

FIERTÉ SUDBURY PRIDE WEEK 2025

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Welcome

to Fierté Sudbury Pride Week 2025

Those of us at Fierté Sudbury Pride are thrilled to welcome you to this year's Pride celebrations! Countless hours of labor, love, and dedication have gone into creating this space—for the 2S-LGBTQIA+ community of Sudbury, for our allies, and yes, even for the occasional well-intentioned (if overenthusiastic) drunk straight folks.

As we celebrate, we hold a crucial truth at the heart of Pride: This is a protest. It always has been. We navigate a delicate balance—joy alongside justice, celebration alongside challenging conversations. We want this Pride to be more than just a party (though there will be plenty of that!). We want it to be a space of connection, learning, and renewed commitment to liberation for all of us—especially those most marginalized.

So let's dance, laugh, and raise our voices—and let's remember the roots of this movement. Let us fight for a world where no one is left behind.

Happy Pride—with love and solidarity,

Aspen Groom, Board Chair, Fierté Sudbury Pride

Special thank you to our event planning committee, this wouldn't have happened without you: Kylene, Jayden, Dan and Alicia. Also a special thank you to our community advisors who have helped steer us in a better direction.

“The truth is, no one of us can be free until everybody is free.” Maya Angelou

2025 Priorities

1. Center and elevate racialized voices, honor their lived experiences, and ensure their safety remains a non-negotiable priority.
2. Design events with accessibility at the forefront, focusing on the reduction of barriers to participation for all. We hope to offer a variety of events that meet different accessibility needs.
3. Develop and implement initiatives that create opportunities for community engagement, fostering collaboration, inclusivity, and a deeper connection among 2S-LGBTQIA+ individuals.

Radical Reading Recommendations

- Bad Cree by Jessica Johns
- Policing Black Lives by Robyn Maynard
- The Miseducation of Cameron Post by Emily M. Danforth
- Pedagogy of the Oppressed by Paulo Freire
- I'm So Glad We Had This Time Together by Maurice Vellekoop
- Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo
- Are Prisons Obsolete? by Angela Davis

What does pride mean to you?

- Free Palestine
 - Free Congo. Free Sudan. Free Haiti.
 - Landback
 - Black Lives Matter
 - No one is illegal
 - Food and housing for all
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Rebranding

Over the past few months, Fierté Sudbury Pride has been working on a community-led rebranding project in partnership with local Indigenous 2S/Indigiqueer x Southeast Asian graphic designer Jayden Ode'imin (she/they). Jayden compiled feedback from an initial survey with 18 responses, and created 3 stunning logo options. We asked you to vote for which one you liked best - and we had 89 folks cast their vote!

The winner: Rise & Regrowth



This concept shows a sun rising over green hills, with sunbeams in the Progressive Pride Flag colours. It reflects both Sudbury's physical landscape and its deeper story—how the land, once barren from industrial damage, has been slowly brought back to life through decades of regreening efforts led by community care and collaboration.

In creating this concept, we explored how to represent the diversity of our community—including Indigenous and Two-Spirit members—by intentionally avoiding stereotypical or generic imagery, such as feathers, which are often overused or misused in Indigenous representation. Instead, we're embracing intentional symbolism, like the Progressive Pride Flag with 2S representation, which we are proud to use across our materials as a visual commitment to inclusion.



While there are no Indigenous or Two-Spirit symbols in this concept, we are honouring Indigenous presence by including the Anishinaabemowin translation of Welcoming Sudbury Pride: Biindigen N'Swakamok Apiitenim.

Using Anishinaabemowin in the logo centers welcoming as a core value—especially for newcomers, immigrants, and 2S-LGBTQIA+ community members seeking safety, belonging, and kinship here in N'Swakamok / Sudbury.

This logo represents hope, resilience, land, and collective healing.

We also wanted to appreciate the two other lovely designs:

The Four Paths



Bold Typography



PRIDE WEEK 2025

Sunday July 6

8 AM Cambrian Pride Run

2 PM: Mug painting with Great White North Pottery studio

Monday July 7

10 AM: Flag Raising @ Tom Davis Square

6pm: Opening ceremony and 2S & indigiqueer art exhibit

Tuesday July 8th

6PM: 2S-LGBTQIA+ bike ride. Meet at the downtown Arena. Bring any wheels that feel comfortable, all welcome.

Wednesday July 9th

5PM: 2S-LGBTQIA+ Open Mic @ Books and Beans

Thursday July 10th

7PM Trivia with Nickle City Trivia @ YMCA Drop-in Testing Event with OAHAS and Réseau Access Network

Friday July 11th

7PM: Youth Pride Prom at Science North
7:30PM Inclusive swim @ YMCA
8PM: Queer indie pop @ the indie cinema

Saturday July 12th

Pride Block Party
1PM: Family block: Vendors, Games, Performances
4PM: Pride March
7PM: Drag, burlesque and bands

Sunday July 13th

11AM: Grand Finale! Drag Brunch with Bawating Babes at Place des Arts
4PM: Film screening @ the Indie Cinema

Event Deep Dive

SUNDAY, JULY 6th

Cambrian Pride Run.

A fundraising initiative supporting 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, their friends, families, and allies.

Time: 8AM - 11AM

Cost: Various

Ages: All ages

More info: <https://cambriancollege.ca/events/cambrian-pride-run-2025>



“Colour Me Proud” Mug painting with Great White North.

Come celebrate pride with us and paint a mug, spread some love and help us add a splash of rainbow joy to Northern Ontario!

Time: 2PM-4PM

Cost: 29.95

Ages: All ages



Scan here for tickets:



MONDAY, JULY 7th

Flag raising @ Tom Davis Square.

Join us for an overview of Sudbury Pride Week 2025, hear from speakers in our community, and raise the pride flag.

Time: 10-11AM

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages

MONDAY, JULY 7th continued

Opening Ceremony & 2S & Indigiqueer Art Exhibit

Join us for an opening ceremony and a social with light refreshments, and an exhibit of zines and collages from our June 24th event with Thunderbird Artist Collective and Myths & Mirrors.

Time: 6:30PM-8:00PM

Location: N'Swakamok Native Friendship Centre

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages



TUESDAY, JULY 8th

2S-LGBTQIA+ Bike Ride

Come join us and feel the wind in your hair for a short bike ride around downtown. Bring any wheels that feel good for you: bike, scooter, roller skates, wheel chair, anything at all.

Time: 6PM-7PM

Location: Meet at downtown Arena (Elgin Street).

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages



Art from The Beehive Collective

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9th

2S-LGBTQIA+ Open Mic

Join us in a cozy coffee shop and share your poetry, songs, interpretive dance - whatever you'd like:)

Time: 5PM-7:30PM

Location: Books & Beans

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages

THURSDAY, JULY 10th



Queer Trivia with Nickel City Trivia

Nickel City Trivia, Réseau ACCESS Network, Fierté Sudbury Pride and the YMCA of Sudbury, are teaming up again this year to offer Queer Trivia during Pride Week 2025. There will be prizes, laughter and skill testing questions - what more could you ask for?!?

Time: 7PM-9PM

Location: Outside of the YMCA, 140 Durham Street

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages



STI Screening Event

Réseau ACCESS Network, OAHAS, Public Health Sudbury and Districts and Fierté Sudbury Pride are partnering to offer free STI and anonymous HIV testing during Pride Week 2025.

Time: 6PM-9PM

Location: Outside of the YMCA, 140 Durham Street



FRIDAY, JULY 11th

Youth Pride Prom

Get ready to shine at Fierté Sudbury Pride's Youth Pride Prom—a night of music, dancing, and pure joy! Wear whatever makes you feel amazing! If you're 18 or under, this party's for YOU!

Time: 7PM-10PM (doors open at 6:45)

Location: Vale Cavern, Science North, 100 Ramsay Lake Road

Cost: Free

Ages: 18 and under



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FRIDAY, JULY 11th continued

2S-LGBTQIA+ inclusive Pool Party

This inclusive swim is free and open to all.

Please feel free to swim in whatever is most comfortable and use the changeroom that fits your identity - gender neutral changerooms are available and the gender police will not be in attendance 😊

Time: 7:30PM-9PM

Location: YMCA Sudbury, 140 Durham St

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages



K & Summer with Miss Stacey Woods

Get ready for an unforgettable night as K & Summer (Sudbury's queer indie pop sensation) teams up with Miss Stacey Woods (the city's fiercest drag queen and activist) for a dazzling evening of music, performance, and unapologetic queer joy! Stacey will bring her signature wit and glamour as host, while K & Summer's dreamy synths and anthemic pop-rock tracks keep the crowd dancing.



Time: Doors 7:30PM, show @ 8PM

Location: Sudbury Indie Cinema Co-op, 162 MacKenzie St

Cost: \$20

Ages: All ages

SATURDAY, JULY 12th

PRIDE BLOCK PARTY!



A Family-Friendly Block Party!

Join us for some games, vendors, performances and joy on Durham Street.

Time: 1PM-4PM

Location: Durham Street

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages



What you can look forward to:

- Body Combat with Dana! Les Mills BODYCOMBAT is a high-energy, martial-arts-inspired workout that is non-contact and suitable for all fitness levels. It is a fun, challenging, and effective workout that can help you build strength and feel empowered.
- Drag Queen Story Time with Miss Stacy Woods
- Aqua's Red Rythm and Blues is a fusion of Indigenous stories of resilience and the soothing sounds of strings
- Honey-Moon Aerial sharing an aerial silks and lyra performance
- A live taping of Queens and Conversation with Eastlink

Sudbury Pride March

As violence and hatefulness towards the 2S-LGBTQIA+ community is on the rise, we continue to show up and push back. Join us while we march for visibility and to show the resilience of our 2S-LGBTQIA+ community in Sudbury. We will not be silenced.

Time: 4PM-5PM

Location: Meet in front of the YMCA Sudbury, 140 Durham St

Cost: Free

Ages: All ages



SATURDAY, JULY 12th

Pride Block Party Part 2!

Pride After Dark(ish) presented by OLG

An evening for the adults!

Time: 7PM-11PM

Location: Durham Street

Cost: Free

Ages: Adults - there will be burlesque dancing



We are so excited to be hosting some really amazing acts:



Océane Aqua-Black, from Canada's Drag Race Season II—serving curves, charisma, and pure chaos! Fearless and unfiltered, a French Canadian Drag Performer hailing from Montreal, she will stun you with dance, comedy, and jaw-dropping glamour.

Dahlia Doll, formerly known as Miss Shay Dee from season 2 of Call Me Mother, is a Mexican-Canadian drag performer guaranteed to leave you in stitches. Live Singing, Camp, Dancing Diva! She brings a unique flare to every show!



Jenna Seppa -All the way from Sturgeon Falls, ON, here's your franco-ontarienne drag queen and DJ extraordinaire, Jenna Seppa! Jenna's style transports the audience through a time distorting journey of the senses all while acting a fool and proving that *dumb* is hot. What does she do, exactly? Je ne sais pas! (But you love it)

SATURDAY, JULY 12th

Carmen Dior – Fresh off dazzling stages across the globe, Carmen Dior is bringing her signature glamour, razor-sharp wit, and show-stopping performances back to where it all began.



Talon Schneider with "Sweet Transvestite". Campy and fun drag king act of a truly iconic character. A mix of feminine and masculine with a pride flag cape reveal and more!

Lust On Mars with "Cheerleader".

Queerness cannot be denied in this high energy cheerleading fantasy - an ode to the 1999 cult classic film "But I'm a Cheerleader".



Minnie with "I Wanna Dance with Somebody". Where a goofy and upbeat impersonation of Richard Simmons meets burlesque. Rhinestoned pride colour reveals, aerobics, and audience interaction!

Glitter Glue is an 5-piece Art-Pop-rock band, fronted by Trin, whose powerhouse voice commands every stage. Glitter-drenched and unapologetic, their sound is explosive, a messy, electrifying dive from calm to chaos.



SUNDAY, JULY 13th

GRAND FINALE: Drag Brunch with The Bawating Babes!

Presented by Collective Haus



Get ready to light up your Sunday with the Bawating Babes—a fierce, 2Spirit & First Nation led troupe serving drag, burlesque, and ALL the sass!

Your ticket includes a dazzling lineup of lip-sync performances by 7 stunning performers alongside a tasty brunch!

Scan for tickets

Doors: 10am

Show starts: 11am

Location: Place des Arts, 27 Larch St

General admission: \$70 or **Table of 5:** \$300

Ages: All ages



PARADE: QUEER ACTS OF LOVE AND RESISTANCE

A documentary that explores pivotal moments in Canada's 2S-LGBTQI+ history.

Time: 4PM

Location: Sudbury Indie Cinema Co-op, 162 Mackenzie St

Cost: TBD

Be Seen. Get Screened.



Cancer screening is an important part of 2SLGBTQ+ health.

Regular screening can help find cancer in its early stages, when treatment can be easier and more successful. Ask your healthcare provider which screenings you're eligible for and take control of your health.



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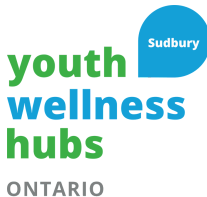
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