

The vision for the James Street neighbourhood is a...

Neighbourhood for **all ages**

The neighbourhood has something for everyone – toddlers, young children, teenagers, adults and seniors.

Safe neighbourhood

Where people feel safe and comfortable to live, work and visit at all times of day throughout the whole year.

Complete neighbourhood

Contains good housing options, offers opportunities for work, and has places to go for groceries and basic needs and services.

Neighbourhood **connected** with the rest of the city

Where people don't feel that they are physically separated and socially isolated from the larger Sault Ste. Marie community.

Positive and celebrated neighbourhood

One with a unique history and character that's seen with pride by Saultites across the city.

Key Directions and Action Items (draft)

Immediate: 2021 & 2022
Medium term: 3 to 5 years

1. REJUVENATE THE HEART OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD – JAMES STREET BETWEEN ALBERT & CATHCART.



	Action Item	Time Frame
1.1	Resurface Anna Marinelli Park using a rubberized, accessible surface, and add playground equipment for a range of ages and abilities.	Immediate
1.2	Make the street more welcoming by refurbishing existing street furniture, benches and planters, and removing the concrete blocks at the north end of James Street.	Immediate
1.3	Start up a community garden program at the Soup Kitchen Community Centre.	Immediate
1.4	Use public art and celebratory plaques to enliven the James Street public realm as well as to narrate the James Street neighbourhood's unique history.	Immediate
1.5	Consider expanding Anna Marinelli Park onto the existing unpaved parking lot abutting the park, in front of the Soup Kitchen.	Medium term
1.6	Activate James Street through programming such as markets and events.	Medium term
1.7	Consider replacement of existing large street furniture with more modular and contemporary furnishings.	Medium term

2. CREATE NEW RECREATIONAL AMENITIES THAT COULD SERVE NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTS AND OTHER SAULTITES.



	Action Item	Time Frame
2.1	Consider new recreational amenities on the City-owned green space at the corner of West Street and Cathcart Street. New amenities on this green space could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Berms or mounds that could function as a tobogganing hill and sitting space. Small dirt-surface bike track. Small soccer field with goalposts. Benches and picnic tables around existing mature trees. 	Immediate
2.2	Connect the West Street green space to James Street using colourful painting or landscaping on the existing parking lot to create a contiguous public park.	Medium term

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3. CONNECT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD TO THE REST OF THE CITY.

	Action Item	Time Frame
3.1	Construct a pedestrian crossing facility at the intersection of Carmen's Way and Albert Street West, similar to the new crossing at Wellington Street West and Beverley Street.	Immediate
3.2	Extend the John Rowswell Hub Trail system into the James Street neighbourhood, via a spoke trail loop. This could be done with a new multi-use path along Albert Street West, James Street, Queen Street West, George Street and then connecting back to the existing Hub Trail at Huron Street.	Medium term
3.3	Undertake an analysis to determine appropriate improvements to better facilitate pedestrian and cyclist crossings at: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carmen's Way at Cathcart Street 2. Carmen's Way at Queen Street 3. Queen Street at James Street 4. Albert Street at Huron Street (by Greco Pool and Captain Nichola Goddard Park) 	Medium term
3.4	Explore the creation of more visible and intuitive pedestrian connections to the Steelton neighbourhood along the existing Hub Trail north of Cathcart Street.	Medium term

4. ATTRACT NEW BUSINESSES AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

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4.1	Change the Official Plan designation of the lands along the north side of Cathcart Street and the west side of West Street to permit a mix of light industrial as well as commercial uses.	Immediate
4.2	Utilize the City's Economic Growth Grant Program to catalyze export based industries on vacant lands within the area.	Medium term

5. CONTINUE EFFORTS ON SAFETY, PROPERTY STANDARDS AND BEAUTIFICATION.

	Action Item	Time Frame
5.1	Support ongoing work by the city-wide, multi-agency By-law Enforcement Task Force and Integrated Municipal Enforcement Team.	Immediate
5.2	Clean up City-owned lands including vacant lots and road right-of-ways, and explore updates to streetscaping as appropriate.	Immediate
5.3	Conduct a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) safety audit with the Sault Ste. Marie Police Service.	Medium term

6. FOSTER PARTNERSHIPS TO BRING IN SERVICES AND OTHER NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENTS.

	Action Item	Time Frame
6.1	Reach out to city-wide health and social services agencies to explore the possibility of establishing a "wellness centre" in or within walking distance of the James Street neighbourhood that can provide a variety of health and social services for residents. A good model to explore is the Garden River Wellness Centre, which provides a wide range of programs and services that support wellness through all life stages.	Immediate
6.2	Work with Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) to clean up and transform the former railway right-of-way on the west side of Carmen's Way into a more welcoming landscaped area.	Medium term
6.3	Collaborate with property owners, community businesses, unions and agencies to facilitate neighbourhood projects, such as neighbourhood clean-ups, beautification projects and public art installations.	Medium term