

# WATERFRONT UPDATE: Celebrating Unique Culture and History



*Work is well underway on the ceremonial fire pit.*



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cardinal points (north, south, east, west) and it will be partially enclosed with a bentwood structure, a traditional form of architecture. The raised wall of the circle faces north, and is the proposed location for public art with an aboriginal theme.

### **Ceremonial Fire Pit**

Other elements of the Spirit Garden include the ceremonial fire pit and the medicine garden. The size and configuration of the fire pit was designed to meet Fire regulations, while other aspects focused on the needs of Aboriginal fire-keepers. A lockable lid will contain the entire pit when it is not in use. The purpose of the lid is to ensure that the pit is used only for fires where permits have been issued and to prevent trash from

being thrown into the burning area. The base of the pit is stone, which means that the area can be cleaned prior to each fire and therefore be suitable for ceremonial fires.

### **Medicinal Garden**

Finally, the entire landscape of the Spirit Garden will reintroduce medicinal plants throughout and in particular in a raised organic garden facing south.

Once Prince Arthur's Landing is complete, the Spirit Garden will be a central feature of the park. It will create a place for people to gather throughout the year, connect cultures and people and celebrate the diversity of Thunder Bay's population and heritage.