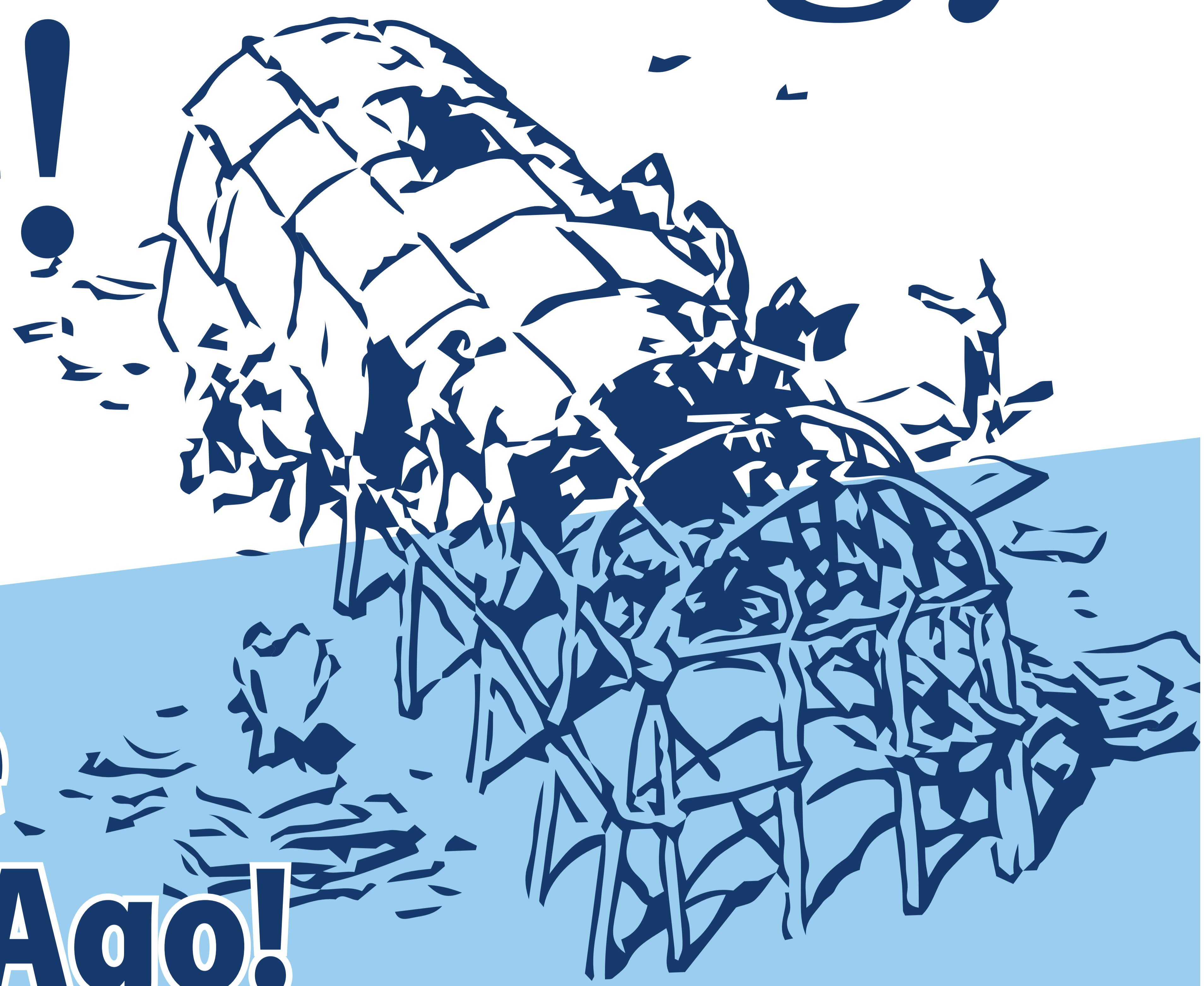


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## Stouffville 400 Years Ago!

**S**touffville was once home to a remarkable late 16th-century Huron-Wendat community. It is considered one of the largest and most complex ever unearthed in Ontario!

- It was just south of what is now Byer's Pond Park.
- It may have had a population of 1,500 – 2,000 people.
- The village had wooden palisade walls surrounding 95 longhouses.
- War and lack of resources caused the abandonment of the area by the start of the 17th century.
- By 1651, a group of about 300 Huron-Wendat (and more the year after) decided to move to the St. Lawrence Valley. They occupied five different sites before settling in the village of Lorette (now called Wendake, Quebec) in 1697.

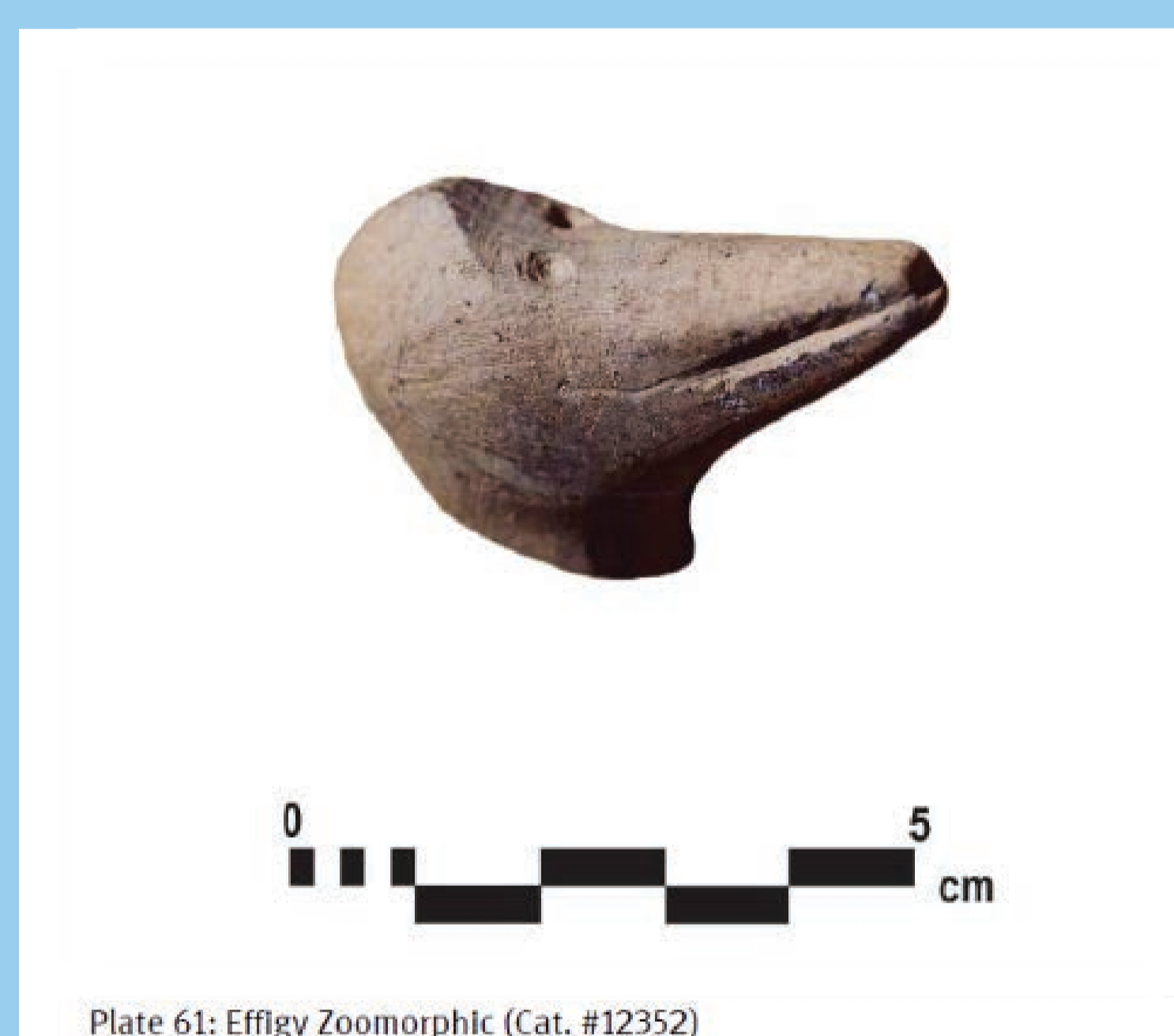


Plate 61: Effigy Zoomorphic (Cat. #12352)



Plate 59: Effigy Anthropomorphic (Cat. #12350)

Effigies are sculptures created to represent living things, such as animals and humans. The two shown above, were among those uncovered at the site.

An exhibition developed with artifacts on loan from the collection of the Canadian Museum of History.