

did you know?

by-laws from bygone days...

One hundred and twenty five years ago, in December 1884, the Village of Port Perry passed a by-law with respect to filth on streets, injury to property, obstruction of streets and for other purposes.

Two of the provisions had to do with use of sleighs and toboggans and the unsafe use of vehicles.

1. No child shall ride on the platform of any car or behind any wagon, sleigh or other vehicle and no person in charge of any such vehicles shall suffer or permit any child to ride behind the same.

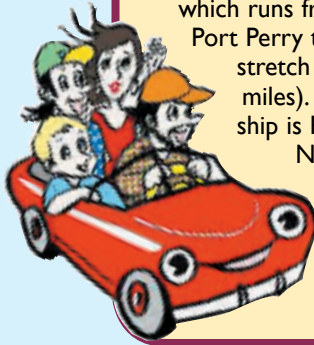
2. No person shall ride upon any sleigh or toboggan nor skate upon any sidewalk upon any street within this corporation.

It is highly unlikely these by-laws regulating use of vehicles, wagons, etc. still exist today in the archives of the township.



the long and short of it...

There is approximately 410 km (255 miles) of road in Scugog Township, including main arteries and secondary concession roads. The longest Regional Rd. is Simcoe St., which runs from the Whitby/Scugog Townline south of Port Perry to just north of Seagrave. The length of this stretch of highway is approximately 19.3 km. (12 miles). The longest Provincial road in the township is Hwy. 7A which runs from Manchester to Nesbitt Line a distance of 22.5 km. (14 miles).



At the extreme opposite end of the spectrum, we believe Scugog's shortest street is High Street in Port Perry, which measures approximately 32 metres long, or 105 feet for those metrically challenged.

not much has changed...

When it comes to snow removal in the winter, today's regulations are not unlike those of a century ago. For example, in December 1902 Port Perry council passed a by-law making it obligatory on the part of residents to keep sidewalks in front of their properties clear of snow. Defaulters were liable for a fine of \$20 and village authorities could order the sidewalks cleared with charges against their property taxes.

Today, a similar by-law is in effect which stipulates every owner of property within the municipality shall clear away and remove any snow or ice from the sidewalks within 24 hours after a snow or ice storm. And like in 1902, failure to do so will result in the municipality clearing the snow and the expense being added to the violator's tax bill.

all cup sizes are not equal

Canadian visitors to the USA may have noticed, no matter where you go to buy a coffee or a soft drink the cups (as a rule) are much larger. This also goes for the Tim Horton chain on both sides of the border. While the cup size names are the same in Canada and the USA the amount of beverage is different. In Canada cup sizes are 10 oz (medium), 14 oz (large) and 20 oz (extra large). In the U.S.A. cup sizes are 14 oz (medium), 20 oz (large) and 24 oz (extra large). Prices also vary from state to province and town to city.

And for anyone who cares - Tim Hortons has 2,939 outlets in Canada and 536 outlets in the United States as of June 28, 2009.

(Information taken from <http://ruk.ca/>)

