and the Photo Contest was a success.

The Adult Category was awarded to Al Orlando with Runner Up Amber McCarthy and Garrett Campbell while both Ian Miller and Clark Boivin received Youth Category awards for their video submissions.



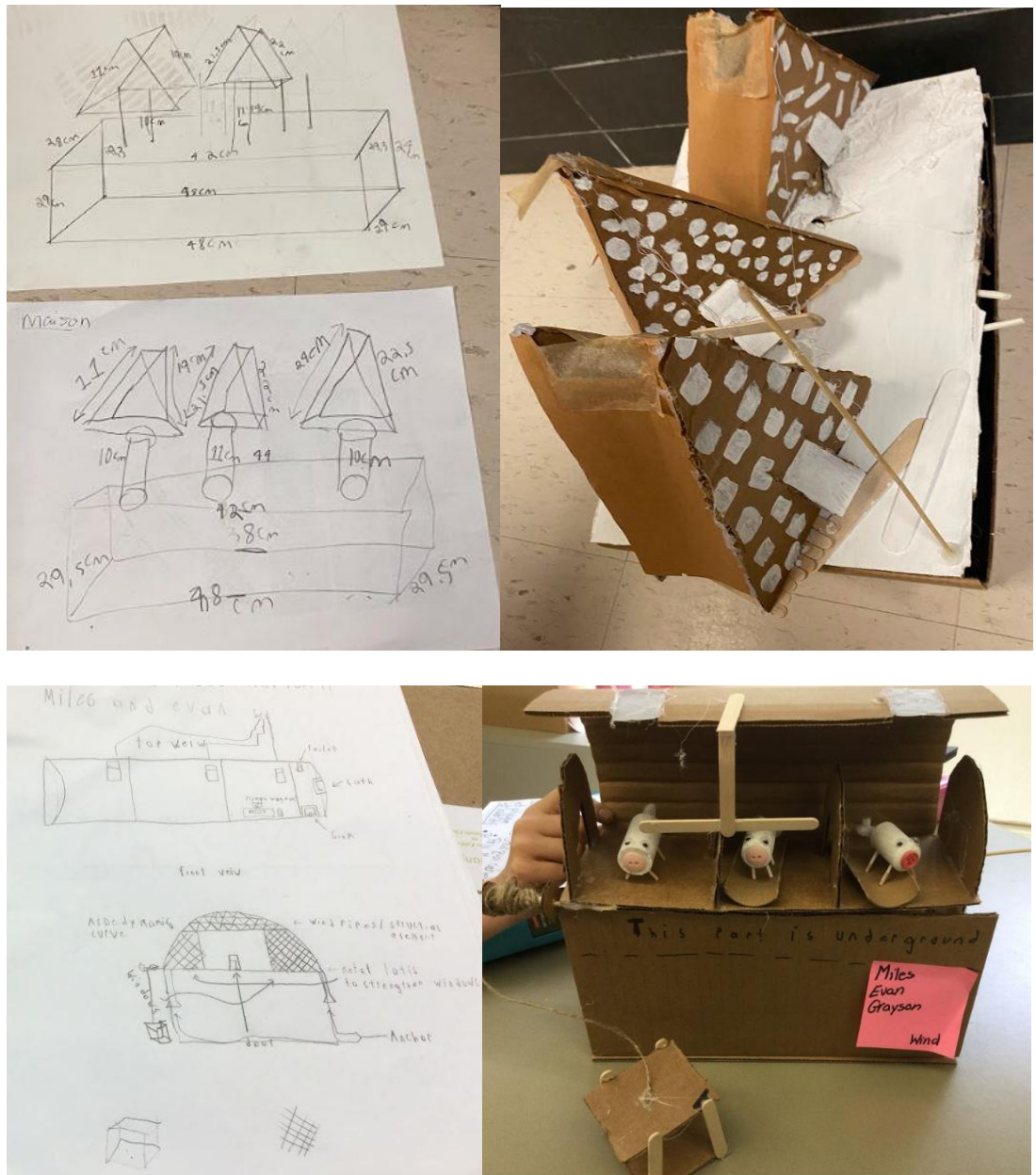
The Climate Change Challenge: The Three Little Climate Pigs vs. the Three Big Climate Change Impacts



Grades 5 and 6 students at St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School were building their structures Thursday morning. (Eric Taschner/CTV News)

The NBSA "*The Climate Change Challenge: The Three Little Climate Pigs vs. the Three Big Climate Change Impacts*" (or *Kid Kits*), was launched this year to Grade 6 students as an educational activity for elementary school students. Extensive planning went into the 2023 pilot project, which involved collaboration with two of the four local school boards, namely the Nipissing Parry Sound Catholic School Board (NPSCDSB) and the Near North District School Board (NND SB). The 2023 Kid Kits pilot project received positive feedback and was deemed successful for its inaugural year.

Each kit focused on one of three climate change impacts (wind, water, fire), with students designing structures to protect little pig models. The attached pictures showcase two entries, illustrating the design process and the creative output of the students.



Due to its success, extensive media coverage (CBC, CTV, Radio Canada, Bay Today), and the OAA's Special Project Contribution, the 2024 Kids Kit will be reintroduced to the four local school boards in the coming months. Proposed enhancements, based on discussions with educational partners, include allocating more time for student research on Climate Change, organizing a recycling drive in schools to promote the use of recycled materials, having high school students assemble the base kits for volunteer hours, and offering the Kits and sessions in French.

Financial Report

Summary of year ending December 31st, 2023

North Bay Society of Architects
Financial Report Year End December 31st, 2023

REVENUE

OAA Funding		
Architectural Membership Fees	\$ 2,270.00	
Special Projects OAA Funding	\$ 7,000.00	
		\$ 9,270.00
Other Revenue		
Interest Income	\$ -	
GIC Investment Interest	\$ -	
		\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 9,270.00

EXPENSES

Special Project Expenses		
Community Special Projects	\$ 4,985.55	
Student Bursaries	\$ 2,000.00	
		\$ 6,985.55
Marketing & General Expenses		
Web Page-Square Space Domain Name Renewal Fee	\$ 497.98	
2022/2023 Executive Lunch	\$ 138.40	
		\$ 636.38
Other Expenses		
Monthly Bank Charges	\$ 10.36	
		\$ 10.36
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 7,632.29
NET INCOME		\$ 1,637.71

		Balance	
Opening Balance January 4, 2022		\$ 22,355.20	\$ 22,355.20
Jan 30/23	NBSA Cheque No. 102- North Bay Municipal Heritage Committee Photo Contest Sponsorship	-\$ 1,500.00	\$ 20,855.20
Jan 31/23	Monthly Bank Charge	-\$ 1.00	\$ 20,854.20
Mar 13/23	Cheque deposit OAA Special Funding Cheque No. 40742 for Bursaries	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 23,354.20
Mar 31/23	Monthly Bank Charge	-\$ 0.18	\$ 23,354.02
Apr 30/23	NBSA Cheque No. 103- Reimburse Larocque Elder Architects, Architectes Inc. for Kid Kits supplies for NBSA	-\$ 2,527.81	\$ 20,826.21
Apr 30/23	Monthly Bank Charge	-\$ 1.00	\$ 20,825.21
May 31/23	Cheque deposit OAA Membership Cheque No. 40966	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 23,095.21
May 31/23	Monthly Bank Charge	-\$ 0.18	\$ 23,095.03
July 19/23	NBSA Cheque No. 104- Reimburse Larocque Elder Architects, Architectes Inc. for Kid Kits supplies for NBSA	-\$ 957.74	\$ 22,137.29
July 19/23	NBSA Cheque No. 105- Reimburse Larocque Elder Architects, Architectes Inc. for payments for NBSA Annual 2023 Square Space Domain invoice.	-\$ 109.99	\$ 22,027.30
July 31/23	Monthly Bank Charge	-\$ 2.00	\$ 22,025.30
Aug 11/23	NBSA Cheque No. 106- Reimburse Larocque Elder Architects, Architectes Inc. for payments for NBSA Annual 2023 Square Space Google Suite and Business Website invoices.	-\$ 387.99	\$ 21,637.31
Aug 16/23	NBSA Cheque No. 107- Technologist Student Bursary	-\$ 1,000.00	\$ 20,637.31
Aug 16/23	NBSA Cheque No. 108- Technologist Student Bursary	-\$ 1,000.00	\$ 19,637.31
Aug 31/23	Monthly Bank Charge	-\$ 3.00	\$ 19,634.31
Oct 31/23	Monthly Bank Charge	-\$ 2.00	\$ 19,632.31
Nov 07/23	Cheque deposit OAA Special Funding Cheque No. 42003	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 24,132.31
Nov 29/23	NBSA Cheque No.109- Reimburse Larocque Elder Architects, Architectes Inc. for 2022/2023 Executive Lunch.	-\$ 138.40	\$ 23,993.91
Nov 30/23	Monthly Bank Charge	-\$ 1.00	\$ 23,992.91
Closing Balance December 31, 2023		\$ 23,992.91	\$ 23,992.91

Prepared by NBSA Treasurer Ruth Elder, Architect, OAA MRAIC

The total holdings of the Society at the close of 2023 is \$23,992.91. The increase in balance compared to last year is due to the \$4,500 Kids Kit - Special Project Funding and the \$500 unspent surplus bursary money since no university candidates apply in 2023.

What's in the Works for 2024

The recently appointed Executive is eagerly looking forward to the opportunities presented by the City of North Bay's 2025 centennial celebration. With plans in progress for this significant event, the new leadership is keen on utilizing the occasion to advocate for the architectural profession by coming up with new initiatives that may prove worthy of special project funding by the OAA. These initiatives would aim to highlight the collaborative endeavors of the MHC and NBSA in showcasing the impact architecture had on the city's development and growth throughout the past century. These endeavors not only stress the significance of architecture and heritage but also have the potential to act as catalysts for considerable social and economic impacts. Furthermore, these would seek to heighten public awareness of our shared heritage, breathe new life into the downtown core, and contribute to the overall enhancement of the community by nurturing a stronger sense of place and belonging. More details will be available once the Executive regroups and consults the Society members in the coming months.

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