

# WOMEN'S HISTORY ART BUS PROJECT



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## Clean, Green, & Beautiful – Emerging Projects Fund Final Report Celebrating Women's History Art Bus Project

A collaboration with the Recreation and Culture Division, Clean, Green & Beautiful, Public Art Committee, City of Thunder Bay Archives, and Transit Services, a transit bus has been transformed into a vibrant canvas which celebrates the contributions of women to our community.

Local artist Shelby Wideman's depiction of 12 women from the City of Thunder Bay Archives Women's History Month Web Exhibit was selected through an open call-to-artists released in August 2023. Revealed during Women's History Month in October as part of the City of Thunder Bay Archive's launch of their 2023 exhibit Wideman states about her design, "My goal was to celebrate the diverse women who have been nominated in the past as well as the new nominations this year. I wanted them to be the main focus. Through the vibrant colours of the portraits, I hope to capture and inspire viewers and spark meaningful conversations about the everlasting impact of women throughout our city."

The Women's History Art Bus project stands as a testament to the profound impact and opportunity of art in public spaces. Its successful execution not only showcases local talent, but also contributes significantly to Thunder Bay's cultural identity and community well-being amid daily life.

Funding through Clean, Green & Beautiful's Emerging Projects Fund was an integral part of this project. The Women's History Art Bus began circulation on transit routes throughout the city at the end of December 2023. The artwork is expected to remain in place for the full lifespan of the vinyl wrap (approximately four years).

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