



STRATEGIC LOCATION

- The City of Thunder Bay is located in the centre of Canada and enjoys access to both eastern and western markets, as well as the American Upper Midwest.
- Thunder Bay is a transportation hub, featuring one of Canada's largest port facilities, both major railways and the junction of the Trans-Canada Highway with the principal north-south routes from Upper Midwest to the Gulf of Mexico.
- Minneapolis, Minnesota is the nearest major U.S. City to Thunder Bay.
- Thunder Bay's international airport, port, railroads, highways and central location make it easy to get people and goods in and out.
- For 150 years, forestry has played an integral part in Thunder Bay's development. Thunder Bay is situated on Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world.



Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre - TBRHSC



Lakehead University

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES

THUNDER BAY IS/HAS:

- Ontario's 14th largest city and Canada's 31st largest city.
- The service centre to the North.
- Excellent access to the U.S. market.
- 32 miles / 52 kilometres from the U.S. border.
- Un-congested border crossing to the U.S.
- The 3rd busiest international airport in Ontario.
- Two major education institutions:
Confederation College and Lakehead University.
- World class health and medical and research facilities.
- The largest independent telecommunications company.
- Natural resources, unique location and unspoiled outdoors.
- Excellent real estate options.
- A growing cluster focus on molecular medicine: research in the areas of mitochondrial DNA, genetic DNA analysis, and cancer research and development is propelling Thunder Bay's economy forward.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

- City of Thunder Bay (Municipal Government)
- Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (Acute Care Hospital)
- Lakehead District School Board (Elementary and Secondary Education)
- Government of Ontario / Management Board of Cabinet (Provincial Government)
- St. Joseph's Care Group (Complex Care, Rehabilitation, Long Term Care, Supportive Housing and Mental Health)
- Lakehead University (Education)
- Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board (Education)
- Abitibi-Bowater (Pulp and Paper, Forest Products)
- Confederation College (Education)
- Bombardier Transportation (Mass Transportation, Equipment Manufacturing)
- Government of Canada (Federal Government)
- Buchanan Group (Forest Products)

STATISTICS AND DEMOGRAPHICS

Population

Thunder Bay, Ontario (Statistics Canada 2006)	122,907
Total private dwellings	55,582
Land area in square kilometres	2,550.40
Population density per square kilometre	48.2

Superior Transportation Infrastructure

Thunder Bay international Airport

- 3rd busiest airport in Ontario
- 75 flights depart daily

Port of Thunder Bay

- International Port
- Great Lakes/St.Lawrence Seaway

Trans-Canada Highway 11/17 and Highway 61

- Connects to U.S. Interstate System

Rail: Access to both major national firms

- Canadian National Railway (CN) and Canadian Pacific Railway (CP)

Superior Education

- Confederation College
- Lakehead University

Superior Labour Force

- 67,900 (source: Statistics Canada 2006)



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