

ART GALLERY OF GALERIE D'ART DE **SUDBURY**

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THE LAKING GROUP OF COMPANIES (SUDBURY) GIVES EXCEPTIONAL GIFT OF \$150,000

SUDBURY – The **LAKING GROUP OF COMPANIES**, known throughout the City of Greater Sudbury for the many ways in which they support community, has made an exceptional gift of \$150,000 to the Art Gallery of Sudbury | Galerie d'art de Sudbury in support of the Gallery's capital campaign.

CHRIS AND DEBBIE LAKING, LAKING GROUP OF COMPANIES: "We believe that the Art Gallery of Sudbury plays an important cultural role in our community. Without a modern interactive Arts Gallery, we feel that we lose part of our identity. The Art Gallery of Sudbury will provide a platform for individuals of all ages to express themselves in various mediums. Our new Gallery will provide us with an opportunity to attract exhibits from all over the world. The Laking Group of Companies believes that supporting this exciting venture will attract tourism."

In recognition of this exceptional gift, the Family Art Studio in the Gallery's new premises in Junction East on Shaughnessy Street will be known as the **Laking Group of Companies Family Art Studio**.

The Art Gallery of Sudbury, along with the new central library of the Greater Sudbury Public Library, and the Sudbury Multicultural and Folk Arts Association, has partnered with the City of Greater Sudbury to build a new, state-of-the-art arts and culture hub in downtown Sudbury. Junction East was officially approved in June 2022 and is expected to open its doors in 2025.

"On behalf of the Art Gallery, I want to thank the **Laking Group of Companies** for their exceptionally generous gift. We are honoured by the support that they have shown for the Gallery and for arts and culture in our community," says Paula Gouveia of the Art Gallery of Sudbury Board of Directors. "We continue to move one step closer to realizing our dream of building a new Art Gallery where we will welcome our community and the world."

The Art Gallery of Sudbury / Galerie d'art de Sudbury is a leading Northern Ontario public art gallery that engages and celebrates creative and diverse local, provincial, and national communities in innovative visual art, art-making and cultural experiences. It is a place for everyone to discover art, experience art, and create art.



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Once opened, the new Art Gallery of Sudbury | Galerie d'art de Sudbury will be a place where we will:

- Celebrate our Indigenous communities
- Reflect the communities we serve
- Promote and nourish local talent
- Improve access to art education programming
- Build an accessible and inclusive Gallery.

For more information on Art Gallery of Sudbury | Galerie d'art de Sudbury or to donate to the Gallery's Capital Campaign, visit: www.artsudbury.org/en/support-us/junction_east/

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