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Indigenous Walks Uncover Downtown Ottawa Hidden Gems

If you are among the over 7.3 million visitors that visit Ottawa each year you may want to take in this 2 hour walking tour that features Indigenous sites.



Downtown Ottawa is a historical area with many monuments and points of interest, and it's also traditional Algonquin territory.

Now, resident Jaime Koebel is teaching others more about indigenous history with a unique walking tour called Indigenous Walks, which highlights some of the

You never find good fishing at the end of a paved road



On the way to the fishing hole - Hermann Herzog 1832 - 1932

Photo Source: Wikimedia

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Pan Am Games Make Headway With Indigenous Protocol

Flame travels across borders

Aboriginal Peoples Pleased To Be Getting The Proper Recognition

Indigenous involvement in the Games extends well beyond Canadian soil, however. This year's torch relay began at the Pyramid of the Sun at Teotihuacan, Mexico, with a ceremonial lighting of the torch by the Aztecs. LaForme and MNCFN elder Garry Sault were in attendance.

neighborhood's hidden gems.

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Photo: *Aboriginal Veterans Monument Ottawa, ON*
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This year's torch relay was received by Chief LaForme of Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation at Harbourfront Centre in Toronto. (Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation)

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Pan Am Games

Known for her blocking abilities on the volleyball court Jaimie Thibeault is a force to be reckoned with, but the road to Pan Am Games for Aboriginal volleyball player wasn't easy.

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Words from the Water

Water is amazing, it flows where it wants to, it can go through any crack, crook or cranny. It can sing the most beautiful songs, if you listen well.



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First Nations Law Student Gets OK To Wear Regalia To Call To Bar In Ontario



Gray is proud to showcase her Indigenous heritage and has been wearing with the Law Society of Upper Canada since April, after she asked to wear her traditional regalia to her call ceremony. (Supplied)

When Christina Gray was called to the bar in Ontario this past June, she was the only law student wearing a woolen red-and-black button blanket and cedar hat - instead of black barristers' robes which is the common practice for soon-to-be lawyers.

Montreal Police Sign Landmark Agreement to Improve Relations with Aboriginal Community

While such a protocol is a first, the agreement as a whole is also a rarity, said Alana Boileau, the Justice and Public Security Co-ordinator with Quebec Native Women. "This agreement stems from the ground up, it comes from the community," she said. "The community came to the police and said, we want an agreement."

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Timely funding for First Nations Technical Institute



TYENDINAGA MOHAWK TERRITORY - More First Nation, Métis and Inuit learners will have access to high quality post-secondary education and training opportunities as Ontario has committed \$97 million in funding over the next three years.

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Academy Prepares Native Students for Careers in Law Enforcement

"Northwest Law Enforcement Academy has a great track record with graduating First Nations peoples, and we are so very proud when we learn our graduates have been hired by law enforcement agencies [such as] Manitoba Corrections or the Sheriff's Department," says Chief Executive Officer Victor Popow. "We want to see all of our students move into responsible, well paid positions in the field, and the opportunities are huge. With large numbers of the baby boomers retiring, we see law enforcement agencies across Canada hiring and looking for mature, responsible, and well trained individuals."



Allan Richard attending class at Northwest Law Enforcement Academy.

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Deaf Metis Doctor Wins \$35,000 Discrimination Award Against UBC, St. Paul's Hospital

Jessica Dunkley, Canada's first deaf Metis doctor has won her discrimination case against the University of B.C. and St. Paul's Hospital for failing to provide sign language interpreters during her medical residency.

Jessica had graduated from medical school at the University of Ottawa in May 2010, when she received an Extraordinary Women award.

But when Dunkley was told that her disability could not be accommodated with American Sign Language interpreters, her residency was cancelled.

Dunkley, who reads lips, filed a B.C. Human Rights complaint, saying she felt "dehumanized," especially since she had received the assistance of sign language interpreters while earlier completing her Bachelor of Science degree at UBC and then her medical degree at the University of Ottawa.

The estimated cost of providing interpreters for her medical residency at St. Paul's was roughly \$500,000 a year for five years.

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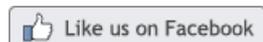
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