



Northern Ontario Society of Architects

## NOSA | Northern Ontario Society of Architects 2020 Activities Report

**January 4, 2020**

**NOSA Chair:** Amber Salach

**Number of Current Members:** 32 Members and 8 Intern Architects and Student Members

**Membership includes:** Licensed Architects, Intern Architects, Student Associates and Retired Architects.

In 2020 NOSA continued to focus on engagement and promotion of our local society initiatives. It was not quite as an eventful year for NOSA due to the Pandemic, social distancing and the cancellation of the Special Funding requests. At the beginning of the year, we were able to organize, host a few architectural advocacy events. Below is a summary our NOSA's activities for 2020.

### **A Workshop on the Proposed National Architecture Policy for Canada at the McEwen School of Architecture, Sudbury**

**Tuesday Feb. 25, 5:30-8:00 McEwen School of Architecture Lecture Hall and Crit Pit/Atrium**

NOSA in conjunction with McEwen School of Architecture hosted the workshop and forum for the proposed policy. There was a diverse group of attendees who contributed to the discussion, such as local architects, interns, students and retired architects. Also in attendance were McEwen School of Architecture faculty members, City of Greater Sudbury Chief Building Official, Planners, various institutional representatives such as school boards, colleges and university facility staff.

**5:30 pm** Introductions by Shannon Bassett, Assistant Professor MSoA and Amber Salach, Principal Yellowknife Belanger Salach Architecture and NOSA President

**5:45 pm** Launching of "Sudbury 2050 Urban Ideas Competition" by Terence Galvin, Founding Director of MSoA and Elaine Monette, Adjunct Professor and Chair of the LAL Steering Committee

For more information: [www.sudbury2050.ca](http://www.sudbury2050.ca)

**6:00 pm** Presentation on the proposed National Architecture Policy: Introduction and background by Toon Driessen, President Architects DCA and former CAA President

a) Brief background for non-architects on roles, backgrounds, abbreviations  
b) Acknowledgements of guests/invitees from beyond architecture community

**6:25 pm** Workshop table discussions. Facilitators: Shannon Bassett, Amber Salach and Toon Driessen

For more information: [www.canadianarchitect.com/en/architecture-policy-for-canada](http://www.canadianarchitect.com/en/architecture-policy-for-canada)  
COA members can submit for non-structured continuing education points

**TUESDAY**  
**Feb. 25, 5:30 pm**  
Crit Pit and Atrium

**A Conversation on a Proposed Architecture Policy for Canada:**  
*What could this mean for Sudbury and the future of the architecture profession in Canada?*

Image: Parkau Architects, Auditorium Museum, Whistler, BC, 2016

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## Agenda Recap

*Please join use for the following event which is being co-organized by NOSA (Northern Ontario Society of Architects), MSoA (McEwen School of Architecture) and Toon Dreesen, former OAA (Ontario Association of Architects President) and representative for the Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities (CALA).*

1. Introductions by Shannon Bassett, MSoA and Amber Salach (NOSA)
2. Toon Dreesen to speak for 25 min with slide show on Proposed National Architecture Policy
3. Half hour workshop in Atrium/Crit Pit with 8-10 people per group consisting of Sudbury leaders, constituents, stakeholders, elected officials, MSoA professors and Architecture students and local architects
4. Questions will be distributed
5. Teams will write down answers and report to the entire group
6. Follow-up and reporting
7. Closing remarks in Lecture Hall

<https://www.canadianarchitect.com/an-architecture-policy-for-canada/>

<https://architecturecanada.ca/>

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## **Film Screening and Panel Discussion of City Dreamers**

**February 12th, 2020 at 5:30 at the McEwen School of Architecture, held in conjunction with MSoA and local firm, YBSA.**

The film is about our changing urban environment and four trailblazing women architects who have been working, observing and thinking about the transformations shaping the cities of today and tomorrow for over 70 years. The screening will be followed by a discussion with Joseph Hillel (film director) and Shannon Bassett, Assistant Professor of Architecture.

This event also marked the launching of WOA(S) - the Women of Architecture Sudbury group.





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### McEwen School of Architecture Endowment Fund/Bursary and Student Award

In 2014, NOSA approved a motion to contribute towards the newly opened McEwen School of Architecture at Laurentian University. An agreement was signed with LU and NOSA provided \$9,000 that was put towards a student bursary fund. In 2015, it was agreed upon to continue to contribute to this bursary, by providing LU an additional \$1000 per year moving forward. In 2020, NOSA did not contribute any additional dollars to the endowment fund.

This year the endowment was valued at \$400.00 and the Northern Ontario Architects Award for the 2019/2020 academic year was given to MSOA student, Pascal Rocheleau

#### **ENDOWMENT SUMMARY 8011171**

Opening Balance: \$11,151.73

New Contributions: \$1,000.00

Closing Balance: \$12,151.73

#### **AWARD SUMMARY**

Opening Balance: \$12.14

Interest: \$372.81

Additional Contributions: \$0.00

Scholarship Awarded 2019-2020: (\$400.00)

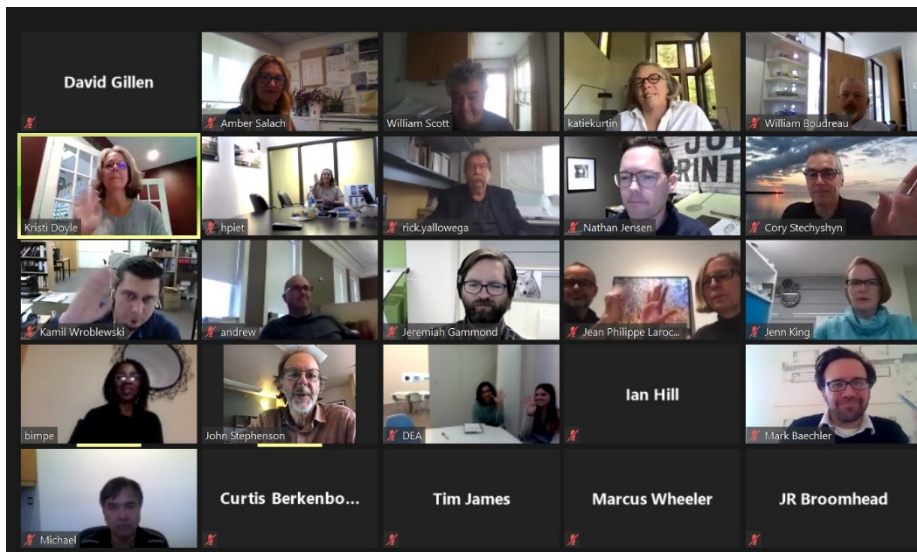
Closing Balance: (\$15.05)

#### Annual OAA President's Visit

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 a different type of visit was conducted; it was held virtually via Zoom with not only NOSA, but with the North Bay and Algoma Society of Architects. Approximately 10 NOSA members joined the annual event.

The discussion included the following topics:

- Welcome Remarks by President Kurtin
- Council Priorities 2020 - Progress made
- Change, Adaptation and Resilience for the Profession, for the OAA and for local Societies
  - What's Changed
  - What's the same
  - Adapting to the pandemic while working towards climate stability
  - Anticipating the future and planning for resilience





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**CACB Letter of Support for the McEwen School of Architecture Accreditation.**

NOSA provided a letter of support for the McEwen School of Architecture (MSOA) candidacy for accreditation with the Canadian Architectural Certification Board.

See attached letter.

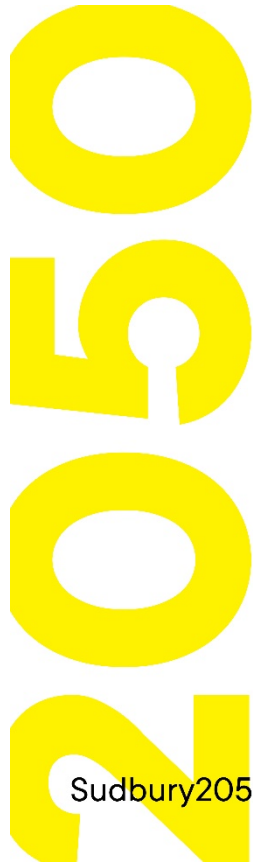
**Sudbury 2050 Urban Design Competition**

NOSA'S involvement for this incredibly successful design competition was one of advocacy and promotion, as well as a practicing architect member of NOSA was a juror. Furthermore, NOSA provided a \$1500 monetary contribution for the awards. There were over 300 entries!

*Laurentian University's McEwen School of Architecture (MSoA) is excited to announce that the Sudbury 2050 Urban Design Ideas Competition is in full swing. You can check it out at [sudbury2050.ca](http://sudbury2050.ca).*

*The Sudbury 2050 Urban Design Ideas Competition offers a unique opportunity for urban thinkers from around the world to present their visions for our city's future. It's a chance to reimagine the entire urban core of a city.*

*There has never been a design competition like this in Canada.*

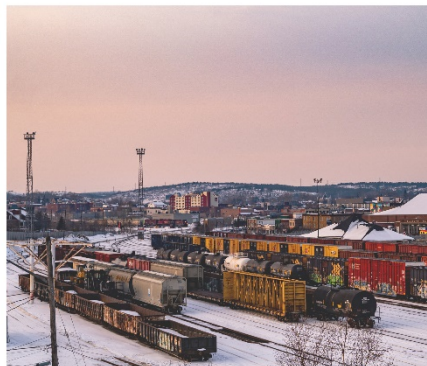


## Sudbury 2050

**URBAN DESIGN IDEAS COMPETITION**

Create a 2050 vision  
for Sudbury's urban  
core in 2050

Closes May 1, 2020



[Sudbury2050.ca](http://Sudbury2050.ca)



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**NOSA (in)activities worth noting due to the Pandemic:**

- NOSA 2020 Fall Architecture Tour this event was cancelled due to the Pandemic and the request for Special Funding was withdrawn.
- NOSA 2020 Spring Social Event – this event was cancelled due to the Pandemic.
- Public Lectures as part of the McEwen School of Architecture Lecture Series the in person series was cancelled due to the Pandemic.
- Membership Continuing Education seminars or workshops were not hosted in person
- Monthly Meetings and Get Togethers were minimal

**End of NOSA 2020 Annual Report**