



Great ★ Transconian ★ Canada Day Scavenger Hunt

1. Transcona Centennial Square has a stage and clock tower, that can be seen throughout the daylight hours.

When the sun dips down at night, how many posts around the fountain help give off light?

Answer: b) 4



The Transcona Centennial Square is used annually for many public events, including community markets, movie and concert nights, and a winter skating rink. The Park sits on a special piece of land for Transcona residents as it is the former location of Joe Blostein & Son. Many will remember Blostein's as one of Transcona's largest and busiest department stores, a mainstay of the community and an integral part of Transcona's heritage. On Friday, April 12, 2013, a Time Capsule was placed in the square as part of Transcona's 100th Anniversary Celebration. Created to provide a "snapshot" of the Centennial Year the capsule is set to be opened in 2062.

2. Two murals can be found behind RJ Accounting at 314 Bond.
Name one of the animals featured, of which Canadians are fond:

Answer: Owl, Bison/Buffalo, Moose, or Wolf



Mural on Side of building titled "Owl". Owls symbolize great wisdom and insight, encouraging individuals to see beyond the surface and use their curiosity to guide them in life. Artist Fred Thomas is a Winnipeg-based tattoo artist and visual artist who has been active since 1985 and has created many murals throughout Winnipeg since 1998.



Mural on back of building titled: "Manitoba Spirit Animals". A triptych mural featuring a bison, a moose, and a wolf representing the spirits of animals commonly found in Manitoba.

- Bison – stands for abundance and liberation
- Moose – stands for self-esteem and courage
- Wolf – stands for intuition and instinct

Even though the animals are framed within a circle, the artist didn't want them to be constrained as can be seen by the extension of horns, antlers, and ears beyond the circle's boundaries. Artists Shelby Willis and her mother, Cheryl Metcalf are Edmonton-based, self-taught and have

strong ties to Winnipeg. They are descendants of Métis leader Elzéar Goulet, and Shelby's maternal and paternal grandmothers are from Winnipeg. Information provided by Transcona Museum

3. Located at 115A Regent Ave West, Beautiful You Spa and Salon will have you looking your best. Apparel, accessories, and pedicures for your toes, what colours are the flip flops in the window?

Answer: Black & White



Beautiful YOU Spa and Salon is owned and operated by Connie Andrusiak, a licensed esthetician with over 20 years experience. The store offers a full compliment of therapeutic skin and body care treatments in a relaxing atmosphere.

4. Aunt Monica's Attic encourages creativity through play. What is the character on the front door's name?

Answer: Doodlewart

Aunt Monica's Attic is a unique store with a mission to encourage creativity through arts, crafts, and active play for children and adults alike.

5. Everyone knows Winnipeggers enjoy a Slurpee, compared to the rest of Canada, we drink twice as many! On Regent, across from 7-Eleven, how many black flower planters are outside of A Little Pizza Heaven?

Answer: two



From humble beginnings in Osborne Village in 2006, A Little Pizza Heaven is a locally owned and operated franchise now with four locations across Winnipeg. Offering contactless delivery and the always welcome pizza special of buy one get one half-off, try some of their specialties today like the Heavenly Veggie, or Bacon Double Cheeseburger Pizza!

The first Slurpee poured in Canada was in Calgary in 1969. Winnipeg is considered the Slurpee capitol of the world, consuming more of the frozen drink than anywhere else in the world. Served at -2.2 degrees Celsius, perhaps its because we know a thing or two about cold!

Each year Transcona BIZ employees a team of seasonal staff who are responsible for beautifying downtown Transcona. This includes planting and caring for over 150 planters and hanging baskets full of flowers.

6. On the side of the Transcona Legion, the mural provides quite a view; Transcona's war veterans can give you a clue. A soldier, a nurse, and a pilot in blue. What is the sailor on the right looking through?

Answer: Binoculars



Mural titled: "2005 Year of the Veteran". The idea for this mural came from the late Sir Paul Martin, who wanted the mural to be an educational tool so that the men and women that had given their lives for our country would not be forgotten. "2005 Year of the Veteran" tells the story of Transcona's efforts in the World Wars on the home front and overseas in three layers. The foreground of the mural showcases the Transcona community before the onset of war with the Central School, Transcona shops, and a Harley Davidson as a nod to Sir Paul Martin. The middle of the mural is dedicated to the war effort and Transcona

Veteran's participation in all branches of the military, including HMCS Transcona, Transcona Shell Co., the Cordite Plant, and Canada's Armoured Train. At the top of the mural are acts of Remembrance including Crosses, poppies, and the words "Lest We Forget".

Information provided by the Transcona Museum

7. Peanut butter, basketball, and the first internet search engine are all examples of great Canadian inventions. What other invention is featured in the window display, at Dulux Paint on the corner of Regent and Day?

Answer: Paint Roller



The paint roller was invented in 1940 by Manitoba-born, Torontonian Norman Breakey as a time-saving painting tool that allowed anyone to create a smooth finish. Prior to this invention, house painting was best left to the professionals, who needed time and dexterity to create a smooth finish using paint brushes alone. Breakey created a cylinder covered in fabric that picked up more paint than a traditional brush. Unfortunately, without patenting his unique design, imitations started showing up, and Breakey reportedly died before being able to profit from his invention, and before public recognition was given in 1967. The first paint roller patent was held by American Richard Croxton Adams.

8. Fas Gas on the corner of Pandora and Day, has signs for Heffy's Fried Chicken. What does their tagline say?

Answer: "Worth Crossing The Road For"



Fas Gas Plus has grown from the first location in Red Deer, Alberta over thirty five years ago to over two hundred locations across Canada in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, P.E.I, and in the Northwest Territories. Along with fuel, their Transcona location features Heffy's Fried Chicken, scrumptious samosas, Jones Soda frozen drinks, and more!

9. Oakley Alarms keeps Transcona safe at all times. What message is featured on their reader board sign?

Answer: Canada Simply The Best



Oakley Alarms specializes in full home automation from alarm systems to temperature control and much more with 24/7 around the clock monitoring. Starting out as a business by two brothers in 1997, Oakley Alarms has grown into a united team of electronics and installation specialists!

10. Banking, borrowing, and investment solutions can all be found at 1300 Plessis Casera Credit Union. 2021 marks Casera's 70th anniversary, what blue message is painted on the windows for all to see?

Answer: Own Your Dreams



Casera Credit Union was founded in the boiler shop of the Canadian National Railway's Transcona Shops in 1951, the vision of 10 tradesmen who invested \$5 each for an opportunity to save and borrow money. Now in their 70th year of operation, their Plessis location was the first Credit Union in Manitoba to have a drive-thru ATM in 1995. In it's first four days of operation, the ATM processed 996 transactions, and remains in operation today!

11. Maple syrup, Bannock, and the humble Nanaimo bar are enjoyed by Canadian's near and far. What is another national dish? Wendy's sign shows it as a **digital** pic.

Answer: Poutine



The first Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers location was opened in 1969 in Columbus, Ohio by founder Dave Thomas. After trying all five of his children's names for the restaurant, Dave decided on his daughter Melinda's nickname - Wendy. This nickname stemmed from the fact that her siblings couldn't pronounce her name, so they started calling her Wenda, which then turned into Wendy.

Poutine was born in rural Quebec in the 1950's. Various places claim credit for inventing what is now known as Canada's national dish. The most widespread story is that poutine originates from a restaurant formerly called Le Lutin qui rit in Warwick, in the Arthabaska region. In 1957, a client named Eddy Lainesse would ask the owner Fernand Lachance to mix the cheese curds with the fries. A Drummondville restaurant called Le Roy Jucep registered a trademark stating that it is the inventor of poutine. Jean-Paul Roy, owner of this restaurant in 1964, is the first one to have served poutine as we know it today, i.e. "French fries, cheese and gravy."

12. Another Canadian creation, though not loved by all. Where could you purchase a Hawaiian pizza in the 801 Regent Strip Mall?

Answer: Little Caesar's



Ontario Restaurant owner Sam Panopoulos, is credited for inventing the Hawaiian pizza in the 1960s. A taste test revealed that the sweetness of the pineapple and savory flavor of the added ham made for a nice contrast with the salty, doughy pie. The "Hawaiian" name came from the brand of canned pineapple Panopoulos used.

13. Park City Commons, a place to live, work, and play is your next destination this Canada Day. Our national flag depicts a maple leaf in red. What store shares this symbol, that's owned by Ted?

Answer: No Frills

The first No Frills store opened in East York in 1978, and was just that – no frills. No product advertising, no store displays, no meat counter, no clerks to bag your groceries, and you had to bring your own bags or pay 3 cents for each. While most grocery stores carried thousands of items, that first No Frills® featured only 500.

The maple tree with its vibrant autumn colours has always been a prominent feature of the landscape in the eastern parts of Canada. The Indigenous peoples living in these areas valued the maple tree for its sweet sap and the goods derived from it. While this remarkable tree made a distinct impression on early settlers, it wasn't until the 19th century that the maple leaf itself emerged as a symbol of national identity. Generations of Canadians had already adopted the maple leaf as a symbol of their identity, but it is during the First World War — where it was used as the cap badge worn by members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force — that it became the most widely recognized emblem of the nation. Most poignantly, it is a single maple leaf that is carved upon many of the headstones of Canadian service men and women who gave their lives in the 2 world wars. For many, the maple leaf was a shared symbol of pride, courage and loyalty.

Information about the maple leaf from Canadian Heritage.

14. So many stories, choosing what to borrow can be hard. How many flamingoes are **in the window** at 1 Transcona Boulevard?

Answer: 148

Transcona opened its first library in 1958 to serve a population of 11,000. In 1961, a new library was on Victoria Ave. W and in 1975 the space was expanded to 8,574 sq. ft. A renovation in 1991 added an elevator. In 2017, work began on a new approximately 14,000 sq. ft. library. The new Transcona Library opened on March 7, 2019 and features an open and accessible floor plan, a family literacy playground in the Children's area, a living green wall, and an outdoor reading area and garden.

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