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Premier Kathleen Wynne is inviting people from the Thunder Bay area to have their voices heard on the issues that matter most to them, their communities and to everyone across Northwestern Ontario. Today, the Premier will host the fourth in a series of provincewide town hall meetings. Hundreds of people have attended the town halls to date, taking advantage of the chance to speak directly with the Premier about the challenges and opportunities of a changing economy. From the rising minimum wage to legalized cannabis to education and health care, no issue has been off the table at earlier discussions in Toronto, Peel Region and Ottawa. The Premier's latest Town Hall will take place at the [Italian Cultural Centre](#) at 132 Algoma Street South in Thunder Bay, and will be moderated by Patricia Lang, former President of Confederation College. Admission is free to the event and open to anyone who wants to share their thoughts about Ontario's plan to create more fairness and opportunity in this period of rapid economic change. General admission seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Italian Cultural Centre. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m., and the Premier's Town Hall will start at 6:00 p.m. Those who wish to attend are encouraged to [RSVP](#). Please note, an RSVP does not guarantee admission, but helps ensure that adequate seating is available.

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Also Today:

- Ontario is helping to make Thunder Bay's award-winning waterfront more vibrant and attractive, with support for three projects that will improve public space, pay tribute to the city's history and provide a high-profile showcase for Indigenous and Northwestern Ontario artists. Premier Kathleen Wynne was in Thunder Bay today to announce funding through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for the three projects at Prince Arthur's Landing at Marina Park. The park offers a wide array of attractions, including a marina, arts centre, splash pad, concert venue and places to walk, skate, cycle and skateboard. Ontario's funding will help strengthen this lively community-gathering place for residents and visitors by:
 - o Building a new 40,000-square-foot waterfront home for the Thunder Bay Art Gallery — which has a special focus on works by contemporary Indigenous and Northwestern Ontario artists — giving the gallery twice as much space as its current location at Confederation College
 - o Providing funding for waterfront redevelopment to the City of Thunder Bay, including to extend the Sleeping Giant Parkway, improve the boardwalk and prepare the site for the new gallery
 - o Supporting the Lakehead Transportation Museum Society's relocation of the Alexander Henry, a former Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker built in Thunder Bay in 1958, as part of a new interactive transportation museum

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Our government's plan to build a stronger, healthier Ontario includes **historic new investments in health care**, including free **medications for everyone 24 and under through OHIP+: Children and**

Youth Pharmacare, providing free **tuition to over 210,000 students** and on-the-job learning opportunities to help land a great job, helping 100,000 kids access quality, licensed child care and making it more affordable for families, making everyday life more affordable by **reducing electricity costs by 25 per cent** on average through our Fair Hydro Plan, and taking action to **make housing more affordable** for homebuyers and renters through our Fair Housing Plan.