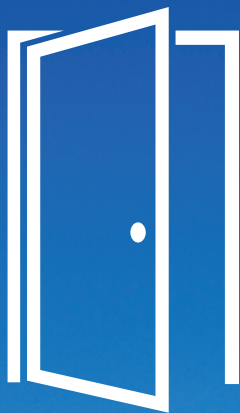


Doors Open Oshawa



Discover your city.
Visit our cultural treasures.

Saturday, May 3
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Doors Open Oshawa



Doors Open Ontario is a province-wide celebration that provides visitors with a unique opportunity to explore and enjoy sometimes hidden and always interesting places and spaces in our cities, towns, and villages – all free of charge!

Doors Open Oshawa gives the public a chance to explore historic architecture and fascinating sites found throughout Oshawa. Spend the day discovering local history firsthand and celebrate our community heritage.



WELCOME LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



This year marks the City of Oshawa's 22nd year participating in Doors Open, a province-wide celebration of notable spaces.

Visitors will be able to experience 18 unique sites our City offers, spanning from the lakeside to the downtown urban centre, from the east and west to the rural north. Spaces include the Canadian Tank Museum, the 420 Wing, the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Alexandra's Bounty Community Garden and the Howden Operations Depot in North Oshawa.

Join Club Carib of Oshawa as they celebrate their 50th anniversary by opening their doors as a new site for 2025. Don't miss the temporary public art installation, *Turning The Wheel*, by local artist Dani Crosby at the McMillan Parking Garage.

Doors Open takes place on the first Saturday in May, coinciding with May as Museum Month! We recognize museums' vital role in promoting cultural understanding and innovation throughout our city—many of which are sites on this year's tour.

A complete map of amazing historic, unique and cultural gems is available to experience!

As you explore Oshawa, I encourage you to appreciate the history and culture that unite our city. I look forward to kicking off this community event season and thank all the sites, volunteers, committee members, sponsors and staff for their efforts in showcasing Oshawa on May 3rd.


Sincerely,



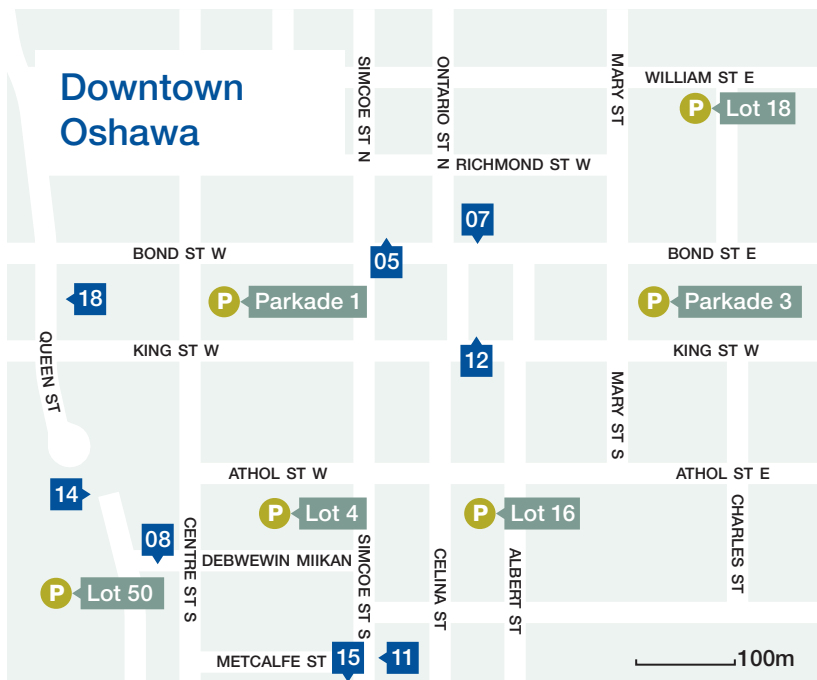
Dan Carter,
Mayor

DOORS OPEN OSHAWA DOWNTOWN OSHAWA MAP

Legend

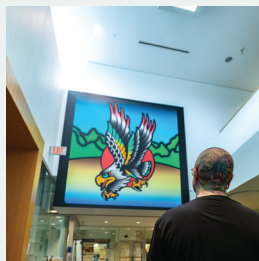
 – Building, Location, or Site

 – Municipal Parking



Public Art

The City of Oshawa is thrilled to showcase a number of new temporary public art installations that have been unveiled over the past two years. These exciting projects are part of the city's commitment to enhancing its vibrant cultural landscape. Learn more at oshawa.ca/PublicArtworks.



Stay True, by Jon Colwell

BRITANNIA AVE



17 Howden Rd. E. | +6.8 km north

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Buildings, Locations, & Sites Map

SIMCOE ST

RITSON RD

WILSON RD

HARMONY RD

GRANDVIEW ST

TOWNLINE RD

03

COLDSTREAM DR

TAUNTON RD

TAUNTON RD



03 04

02

BEATRICE ST

ROSSLAND RD

PARK RD

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RITSON RD

WILSON RD

HARMONY RD

ADELAIDE AVE

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BOND ST

BOND ST

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KING ST

TOWNLINE RD

THORNTON RD

STEVENSON RD

PARK RD

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OLIVE AVE

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DOORS OPEN OSHAWA BUILDINGS, LOCATIONS, & SITES



Oshawa Museum - Henry House and Guy House

1450 Simcoe St. S.

Year built: c. 1840 and 1883

Guided tours



The restored Victorian-era homes, situated on their original foundations, now serve as the Oshawa Museum.

Built circa 1840, Henry House showcases a traditional Victorian home, depicting family life in the 1870s. In contrast, Guy House features a gallery and gift shop. Each home belonged to prominent harbor masters from the area. Visitors can enjoy self-guided tours of Henry House, where costumed hosts are available to answer questions.

01



City of Oshawa - Parks Greenhouse

919 Farewell St.

Year built: 1964



Take a stroll through the City of Oshawa's Parks greenhouse, which is dedicated to housing tropical collections and producing annual bedding plants for city parks, gardens, City Hall, the Oshawa Valley Botanical Garden, and the downtown Oshawa planters and hanging baskets. By late March, the City of Oshawa will have sown 5,000 seeds and planted 2,000 cuttings, intending to have 60,000 beautiful plants ready by May to enhance the City's gardens and planters. The Glass Parks Horticulture greenhouse in Oshawa is one of the few remaining city-run glass greenhouses in Ontario.

Legend

- Washrooms
- Accessible
- Parking
- Kid Approved

*Site hours may vary, see site descriptions for details.



Canadian Tank Museum

03

1000 Stevenson Rd. N.

Guided and self-guided tours



The Canadian Tank Museum is home to North America's largest collection of operational historic military vehicles and the official museum of Durham Region's own Canadian Forces unit, the Ontario Regiment (Royal Canadian Armoured Corps). The Canadian Tank Museum is located on the grounds of an original Second World War airfield. The South field of the Oshawa airport was originally "Elementary Flight Training School 20" part of the Commonwealth Air Training Program during the Second World War. Pilots were trained here from all over the world to serve as fighter and bomber pilots during the war. Rides in the museum's M548 "Battle Bus" and M113 armoured personnel carriers will be available at an additional cost.



420 Wing Oshawa Inc.

04

1000 Stevenson Rd. N.

Year built: 1943



The 420 Wing Oshawa was established to train pilots during World War II as part of the Air Training Plan. The facility was referred to as Building 10. After the war, the building was utilized by the 420 Wing, formerly known as the 420 (City of Oshawa) Wing RCAFA. The building has been in operation since 1948, when returning Air Force veterans formed a "Wing," a practice that was common in many cities and towns across Canada. Today, it remains a vital and fully accessible organization, open to all citizens.



Oshawa Second Marsh and McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve

1908 Colonel Sam Dr.



The Friends of Second Marsh is a charitable organization dedicated to 'Connecting People with Nature' through interpretation, education, and stewardship services. Located in an outdoor area owned by the City of Oshawa, this site features approximately 7 kilometres of hiking trails. The McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve, which was once the site of the Beaton Farm, offers self-guided tours of its naturalized areas and trail system. We kindly ask that pets be left at home when visiting this site.



Colonel R.S. McLaughlin Armoury 05

53 Simcoe St. N.



This brick armoury, built on a stone foundation, features a spacious drill hall in the heart of downtown Oshawa. The square towers flanking the façade of the drill hall enhance its fortress-like appearance. The armoury is a recognized federal heritage building due to its historical significance, architectural design, and environmental value. We invite you to explore the displayed military vehicles and equipment, as well as personal gear issued to current members of the Canadian Army, on the main floor and in the officers' mess.



BOND|ST Event Centre

44 Bond St. E.



Originally built for the General Motors United Auto Workers Union Local 222, the BOND|ST Event Centre opened in 2024, offering a taste of the "big city" at home. The venue provides a unique event space with multiple spaces, which include the Mainstage music venue, TwoTwoTwo, the Local Lounge, Cafe, and Snack Bar. BOND|ST will be open for self-guided tours.



Oshawa Public Library – McLaughlin Branch

08

65 Debwewin Miikan (Formerly Bagot St.)

Architect: Arthur Eadie

Year built: 1954

Guided tours: 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.



Forming part of Oshawa's Civic Centre, the Library was a gift of Col. R.S. McLaughlin in 1954.

Architect Arthur Eadie was influenced by Frank Lloyd Wright in his design of the McLaughlin Public Library, now the central branch. Step back in time and relive Oshawa's past. Explore captivating videos, photographs, and cherished memorabilia on display in the Local History Room or attend a guided tour showcasing the evolution of the McLaughlin Library as it has adapted to serve the community over the past 70 years.

Public Art

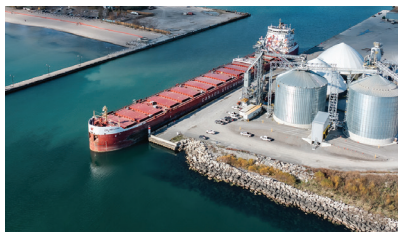
Stay True

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by Jon Colwell

South Oshawa Community Centre,
1455 Cedar St.

Learn more at
oshawa.ca/PublicArtworks.



Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA)

09

1621 Simcoe St. S.

Guided bus tours, load at end of
Simcoe St. S.: 10 a.m., 12 p.m.
and 2 p.m.

Lot A

As an integrated port network, the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA Ports) offers port and marine assets in Hamilton, Oshawa, and Niagara to support Ontario industries and facilitate trade. The Port of Oshawa is Durham Region's gateway to the world, handling more than 500 vessels carrying over 3 million metric tons of cargo over the past decade. Oshawa is one of the few cities that can boast an airport, rail lines, a deep-sea port, and 400-series highway all within proximity, offering importers and exporters a competitive edge.



Camp X / Intrepid Park


10

2008 Boundary Rd.

Architect: Lynn Philip Hodgson

Year built: 1941

Guided tours: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

 On-street

Walking tour of the famous top-secret spy camp; Camp-X. Camp X was a World War II training facility for agents operating behind enemy lines and served as the largest communication center in North America during that time. You can join one of two guided tours or stay and engage with guest speakers about the site's history. Please note that the uneven terrain may pose challenges for individuals with accessibility concerns. Parking is available across the street from the monument. The tour is one hour in length.

Canadian Automotive Museum

11

99 Simcoe St. S.

Year built: c. 1920

Guided tours

   On-street

The Canadian Automotive Museum was established in 1962 to promote the history of the automotive industry and tourism in the area. Currently, the Canadian Automotive Museum is the most significant collection of Canadian automotive history worldwide. Located in a former 1920s auto dealership building across from Memorial Park in downtown Oshawa. More than 70 vehicles are on display, including Lightning McQueen from Disney/Pixar's Cars.



Regent Theatre

12

50 King St. E.

Site hours: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Year built: 1919

Guided tours

   On-street

The Regent Theatre was constructed in 1919, and its King Street façade features symmetrical Georgian architectural lines. It stands as one of the few remaining examples of this classically inspired architectural style in Oshawa. Originally built for Famous Players theatres, the theatre's façade reflects these Georgian elements. After a period of closure, the building was reopened in 2010 and now serves as a lecture theatre for Ontario Tech University.



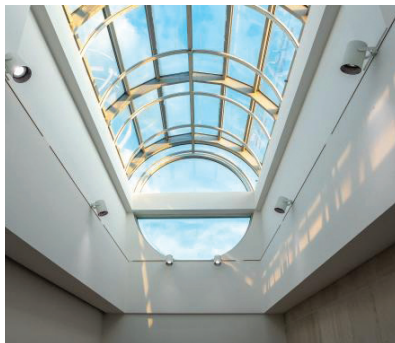
Alexandra's Bounty Garden

360 Simcoe St. N.

Year built: 2016

  at Alexandra Park

The Oshawa & Durham Region Métis Council Community Garden, established in 2016, offers free vegetables, berries, and herbs during the summer months to Métis citizens and members of the community in need. Located at Alexandra's Bounty, this garden connects people with the land by providing organic food from May to October. In addition, it honors the memory of murdered and missing women and children through an on-site display of red dresses. Visitors are encouraged to walk through the gardens to experience this uniquely designed space within the community.



The Robert McLaughlin Gallery

14

72 Queen St.

Architect: Hugh Allward of Allward & Gouinlock, Arthur Erikson

Year built: 1969

Guided tours: 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (RMG) is an artist-centered and community-oriented public art gallery located in the heart of Downtown Oshawa. The gallery was founded in 1967 and expanded to add 36,000 square feet in 1987. Arthur Erickson, built his design around the existing structure, with the use of skylighting. The RMG is the largest public art gallery in Durham Region, with a collection of over 4,700 works, focusing on the continuing story of Canadian Abstraction. During Doors Open, visit the pop-up café and bar located on the upper level of Arthur's.



McLaughlin Bandshell

110 Simcoe St. S.

Public concert: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

    On-street

The Bandshell, which officially opened in July 1942, was built to give the Oshawa Civic Band a place to perform and practice. Prior to this, band practices were held in the Orange Hall located over a grocery store near the four corners and the Armouries on Simcoe Street North. Walk through the interior Oshawa Civic Band room to see the current practice location. The art deco-inspired bandshell was a gift from R.S. McLaughlin, founder of General Motors Canada, in 1942 to the City of Oshawa. During Doors Open Oshawa, enjoy a performance by the Oshawa Civic Band at 11 a.m. In 2024, City of Oshawa Council officially designated this property as a Heritage Site under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Public Art

One Fish Two Fish

02

by Meaghan Claire Kehoe
Northview Community Centre,
150 Beatrice St. E.
Learn more at
oshawa.ca/PublicArtworks



Club Carib of Oshawa *New*

16

600 Wentworth St. E.

Live steel pan and dance performance:
1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Club Carib of Oshawa Inc. was founded in January 1966 and houses the Hummingbird Dancers and Oshawa Sounds of Steel. The Centre serves as a banquet hall for community events like weddings and conferences. Enjoy a thirty-minute steel pan and dance performance at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. The Caribbean Café will offer food and refreshments (while supplies last), and you can also try playing a steel pan!



City of Oshawa – Howden Operations Depot *NEW*

17

235 Howden Rd. E.



Operations Services are responsible for maintaining the city's infrastructure, including roads, sidewalks, parks, trails, trees, and the fleet, among other areas. The Howden Operations Depot oversees the inspection and maintenance of city roads and municipal infrastructure. This includes street sweeping, pothole repairs, shoulder and boulevard maintenance, catch basin cleaning, litter control, signage, and winter operations. Come and see where city vehicles refuel, as well as the oversized salt dome and fleet garage.

Public
Art

How Many Hearts?

03

created in collaboration with the LivingRoom Community Art Studio and Oshawa community members. Delpark Homes Centre, 1661 Harmony Rd. N. Learn more at oshawa.ca/PublicArtworks



Turning the Wheel by Dani Crosby *New*

18

McMillan Parkade, 110 King St. W.

Installed: 2024


Artist talk: 11 a.m., followed by a walk along Oshawa Creek

On-street

Turning the Wheel by Dani Crosby is a new temporary public artwork installed in September 2024. It was commissioned at the site of the former John Borlase Warren Flour Mill and reflects the history and legacy of the historic mill and its relationship to the Oshawa Creek. Learn more about this amazing artwork during an artist talk with Dani Crosby from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The artist talk will start at 11 a.m. with a 20-minute talk at the base of the mural (McMillan Parkade, 110 King St. W.) and will be followed by a walk along Oshawa Creek to the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens.

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Sites are free to enter and may offer sales or activations at an additional charge.

Disclaimer: Unforeseen circumstances may change site hours and/or activities without notice. Information is subject to change. Reference the site for the exact event timing. Some sites are available for tours, and the times have been listed accordingly.

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