



# AN EXPLORER'S GUIDE TO THUNDER BAY ONTARIO



[THUNDERBAY.CA](http://thunderbay.ca)

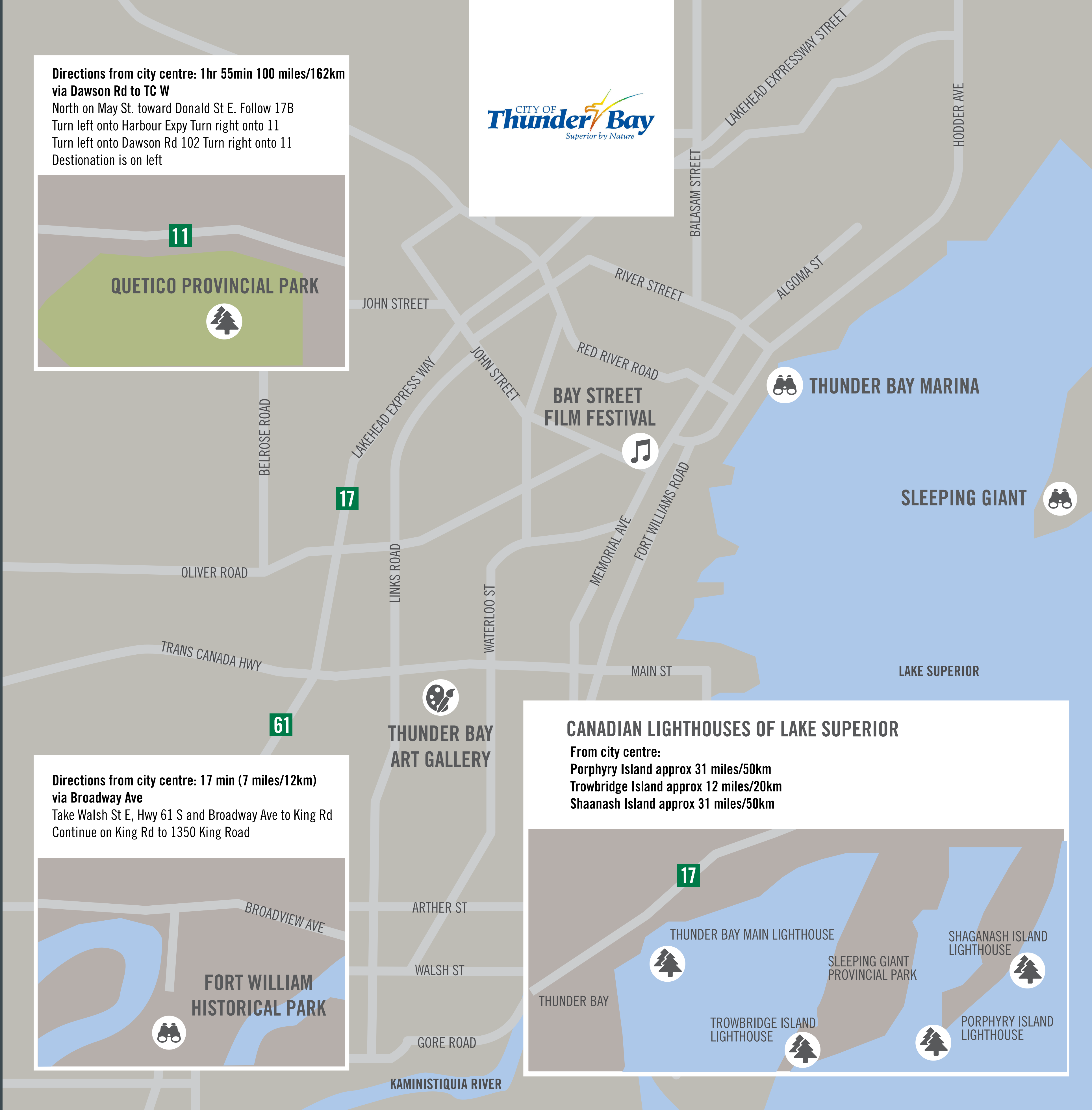
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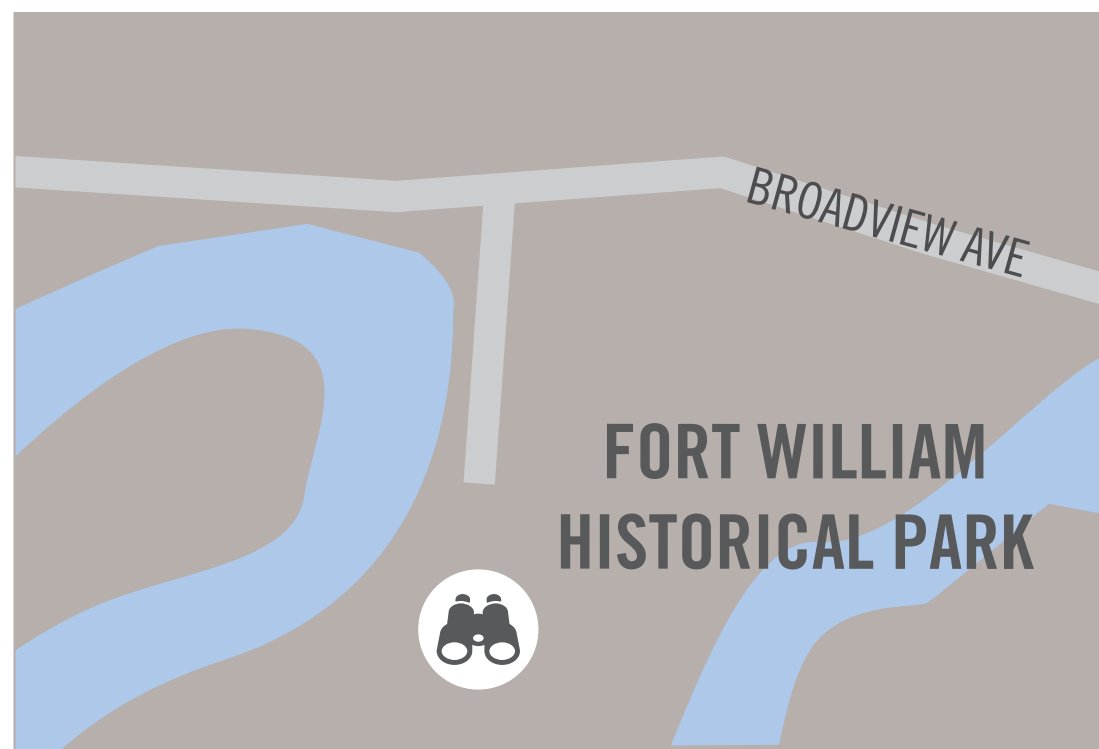
**Directions from city centre: 1hr 55min 100 miles/162km via Dawson Rd to TC W**

North on May St. toward Donald St E. Follow 17B  
Turn left onto Harbour Expy Turn right onto 11  
Turn left onto Dawson Rd 102 Turn right onto 11  
Destination is on left



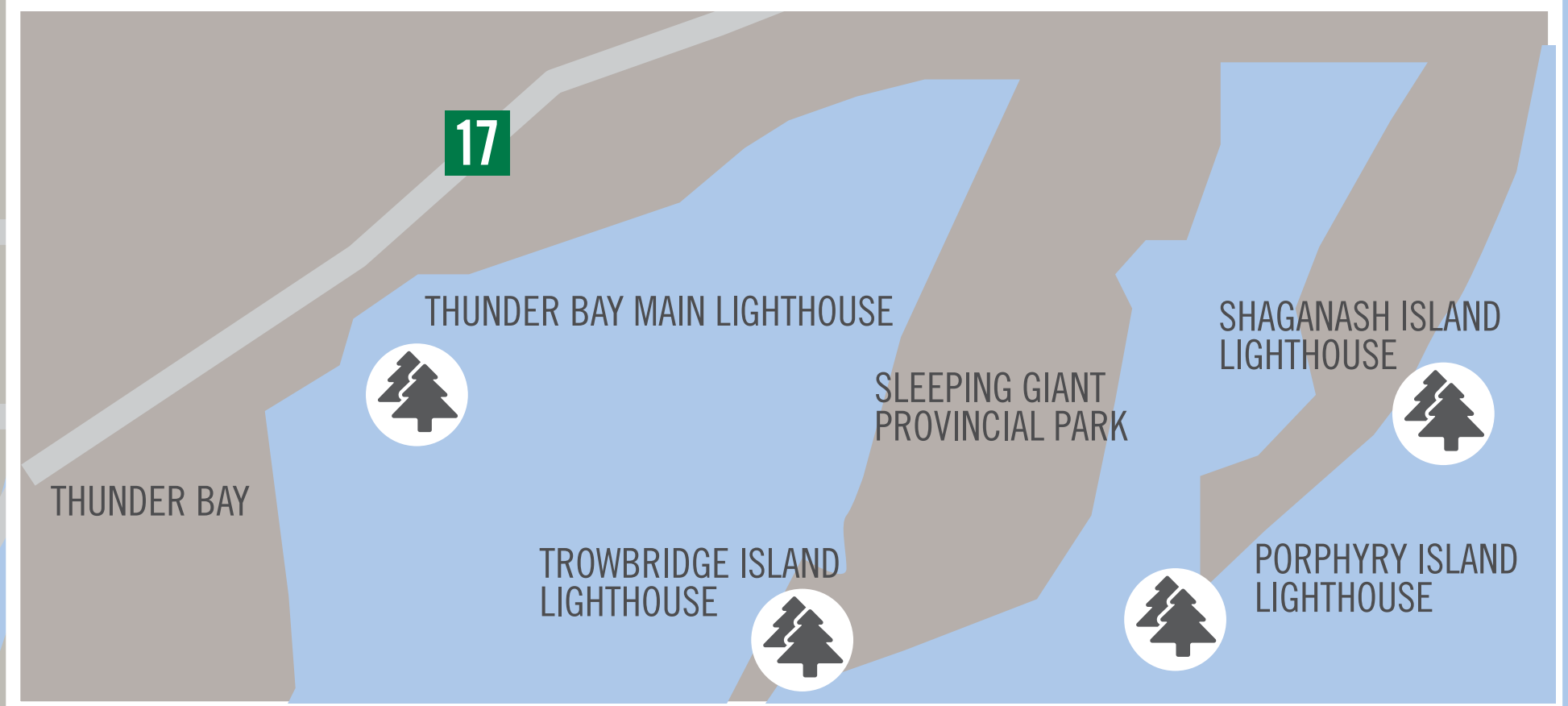
**Directions from city centre: 17 min (7 miles/12km) via Broadway Ave**

Take Walsh St E, Hwy 61 S and Broadway Ave to King Rd  
Continue on King Rd to 1350 King Road



### CANADIAN LIGHTHOUSES OF LAKE SUPERIOR

From city centre:  
Porphyry Island approx 31 miles/50km  
Trowbridge Island approx 12 miles/20km  
Shaanash Island approx 31 miles/50km



Attractions

Outdoor Experiences

Festivals & Events

Food & Culture

Shopping

Accommodations

Known as the gateway to Canada's great outdoors, Thunder Bay offers an eclectic mix of urban attractions and outdoor adventures. The city is a mere 90-minute plane ride from Toronto and Minneapolis. And since it sits alongside the Trans-Canada Highway, Thunder Bay is easily accessible to travellers far and wide.

For those looking towards a different type of getaway, Thunder Bay deserves to be on your shortlist. Whether it's spending the day discovering Canada's Great Outdoors, or enjoying urban attractions and amenities, Thunder Bay has something for everyone.



## HISTORY

Thunder Bay's European settlement established itself in the late 17<sup>th</sup> century with a French fur trading outpost on the banks of the Kaministiquia River. The town soon became a vital hub for transportation with its port forming a link in the shipping of grain and other sundry products. Forestry and manufacturing played key roles in Thunder Bay's economy. These industries have declined over the years, and have been supplanted by booming medical research and education activity. The actual City of Thunder Bay wasn't actually formed until 1970, when Fort William, Port Arthur, and the townships of Neebing and McIntyre merged.





## SLEEPING GIANT

Sleeping Giant is one of Northern Ontario's most famous natural attractions - and for good reason. With awe-inspiring views of Lake Superior, incredible trails and wildlife viewing, full-service cabins, a visitor's centre and more, no visit to Thunder Bay is complete without a visit to the 'Giant.'

## FORT WILLIAM HISTORICAL PARK

One of the largest living historical attractions in North America, Fort William re-creates the days of the North West Company and the Canadian fur trade. Including over 55 heritage and modern buildings, the Park offers a truly inspiring depiction of the culture and history that shaped the region.

History awaits at [fwhp.ca](http://fwhp.ca)

## THUNDER BAY MARINA

Nestled in Prince Arthur's Landing at Marina Park on the shores of Lake Superior, the Thunder Bay Marina features special events, fine dining, art exhibits, playgrounds, a skating rink, and an aboriginally-inspired Spirit Garden.



## QUETICO PARK

Famous for its towering rock cliffs, majestic waterfalls, pristine pine and spruce forests, picturesque rivers and lakes, Quetico is an outdoor adventurer's paradise. Canoeing, hiking, camping, skiing, wildlife viewing — there's just so much to explore.

## SURFING THUNDER BAY

There's nothing quite like exploring the waters of Lake Superior. Kayaking, canoeing and stand up paddleboarding — the choice is yours.



## CANADIAN LIGHTHOUSES OF LAKE SUPERIOR

Canadian Lighthouses of Lake Superior is dedicated to preserving and promoting lighthouses situated along the northern shoreline of Lake Superior. Discover the history behind these iconic structures, and the important roles they played in shaping the history of the region.

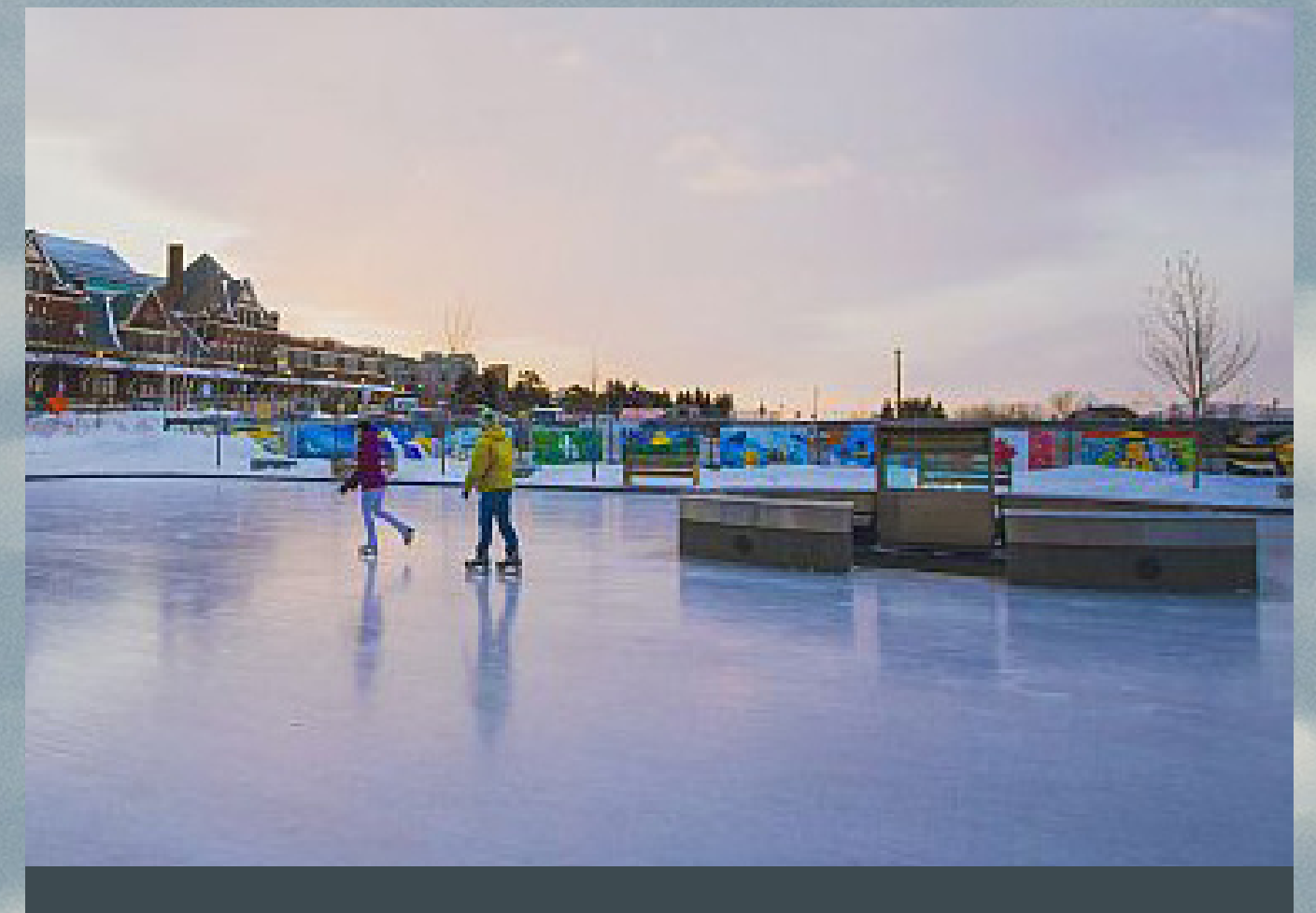




## BAY STREET FILM FESTIVAL

The Bay Street Film Festival celebrates the work of independent filmmakers. Showcasing the latest work of emerging and established artists from around the globe, the Festival features a diverse array of perspectives and stories each and every year.

Join the festivities at [BayStreetFilmFestival.ca](http://BayStreetFilmFestival.ca)



## LIVE ON THE WATERFRONT

Live on the Waterfront is a showcase for Thunder Bay's local performing arts scene, along with other notable Canadian acts. Enjoy complimentary weekly shows playing all summer long in a beautiful waterfront setting on the shores of Lake Superior.

## THUNDER BAY DRAGON BOAT RACE AND FESTIVAL

The Thunder Bay Dragon Boat Festival is an annual competitive and recreational racing event held at Boulevard Lake. The Festival promotes healthy lifestyles, fosters team building, and gives corporations, organizations and families the chance to develop community leadership.



## THUNDER BAY ART GALLERY

Located on the campus of Confederation College, the Thunder Bay Art Gallery focuses on the contemporary work of First Nations artists. The Gallery also hosts travelling exhibits from other art galleries and museums from around the country.

Start your native artistic journey at [theag.ca](http://theag.ca)

## FINE DINING

Thunder Bay offers a wide-ranging array of fine dining options suitable to all tastes. You'll find many of these refined restaurants, bistros and cafés down at the city's Waterfront, as well as downtown Thunder Bay.

## FORT WILLIAM FIRST NATIONS

Situated on the west end of Lake Superior, Fort William First Nations encompasses the traditional territories of the Chippewa. Explore the rich history, traditions and culture of these native people, along with their awe-inspiring and ancient lands.

Start your exploration at [fwfn.com](http://fwfn.com)



## ANTIQUE BOUTIQUES

Want to take a little piece of Thunder Bay home? You don't have to look any further than the city's array of antique boutiques that feature vintage furniture, jewellery, collectibles and more.

## WATERFRONT SHOPPING

There's so much to see and do at Thunder Bay's Waterfront. That includes shopping! Take the day (or two) to discover the many specialty shops that feature everything from giftware and fashions to antiques and fine art.

## HISTORICAL KEEPSAKES

Thunder Bay has a rich history, and many of its quaint shops and boutiques celebrate this heritage. You can find some unique antiques that will remind you of your time spent in this historic Northern Ontario city.



**ACCOMMODATIONS**

Thunder Bay is home to a wide selection of accommodations, from hotels with all the services and amenities you could wish for, to quaint bed & breakfasts offering authentic, home-away-from-home experiences.

