

Mewinzha

A Journey Back in Time

A long time ago, humans lived, hunted and fished this sacred space at the juncture of two great bodies of water, the Niagara River and Lake Erie.

Archaeologists have traced their civilization to 4,000 years ago and beyond. Some of that evidence is here today as part of Mewinzha – an Archaeological and contemporary Native Art Gallery.

Mewinzha echoes the reverberations of Native culture that inured the place where they lived in harmony with nature through millennia and where people gather to live and work today. Featured are ancient stories of manufacturing and trade, in the midst of the Peace Bridge Plaza, a busy site of current international transport and trade.

Mewinzha means “a long time ago” in the Anishnawbek language. The word represents not only the content of the exhibit but the tradition of oral history passed along the generations of the continuum of life.

Mewinzha is a partnership of the Peace Bridge Authority, Fort Erie Museum Services, Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre, and the Town of Fort Erie.

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Mewinzha is the lobby of the Peace Bridge Authority's new administration building at 100 Queen Street in Fort Erie and is fully accessible to the public free of charge Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. To 4:30 p.m.

