

DOORS OPEN TOURS



BRANDON, MB
AUGUST 16TH & 17TH 2025
A WINDOW TO THE PAST
THROUGH BRANDON'S
HISTORIC SITES

WELCOME TO THE 2025 DOORS OPEN TOURS!

THE DOORS OPEN CONCEPT IS A SIMPLE ONE: BUILDINGS OF ARCHITECTURAL, & HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE TO BRANDON, MANY OF WHICH ARE NOT NORMALLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR FREE, OPEN THEIR DOORS TO VISITORS FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS. DOORS OPEN AIMS TO PROMOTE VISITORS' KNOWLEDGE AND ENJOYMENT OF LOCAL HISTORY THROUGH THE EXPLORATION OF BRANDON'S BUILT HERITAGE

THIS PASSPORT IS YOUR FULL EVENT GUIDE. IT LISTS ALL PARTICIPATING PROPERTIES, BRIEF HISTORIES OF EACH BUILDING, THEIR TOUR TIMES, AND MAPS TO THEIR LOCATIONS. SITES WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR FREE, SEMI GUIDED TOURS SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH & SUNDAY AUGUST 17TH FROM 12:00PM - 4:00PM, BOTH DAYS. SOME LOCATIONS HAVE ALTERED HOURS, WHICH ARE NOTED ON THEIR PAGES.

SIMILAR TO A REAL PASSPORT, EACH LOCATION HAS STICKERS FOR YOU TO MARK THEIR PAGES SIGNIFYING THAT YOU VISITED. COLLECT THEM ALL!

TOUR ETIQUETTE

PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL AND COURTEOUS TOWARDS PROPERTY OWNERS, BUILDING STAFF, AND VOLUNTEERS, AS THEY HAVE BEEN GENEROUS ENOUGH TO OPEN THEIR SPACES AND DONATE THEIR TIME TO THIS EVENT.

DO NOT ENTER ANY ROOMS THAT HAVE BEEN ROPED OFF OR THAT HAVE CLOSED DOORS. DO NOT TOUCH ANY FURNITURE, ART, OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

NO FOOD, DRINKS, OR SMOKING WILL BE ALLOWED ON TOUR PROPERTIES UNLESS OFFERED BY THE HOSTS.

PARTICIPANTS MAINTAIN THE RIGHT TO REMOVE OR REFUSE ENTRY TO ANY VISITOR NOT ADHERING TO THESE GUIDELINES.

UNFORTUNATELY NOT ALL OF THE LOCATIONS ARE FULLY WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE. SEMI-ACCESSIBLE LOCATIONS ARE IDENTIFIED.

TOUR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH

12:00PM-4:00PM

**Commonwealth Air
Training Plan Museum**

300 Commonwealth
Way

Daly House Museum

122 18th Street

Brandon Armoury

1116 Victoria Ave.

**Royal Canadian Artillery
Museum**

N118 Patricia Road,
Building N Shilo, MB

Brandon General Museum

19 9th Street Unit 101

**Former Brandon Mental
Health Centre**

1035 1st Street North

**Ukrainian Orthodox
Church of The Holy Ghost**

55 11th Street North

**The Parish St Augustine of
Canterbury Church**

327 4th street

Brandon Firehall #1

120 19th Street North

**Art Gallery of
Southwestern Manitoba**

710 Rosser Avenue, Unit 2

TOUR SCHEDULE

SUNDAY AUGUST 17TH

12:00PM-4:00PM

**Merchants Bank Brandon
Chamber of Commerce**

1043 Rosser Ave.

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FORMER BRANDON MENTAL HEALTH CENTRE GROUNDS

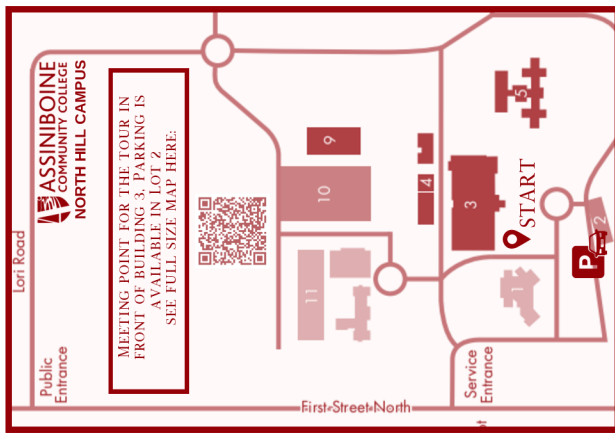
GUIDED WALKING TOUR

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

12:30PM - 1:30PM

(QUESTION PERIOD FROM 1:30-2PM)

COME LEARN ABOUT THE BUILDINGS THAT
WERE INCLUDED IN THE BMHC COMPLEX,
THE PROGRAMMING, AND THE TREATMENT
THAT WAS PROVIDED THERE



BRANDON WATER TREATMENT PLANT GUIDED WALKING TOUR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

TOUR TIMES:

12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00

THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY TOURS WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES LONG. COME LEARN HOW YOUR DRINKING WATER IS TRANSFORMED FROM THE ASSINIBOINE RIVER TO YOUR TAPS. YOU WILL GET A FIRST HAND LOOK INTO THE PROCESS OF PURIFYING THE CITY'S WATER AND MAKING SURE IT IS CLEAN AND SAFE.

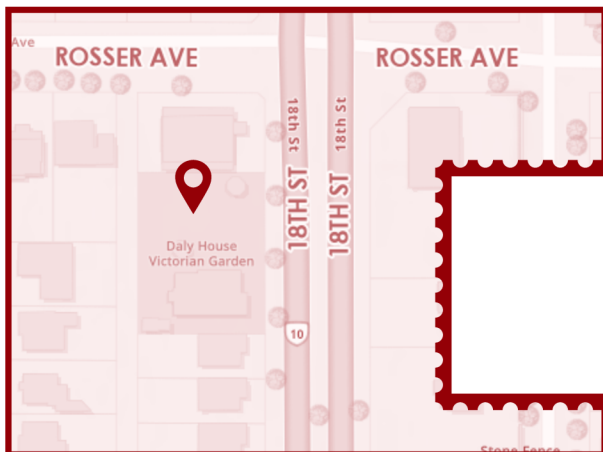


DOWNTOWN BRANDON
ARCHITECTURE
GUIDED WALKING TOUR
SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH
TOUR TIMES:
12:15-1:15 & 1:30-2:30PM

DISCOVER THE ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY OF DOWNTOWN BRANDON ON THIS ENGAGING WALKING TOUR. EXPLORE KEY BUILDINGS AND STYLES FROM THE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES, AND LEARN HOW THEY REFLECT THE CITY'S GROWTH AND CHARACTER.



SATURDAY AUGUST 17TH
DALY HOUSE MUSEUM
122 18TH STREET



DALY HOUSE MUSEUM, BUILT IN 1882 IS THE LAST REMAINING PRE-1900 BUILDING ON 18TH STREET. SHARING THE HISTORY OF BOTH THE VICTORIAN ERA AND THE HISTORY OF BRANDON, OUR MUSEUM BOASTS A VARIETY OF COLLECTIONS IN FASHION, TECHNOLOGY AND ARCHITECTURE. COME VISIT OUR NEWEST EXHIBIT "WISH YOU WERE HERE : GREETINGS FROM BRANDON" AND WATCH AS WE GO FROM A SMALL FARMING COMMUNITY TO THE BUSTLING CITY WE KNOW TODAY!

ACCESSIBLE OPTIONS AVAILABLE

SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH
BRANDON ARMOURY
1116 VICTORIA AVE



ORIGINALLY CONSTRUCTED DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR, THE FIRST FLOOR OF THIS BUILDING HOUSED THE ARMOURY WITH A LARGE DRILL HALL IN THE BACK.

OFFICE HEADQUARTERS WERE LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR, AND THE CARETAKERS' ROOM ON THE THIRD. SINCE ITS CONSTRUCTION, THE ARMOURY HAS HOUSED MANY DIFFERENT GROUPS, INCLUDING XII MANITOBA DRAGOONS, AND THE 26TH FIELD REGIMENT RCA. SINCE 1978, THE FIRST FLOOR HAS BEEN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS A MUSEUM, HONORING THE FALLEN SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AIR MEN AND WOMEN FROM THE BOER WAR TO THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN.

SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH
12:00PM - 3:30PM
THE PARISH ST AUGUSTINE
OF CANTERBURY
327 4TH STREET



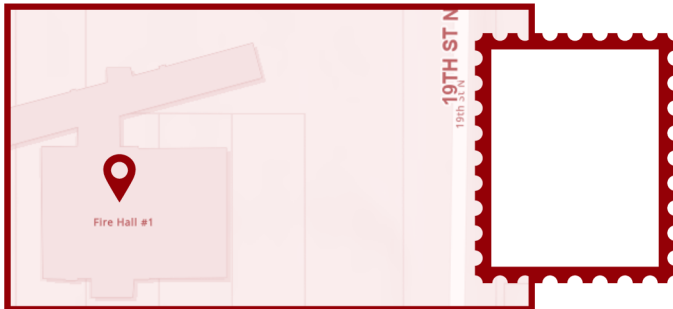
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SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH
10:00AM - 4:00PM
COMMONWEALTH AIR
TRAINING PLAN MUSEUM
300 COMMONWEALTH WAY



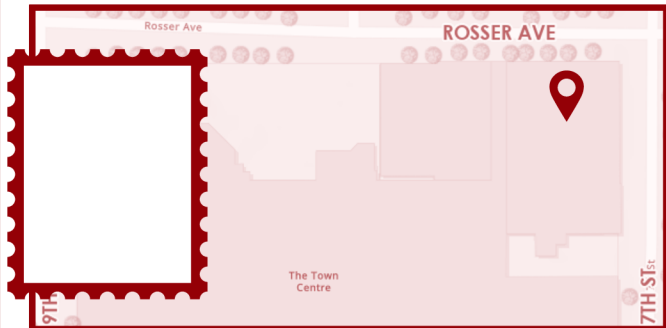
THE COMMONWEALTH AIR TRAINING PLAN MUSEUM IS CANADA'S ONLY MUSEUM DEDICATED SOLELY TO THE STORY OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE (RCAF) WHO TRAINED AND SERVED THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH DURING WWII (1939-1945). TRAVEL TO THE 1940'S AS YOU WANDER THROUGH A VINTAGE HANGAR WHICH IS ALSO A NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE, AND SEE AIRCRAFT, VEHICLES AND HUNDREDS OF ARTIFACTS FROM THAT ERA. THE RCAF WWII MEMORIAL IS A 300 FOOT GRANITE WALL ETCHED WITH THE NAMES AND AGES OF OVER 19,000 FALLEN. IT IS CANADA'S ONLY PERMANENT PUBLIC MEMORIAL WHICH SERVES AS LASTING RECOGNITION OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE AND ALL CANADIANS SERVING IN ANY COMMONWEALTH AIR FORCE, WHO LOST THEIR LIVES DURING WORLD WAR II.

SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH
BRANDON FIREHALL #1
120 19TH STREET NORTH



#1 FIRE HALL LOCATED AT 120-19TH ST. N WAS COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER 2010. IT CURRENTLY HOUSES OUR OPERATIONS DIVISION THAT PROVIDES BOTH FIRE/EMS RESPONSE CREWS, SPECIALIZED RESCUE TEAMS, TRAINING & FIRE INSPECTION DIVISIONS, ADMINISTRATION STAFF, BRANDON PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION CENTRE & SUPPORT STAFF AND THE CITY OF BRANDON'S EMERGENCY MANAGER. THE HALL HAS A MUSEUM WHICH SHOW CASES A BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED FIRE TRUCK THAT ONCE SERVED THE CITY OF BRANDON AS WELL AS MANY PIECES OF EQUIPMENT ONCE USED WITHIN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. ADORNING THE WALLS OF THE HALLWAYS ARE PICTURES DEPICTING THE HISTORY AND EVENTS THAT TELL THE STORY OF OUR SERVICE. THE CORONATION BELL IS PROUDLY DISPLAYED IN OUR FRONT FOYER WITH INFORMATION PLAQUES EXPLAINING THE BELL'S HISTORY. THIS BELL WAS AT ONE TIME MOUNTED IN THE HOSE TOWER OF THE PREVIOUS #1 FIRE HALL AT 637 PRINCESS AVE.

SATURDAY AUGUST 16TH
ART GALLERY OF
SOUTHWESTERN MANITOBA
710 ROSSER AVENUE, UNIT 2

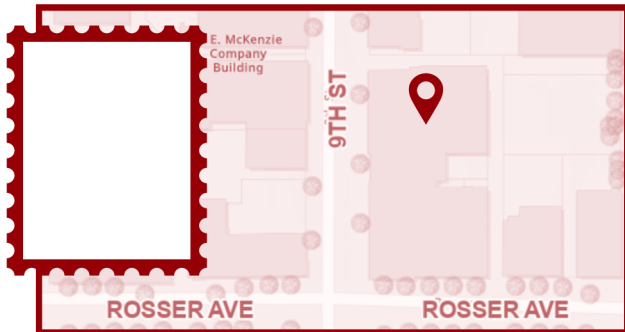


FOUNDED IN 1907, THE ART GALLERY OF SOUTHWESTERN MANITOBA IS THE PROVINCE'S OLDEST ART EXHIBITION AND TEACHING SPACE AND ONE OF CANADA'S FIRST. ORIGINALLY FORMED AS THE BRANDON ART CLUB, THEN THE ALLIED ARTS CENTER, BEFORE IT FINALLY ADOPTED ITS CURRENT TITLE IN 1989 AFTER SECURING A BUILDING ON 6TH AND PRINCESS, PREVIOUSLY A CO-OP FOOD STORE, AND TODAY THE AR MCDIARMID CIVIC CENTRE. IN 2000, THE CITY OFFERED TO MOVE THE AGSM INTO THE VACANT EATON'S BUILDING, WHERE IT IS STILL LOCATED TODAY. IT FEATURES TWO EXHIBITION SPACES, A GIFT SHOP WITH WORK FROM LOCAL MANITOBA ARTISTS, AND SIX STUDIOS THAT RUN ART SCHOOL PROGRAMS YEAR-ROUND TO TEACH PAINTING, PHOTOGRAPHY, CERAMICS, DRAWING, PRINT MAKING, PHOTOGRAPHY, AND MORE.

THE AGSM'S PHOTOGRAPHY DARKROOM WILL BE OPEN FOR TOURS AND A DISPLAY OF HISTORY AND ARTIFACTS WILL BE IN THE FOYER FOR VISITORS. BOTH GALLERIES WILL BE OPEN, SHOWCASING EXHIBITIONS: "THROUGH MY WINDOW, THERE IS A VIEW" BY ARTIST OPEYEMI OLUKOTUN AND "I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU" FROM THE FREE FLOW ARTIST COLLECTIVE.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM

19 9TH STREET UNIT 101

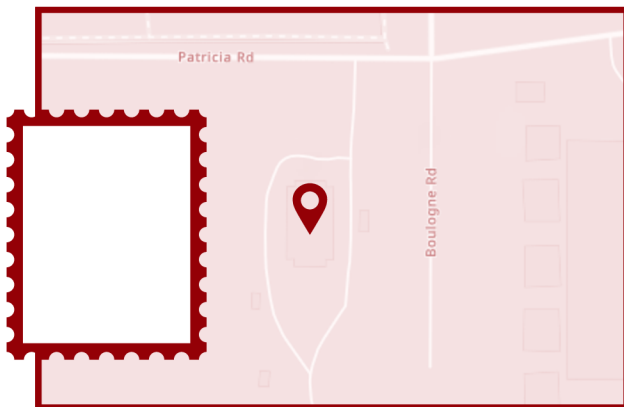


LOCATED IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN, ACROSS FROM THE ICONIC MCKENZIE SEEDS BUILDING, THE BRANDON GENERAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES' MISSION IS TO COLLECT, CONSERVE, STUDY, EXHIBIT AND INTERPRET HISTORIC AND HERITAGE MATERIALS RELATING TO THE CITY OF BRANDON AND ITS PLACE WITHIN THE HISTORY OF SOUTHWESTERN MANITOBA. WE ALSO HOUSE THE BJ HALES NATURAL HISTORY GALLERY WITH AN IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION OF SPECIMENS THAT ARE OVER 100 YEARS OLD!

FOR ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE CONTACT: (204) 717-1514

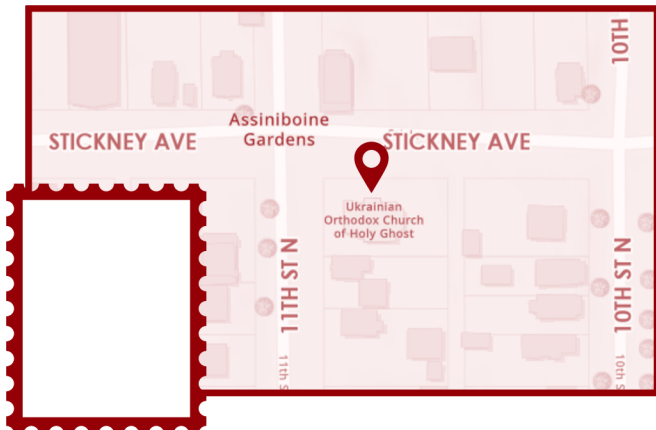
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY MUSEUM

N118 PATRICIA ROAD, SHILO, MB



THE ROYAL CANADIAN ARTILLERY MUSEUM-CANADA'S NATIONAL ARTILLERY MUSEUM-IS THE ONLY MUSEUM IN THE WORLD DEDICATED TO TELLING THE STORY OF THE MORE THAN 200,000 GUNNERS WHO HAVE SERVED CANADA. IT IS THE CENTRAL MUSEUM FOR THE ROYAL REGIMENT OF CANADIAN ARTILLERY, WHICH HAS BEEN PART OF CANADIAN HISTORY FOR 150 YEARS. IN 1962, THE CANADIAN FORCES ESTABLISHED THE RCA MUSEUM TO PRESERVE AND INTERPRET THIS PROUD HERITAGE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX
CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST
55 11TH STREET NORTH



BRANDON'S CHURCH OF THE HOLY GHOST AND
REV. TARAS UDOD WELCOME ALL FAITHFUL TO
OUR OPEN HOUSE.

CELEBRATING OUR 101ST YEAR, BRANDON'S ONLY
ORTHODOX CHURCH INVITES YOU TO TOUR THE
CHURCH AND LEARN ABOUT THE DIFFERENT ICONS
AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE TO THE ORTHODOX
FAITH.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
FORMER BRANDON MENTAL
HEALTH CENTRE
1035 1ST STREET NORTH



THE BRANDON MENTAL HEALTH CENTRE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1891, AND THROUGH TIME A NUMBER OF VERY LARGE BUILDINGS WERE ADDED TO THE SITE, INCLUDING THE VALLEYVIEW BUILDING, PINERIDGE BUILDING, NURSES' RESIDENCE, AND PARKLAND BUILDING. THE NURSES' RESIDENCE AT THE BRANDON MENTAL HEALTH CENTRE WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1921-23 WHILE THE OTHER MAJOR BUILDINGS AT THE SITE ARE HUGE, GRAND AND FORMAL, THE NURSES' RESIDENCE IS INFORMAL AND WELCOMING.

THE SITE NOW BOASTS THE MANITOBA INSTITUTE OF CULINARY ARTS (MICA), HOUSED INSIDE A BEAUTIFUL HERITAGE BUILDING, COMBINING THE BEST OF BOTH NEW AND OLD.

BUILDING 1 (THE NURSE'S RESIDENCE/MICA) IS OPEN FOR VIEWING, PARKING IS AVAILABLE IN LOT 2 SEE MAP ON PAGE 7.

SUNDAY AUGUST 17TH
1:00PM - 4:00PM
THE PARISH ST AUGUSTINE
OF CANTERBURY
327 4TH STREET



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SUNDAY AUGUST 17TH
MERCHANTS BANK BRANDON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
1043 ROSSER AVE



BUILT IN 1907, THIS BEAUTIFULLY PRESERVED HISTORIC BUILDING IS A CORNERSTONE OF DOWNTOWN BRANDON. ORIGINALLY HOME TO A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, IT NOW SERVES AS A VIBRANT HUB FOR LOCAL BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP. WITH ITS ORIGINAL LIMESTONE, GRAND ARCHED WINDOWS, AND HERITAGE CHARM, THE BUILDING OFFERS A GLIMPSE INTO BRANDON'S ECONOMIC ROOTS. STEP INSIDE TO EXPLORE A SPACE WHERE HISTORY MEETS MODERN COMMERCE AND LEARN HOW THE CHAMBER CONTINUES TO SUPPORT AND SHAPE THE CITY'S FUTURE. A MUST-SEE FOR ARCHITECTURE LOVERS AND HISTORY BUFFS!

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