

Canada's First Cambria Hotel Coming to Thunder Bay Airport

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A 107-room Cambria Hotel is set to be built at the Thunder Bay International Airport, marking the brand's first Cambria-branded hotel in Canada. The project, led by Rideout Bay Developments and owned by First Nations, represents a significant boost to the region's hospitality and transportation infrastructure.

Located directly adjacent to the airport terminal, the hotel will provide seamless access for travelers while strengthening Thunder Bay's role as the premier aviation gateway and a key economic driver for Northern Ontario. Construction begins this summer, with an opening date expected September 2027.

"This development represents a major milestone for the Thunder Bay Airport and our community and an exciting partnership with First Nations Communities," said Graham Ingham, President and CEO of the Thunder Bay International Airports Authority. "By expanding on-site accommodations and services, we are improving the overall travel experience for passengers and supporting regional growth. The Hotel will be 90% First Nations owned and will feature a stunning four storey tall First Nations themed mural and other unique design aspects."

Wabigoon Lake Ojibway Nation's Chief Clayton Wetelainen is equally excited, "As majority shareholder we are pleased to lead such a landmark development, a significant development for Thunder Bay and for our First Nations communities. Thunder Bay has become a true hub for First Nations commerce, education and health care and the shortage of quality accommodations will be addressed by this first-class facility."

"Boundary Waters Anishinaabeg Development LP is proud to be a partner in bringing Canada's first Cambria Hotel to Thunder Bay" says CEO Peter Moen. "By collaborating on this first-class facility, we are not only expanding regional infrastructure but ensuring our First Nations are central drivers of Northern Ontario's economic future."

The hotel will feature modern guest rooms, a full-service restaurant and bar, fitness facilities, and flexible meeting and conference space for business and regional events.

"At Rideout Bay, we believe the strongest projects are built on shared vision and long-term value," said Ben Cohen, CEO of Rideout Bay Developments. "This project reflects confidence in Thunder Bay's growth and its vital role for Northwestern Ontario."

"Introducing the Cambria brand to Canada in Thunder Bay reflects confidence in the region and the strength of this collaboration," said Kris Crundwell, Regional Vice President, Development Canada, Radisson Hotel Group. "We look forward to delivering an elevated hospitality experience for travelers."



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The Thunder Bay International Airport Authority (TBIAA) is a private, not-for-profit, non-shareholder corporation responsible for the ownership, operation, and development of Thunder Bay International Airport (YQT). In 2025, YQT and the businesses operating on airport lands generated an estimated \$425 million in GDP, supported more than 3,140 full-time equivalent jobs, and contributed approximately \$106 million in tax revenues across all levels of government. Customers are encouraged to visit www.flyqt.ca for more information on services and facilities offered by Thunder Bay International Airport.

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