

PROJECT EVALUATION *Report*

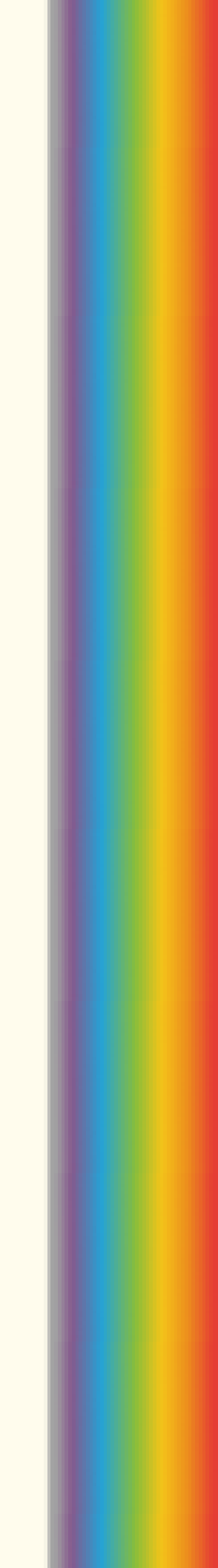


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EXECUTIVE *Summary*

This report will mention the various projects the 2Spirit Organising Committee of Bawating (2SOC) have developed since November 2022; the inception of the committee.



This report will review a variety of cultural and social events that were created by the 2Spirit Organising Committee, together with Bawating Babes and various community partners in Bawating | Sault Ste. Marie, ON.



This report will review various cultural and social events within the agreement with the 2SLGBTQQIA+ National Research Committee, the 2Spirit Organising Committee, and the Bawating Babes. Originally this project was to take place from fall 2024 to fall 2025. However, the project was not able to commence until Spring 2025.

PROJECT *Overview*

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The 2Spirit Organising Committee of Bawating, Bawating Babes, and other community partners, will come together and conduct surveys and community scans at local drag shows/pride nights and at arts-based community workshops.

Indigenous arts facilitators and knowledge keepers will be the primary contracts for this workshop series. These workshops will be hosted in person and focus on performance based art topics. E.g. Hosting/MC-ing 101, an introduction to dance and movement, drag makeup, etc.

PROJECT SCOPE

The project will also hire a part time position to conduct surveys at drag and pride events, concerning 2S/QTIP gaps in service and programming provision in Sault Ste. Marie and Bawating. A report will also be drafted, designed, edited and printed for community members and shareholders.

PROJECT DURATION

2SOC will host four seasonal drag shows and pride socials in Bawating (Sault Ste. Marie). These socials can be a key area to survey community members and grow our data. The survey that was conducted received 41 completed surveys. A community report sharing and will take place in the early new year of 2026.

PROJECT *Background*

The traditional territory of Bawating, - includes the waters of Lake Superior, which is the home of many First Nation and 2SQTIP - 2Spirit, Queer-Trans Indigenous People today. However, there is a lack of support and resources in this region for 2Spirit/LGBTQQIA+ people within many First Nation and non-First Nation communities.

Sault Ste. Marie, is one of small urban centres. Bawating acts as a temporary hub for many 2Spirit, Queer-Trans Indigenous people who transition to other communities (larger or smaller). But there is still a population of 2Spirit and queer-trans Indigenous people in Bawating | Sault Ste. Marie.

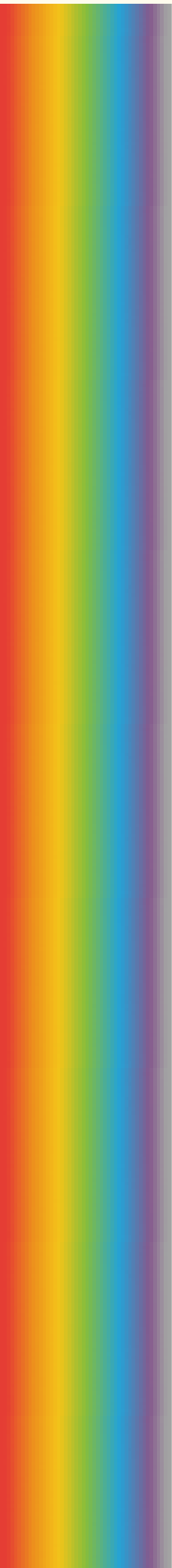
PREVIOUS EVENTS

- 2Spirit Gatherings (November 2022, March 2024)
- 2Spirit Awareness Week (March 2023, 2024, 2025)
- 2Spirit LGBTQIA + Pride Week (June 2023, 2024, 2025)
- Indigenous Artisan Market - Seasonal (2023,2024, 2025)
- Pride Cruise & After Party (2024)
- Numerous drag shows - Bawating Babes; formally House of Ever Sick - Bawating
- Drag 101 Workshops (makeup, burlesque, photography, character development) & Seasonal Drag Shows (2023, 2025)
 - 4 Workshops/4 Seasonal Drag Shows
- Family Art and Activity Nights - paint nights, bowling, all age brunches, etc. (2023, 2024, 2025)

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Budget

ITEM	COST
May 2025 to November 2025 - \$10,000.00	
Part-Time Surveyor - 4 Drag Shows/Pride Nights ([\$30 x 3 hours] x 4)	\$360.00
4 Drag Shows/Pride Nights - \$1000 x 4 events - Venue rental, DJ, photographer, food, etc.	\$4000.00
4 Arts Based Community Workshops - \$1500.00 x 4	\$6000.00
Workshop Honorariums - \$20 x 32 workshop participants - 8 honorarium spots	\$640.00
Early 2026 (After Report is Completed) - \$5,000.00	
Design Edit Print - Community Report	\$2000.00
Community Share Feedback Event	\$2500.00
TOTAL	\$15 000.00



PROJECT *Timeline*

Winter 2025

- Book all workshop facilitators, cast/crew and venues for future shows
- Hire part-time surveyor

March 2025

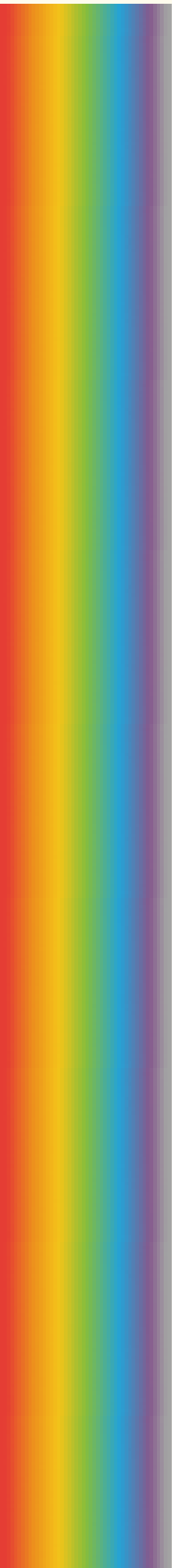
- 3rd Annual 2Spirit Awareness Week
 - 2Spirit Workshop with 2Spirit Knowledge Keeper Lyndon George
 - 2Spirit Elder Lunch N' Learn and Book Signing with 2Spirit Elder Ma-Nee Chacaby
 - 2Spirit Film Night with Adam Parker
 - 2Spirit Sharing Circle with Lyndon George and Ma-Nee Chacaby
 - Indigenous Artisan Market (Spring)
 - Bawating Babes Presents - Drag Bingo
 - Bawating Babes Presents - All Ages Drag Brunch
- First Workshop - March 21, 2025 - Denise McLeod - Hosting/MC-ing

April 2025

- Bawating Babes perform at the MMIWG2S Research Gathering in Montreal - Birth Aunty Viral
- Second Workshop - April 10, 2025 - Skye Smith - Dancing/Performer Self-Care

May 2025

- Third Workshop - May 24, 2025 - Neno Freebird - Body Positivity
- Bawating Babes Presents - Spring Fling: Pasties & Pastries



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Timeline Continued

June 2025

- 2SLGBTQQIAP+ Pride Week - June 2025
 - 2Spirit Workshop with 2Spirit Knowledge Keeper Albert McLeod
 - 2Spirit Sharing Circle
 - Indigenous Artisan Market (Summer)
 - Bawating Babes Presents - Drag Bingo
- Fourth workshop - June 27, 2025 - Sahira TheDjinn - Makeup Party
- 2SOC and Bawating Babes Presents: All Ages Pride Prom

November 2025

- 2Spirit Sharing Circle with Lyndon George - November 11, 2025
- Indigenous Artisan Market (Winter) - November 30, 2025
- Draft, finalize and send report back to the 2SLGBTQQIA+ National Research Committee by December 5th

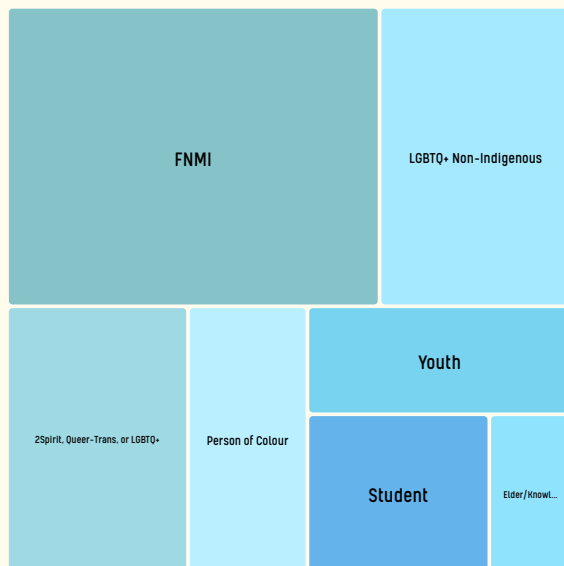
February/March 2026

- Print report
- Report back to community with report findings with a community event/luncheon

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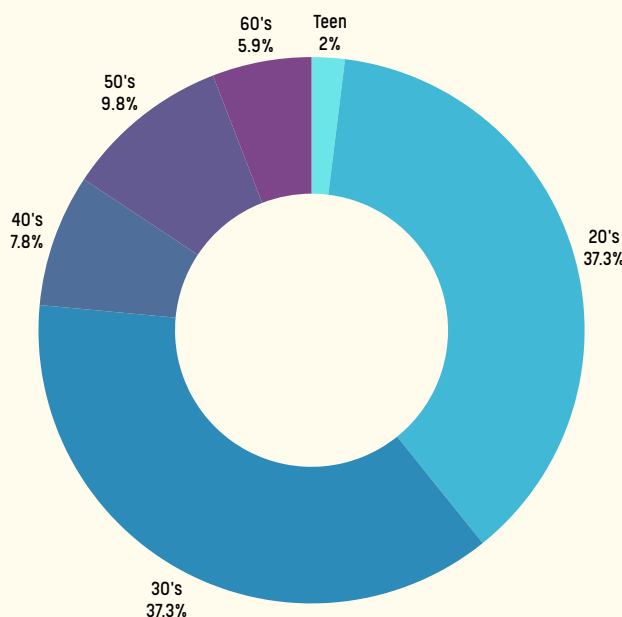
Survey Results

41 participants completed the survey. This survey was presented at each D.R.A.G. Workshop, performance art workshops, the 2Spirit Awareness Week and Pride Week, Bawating Babe drag shows, and various tabling events throughout Bawating | Sault Ste. Marie.



Identification

First Nation, Métis, Inuit	35
Indigenous 2Spirit, Queer-Trans, LGBTQ+	15
Person of Colour	10
LGBTQ+ Non-Indigenous	18
Elders/Knowledge Keeper	4
Youth Participants	9
Post-Secondary Student	9



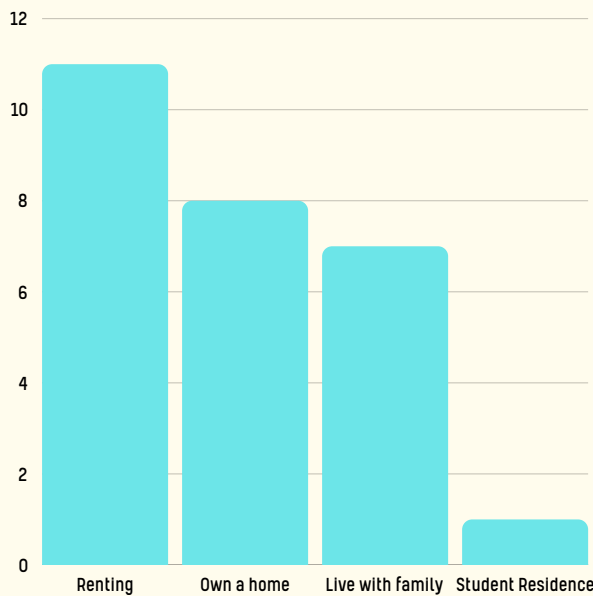
Age Variation

19 or less	1
20's	19
30's	19
40's	4
50's	5
60's	3

19y/o was the youngest
64 y/o was the oldest

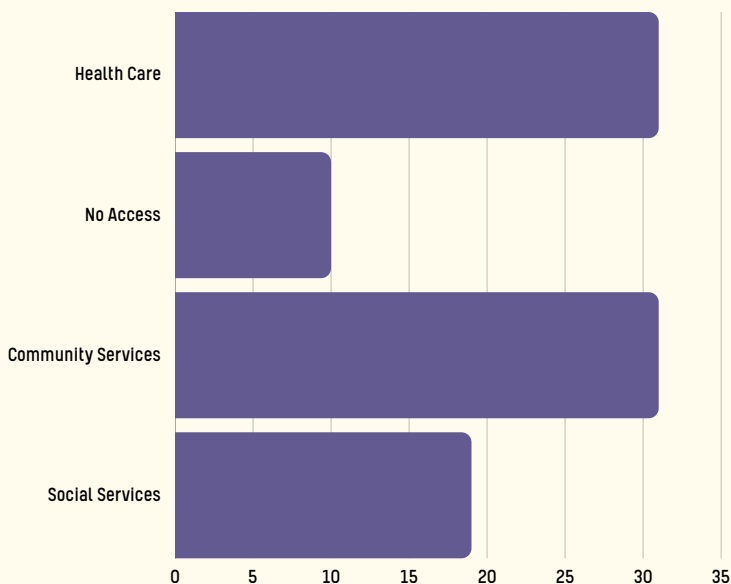
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Survey Results



Housing

Renting	11
Own a home	8
Live with family	7
Student residence	1



Access to Services

Health Care	31
No Access to Health Care	19
Community Services	31
Social Services	19

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Accomplishments

2 SOC and Bawating Babe Accomplishments

(Nov. 2022 - Nov. 2025)

Annual 2SLGBTQ Pride Week = 3

Annual 2Spirit Awareness Week = 3

2Spirit/Queer-Trans Indigenous Sharing Circles = 7

Indigenous Artisan Markets = 8

Family Events | General Public Events = 10

Community Partnerships & Projects | Tabling at Community Events = 15

Workshops | Panels | Special Guest Presentations = 20

Bawating Babes or E.S. Bawating (Since Nov. 2022) = 27



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Accomplishments

Category	Placement	Group
Performing Arts	Platinum	2Spirit Organising Committee of Bawating
Performing Arts	Platinum	Bawating Babes + D.R.A.G. Project
Community Organizing	Silver	2Spirit Organising Committee of Bawating
Community Organizing	Bronze	Bawating Babes
Specialty Art Services	Gold	2Spirit Organising Committee of Bawating
Specialty Art Services	Silver	Bawating Babes
Community Groups	Platinum	Bawating Babes
Community Groups	Gold	2Spirit Organising Committee of Bawating

Honourable Mentions

2Spirit Organising Committee of Bawating and the Bawating Babes were Top Picks for Event and Party Planning

Bawating Babe Members placed Platinum, Gold and Bronze for Entertainers, including: Clair Voyant, Alvarez from da Rez, Big Barbi Blitz, Gemini Gore, Lucia Pet, BackdoorBetty, and Lana Von Archer

PROJECT *Recommendations*

Recommendations for Moving Forward

- A website to access report
- List of 2Spirit speakers, leaders, resources, programs
- Organizations and programs conduct internal scans of how inclusive/exclusive policies/procedures are for 2SLGBTQ+ people
- Develop support groups for parents/families
- Caring for gender diverse children and 2SLGBTQ loved ones
- Create educational materials (posters, brochures, etc.) for all walks of life and levels of awareness
- Mandatory and ongoing training for all service providers e.g. housing, education, healthcare/wellness, culture, children/youth, senior care, etc.
- 2S Socials and Ceremonies
 - Round dances
 - Sweat lodges
 - Sharing circles
 - Naming ceremonies
 - Feasts
 - Clan ceremonies
 - Mini pow wow
 - Dodem roles
- Create a 2Spirit and Allied Task Force to work on these recommendations

PROJECT *Community Partners*

2Spirit Anishnabe Arts & Advocacy
2Spirit MMIWG+ National Research
4 R's Youth Movement
Aether's Art
Albert McLeod
Algoma Community Fund
Algoma District School Board
Algoma Public Health - HIV/AIDS
Algoma University
Algoma University Student Union
Amore: For Your Pleasure
Artesian - Studio 3
Association of Iroquois and Allied
Indians
Batchewana First Nation
Batchewana Health Centre
Beadiful Creations by Virginia
Blue Heron's Apothecary
Boissoneau Beads
Cafe4Good
Cedar & Sequins
Christmas Creations
Commerce
Community Based Research Centre
Council
Creations
Crisis Shelter
Dagokiing Yoga
Deidra's Creations
Delta Waterfront Hotel - SSM
Destination North Ontario
DJ Matt
Grays Beading
Greenhouse Spa
HIV/AIDS Resource Program
Hogan's Homestead
Holiday Inn Express - SSM

Hummingbird Love - Oak Woman
Indigenous Apparel
Ingaged
Inner Beauty
James and Lauren
Jamie Waboose
Justine Chalycoff
Kat + Nat
Kelly
Kelly and Kenny Wilding
Kent Monkman Studios
LBGT Youthline
Local Immigration Partnership
Long & McQuade
Ma-Nee Chacaby
Maamwesying, North Shore
Community Health Services Inc.
Mane Street Cafe & Lounge
Marissa Ditoro Photography
MiniGiizhigan
Missanabie Cree First Nation
Mother North Studio
NaWalka Geeshy Meegun
Nimkii Naabkawagan Batchewana
Nopaming
Nordik Institute
Northern Kwe
On the Loom
Ontario Aboriginal HIV/AIDS
Strategy
Ontario Aboriginal Housing
Ontario Indian Friendship Centre
Ontario Lottery & Gaming
Oshkico
Ozhawa Anung Art
PFLAG Canada - SSM
Porter Airlines

Rainbow Agawa Designs
Rainbow Health Ontario
Ray Fox Artist
Rene Ojobah
Roseanne Beevor
Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of
Commerce
Sault Ste. Marie Indigenous
Friendship Centre
Sault Ste. Marie Tourism
Speakers Bureau of Canada
Stone's Office Supply
Sylvia Maracle
Tawny Illustrations
Taylor Jolin
Tee Pees and Wigwams
The Art Hub on Spring - Studio
3+7
The Grand Gardens
The Klub
The Sault Area Hospital
The Sault Public Library
The Sault Ste. Marie Museum
The Spark Project
Thinking Rock Community Arts
Token Indian
Tourism Innovation Lab
Trailblazing Beads
Vivid Festival
Wiingashk Pins
Youth Wellness Hub - Algoma
Zoey Wood Salomon

2SOC and Bawating Babes would like to wish a heartfelt
'Chi miigwetch' to our community partners and collaborators.

PROJECT *Reflections*

As a support person for a Two-Spirit group, my role is both meaningful and impactful. I provide a foundation of care, respect, and encouragement that enables the group and community members to thrive. I help to foster a sense of belonging and inclusivity, which is vital for creating a safe space for 2SLGBTQ+ individuals to express themselves and connect with others. With our support, we help ensure that the community events are not just gatherings but transformative experiences where people can feel seen, heard, and valued. We help 2SLGBTQ+ folks to honor and uplift identities, creating a nurturing environment where culture, tradition, and self-expression can flourish. The love, dedication, and respect we bring to this role are truly a gift to the community.

I value my role in 2SOC. Our team works together to host events that build community capacity. I love working with Teddy and Cynthia to plan, organize, and host events. When we host events, I take the time to check in with everyone: the presenters, performers, guests, and team members. I struggle when community members do not buy tickets for events ahead of time and then show up for events but there are not enough seats for them. I have to turn them away at the door. That breaks my heart but remind them to buy their tickets ahead of time for our next event. It is also important to note that Shingwauk Kinomage Gamig will be hosting their first Christmas Market and is charging \$20 per table. Our event does not charge vendor fees or admission. The artisans offer everyone a chance to learn about their work and inspire them to learn about our culture and how art can support their endeavours. Being a part of people connecting, becoming friends, and learning is incredible in every way that we can.

I support Teddy in their wishes to step back. I understand how much work goes into activism. We have always made sure to step up when one of the team is not able to do as much as they did previously. I was grateful when I had the space that I needed when my brother passed away recently. I will make sure that upcoming events go as our team has planned. I love our team and the work that we do together.

Kimberly Pelletier

This project was insightful and taught me a lot about myself and my relationship within the 2Spirit movement and the community. Multiple lessons were learned throughout this project. I hope that other community members and allies pick up this work in their own way. I am looking forward to resting and stepping away from organising for a while.

Ozhawa Anung Kwe

PROJECT *Reflections*

Gimiwon Kwe miinawaa Ogichidaa Kwe ndishnikaz, makwa ndodem. Opwaaganisiniing nenda, Baawaating ndoonjibaa. Anishinaabe kwe endow.

My Anishinaabe noosiwin (name) is Gimiwon Kwe, which means Rain Woman. That name was given to me by my Granny. I've recently adopted the name of Ogichidaa Kwe, Warrior Woman, because I just went through a cancer journey. I am from Red Rock Indian Band. I live in Sault Ste. Marie. I am an Ojibwe woman. I am also a wife, a mother, a health promoter, advocate, ally, a community builder, a yoga/Pilates instructor, a Knowledge Keeper, workshop facilitator, an artisan, etc.

It has been an honour & a privilege to work with the amazing powerhouses: Ozhawa Anung Kwe[Teddy Syrette and Kimberly Pelletier Sagidjiwegjig; as well as our amazing partners, special guests & Knowledge Keepers. It has also been such an honour & a privilege to work with community. They say if you love what you do, you will never work a day in your life. We created such an amazing community that felt like family. I had a permanent smile at every single one of our drag shows. Our events gave me, and those in the community, something to look forward to, a safe space to gather, etc.

The Indigenous Artisan Markets came out of a need. Sault Ste. Marie has a lot of makers' markets. I have noticed Indigenous artisans at these markets and they don't do as well as other artisans, or as well as at powwows. I spoke to one and they didn't make a single sale all day at a makers' market. We decided to hold our own Indigenous artisan markets. This same artisan sold out of their stock in one day at our market. What other market feeds their vendors?! We're number one! Lol! Sometimes we even had a drag show, children's activities & Santa! We held markets seasonally, real tradish. We always gave back - we always provided a door prize(s) and giveaways.

It has also been wonderful to watch my daughter grow up around the work that we did. I saw her confidence blossom attending drag shows and artisan markets. She is very shy. It has made me so proud to see her use her voice & develop her entrepreneurial skills. My son wants to be a part of the markets now too. Every event we had, our community continued to grow. My specialty was working the door, providing openings & closings, smudging, facilitating sharing circles, as well as many others.

When I was diagnosed with ductal carcinoma in situ, one of the queens made pink ribbons for everyone. When a queen passed away, we all gathered to celebrate their life. When a volunteers' son passed away, we collected donations. When life got hard, we rallied around each other.

The Two Spirit Organising Committee originated out of a need to provide a safe space that was grounded in culture. There is a need for 2S+ ceremony & safe Elders. We strived to provide that for community. We cannot do this work alone. It takes a community. Sadly, it often felt like we were doing it alone. Organizations want that ally button without doing the actual work. We are two social workers and a health promoter, with backgrounds in art. We are not housing, we are not health care, we are not lawyers, etc. It is my hope that others will pick up where we left off. It is such important, rewarding work. Sometimes things got heated: counter protests. We will continue the sharing circles & artisan markets. Keep your eyes out for other events. I will miss it. But I look forward to a much needed, well deserved, reduced workload, Teddy!

Miigwetch/thank you.

Cynthia McCutchenson

June 21 - 28

250C BAWATING + PRIDE

MARKETS | DRAG SHOWS | WORKSHOPS | GUESTS | ARTISTS | MUSIC | PRIZES | VENDORS | FOOD | GIVEAWAYS | FUN | FRIENDS

Sunday, 21 - 12pm - FREE
Indigenous Day at Whitefish Island

Monday, 22 - 11am - BY DONATION
Indigenous Artisan Market at Algoma University

Wednesday, 24 - 6pm - FREE
Indigenous Baiting Dance Drop in Main Street Cafe & Lounge

Thursday, 25 - 8pm - FREE (25 ONLY)
250C Sharing Circle at Nakshatras

Friday, 26 - 8pm - REGISTRATION
250C Project Workshop - Drag Makeup 101 at Holiday Inn Express

Saturday, 28 - 12pm - FREE
Indigenous Pride Market Delta Hotel

Sunday, 29 - 6pm & 8:30pm - FREE
250C BAWATING + PRIDE After Party Delta Hotel

Lunch N' Learn

With 250C Elder & Artist Ma-Nee Chacaby
Co-Author of A 250C Journey

Open to Everyone

at Algoma University
1520 Queen Street East

LUNCH | BOOK SIGNING | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

250C Organising Committee PRIDE Presents

250C Sharing Circle

Thursday, June 26th - 5 to 9 PM
Nakshatras: Knowing Your Truth (602 Wellington Street East)

Facilitator: Dr. Bradley J. Zachary

Open for all 250C LGBTQ+ People
Queer - Trans - Indigenous People

250C ORGANISING COMMITTEE

250C AWARENESS BAWATING 2025

Friday 21	Flag Raising and Opening Ceremonies - 3PM at Delta 250C and All Social - 4PM at Cafe 4 Good D.R.A.G. Workshop (Hostess/MC - line 100) - 6PM
Saturday 22	Indigenous Arts Market - Spring - 10AM at The Spa Mini Drag Brunch (All Ages) - 11AM at The Spa Pride Drag BINGO (19+) - 7PM at The SpeakEasy
Sunday 23	Family Bowling & Pizza Party - 2PM at Nakshatras
Monday 24	VOLUNTEER SELF CARE DAY
Tuesday 25	Family Art Hang Out - 6PM at Lijacreek Photo
Wednesday 26	250C Speakers & 101 - 9AM at Holiday Inn 250C Film Night - 6PM at The Grand Theatre

250C Organising Committee Presents



Dr. Albert McLeod
250C Knowledge Keeper

Tyler Leadbeater
250C Community Member

Maxwell Abbing
250C Community Member

250C + Sharing Circle

Refreshments provided
For more information contact Cynthia McCutcheon
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WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30 at 6PM
Teaching Lodge, Rankin Powerhouse Grounds

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Contact us to become a volunteer:
Instagram: @250C_bawating
Email: 250C_bawating@gmail.com
Facebook: @twospirit.organisingcommittee.bawating

250C AWARENESS WEEK - 2025

March 21st - 27th

Honoring & Celebrating 250C/Queer-Trans Indigenous Peoples

Friday, March 21st
9:00 PM

250C BAWATING + PRIDE (99 Foster Drive)

250C Sharing Circle

Thursday - March 27th

FREE

Friday, June 27th
9:00 AM - Doors Open
9:30 AM - Welcoming
9:45 AM - Workshop & Panel
12:00 PM - Lunch

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Ontario Aboriginal Housing Service

PRIDE



FAMILY BOWLING & PIZZA PARTY

DOOR PRIZES | GIVE AWAYS | FREE

SUNDAY MARCH 23
2PM - 6PM
NORTH CREST LANES

250C and Allied Families and Friends are Welcome!

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

FREE GAMES - FREE PIZZA

250C SOCIAL

Friday, March 21st

EVERYONE WELCOME

LOVE



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THANK *You*

Thank you for being a part of this transformative journey. Together, we will continue to reach new milestones and achieve even greater success.

For more information or any inquires, please contact the email below.



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