

# DOWNTOWN Smiths Falls

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## A Walking Tour of the Murals of Downtown Smiths Falls



*This 30 to 60 minute  
walk through the  
tree lined streets of  
Downtown Smiths Falls  
will highlight the growing  
number of murals*

*Sensational!*



*Heart of the  
Rideau Canal*



Start your tour at the Chambers St. Plaza at 39 Chambers St.

1. **“The Tigers”** (20' x 16') The mural of a mother and baby tiger is to the right of Giant Tiger entrance facing Chambers St. It was designed and painted by artist Pierre Hardy.



It was erected in 1997 in memory of Carl Murphy a long time manager of Giant Tiger.

2. **“The Storyteller”** (12' x 16') Valerie Hudson painted this scene of a storyteller of the Bear Clan of the Anishinabi. It commemorates the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rideau Canal and the people who travelled and lived along its shores. It was hung in 2007 with members of the Anishinabi.

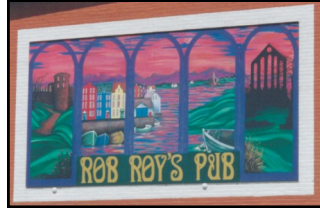


Leave the Chamber St. Plaza and turn left onto Chambers St. and walk down this block towards Beckwith Street

3. **“That’s Entertainment”** (total 36' x 8') Based on film posters from the early years of film, artists, Valerie Hudson & Gary Peterson, painted the panels that celebrate Smiths Falls as an entertainment centre. The Rideau Theatre (1912 - 1936) and Capitol Theatre (1936 - 1949) provided vaudeville, musical entertainment, moving pictures and then moving pictures with sound for the community

Cross to the west side of Beckwith St.

4. **“Rob Roy’s Pub”** (20' x 10') This mural on the north side of Fort Hemlock, Rob Roy’s Pub & Restaurant was mounted in 1998. Valerie



Hudson has taken scenes from Scotland’s Dryburgh Abby, Bothwell Castle and Tobermoy on Mull to commemorate our Scottish heritage and the Scottish Pub.

Walk north up Beckwith St. to Main and turn left and walk about half way up the block to the parking lot on the left.

5. **“Theatre Wall”** (2005 - 2008) These murals are located on the west wall of Premier Theatres. They celebrate film and recently the Farmers Market. The "Blues Brothers" was painted by Valerie Hudson for the Blues Festival in 2005. Since then, the wall has become an ongoing project with Dave Pringle adding his talents to those of Valerie Hudson to create a more interesting space. Look across the parking lot and see the wall of sunflowers created by Valerie Hudson who worked with youth to create a bright space for the Farmers Market.

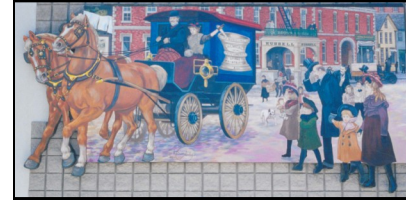
6. **“Ian Miller and Big Ben”**

Ian Miller with his horse, Big Ben (1976–1999) this mural is located between Cherry Pie Photography and the Vacuum Depot on Main St. Millar and Big Ben, the 17.3hh Belgian Warmblood who died in December 1999 at age 23, won the hearts of a nation and made their mark in the equestrian world. This mural was painted by artist Craig Campbell in 2010.



Turn around and walk back to the corner of Beckwith St. & Main St.. Continue North up Beckwith St.

**“Days of Yesteryear”** This mural on the Pharma Plus building at 1 Beckwith St. N. painted by Pierre Hardy was completed in 1998. This mural depicts a street scene in front of the Russell Hotel (formerly located here) with the drug store delivery wagon.



Continue walking up Beckwith St.

8. **“View of Smiths Falls”** This mural was a community effort by the Smiths Falls Youth Club and Skills & Initiatives completed in 2006. It is a scene of the waterfront by the water tower.

9. **“Lady & the Ticket Agent”** is a vignette painted by Richard Carter in 2007 as part of the 175<sup>th</sup> mural project.

Continue walking up Beckwith to Daniel St and cross over to the east side of Beckwith St.

10. **“The Library Banners”** These 2 banners hanging on either side of the entrance of The Smiths Falls Public Library were painted by Valerie Hudson. These banners encourage people to read and Adopt a Book for the Library.

11. **“Olive”** (4' x 8') and

12. **“Waiting for the Boat”** (4' x 8')

These 2 murals are on the side of the old Bank of Commerce Building were installed in 2007. Painted by Valerie Hudson these panels look back to a time when passenger steamers regularly travelled the Rideau. Olive and the lady in the canoe remind us of that the Rideau was also a recreational playground. Cross over to the south side of Russell St.

13. **“Colonel By Watching Building of Rideau Canal”** (12' x 8') Russell Street at Beckwith. Richard Carter painted this mural from a painting by C.W. Jeffreys in 2007. It is part of the series of murals that celebrates the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rideau Canal.

Continue walking down the east side of Beckwith Street

14. **“The Painter”** This mural located on the north side of the building at the corner of Beckwith St. and Main St. was painted by artist Craig Campbell creates an illusion of a brick wall and a painter on a scaffold and erected in 1999.

15. **“The Library” & “Sparky”** - these 2 murals painted on an unused doors on the west side of the building at the corner of Beckwith St. and Main St. were painted by Richard Carter in 2006.

Turn left onto the north side of Main St. and walk down to Royal Canadian Legion

16. **“The Soldier's Prayer”** This picture reminds us to honour the men and women in our Canadian Army.

Turn around and walk back down Main St. and turn right back onto Beckwith St. S. and continue walking south.

17. **“Amy & Sapper”** (4' x 8') On the side of the old Bank of Nova Scotia building facing Beckwith Street. In this mural, Valerie Hudson has painted a young girl in a Sapper hat with a Sapper outside the Rideau Canal Museum. Installed in 2007, it is part of the Rideau 175<sup>th</sup>.

Turn left onto Chambers St.

18. **“The Village Pump”** The final mural on our tour is found on the west side of the former Village Pump at 6 Chambers St. This is one of our oldest murals painted in 1990 by Pierre Hardy.



Continue walking on Chambers St and you will end up back at the Chambers Street Plaza where our tour started.

**We hope that you have enjoyed your tour of the murals of Sensational Downtown Smiths Falls.**