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# REWIND SCUGOG

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## THE EIGHTIES

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There are places I remember  
All my life, though some have changed  
Some forever, not for better  
Some have gone and some remain  
All these places have their moments  
With lovers and friends I still can recall  
Some are dead and some are living  
In my life, I've loved them all

*Lyrics by John Lennon  
& Paul McCartney*



BY J. PETER HVIDSTEN

# Introduction

Retire!

The very thought of making this life changing decision evokes a myriad of different emotions to anyone moving into this segment of their life.

For some new retirees, there is concern for how they will fill the 40 or more hours they have spent each week working for their entire adult life. Their partners have the same concerns. They may love their spouse, but they are not eager to have them hanging around the house all day for the rest of their lives.

For others, the switch is easy. They simply throw down the tools of their former careers and pick up the tools of their new lives. This often includes golf clubs, garden or construction tools, and travel brochures. They can now do whatever they want, whenever they want to do it.

So, when I walked out of the office of Focus on Scugog magazine in May 2015, part of my retirement plans involved hooking up with already retired friends at a golf course, chasing a white ball around a beautiful green landscape, cooling down with cold beer while sitting around solving all the problems of the world.

As it worked out, it didn't take me long to realize my passion was not golf. Although I enjoy the occasional game with friends, I didn't have that burning desire to get out on the course four or five times a week. And tournaments... no thanks!

For me, dropping out of publishing after more than 50 years in the industry gave me more time to pursue my love of writing and researching history, in particular the history of Scugog Township and surrounding areas.

So for the past year and a half, since I slid away from my office desk, I've spent countless hours, scouring through more than 100,000 pages of microfilmed copies of the Port Perry Star. In addition, more than 900 pictures have been reproduced from archived newspaper negatives, and hundreds upon hundreds of stories selected and reprinted from the columns of the local newspaper.

In August 2016, after more than a year and a half of research, documenting and writing, "Rewind Scugog - The Sixties & Seventies" was published. The 170 page book, laced with hundreds of pictures and memories was well received, with our initial printing of 200 books selling out quickly.

Pleased with the response, and recognizing there is a genuine interest in nostalgia and history, I began researching information for a second volume of "Rewind Scugog", resulting in the book you now hold in your hands,

With the sixties, seventies and eighties now published, work is underway for the last of the rewind trilogy - "Rewind Scugog - The Nineties". If I don't decide to take up golf, the book should be completed sometime within the next year.

But for now, sit back, relax and rewind the eighties.

J. Peter Hvidsten

Publisher

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## Dedication

*In memory of John B. McClelland,  
who faithfully served as editor of  
the Port Perry Star for 15 years while  
under ownership of the Hvidsten family.  
His contributions to the newspaper  
provided much of the content of this book.*



1980's

The  
Eighties

1980



*Jan and Dennis Towns take a few swings at Sunnybrae Golf Course on January 1, 1980. A lack of snow so far into the season made it possible to tee-up for a few swings, although the temperature was only 4 Celsius for this posed picture, taken under sunny skies on New Years day 1980.*

### **Council receives ten letters objecting to expansion of Port Perry IGA parking lot**

*January 9, 1980*

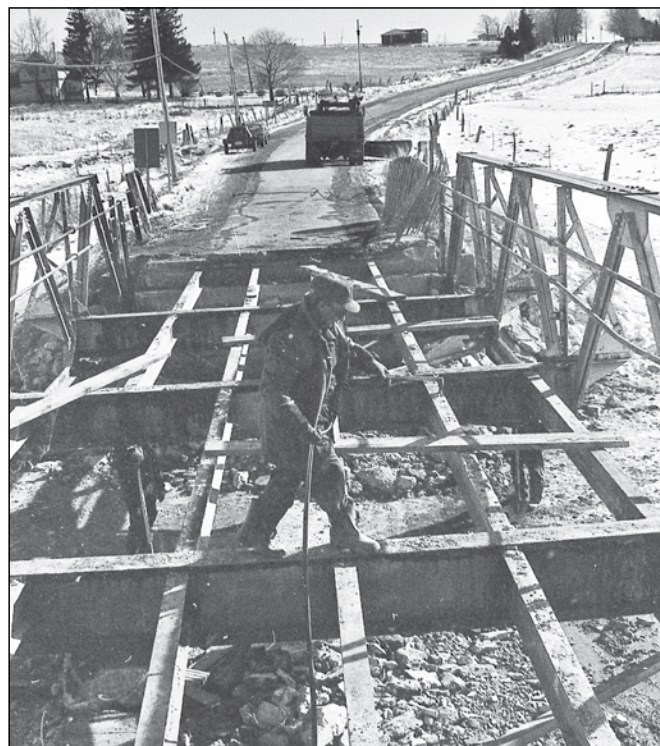
Plans by the Port Perry IGA store on Queen Street to increase its parking area will be held up as 10 residents living in the area have filed formal objections with the Ontario Municipal Board against the necessary zoning.

The letters of objections were tabled at the planning meeting of Scugog council and they will be forwarded to the OMB which will set a date for a hearing.

Council's position is that the zoning change to allow the parking expansion should stand, and this position will also be sent to the OMB.

The IGA is planning to expand a parking lot at the south end of the store and provide entrances off Mary Street.

The objectors feel that this will increase traffic on Mary Street, including heavy trucks which will use the entrance to make deliveries to the back of the store.



*The 60 year-old bridge across the Nonquon River at Seagrave was closed in February 1980 after steel support beams were found damaged due to rust and corrosion. The cost to repair the bridge was \$30,000 and the load capacity was increased from 10 to 18 tons.*





*This home on a 2.5 acre lot overlooking Lake Scugog, on Gerrow's Beach, Scugog Island was offered to Central Seven Association to use for a group home for up to eight mentally retarded adults.*

## Citizens voice objections to group home proposal

January 30, 1980

A proposal by Central Seven organization to establish a group home for \*mentally retarded adults in the township has met with initial opposition from nearby property owners.

Ron Deeth, representing Central Seven informed council that the organization had been granted rent-free, the use of a 2,500 sq. ft. house located on Gerrow's Beach on Scugog Island. He said that the house sits on 2.5 acres of land and could be renovated to accommodate up to eight mentally retarded adults.

Central Seven president Joan Heintzman explained that the group home would allow them to be trained and counselled so that they may live on their own in the community.

Property owners in the area expressed fear of safety for young children, seniors and potential violence for those on medication.

Several local residents were adamant in their opposition and at least three indicated they are prepared to take the issue to the Ontario Municipal Board.

February 20, 1980

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on February 15, 1980 to mark the official opening of the Scugog Rape Crisis Centre. The crisis centre is located in a small office in the Masonic Lodge building, with Jeanette Ross as co-ordinator.



*Stores along this stretch of the north side of Queen Street in March 1980 included, Lawrence Pharmacy, Luke's Country Store, Pearse Jewellers, Mersco 5¢ to \$1 Store, Patterson's of Port, Emmerson Insurance, Irwin Smith Music, Clark's Fine Foods, Dor-Jean Fashions, Settlement House, Country Classics.*

*\* Please Note: A number of articles within this book use the term "mentally retarded". We fully understand the term "mentally retarded" is not accepted in today's society, but it was the recognized description for persons with physical and/or mental disabilities during this period in our history. While we recognize the sensitivity, newspaper articles have been published "as they were at that time". Thankfully, much has changed in the past half century.*

## Sebert House - gone but not forgotten



### Historic Sebert House demolished to make room for new CIBC bank

*January 1980*

A work crew moved into the old Sebert House hotel the first week of January 1980 to begin tearing down the three-storey structure to make way for a new Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce building.

Ken Edwards, of Rideau Demolition, said it would take about three weeks before the building is levelled.

Armed with sledge hammers and wrecking bars work crews began by ripping apart the interior walls and partitions on the top two floors. When the interior is completed, work will begin on removing the remainder of the structure.

The Sebert House was a familiar landmark at the corner of Water and Queen St. for almost a century, having been built after the great fire of 1884.





# Angle parking eliminated from Queen Street

March 12, 1980

An angry Scugog council rejected last minute efforts by several downtown business people to retain the angle parking on the north side of Queen Street.

With less than a week to go before a contract is awarded for the reconstruction of Queen Street, council was presented with a petition signed by 23 business people and 248 residents.

Members of council reacted with anger and disappointment over the fact that the objectors had waited until the last minute to collectively voice their objections.

Mayor Jerry Taylor reminded the objectors that "the reconstruction of the street has been public knowledge

for almost a year, including the fact that the angle parking on the north side of the street will be replaced with parallel parking."

He felt council had a good working relationship with the Chamber of Commerce, and that council had been going in the right direction.

Tom Mitchell, speaking on behalf of the businesses said that replacing the parallel parking will result in the loss of 13 parking spots and it would have a serious detrimental effect on the business community.

Council eventually voted unanimously to take no action on the petition and allow the Queen Street reconstruction to proceed as planned.



## New doctor in town

February 27, 1980

Dr. Guntis Silins arrived in Port Perry and began his practice of medicine at the Medical Centre on Queen Street.

## Mother Jackson's sold

April 1980

Ken Jackson, president of Mother Jackson's Open Kitchens, of Port Perry announced that a minority share of the company has been sold to Schneiders. Mother Jackson's has supplied meat pies to Schneiders since 1974.





## Township buys Brignall Ambulance property

March 12, 1980

Scugog Township purchased the house, right, of Charles Brignall in March 1980. The municipality purchased the property for \$71,000 with the idea it would be part of a plan to expand the municipal buildings in the future.

Top, a view of the rear of the Scugog Township municipal offices in March 1980, and the newly acquired Brignall Ambulance property, which includes the house and garage. The acquisition of this piece of property gives the township additional parking area and room for expansion when space is required.



The Charles Brignall Ambulance Service was located in this building just east of the municipal office before being purchased by the township.

## Writ filed with Supreme Court to halt group home

May 21, 1980

A writ has been filed with the Supreme Court of Ontario for an injunction to stop a group home for the mentally retarded at Gerrow's Beach on Scugog Island.

The writ was filed by four property owners on Gerrow's Beach who are opposed to the operation of the group home by Central Seven Association for the Mentally Retarded.

Named as defendants in the writ are Scugog Township, Central Seven president Joan Heintzman and Beth Smith, daughter of the late Amy Smith, who stipulated in her will that the house and property

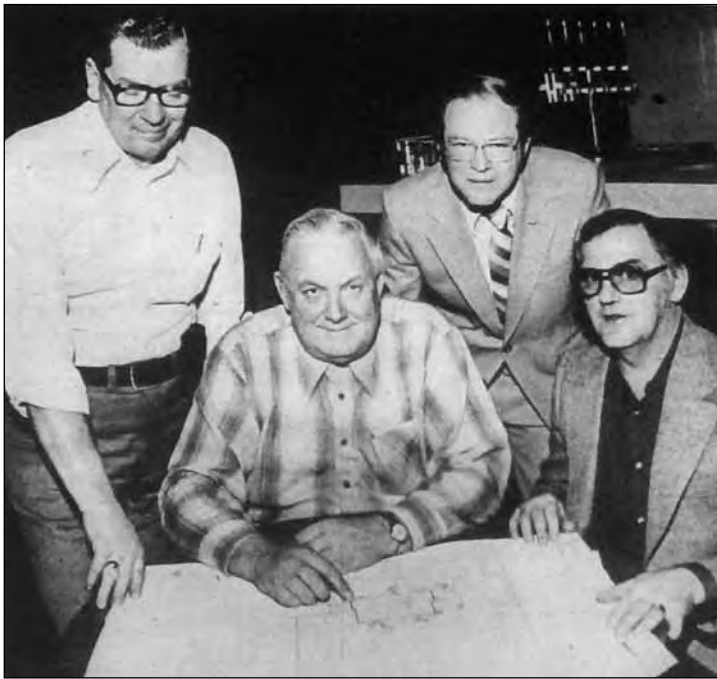
could be used for charitable purposes for up to 12 years.

The writ was filed by Gerrow's Beach property owners Gary Fitchett, Paul Fletcher, Robert Allin and Ken Middleton, who are claiming that the group home contravenes a Scugog Township zoning by-law.

Scugog Township council decided in February that the use of the property as a group home does comply with the terms of the Township zoning by-law.

Central Seven has moved three adults into the home and has plans to move in five more in the near future.





Members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 419, Port Perry, agreed to put their support behind moving the War Memorial Library to Water Street, in January 1980. The Legion also agreed to contribute \$5,000 toward the construction of the building. Above left, Legion president Jack Cook and 3rd vice-president John Maw, centre, look over the designs for the new building with Library Board chairman Chuck Preston, right, and finance committee chairman Nelson Patterson.

March 19, 1980

**Scugog councillor Reverend Reg Rose received a directive from Anglican arch-bishop Louis Garnsworthy, that he must either leave municipal politics, resign his Port Perry parish, or accept a parish elsewhere.**



The public got its first look at what the proposed Scugog Public Library could look like with this scale model of the building constructed by Paul Arculus. The model was on display at the Port Perry Library on Queen Street and later in several retail stores in Port Perry.



Retired Port Perry pharmacist Andy Lawrence spent some time at the Scugog Shores Museum in April 1980, demonstrating a fascinating exhibit of old pharmacy items.

## Close hospital maternity unit says health council

July 2, 1980

A report prepared for the Durham Region District Health Council recommends phasing out the maternity units of Port Perry, Uxbridge and Bowmanville hospitals.

At the annual meeting of the hospitals, several citizens from Port Perry and Uxbridge expressed strong opposition to the suggestion that the maternity units be phased out.

They felt if women from these areas had to travel to Oshawa to have their children, emergency situations could arise because of the distances involved and adverse weather conditions, especially in winter.

David Coulson, author of the report defended the recommendations citing a cost saving of about \$150,000, adding that the levels of care and treatment may not be as high in maternity units that handle less than 500 births each year.

In the case of the Port Perry and Uxbridge hospitals, the report calls for expanded chronic care units in conjunction with the phasing out of the maternity wings.

A delegation from Uxbridge presented the Health Council with a 1,000 name petition opposing any move to phase out the maternity unit.



## Summer of construction in downtown Port Perry



April 23, 1980

Work began at the crack of dawn April 21 when the first phase of the reconstruction of Queen Street got underway, including the installation of storm sewers.

The work continued throughout the entire summer months and was expected to be completed in 14 weeks.

Also included in the project was widening the road and eliminating angle parking on the north side of Queen Street, which was a contentious issue with many of the downtown business people.

An official opening ceremony for the completed project was held in September 1980.







# Bigelow's estate home sold after century in the family

August 13, 1980

"I must admit I'm really going to miss this place,"

There was a slight trace of emotion in the voice of William J. (Bill) Carnegie as he stood on the spacious lawn in front of his magnificent 19th century home on Cochrane Street, where he has lived for the past 55 years and which has been in his family continuously since it was built in 1877 by Bill's great grandfather Joseph Bigelow.



Bill Carnegie on the lawn of his Cochrane Street home a week before the contents were sold by auction.

The Carnegie house, one of the finest historic homes in the Port Perry area, has been sold to a Bank of Montreal executive who was transferred to Toronto recently and Bill and his wife Laura will be moving the end of this month.

Entering the drawing room of the Carnegie home is like stepping into the 19th century. The enormous room, with its high ceilings and bay windows, is filled with furniture that has been in the house since 1877.

There are two identical sets, one in green and one in cinnamon, each consisting of a settee and four matching chairs. All in immaculate condition, the furnishings appear to be just as they were when Joseph and Elizabeth Bigelow brought them into their new home more than a century ago.

At one end of the room is a full-length standing mirror, flanked on either side by gilt-framed oil portraits painted in 1872 of Joseph Bigelow and his wife Elizabeth Paxton.

Original chandeliers which hang at both ends of the room were constructed so that they could be lowered to light the oil lamps which have long since been converted to electric power.

Joseph Bigelow was obviously a man of means and good taste. The dining room buffet is made from burl walnut, as is a gigantic combination secretary-bookcase which stands more than eight feet high.

In the upstairs hall is a dresser of birdseye maple and cherry wood. The railings, which follow the staircase to the six bedrooms on the second floor is made of black walnut.



Interior features of the former Joseph Bigelow estate home. At left, one of the beautiful light fixtures in the drawing room. Above, an ornate settee from the Bigelow living room, and at right, the beautiful cherry wood staircase.





*The large two-room parlour looked much the same as before the furnishings were sold, as it did in 1877 when Joseph Bigelow moved into the palatial home. Top picture is a view of the parlour looking east and the lower picture looking west. Pictures on the wall, in the lower picture are of Joseph and Elizabeth Bigelow. They are now located in the Scugog Township municipal office.*



## Contents of historic Joseph Bigelow home sold by auction

*August 27, 1980*

About 2,000 antique buyers and auction buffs gathered on the Cochrane Street property of William Carnegie on August 21, 1980 for one of the most anticipated auctions ever to be held in Port Perry.

Up for sale were the original contents of the historic home, built in 1877 by Joseph Bigelow. Mr. Bigelow was one of the areas most influential businessmen in his day and the house had remained in the family for 105 years.

Mr. Bigelow's grandson, William (Bill) Carnegie and his wife Laura had lived in the home for the past 55 years, and they admitted they would miss it. Mr.

Carnegie felt the magnificent home would have been a good site for a museum, due to the history of the house.

Among the century old pieces being auctioned were a full length standing mirror, original chandeliers, and furnishings dating back to when the house was built.

Two large oil paintings, one of Joseph Bigelow and the other of his wife, Elizabeth (Paxton) Bigelow were donated to Town Hall 1873, where they will be on permanent display.

Note: These paintings now hang on the second floor of the Scugog Township municipal office just outside the council chambers.







*Throughout the warm summer days of July 1980, hundreds of people crowded the beach and park along the shore of Lake Scugog for a day of recreation. The sand beach created by the local Kinsmen Club in 1979 has become the most popular spot in the Palmer Park lakefront, and is one of the best community projects taken on in many years.*



*The former Emerson Block on the north side of Queen Street was purchased in August 1980 by Tom and Daphne Mitchell, who operate Settlement House in the building. The building consists of five stores and 11 apartments. The Mitchells plan to restore the building to its original condition and hope it will encourage other owners along Queen Street to do the same thing to their buildings.*

**INTRODUCTION**



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Howard Forder introduced the staff of his real estate company, Howard Forder Limited, to the community in November 1980 with this ad in the Port Perry Star.



In April 1980 Port Perry High school held its annual "At Home" dance and Wendy Bracken, left, was chosen "At Home" Queen. Kelly Owen was selected as Princess.



This building at the corner of Perry and North Streets, which had been home of Ross McLean's TV Service for many years was removed in June 1980. The land, owned by the Township of Scugog, was cleared to provide additional parking.



Renovations to the former Philp Pontiac-Buick building at 150 Water Street had ground to a halt in November 1980, by owner James Konstantinopoulos. The building was being converted into a restaurant complex scheduled to open by spring. The top storey of the building was removed this past summer and the contractors were waiting for a shipment of steel beams and glass windows to arrive before renovations could continue.





Work got underway in July 1980 tearing down the old Port Perry Arena on Water Street, 29 years after the facility was officially opened to the public.

## 7A improvements unveiled

August 20, 1980

Plans were unveiled for the proposed improvements to Hwy. 7A through Port Perry.

The contract drawings show the work will take place from the intersection of Highway 7&12 at Manchester, along Hwy. 7A to the east limit of Port Perry at the causeway.

Plans include widening of the highway between Manchester and the intersection of Queen St. by two feet. Between Queen Street, at the Brewer's Retail, and east to the causeway, the highway will be widened from the present 6.7 metres to 10 metres.

At 7A and Queen Street intersection, traffic lights will be installed to regulate traffic flow at the corner, and traffic lights will also be part of the newly designed intersection at the corner of 7A and Water Street.

The plans are part of the Ministry of Transportation's five year forecast for the area.

July 16, 1980

**The Ontario Municipal Board approves a zoning change to allow the Port Perry IGA to expand its store area and parking lot. The re-zoning will allow the store to add about 4,000 sq. ft. of retail floor space and a truck entrance onto Mary Street.**



## Lack of funds kills Scugog Island park

August 27, 1980

Back in the early 1970s, the provincial government began assembling land at the far north end of Scugog Island. The government eventually acquired some 400 acres with the intention to turn it into a provincial park and campground.

It's a rather attractive location with high flat land giving way to gentle slopes that make their way down to the shores of Lake Scugog. The view of the lake in both directions and the far shore is panoramic.

At one time, five or six years ago, the development seemed to be moving ahead, however, the site still has not been developed as a provincial park. The main reason for the delay appears to be a lack of provincial funds.

Bob Allen, parks superintendent for the Lindsay District of the Ministry of Natural Resources says, "There has been no money allocated for the Scugog Island Park."

Mr. Allen went on to say that although the site has been designated for a park, it would likely be many years before the development takes place.



*This picture, taken in July 1980, from the top of the Port Perry grain elevator shows downtown Port Perry looking west along Queen Street. The new CIBC building was under construction at the corner of Queen and Water Street, and although not visible in this picture,*





*the old Port Perry Arena just to the north (right) of the new bank building, was being torn down (see page 15). Also noticeable in this picture, are the new sidewalks being laid along the south side of Queen Street, in front of the Re/Max office on the corner.*

## THE EIGHTIES



*In the past two years, music students at Port Perry High School have spent \$4,000 on equipment and supplies for the music room. Some of the students involved in the project are, from left, Brocke Stone, Laural Holtby, Peter Hoekstra, Elizabeth Carnegie and Cathy Hall.*



*Helen and David Chow, are the owners of the newly renovated Town Inn Restaurant. They closed the restaurant earlier this summer for extensive renovations and opened in October 1980 with a celebration. The cosy dining room, which seats 40 people, is tastefully decorated in Chinese style.*



*Eighteen members of the OPP Golden Helmets precision motorcycle team came through Port Perry in October 1980 on their way to a show in Peterborough. The team made a two hour stop in town at Crandell's Riverboat where they ate and got shelter from the rain before heading out again. The Golden Helmets travel throughout Ontario during the fall attending community fairs.*





## Master Feeds closes local feed mill

*September 10, 1980*

Master Feeds is closing!

After more than 110 years of operation as a mill on the shore of Lake Scugog, the familiar Port Perry landmark will close its doors and cease operation as of September 30, 1980.

The surprise announcement was given to the mill's nine employees last week, after being called together by manager Mike Doyle. "Their reaction was of surprise. They had not expected it, but accepted the fact very well," said Mr. Doyle.

The closing of the mill stems back to July of this year when Maple Leaf Mills, of which Master Feeds is a division, was purchased by C.P. Investments. The new owners are reported to have reviewed the structure of the agricultural division and made the decision to close all outdated, non-profit and no-growth operations. The closest of these in addition to Port Perry are Lindsay, Peterborough and Stouffville.

Of the staff in the local mill, only Mr. Doyle will retain a job, being moved to the mill in Cavan. Other staff members were guaranteed a generous severance payout.



## Council shows interest in Master Feeds mill, had plans to inspect the building

*December 1980*

Scugog Township council showed some interest in purchasing the old Master Feeds building which was listed for sale at an asking price of \$135,000.

"I don't think the municipality should ever pass up an opportunity to explore the benefits of buying property which could have long term benefits," said councillor Robert Espey.

Council arranged a meeting with a local real estate agent to tour the building, but it was purchased before the tour took place.

The old Master Feeds mill was purchased for an undisclosed price in mid-December 1980 by Mr. Fred Burghgraef, of Whitby.

Mr. Burghgraef said, "The building will not be torn down". He plans to renovate the interior and rent the building for retail stores, with one tenant moving in early in the spring.

The building had been sitting vacant since October, after serving the community as an elevator and mill for more than a century.

## Engineers rule out addition to present library building

September 10, 1980

Building an addition onto the rear of the present library building on Queen Street would be both difficult and expensive according to testimony from two professional engineers at an OMB hearing.

The engineers told the hearing that the creek which runs behind the old library property would present problems for construction of an addition.

"Our calculations indicate that the building would be flooded in a severe storm," said Maurice Lewis of Totten, Sims, Hubicki. He also said the results of their investigation were so bad that it would not be worth spending



money on a more detailed study.

Opponents of the Water Street location have maintained that an addition is possible at the rear of the present library, built in 1934.

## Three day OMB hearing on library site wraps up

September 10, 1980



Michael Fowler  
Township lawyer.

An exhaustive three-day hearing into the proposed site for a new library has ended but it could be six weeks before a decision is handed down. A panel of OMB judges listened to testimony for both sides from about 20 witnesses and reviewed 24 exhibits.

A group of township ratepayers, led by Myrtle Prentice, Roy Grierson and Joel Aldred lodged a formal objection against the re-zoning, claiming the entire parcel of land proposed should be turned into parkland and that no building be constructed on it.

Lawyer Michael Fowler, representing the township, called numerous witnesses to the stand during the three days to outline the financing of the proposed library, the actual design of the building and the exact location.

He argued the re-zoning part of the land for a library is good planning and would be compatible with surrounding land uses.



Roy Grierson  
Opposes new library.



Joel Aldred  
Opposes new library.

## Shut hospital's baby unit . . . don't even try!

November 19, 1980

The people of Scugog have sent a strong, clear message to the Durham Region District Health Council. The maternity unit of Community Memorial Hospital must not be closed.

Nearly 300 people jammed into the Latcham Centre to urge Health Council representatives to reject a recommendation in a consultants report which suggests the maternity unit be phased out over the next five years as a way of saving money.

Expectant mothers, women who have had children born at the local hospital, members of Scugog council, hospital board directors and medical staff all helped fill the hall to overflowing.

Health Council executive director Mick Peters said that the turnout was impressive and members could not help but get the message loud and clear.

Dr. John Stewart, administrator David Brown and Mayor Jerry Taylor were just a few of those who urged the recommendation be rejected. "Loss of the maternity unit would be a very serious step in the wrong direction," said Mayor Taylor said.

October 1980

**Mr. Gary David, manager of the Bank of Commerce, opened the doors for the first customers in the new building located on the former site of the Sebert House hotel, at the corner of Queen and Water Streets.**





*Two new stores opened on Queen Street, Port Perry during October 1980, both offering new and unique concepts in shopping. Above, Mrs. Grace Hunter is seen standing in the middle of the store that features more than 200 items of bulk food products. This new venture, called Ingredients Unlimited, is located at 146 Queen Street.*



*Katharina and Karl Heinz Kurz opened their spacious Cold Cut Centre in the building formerly occupied by Dominion Hardware at 180 Queen Street. The Kurz' have a meat processing plant at Myrtle Station, and this is their first retail store.*

# Library location a hot issue

One of the most contentious issues facing the community throughout 1980 was the proposal to construct a new library near lakefront property abutting Water Street. The issue played out for almost two years, pitting former friends and family against each other as the location was fought, approved and appealed. Following are some of the articles during the final two months of 1980, which show how passionate both sides were about the location of a new library.

## Library receives OMB approval

*November 12, 1980*

The Ontario Municipal Board has ruled in favour of the proposed waterfront location for a new Scugog War Memorial Library building.

The OMB handed down its eight page decision on November 5, but the fate of any new library in that location will likely hinge on the outcome of Monday's municipal election.

The OMB judgement, based on evidence given at a three-day hearing in Port Perry last June, says the proposal to locate a new building on the former Lake Scugog Lumber property is "In accordance with good planning principles and in the public interest."

The zoning by-law will create an open space zone averaging 150 feet in depth, which is greater than the average depth of Palmer Park.

Library Board chairman Chuck Preston was gratified by the OMB's decision to approve the site, but said the eventual outcome will likely be decided by the new council.

Roy Grierson, an opponent of using the property for a library agreed that the matter would be decided by the new council.

## Issue of library still burning

*November 19, 1980*

The bitterness and acrimony that split Scugog Township over the location of a new library is threatening to boil over again in the wake of last Monday's municipal election.

The Scugog Library Board met last Thursday night to re-affirm the position that the proposed lakefront

location for a new building is in the best interests of the community in the long run.

Board Chairman Chuck Preston said the board will attend the November 24 meeting of council to seek clarification of the issue and determine if they can proceed with the plans to erect a building on the site of the former Lake Scugog Lumber property on Water Street.

"We have to move to get engineering drawings and we are running out of time," he said.

Meanwhile, Myrtle Prentice, one of two co-objectors to the waterfront location said that an official appeal to the provincial Cabinet against the OMB ruling will be launched this week.

"If the old council tries to push this location through now, there is no other choice for us, except to appeal to the Cabinet," she said.

## Library issue now up to new council

*November 26, 1980*

The controversial question of whether a new Scugog Library will be built on Water Street appears now to be squarely in the lap of the in-coming council.

At a meeting jammed with spectators Monday afternoon, the out-going council passed a by-law to hand over \$100,000 to the Library Board for construction of the proposed new building and also to draw up a 25 year lease for the site on part of the former Lake Scugog Lumber property.

Council's actions came as a result of a formal request from the Library Board and passed by a vote of four to two with councillors John Wolters and Don Crosier in opposition, as they have been on this issue which has dragged on for almost two years.

Township solicitor Michael Fowler said council does have the legal authority to take the action, but added that the in-coming council also has the power to repeal any by-laws passed by the outlying council.

Library Board chairman Chuck Preston said if the new council does take action to repeal, the board is prepared to take the new council to court for breach of promise. He explained that Wintario has granted the Board \$100,000 for construction, but tenders must be issued by next May or the commitment will lapse.

## New council in... new library out?

*December 3, 1980*

Scugog Township's new council wasted little time Monday afternoon jumping into the ongoing debate over where to build a new library.

Breaking from tradition the new council used the inaugural meeting to pass a by-law which rescinds the action taken one week earlier by the out-going council to re-confirm its financial support and the Water St. location for a new library building.

The rescinding by-law was introduced by councillors John Wolters and Neil Hunter.

Essentially, the by-law passed by the out-going council one week earlier reconfirmed actions by the council over the past year to commit \$100,000 towards construction of a new building and to make available a portion of land on Water Street as the site for the proposed library.

The rescinding motion was also supported by area councillor Don Crosier, regional councillor Lawrence Malcolm. Voting against the motion to rescind were councillor John Williams and Mayor Jerry Taylor who have supported the location for the past year.





The inaugural meeting of Scugog Township Council was held Monday, December 1, 1980. Members of the new council are, from left, back Neil Hunter (Ward 1), John Williams (Ward 3), John Wolters (Ward 4), Robert Espey (Ward 3). Front left, Don Crosier (Area Councillor), Mayor Jerry Taylor and Lawrence Malcolm, Regional Councillor.

## Council sacks library chairman

December 17, 1980

Scugog council has removed chairman Chuck Preston from the Library Board.

The action came swiftly Monday afternoon when Mr. Preston's name came before council for re-appointment to the board for another two year term.

By a recorded vote of five to two, council approved a motion from Lawrence Malcolm and John Wolters to appoint Joel Aldred to the Board, and since there is just one position on the board up for re-appointment, Mr. Preston was left out in the cold.

The move was greeted with anger and bitterness by councillor John Williams and Mayor Jerry Taylor.

"What this action does," said councillor Williams, "is show a lack of faith in the whole Board."

## Roy Grierson withdraws Cabinet appeal

December 22, 1980

In a letter dated December 16, Roy Grierson, one of the two co-objectors to the Water Street rezoning for a new library building, asks Cabinet not to deal with the objection.

The appeal was made last month after the OMB ruled in favour of a Township council re-zoning of part of the lakefront property for a new library. The OMB handed down a decision in favour of the re-zoning on November 3.

In his letter, Mr. Grierson states the appeal is no longer necessary in light of actions taken by the new council which repealed a decision of the former council to turn the land over to the Library Board for a new building.

## Committee looks for alternate sites

December 30, 1980

Scugog council approved the formation of a joint committee of council members and library board members to look into possible sites for the new library.

Councillors Robert Espey and Neil Hunter, along with library building committee members Dr. Jack Cottrell and Jerry Jackman were appointed to take on the task.

In a deputation to council Dr. Cottrell said the board would like to co-operate, but insisted that any new site approved by council would also have to be approved by the Library Board, Royal Canadian Legion and Wintario.

He also stipulated that council would have to absorb the addition cost for legal, architectural, engineering and the \$100,000 Wintario grant if it was lost due to time constraints.

# 1981



*Storey Beare, left and brother Bill Beare, right, in front of the Beare Motors building on Queen Street, with its new owner Russell Gray in January 1981.*

## **Beare Motors sold after 60 years of family ownership on Queen St., Port Perry**

*January 7, 1981*

After 60 years of service to the Port Perry area, Storey and Bill Beare announced last week that they have sold their business, Beare Motors Ltd.

The new owner of the business, which will now be known as Beare Chevrolet Oldsmobile Ltd., is Mr. Russell Gray. Mr. Gray is well known to many residents of the area having been an employee of General Motors for 24 years.

During this period he was employed in three separate divisions. His last assignment was as National Dealer Business Management manger.

Storey Beare, who has been with the firm since 1951, has now retired, while brother Bill, a 43 year veteran of the business will stay on to help during the changeover.





## Library issue rages on – councillors get many calls, mixed reaction after changing position

January 7, 1981

"It is time we put this library issue to rest. It is taking up too much of our time. It (the new library) either goes ahead now, or it dies now."

Those were the words spoken by Ward Two councillor Robert Espy shortly before he cast his vote in favour of a new Scugog War Memorial Library on the Water Street location, which has been a contentious issue for almost two years.

Councillor Espy joined area councillor Don Crosier, Ward Three councillor John Williams and Mayor Jerry Taylor in voting in favour of a resolution re-introducing a by-law passed by previous council which gives a portion of the lakefront property as a site for the library.

Councillor Williams and Mayor Taylor have long been supporters of the site, but the vote Monday night was a change of heart for both councillors Espy and Crosier.

"I feel I have to compromise. There is just no other site available for a library that the taxpayers could afford," councillor Crosier said.

In the week following his change of heart, councillor Crosier said he had received more than 57 calls - 42 were in favour of his decision and 15 opposed and many of these "pretty nasty." But he says, he feels he made the right decision over the long run.

Councillor Espy, who defeated incumbent Richard Drew for his opposition for a new library on the lakefront also received a lot of calls, with about two to one against his decision to vote for the proposed site.

Councillors Espy and Crosier joined with Mayor Jerry Taylor and councillor John Williams to carry the vote by a 4-3 margin.



Robert Espy  
Reversed vote for library.



Don Crosier  
In favour of library.



This westerly section of Queen Street shows Beare Motors at the corner of Queen and John Streets, with the IGA food store and United Church and Town Hall 1873 further along the street.

## Miriam Price elected Chamber president

February 4, 1981

The Scugog Chamber of Commerce held its annual dinner meeting at the Port Perry Legion Hall with more than one hundred members attending.

Past president Howard Hall outlined some of the Chamber's projects over the years, including building the tennis courts on the waterfront, supporting the new arena with a \$10,000 donation and financing the annual Santa Claus Parade.

Mr. Hall thanked Mrs. Price for filling in for him during his illness last summer and asked members to support her during her term as president, beginning this year.



Miriam Price, President Chamber of Commerce.

February 1981

Scugog Township council approved a resolution which will allow trucks to make deliveries to the Port Perry IGA store using an entrance off Mary Street. Residents living along the street said they were "extremely bitter and angry by the decision".

## Maternity unit will stay open, \$450,000 addition approved for hospital

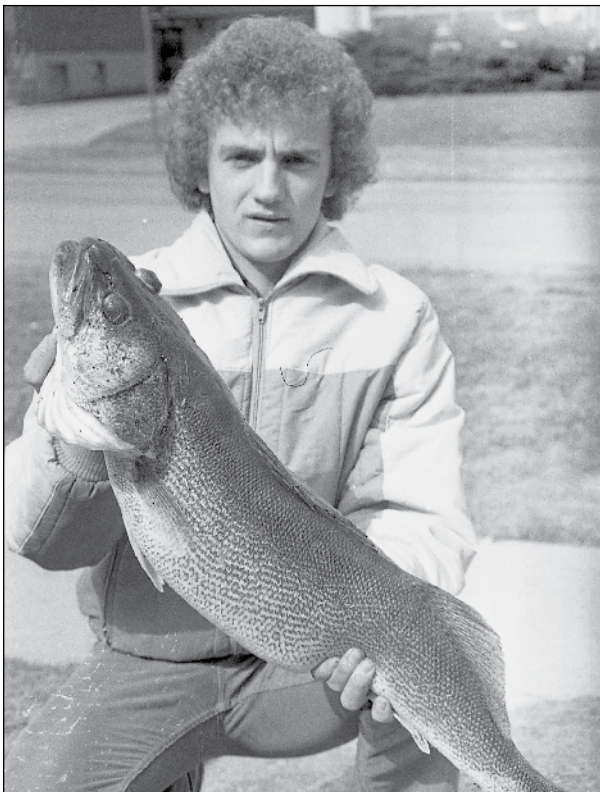
February 4, 1981

The Durham District Health Council recommended to the provincial Health Ministry that the maternity unit of Port Perry Hospital remain open.

Also included in a long list of 31 recommendations pertaining to hospital services throughout Durham Region, was support for a proposed expansion of the outpatient service area at the local hospital which is estimated to cost \$450,000.

Health council chairman Howard Hall said the recommendations have been forwarded to the Health Ministry and he could not speculate when a decision would be made.

The recommendations to keep open the maternity units at Port Perry, Uxbridge and Bowmanville Hospitals came as good news to citizens who strongly voiced their objections last fall to a consultants report.



David Jayes, 18, proved there are a few lunkers left in Lake Scugog on March 10, 1980 when he hauled this giant pickerel through the ice near Caesarea, using a small minnow for bait. The fish tipped the scales at 12 lbs. 14 oz.



Gloria Forder and Tom Millar, two of Port Perry's accomplished pianists performed a program of classical music at Town Hall 1873 for two evenings in April 1981. The hall was filled to capacity for both concerts.





*In April 1981, contractors started sandblasting the white paint off the red bricks of the old Bank of Commerce building. The work caused considerable damage to stores in the vicinity of the building being sandblasted.*

## Angry restaurant owners may seek legal damages over sandblasting bank building

*April 15, 1981*

Two Queen Street restaurant owners say they will seek legal action for damages they claim were caused by a sandblasting operation to remove paint at the former Bank of Commerce building.

Emiel and Cathy Kroonenburg who operate Emiel's Place, and Phil McBride, owner of the Galley Fish & Chips, are both located just a few feet from the old bank building and are claiming the sandblasting has caused damage to their establishments and resulted in a loss of business.

Mr. McBride said he had to throw away \$150 worth of cooking oil after dust got into the deep fryers, and was forced to close his shop for one day due to the flying dust.

Mr. Kroonenburg said, "it's an unfortunate situation which could have been avoided if the sandblasters had been more careful."

Both men feel if the contractors had used water and enclosed the area with tarps, the problem of flying dust would have been greatly reduced.

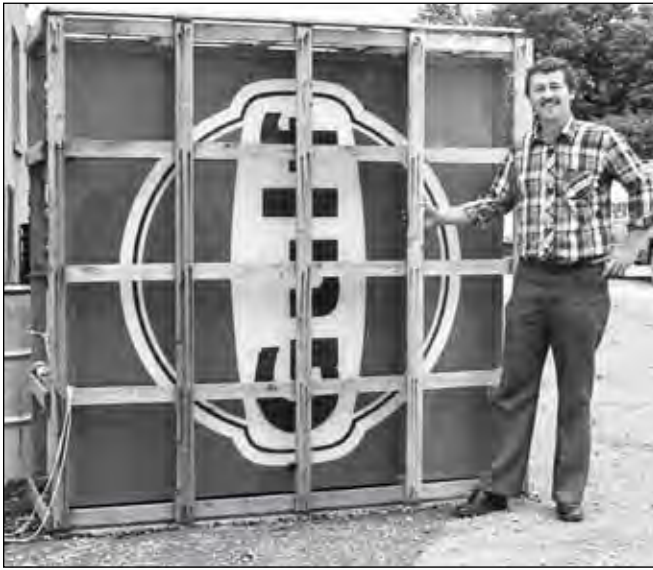
An officer of the Ministry of the Environment inspected the site and took dust samples, which could result in charges.



*Phil McBride of the Galley Fish & Chips.*



*Emiel and Cathy Kroonenburg*



Larry Taylor, above, with his Gulf sign which he can not erect and at right, Elgin Knopp shows where his sign would be allowed.

## Local businessmen angry as red tape blocks erection of signs

June 3, 1981

The snarl of government red tape has two Port Perry businessmen hopping mad.

Larry Taylor, owner of Taylor's Gulf Service Centre on Hwy. 7A, just west of Port Perry, and Elgin Knopp, owner of The Trailer Place, at the same location, have run into a brick wall in their efforts to come up with a compromise with the Highways department over where they can put up their signs.

Ministry regulations spell out that any sign must be at least 70 feet back from the middle of the highway, which puts the signs behind trees on the adjacent property.

## Uncovering the beautiful past

May, 1981

Removing paint from old bricks seems to be the latest trend as another building has had its shroud of white paint removed to reveal a beautiful brick building (see page 38).

The exterior of chartered accountant Alex Shepherd's office, located in a historic old home at 250 Queen Street was cleaned, revealing intricate brick-work that had been hidden since the buildings former owner, Dr. Stephen Kandel, painted it white about 15 years ago.

May 20, 1981

Members of Port Perry Baptist Church turned sod for a new church on May 7, at the corner of Queen and Rosa Street. Taking part were Rev. David Payne, building committee chairman Jack Cracknell and long-time church member Don Scriver.



Arthur Brock and his wife Marguerite were honoured by the Scugog Chamber of Commerce in recognition of 100 years the Brock family business has operated in Port Perry on Queen Street. The business was started by Mr. Brock's grandfather William in 1881. The Brock's are seen here in their store at 168 Queen Street, in April 1981.





## Dixie Lee Chicken opens Port Perry's first franchised fast food restaurant

July 2, 1981

The Dixie Lee Chicken and Seafood opened a modern, new fast food establishment, which is easily identified by its bright red steel mansard style roof and large Dixie Lee logo across the roof line.

The restaurant held an official opening on June 29, 1981 with managers Ron and Joan Teel and Mayor Jerry Taylor cutting a ribbon. Also present from the opening are, left, George Briggs, manager of the Campbellford store and far right Terry Kelsey, Central Ontario franchiser.

This is the first franchised, fast food outlet to open in Port Perry, and the 51st franchised store for the Dixie Lee company.

Dixie Lee operated at this location until about 1996 before closing its Port Perry location.

Since then the building, located at 136 Water Street, has been the location of the Antrim House Pub for about 17 years and most recently The Pub.





*Hundreds of pounds of brick, cement and wood tumbled to the sidewalk on Queen Street in April 1981 after high winds toppled a section of the former Emerson Block, now owned by Tom and Daphne Mitchell. One woman narrowly escaped with her life when the bricks crashed to the ground around her. Township crews were on the street quickly, cleaning up the debris, and the Mitchell's reconstructed the cornice to its original condition.*

## Murray House gets rave reviews

April 29, 1981

The popular Murray House Restaurant, located at 279 Queen Street, Port Perry got some unexpected good publicity from Ontario media.

Owner Carol Morrow advertised comments from the Toronto Star, The Globe & Mail and Oshawa This Week, all giving accolades to the quaint, little restaurant.

The Toronto Star wrote, "The Murray House Restaurant is Durham Region's best kept dining secret... big city culinary delights... desserts rival anything Toronto can bake up."





# Here & Gone

Remembering Stores from the 1980s

Barry's Variety	18 Water St.
Best of Things Flowers and Bridal	Port Perry Plaza
Blanchard's Supply Co.	189 North St.
Bridal Touch	209 Mary St. PP
Century 21 Gerry Meharg	647 Scugog St.
Circular Sounds	24 Water St.
Classic Neubody Care	40 Water St.
Country Capers	160 Queen St.
Country Lane	60 Water St.
Country Lane Real Estate	7A Hwy. at High St.



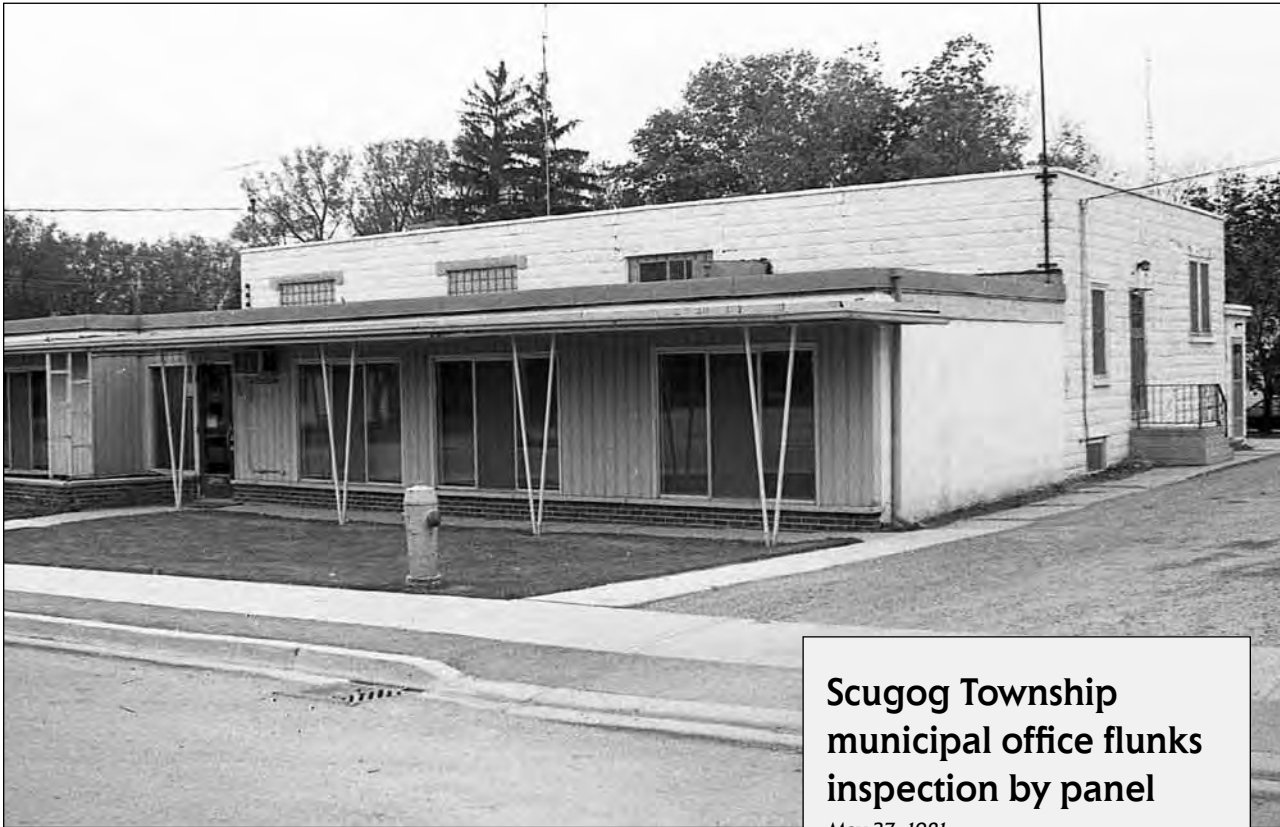
Country Saddlery	52 Water St.
D.A. Tripp Real Estate	139 Queen St.
Daisy's Fabrics	201 Queen St.
Daphne's & T.G. Mitchell's Clothing	183 Queen St.
DB's Chips 'n Things	158 Water St.
Dennis Anderson Chev., Olds.	268 Queen St.
Dixie Lee Chicken	136 Water St.
Doc's Discount Pet Centre	52 Water St.
Emiel's Place	155 Queen St.
Forder-Parks Insurance	34 Water St.
Frank Real Estate	118 Water St.
George Stone Real Estate	221 Queen St.
Gold 'N Glow Jewellery & Tanning	263 Queen St.
Greystone Equestrian Restaurant	Shirley Road
Harvard Real Estate	141 Scugog St.
HomeLife Durham Realty	248 Scugog St.
House of Howard	239 Queen St.
Images	261 Queen St.
In Fashion	Port Perry Plaza
Ives Florist	166 Water St.
Key-Bar Equipment	6 High Street.



Kountry Kreations	160 Queen St.
Lizzylou Decorating Centre	239 Queen St.
Marj Tripp Real Estate	286 Queen St.
Modern Textiles	203 Queen St.
Myers Cash & Carry Bulk Foods	Hwy. 7A, Port Perry
Northern Clothing Co.	237 Queen St.
Northern Furniture	Scugog Industrial Pk.
Patti's Own Kitchen	52 Water St.
Pelican Pier Fashions	237 Queen St.
Personal Touch Floral	209 Mary St.
Pete's Pet Pantry	Port Perry Plaza
Philp Pontiac Buick Ltd.	10 Vanedward Drive
Picture Perfect TV Service	72 Water St.
Pizza Tyme	Water St.
Rent & Save	179 Casimir St.
Ronald Bridgewater Law Office	38 Water St.
Selections for Him & Her	241 Queen St.
Settlement House Shops	183 Queen St.
Signature Studios	143 Perry St.
Smith & Smith Drug Centre	Port Perry Plaza
Standard Trust	165 Queen St.



Stedman's	Port Perry Plaza
Stone Real Estate	221 Queen St.
Strawberry Threads	229 Queen St.
Switzer Motors	Water St. & 7A Hwy.
Taylor's Gulf Service Centre	7A Hwy., West
The Conway Restaurant	7A Hwy./causeway
The Creative Basket	158 Queen St.
The Gate Restaurant	Port Perry Plaza
The Trailer Place	Manchester
Tom's Back Porch	183 Queen St.
Twice Told Tales	Port Perry Plaza
Video Image	68 Water St.
Village Blues	64 Water St.
Wayne's Auto Parts	84 Water St.
Wendy's Boutique	180 Mary St.



### Scugog Township municipal office flunks inspection by panel

May 27, 1981

The Scugog Township municipal building received less than passing grades in a report by the Public Institutions Inspection Panel.

The panel, made up of seven Durham Region residents selected at random, carried out inspections on 15 public buildings throughout Durham Region on May 6.

One of the committee members commented that the municipal building in Port Perry was probably in the worst shape of all the buildings they inspected.

They pointed out the exterior badly needs painting, heat loss is excessive due to single pane windows, exterior doors require weather stripping, steps to the side door are broken and unsafe, exit signs not illuminated and there are no proper fire extinguishers in the furnace room.

The committee report, which included recommendations, was forwarded to the Sheriff's Office, Ministry of the Attorney General at the Whitby Court House.



*McDermott-Panabaker Funeral Home at the corner of Queen and Perry Street featured a glassed-in furniture showroom facing onto the street until December 1981 when new owner, Harold Wagg, opened The Wagg Gallery in the space, featuring the work of local artists.*



## Standard Trust officially opened with \$2 million in deposits

June 10, 1971

The new Port Perry branch of the Standard Trust Company has shown the fastest growth of any of the bank's 16 branches throughout Ontario.

That, according to Standard Trust president Brian R. O'Malley, during the official opening of the local branch on June 3 in front of about 70 guests.

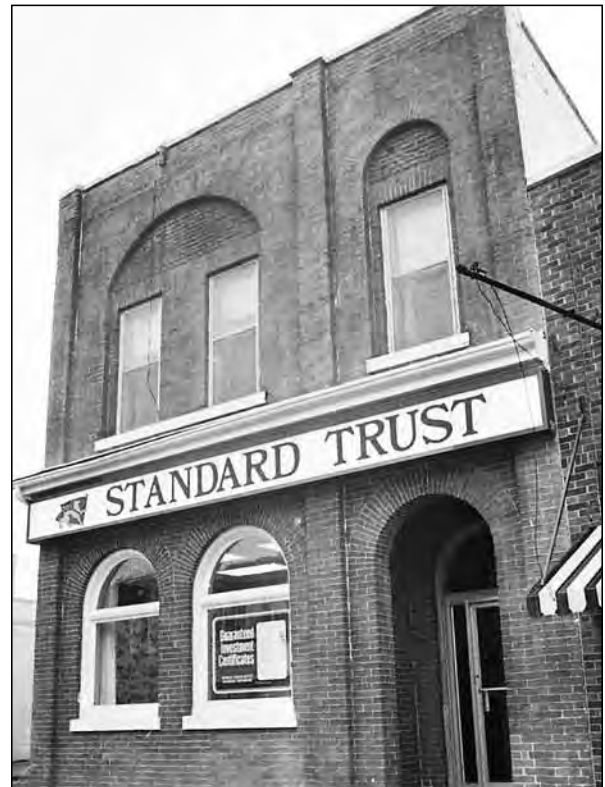
Mr. O'Malley said the company likes to locate branches in small communities and it was through "Steven Roman's persistent efforts that we did open here," he said. Mr. Roman is the bank's major shareholder.

He also announced that at the time of the opening, the Port Perry branch had received over \$2 million in deposits in that short time.

A ribbon was cut by Mayor Jerry Taylor accompanied by branch managers Stan Martin and Mr. O'Malley.

June 1981

John Gradish was named the new principal of Port Perry High School, replacing Doug Williams, who is moving to Donovan Collegiate in Oshawa.



The Standard Trust office, located in the former CIBC building at 165 Queen Street, was officially opened on June 3, 1971.



More than 70 people crowded into the new Standard Trust building on Queen Street, for the official opening on Wednesday, June 3.





*The official sod-turning ceremony for the new Scugog War Memorial Public Library took place on Monday, September 21, 1981 at the Water Street site. Taking part in the ceremony were, Mayor Jerry Taylor, seen here flanked on left by Library Board chairman Chuck Preston and right, Dr. Jack Cottrell, building committee chairman, along with a large crowd of supporters.*

*Picture to the right shows how far construction of the new facility had advanced by November 1981.*



*Scugog Realty Limited, operated by Morely Bruce and Guy Latreille, moved into its newly renovated home at 144 Queen Street, at the corner of Queen and Water Streets, in July 1981. The building is the former historic Sebert Hotel.*



## Gerrow's Beach residents drop legal action against group home

September 1981

All legal action against a group home at Gerrow's Beach on Scugog Island has been dropped.

Four residents of the beach had been seeking an injunction from the Supreme Court of Ontario against a group home, which is used as a residence for mentally handicapped adults and is operated by the Central Association for the Mentally Retarded.

Scugog Township, named as

one of the defendants, agreed it would not pursue legal costs from the plaintiffs.

Joan Heintzman, president of Central Seven said the association also agreed not to pursue its legal costs when the court action is dropped.

Last summer, the plaintiffs had sought a temporary injunction against the group home, but the application was rejected by the Supreme Court.

Central Seven opened the group home over a year ago and there are presently eight handicapped persons living there and working at the association's workshop in Port Perry.

Homeowners on Gerrow's Beach strongly objected to the house being used as a group home, but the refusal by the Court to grant an interim injunction last summer was an injunction that a permanent injunction would not likely be granted.



*Motorists were finding it a little difficult to get around the machinery on Queen Street in July 1981 as pavers poured and rolled a final coat of asphalt. The new black-top will finish the street reconstruction which has been underway since the spring.*



*Four portable classrooms were well underway in August 1981, for the opening of the new catholic school in Port Perry on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Church on Highway 7A. The new school will have classes from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 and more than 100 students are registered. The church hall will be used as a gym and library.*



Sam and Ann Levinson are seen here in their Port Perry store. The couple decided to retire after operating Levinson clothing store on Queen Street for more than 40 years.

## Levinson's closing doors after 43 years of business on Queen Street

September 2, 1981

After 43 years serving the people of Port Perry and area, Sam and Ann Levinson held a "closing out sale" before they retire. "We're sorry to have to leave the business, but my health must come first," Mr. Levinson said.

The Levinson clothing business has become a household name in the area over the years. Arriving from Toronto in 1933 they set up shop in a building just west of their present location. Eight years later they purchased the present building at 177 Queen Street. The Levinsons have both worked and lived there ever since.

Mrs. Levinson remembers when they first arrived in town they rented the store and apartment for \$18 per month. "There were no inside washrooms and Sam used to carry a couple of buckets of water each day from the old Sebert House," she said.

Sam, or Sammy, as he is affectionately known by his customers has many words of praise for the town and the people living here. "I love Port Perry. It is the best town in Ontario, or maybe Canada," he claims. "The people have been wonderful to us over these many years."

They would like to remain in Port Perry, but their family would like to have them closer to their homes in Toronto. But whatever their decision, they both agreed they have a soft spot in their hearts for the people of Port Perry.





## Council demands \$1,000 for tree cut down on township property

October 22, 1981

Scugog Township council were unanimous in their disappointment at the actions of IGA store manager Jim Grieve who ordered a large healthy maple tree removed from municipal property on Mary Street.

However, council decided not to take any legal action in the matter, opting instead to impose a fine of \$1,000 for compensation. The money would be used for new trees on Mary Street.

The issue of the tree being cut down stirred bitter feelings of Mary Street residents who have long been opposed to an expansion of the IGA and the proposed driveway onto Mary Street from the rear of the store.

Brian Callery angrily said the tree cutting incident was a "flagrant slap in the faces of the street's residents".

Members of council agreed that cutting down the tree was not proper and doing so was not in the best interest of the Township, Mr. Grieve or the residents.

October 28, 1981

Local marina owner Bill Kendry was found after being missing for five days and nights in the rugged country north of Massey, Ontario. He lost about 20 pounds, but aside from frostbite he returned home in remarkably good shape.

## New 88 estate home agreement guarantees marina or money

December 9, 1981

Scugog Township council approved a recommendation which guarantees a housing developer builds a marina, or pays money to the township if the marina is not built.

The development, known as the Shaw subdivision, consists of 88 estate homes on a parcel of land north of Port Perry, on the east side of the Seagrave Road.

Council demanded that before approval is given to build the homes, the developer must also build a marina on part of the land which touches on the shore of Lake Scugog.

Developer Wilf Shaw told council he was prepared to proceed with the residential part of the development and the marina in the near future.



His Excellency Bishop Robert Clune blessed Port Perry's first catholic school on Wednesday, December 8. The school, called Immaculate Conception, has an enrolment of 140 students. The Bishop is seen here with students, Nicole McAllister, Mark Stokes, Marita Kersten, Stuart Gouin, Michael Johnson and Darren Frank. Standing in back is principal, John Quinn.



The new Port Perry Baptist Church officially opened its doors to the congregation on Sunday, December 12, 1981.

Construction began on the new church, located near the intersection of Hwy. 7A and the Island Road, during the summer.

Pastor David Payne welcomed more than 400 people who crowded into the church for the first service.



A large crowd of students and parents attended the thirty-third annual Port Perry High School "At Home" in April 1981. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of a new Queen and Princess. This year lovely Jackie Robinson, 18, won the title of "At Home" Queen. Pictured with her is Marina Brock, 15, who won the title of Princess.



Flautist Laurel Holtby, left, and clarinetist Mary McKelvey were selected to tour Europe during the summer of 1981 with the Ontario Youth Concert Band.

### Uncovering the past

Removing paint and dirt from old brick seems to be the latest trend in the area and this past week another building had its shroud of white paint removed, to reveal a beautiful brick building.

The building is the premises of chartered accountant Alex Shepherd at 250 Queen Street.

The picture on the right shows what the building looked like before the bricks were cleaned of the white paint. To the left the beautiful red and yellow brickwork that was hidden for more than 15 years under the paint.





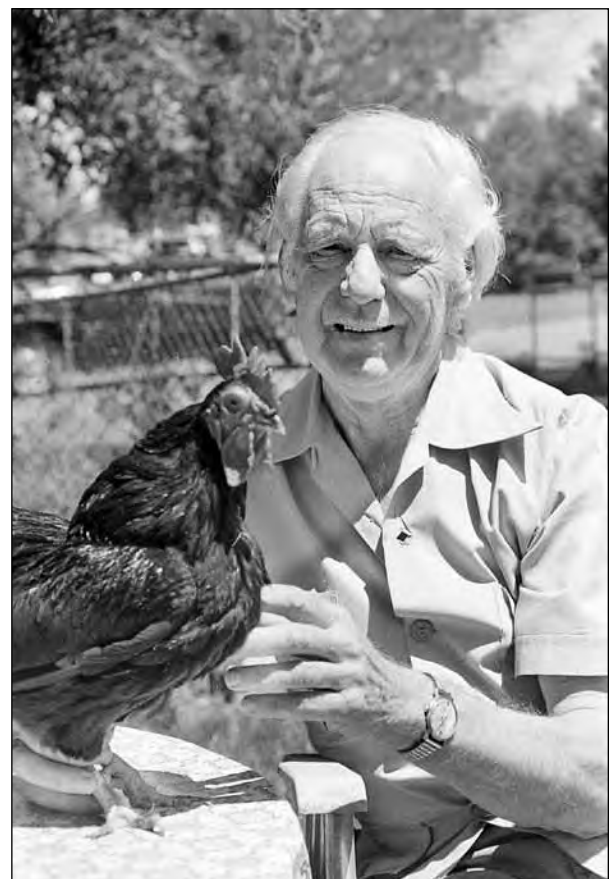


**Rotary Club Charter Night**

The newly formed Port Perry Rotary Club held its official Charter Night last Thursday with a dinner dance at the Catholic Church Hall in Port Perry in July 1981. The new club has 33 members and will hold its weekly meeting at 12 noon on Wednesdays at Emiel's Place. Front row from left, Bob Allin, Ron Bridgewater, Greg Heffering, Chuck Dewhirst, president, Everett Kerr, Mike Fowler, Eldon Woodcock, Kent McKelvey. Second row, from left, Ken Jackson, Jim Pearse, Grant MacDonald, Bill Beare, Don Carnegie, Bill Harrison, Ron Mitchell, Paul Fletcher, Brian Coggins, Jim Grieve. Back left, Tom Mullen, Bob Goodman, John Kay, Russ Gray, Dave Brown, Roger Moase, Ira Carr, Phil Johnson, Frank Godley. Missing, Stan Martin, George Legere, Joe Baxter, Bryce Philp, Nick Rensink, Frank Perry.



Glen and Marjorie Wanamaker were honoured by their colleagues in February 1981 at the Latham Centre, on the occasion of their retirement as Secretary and Treasurer of the Port Perry Agricultural Society. The Wanamakers have held this dual role for the past 11 years and members of the board and visitors spoke highly of their contribution to the society during their term.



Arthur Brunton, with one of his prized "Rhode Island Red" chickens. Mr. Brunton raised this breed of chickens at his Port Perry hatchery, and at the height of his business was shipping 250,000 chicks annually throughout Canada and the world.



*The Port Perry Snowmobile Club, located on Shirley Road south of Port Perry, in January 1982.*

# 1982



*East end of Queen Street, 1982, with Emiel's Place Restaurant, Porto Pizza and the new Bank of Commerce building.*





*This was the scene on March 25, 1982 as a two-storey house owned by Dr. Morley Pitts, was moved from Greenbank, three miles south of the village to a new lot on Concession 9. The move took five hours to complete and cost about \$100,000.*

## **Moving 120 ton house three miles cost owner \$100,000**

*March 3, 1982*

How do you move a 60 year old house that weighs close to 120 tons three miles along a busy highway?

You cross your fingers, hire a small army and dig deep into your pockets.

Chiropractor Dr. Morley Pitts estimates that once all the bills are in, the cost of moving the massive two-storey brick house from Greenbank south to Concession 9 in Scugog will be about \$100,000.

The move, which created quite a stir in the village, went off perfectly, not a brick was moved.

Dr. Pitts did not want to see the house torn down, which would have been its fate had he sold it to the Ontario Department of Highways to make way for a widening of Hwy. 12 through Greenbank.

Mover Laurie McCulloch said this was the largest building he ever moved along a highway. The house measured 37 feet across at the eaves and 31 feet high. The move took five hours to complete.

A crew of 10 linemen from Ontario Hydro and workers from Bell Canada had to take down wires along the route. Eric Bonsma of Blackstock drove the tractor truck pulling the house, and two massive tow trucks with chains were used to brake the rolling structure going down the grade out of Greenbank.

The house was moved to Dr. Pitt's 50 acre lot on Concession 9 and will sit there until spring when a foundation and basement will be constructed.

Dr. Pitts is hoping to negotiate most of the moving cost with the Highway department. He hopes it will be ready to occupy by July 1.



*Scugog was hit hard by snow in February 1982 and when snowploughs were unable to wing-back the snow any further due to heavy drifting, the township brought in a large snowblower to clear some of the concession roads, including this section south of the Prince Albert School.*



Members of Scugog Council faced off against the Ringette Tweens at the Blackstock Arena, as part of the Ringette Week activities taking place in the township from February 6-13. Seen above in a face-off are from left, Lesley Biffen, Regional Councillor Lawrence Malcolm, Natalie Franssen, Mayor Jerry Taylor and Karyn Raines. Ringette was a popular game for girls in Scugog throughout the 1980s.

## Scugog finally will get a coat-of-arms

February 17, 1982

Scugog Township is finally going to get an official coat-of-arms. On February 8, council gave its approval to a design which features an eagle to recognize the native Indians of this area, stalks of corn for agriculture and a muskie and steamship which refers to Lake Scugog.

The coat-of-arms was designed by the Cartwright Scouts, with John Priebe, a student of Cartwright High School completing the drawing.

## Council sets 1982 wage increases

January 27, 1982

Scugog council granted salary increases for all non-union employees of 10 percent this year, with eight percent effective in January and another two percent on July 1.

Council also settled with the Township's outside unionized employees who received an increase of 12 percent over the year. They will receive a retroactive 80 cent per hour increase immediately and a further 20 cents per hour on July 1.

Also, council voted to give themselves an increase of \$500, bringing councillors salary to \$6,500 annually and the mayor's salary to \$7,800 annually. Both Mayor Taylor and Regional councillor Lawrence Malcolm earn an additional \$13,000 from Durham Region.

## Scugog agrees to allow 160 new homes in Prince Albert

February 17, 1982

Despite protests from two councillors, Scugog Township agreed to changes in the development plans for Prince Albert to allow a maximum of 160 homes to be built in that community.

Developers had asked council for 210 new homes. There are four developers currently holding parcels of land in the hamlet in the areas west of Simcoe Street and on both sides of Union Avenue on the north side of King Street.

In passing the recommendation, council stipulated that any new housing development of more than 20 units must be completed in phases.

If Regional Council approves Scugog's recommendations, it is not likely the full 160 lots would be developed within the next 10 years.

The lots, when completed, are to be serviced by piped municipal water.



Scugog Township works department had a grader out on the Lake Scugog ice in early March 1982, clearing an area around the lakefront beach. After removing the snow, tons and tons of sand were dumped along the beach and spread over the ice. This new sand will sink to the bottom when spring thaw comes, making the bottom of the "old swimming hole" cleaner. Above, the sand is being spread over the ice by one of the township workers.





Cartwright High School held its 24th annual "At Home" April 25, 1982 at the Recreation Centre in Blackstock. The hall was beautifully decorated in the theme of "Sweetheart Cruise", and many students and parents attended the popular event. Highlight of the evening was the crowning of the school's "At Home Queen" and Princesses. This year's Queen is Karen Duivesteyn, centre. Seen here with her are Princesses Pat Reader, left, and Sandi Little.



For the first time ever, Port Perry High School's "At Home Queen" is not a teenager, but a 35 year-old mother of three children. Glenys Windsor, left, was crowned Queen at the annual "At Home" dance on April 24, 1982. With Glenys is the first princess Tish LeFort. Glenys, who returned to high school full time last fall to complete Grade 12 said that being selected Queen was the highlight of her school year and her three children were "delighted" with the idea. "It was an honour to be selected and I just can't believe it," she said.



It was a happy occasion in May 1982 as members of the Hope Christian Reformed Church gather for a sod-turning ceremony to make the start of construction on a new church building on Simcoe Street in Prince Albert. In front row, from left, Bert Stulen, Andy Demmer, contractor; Ralph Haan, Rev. Carel Geleynse and John Kuipers with an artist's sketch of the 6,000 sq. ft. building. The congregation are hoping to see the church, which will serve its 226 members, completed by the fall.



*Despite the efforts of three fire departments and more than 50 men, fire destroyed the warehouse and contents of Gerry's Produce on Scugog Street, Port Perry.*



*Burnt out remains of Gerry's Produce following the fire.*

## Produce warehouse ravaged in \$1.5 million fire in Port Perry

March 17, 1982

Investigators suspect that spontaneous combustion in bags of charcoal was the cause of a major fire March 11th, which destroyed the warehouse and offices of Gerry's Produce on Scugog Street, Port Perry.

The loss of the building and contents was total and owner Jerry Jonkheer believes damage may reach \$1.5 million.

Firefighters from Port Perry, Uxbridge and Caesarea departments responded to the call and the Scugog Hydro truck with an aerial bucket was used to get hoses above the roof. More than 200,000 gallons of water were used to fight the blaze.

## Fire takes four lives, injures three in late night fire

February 17, 1982

Fire officials believe a flammable liquid poured on a wood stove to kindle flames triggered an explosion and fire which claimed the lives of four people early Sunday morning at a Scugog Township farm on Hwy. 47, about three miles west of Hwy. 12.

Police reported that three people managed to escape from the burning building, but were all treated for serious burns and cuts when they jumped from a second storey window.

The ground floor of the building was used as a garage and the top floor as a living quarters, for John Pollard who looked after the property.

Mr. Pollard died in the fire along with brothers Michael Robinson, 19, John, 21, and Roy Crawford 17, all of Uxbridge.

Coroner Dr. A.S. Deacon ordered no inquest, feeling there was "nothing to be gained by holding an inquest."

## Hospital anticipates no major problems with doctors off the job

April 28, 1982

Port Perry Hospital administrator Dave Brown says he does not anticipate "any major problems" when local physicians join their counterparts across Ontario and withdraw services for two days on April 27, 28.

"We have received assurance from the medical Chief of Staff and the president of the Medical Staff that doctors will be on duty in the emergency department," Mr. Brown said.

The two day shutdown of normal physician services across Ontario became a reality over the weekend when talks broke off on an unpleasant note between provincial health ministry officials and representatives of the Ontario Medical Association.

All elective surgery and non-emergency appointments in doctor's offices have been suspended during the action by physicians who are involved in a bitter pay dispute with the Ontario Government.

Mr. Brown says he expects the emergency department will be busier than normal, but has no plans to bring in any extra nursing staff for the two days.





Scugog Memorial Library was officially opened on Saturday, May 29 after an impressive ceremony held in front of the new building on Water Street. Two young girls, Erin Chellew, left, and Janna Williams were pulled from the crowd to help with the ribbon cutting. With them are, from left, Mayor Jerry Taylor, Honourable R.B. McCaffrey, MPP, and Chuck Preston, Chairman of the Library Board.



Mayor Jerry Taylor, Library Board Chairman Chuck Preston and Librarian Grace Milne with the memorial plaque in the front entrance of the library.



Library committee members look over old copies of the Port Perry Star, which can be found in bound books at the library. From left are, George Smith, Dr. Jack Cottrell, building chairman, Ken Jackson and Mike Fowler, co-chairs of the fundraising committee.

## New Scugog Memorial Library opens its doors

June 1, 1982

With a simple, yet dignified ceremony on Saturday afternoon, in front of more than 200 people, Library Board chairman Chuck Preston, Scugog Mayor Jerry Taylor and provincial culture minister Bruce McCaffrey snipped a ribbon to officially open the new Scugog Memorial Library.

The single storey building on Water Street, finished in subdued brown brick, was praised by all of the speakers for the simplistic beauty of its design and construction.

Inside are three primary areas: the main library which stretches the length of the building and overlooks Lake Scugog; a large room for cultural displays and a smaller multi-purpose room.

In his remarks, Library Board chairman Chuck Preston noted that it has been three years and nine months since the idea of expanded library facilities for Scugog was first discussed seriously and given approval in principle by the municipal council of the day.

Mr. Preston proudly called the building "one of the finest public facilities in all Durham Region."

Mr. Preston introduced board members and many of those who played important roles in the completion of the library. He mentioned Nelson Patterson, chair of the financial committee, Michael Fowler and Ken Jackson, who co-chaired the fundraising committee, Dr. Jack Cottrell, chair of the building committee and paid special tribute to librarian Grace Milne, noting her devotion the past couple of years.

Scugog Mayor Jerry Taylor called the occasion "a proud day for Scugog Township." He made a brief reference to the controversy which boiled over in the township, but said that once the final decision was made, "the personal disagreements were put aside."

Following the opening, guests toured the inside of the building and there were members of the library staff on hand to answer questions.

THE EIGHTIES



The Borelians Theatre Group entertained a capacity crowd at Town Hall 1873 during a benefit night to raise funds for the expansion of Community Memorial Hospital. During one of the skits, Nurse Nimfo (actress Beth Schryburt) checks the pulse of Elgin Knopp, who seemed to be enjoying the attention immensely.



The Scugog Choral Society, under the direction of Mrs. Grace Hastings (standing) and her daughter Gloria Forder, presented Music, Music, Music at Town Hall 1873 in April 1982.



Bruce Hull and his wife Joy were honoured by members of the staff of Port Perry Post Office, on his retirement after 37 years at the post office, 24 of them as postmaster. Mr. Hull's retirement takes effect as of July 1, 1982. He is seen here with a special plaque from the Prime Minister of Canada's office. At right, the Port Perry Post Office in January 1982.





## Community Memorial Hospital ready for \$700,000 expansion

Tuesday, June 29, 1982

A significant expansion to Community Memorial Hospital was officially announced by the Hospital Board.

Outgoing Board chairman Jim Marlow told the meeting the expansion will involve construction of an addition on the northwest side of the existing building on Paxton Street.

In total, there will be about 10,000 sq. ft. on three levels (one below ground and two above) and the initial estimates of the cost are in the neighbourhood of \$700,000.

A significant hurdle was recently cleared when the provincial government announced it would pay \$200,000 towards the construction.

According to administrator Dave Brown, the most important aspect of the proposed expansion will be physical expansion of the emergency department,

the physiotherapy department and the day surgery recovery area.

The expansion of these important service areas will be on the ground floor of the new addition. The basement will be used entirely for storage, which will free up other areas of the hospital now used for storage. The upper floor of the addition will include a conference room, library and teaching area for staff education.

The cost will be shared by a \$200,000 provincial government grant, \$250,000 from the Community Memorial Hospital foundation fund and the remainder of \$260,000 will be raised from the community.

Howard Hall, chairman of the building committee said they will approach Scugog Township council sometime in the future for a financial commitment up to \$150,000 over two years.



### Port Perry Rotary Club first anniversary

The Rotary Club of Port Perry marked their first anniversary on July 15th, during a banquet and dance at the Catholic Church Hall, Port Perry. The new executive for 1982-1983 are pictured above: back left, Ron Bridgewater, secretary; Brian Coggins, treasurer; Mike Fowler, John Kay and Dr. Bob Allin, directors. Front left, Chuck Dewhirst, charter president, Gregory Heffering, president and Grant McDonald, vice-president. About 140 people attended the function.



Royal Canadian Legion officers stand guard outside the old Scugog Memorial Library, before entering the building to remove the 'Book of Remembrance' which has had a place of honour in the library since 1935.



From left: Jack Lee, 3rd vice-president, John Sweetman, Branch 419 Charter president and Ross Weir, 1st vice-president leave the old library and head off to the new library with the 'Book of Remembrance'.

## Book of Remembrance is moved to new Memorial Library

June 8, 1982

Under sullen gray skies on Sunday, June 5, 1982, members of the Port Perry Legion held a dedication service as the Book of Remembrance was moved from the old library building on Queen Street to the newly opened Memorial Library on Water Street.

The dedication ceremony began with a colour guard parade of Legion members accompanied by the Uxbridge Legion Pipe and Drum Band, which marched down Queen Street.

Ross Weir, vice-president, Jack Lee, 3rd vice-president and John Sweetman, charter president of Branch 419 had the honour of lifting the *Book of Remembrance* from the display case in the old building.

The *Book* contains the names of 46 men from Port Perry and area who gave their lives fighting for their country in the First World War. The Queen Street library was constructed as a memorial and along with the *Book of Remembrance*, the engraved silver trowel used in that construction will also be on display in the new library building.

Rev. Reg Rose of Port Perry delivered prayers of dedication in a brief ceremony in front of the new

building and a Canadian flag was lowered and raised as bugler Gord Copeland played the Last Post and Reveille.

Members of the Legion led by Mr. Sweetman then placed the *Book of Remembrance* and the silver trowel in the wood and glass display case.

The display case, which is lined with bright red velvet, is in a prominent position in the main foyer of the library building. The inscription on the case reads: "This memorial is dedicated to all those who served in times of conflict."

After the Book and trowel were placed in the display case, Fred Cavannah, a veteran of World War 1, laid a wreath in the foyer of the building.

The dedication ceremony was held on June 6, 38 years to the day after the Allied landings in France in 1944.

Canadian servicemen played a crucial role in the D-Day invasion, and the memory of those who lost their lives has not been forgotten.

The dedication ceremony was the final function in the official opening of a new Memorial Library on Water Street.



## New postmaster at local post office

August 1982

Port Perry post office has a new postmaster. Robert Walker took over the position earlier this month replacing Bruce Hull, who held the position for 24 years of his 37 years with the postal organization.

Mr. Walker is a resident of Brooklin, Ontario, where he has postmaster for eight years. He began his career in his hometown of Barrie, Ontario, in 1968.



Bob Walker, Port Perry Postmaster



Scugog Chamber of Commerce president Miriam Price displays a new booklet promoting Scugog Township. Ten thousand copies were printed at a cost of \$9,000, with Scugog Township contributing \$3,000, the Chamber \$3,000, and the remainder through advertising.

## Scugog Realty joins with Re/Max Ontario

December, 1982

Morley Bruce and Guy Latreille, of Scugog Realty Limited announced their affiliation with Re/Max of Ontario and Re/Max of America.

Agents with the company include Lloyd Haynes, Don Harper, Joan Cuddie, Keith Puckrin and Gail Scala.



With Birdseye Pool in deplorable condition, the beach on Lake Scugog became a busy spot during the hot days of summer 1982.

## Council again okays Cochrane Street semi-detached homes

November 23, 1982

In what was its last act of official business, the outgoing Scugog Township council gave approval in principle to a proposed development of 18 semi-detached units on land at the north end of Cochrane Street.

But its almost predictable that the decision will end up in front of the OMB for a hearing. A group of residents along Cochrane Street have voiced strong objections to the proposal.

By a unanimous vote, council asked that the proposed development plan be forwarded to the Durham Region for draft plan approval, the first step in the process of any new development.

Several councillors spoke strongly in favour of the proposed development, with councillor John Wolters saying, "This development was approved once before by this council. It is not fair to let the land sit idle as it has for years when there is a developer ready to do something with it."

Township administrator Earl Cuddie pointed out that the action taken by council was just the first step in the development process.

The re-zoning will now be dealt with by the new in-coming council elected in November.

## Herrema coasts to an easy victory

December, 1982

What was shaping up as a tense election battle to become Durham Region Chairman, turned into a virtual coronation as Gary Herrema was acclaimed to the post for a three year term.

Oshawa councillor John Aker, who had mounted a strong challenge to become chairman, withdrew from the race stating it had become apparent he was not going to have enough support to carry a majority.

## Birdseye pool in deplorable shape

July 13, 1984

The condition of Birdseye Pool is deteriorating so rapidly that it will likely have to be replaced at the end of this summer season.

Township administrator Earl Cuddie warned council the pool was leaking badly, the deck in poor condition, and the pumps and filters are breaking down from overwork.

Mayor Jerry Taylor said he was shocked to see the poor condition of the pool and said, "I don't think any of us would accept a pool like that in our own back yard."

Since the pool opened during the second week of July, there have been several cases of children cutting their feet on the cracks in the bottom of the pool.



The original Birdseye Pool, seen here winterized in December 1982, was in serious condition and in need of repairs. Scugog council gave authorization to go ahead with \$14,000 in repairs to the pool if the Regional Health Department agrees it will bring it back to standards. The main work will include raising the concrete deck around the pool to bring it level with the lip of the pool. If all goes according to plan, the township hopes the pool will be open again next summer.





*It was all smiles for IGA store manager Jim Grieve and his staff, when the store expansion, started almost three years earlier, came to a conclusion with the official store re-opening in October 1982. The \$750,000 expansion increased the retail floor space from 5,000 sq. ft. to about 10,000 sq. ft. Pictured here are, from left, Jim Grieve, Vic Walker, produce manager, Dennis Romeril, frozen foods and dairy manager, Shirley DeHass, delicatessen hostess, Bob Parker, assistant manager and Reid Stainton, meat manager.*



*The congregation of Port Perry United Church got their first look and listen at the new unveiled treasure, their Keates-Geissler pipe organ. The organ, valued at \$94,000, was dedicated to the veterans of World Wars I and II on Sunday, October 3, 1982.*



Left, Patrick and Lucette Harrison on their island estate 1982.

## "Paddy" Harrison sells Seven Mile Island estate for \$630,000

*December 7, 1982*

The once palatial estate, which became known as Seven Mile Island, was sold recently for \$630,000.

Alex and Mary Wilson purchased the property in 1919 and immediately started work on enlarging the home, constructing numerous floral gardens, a swimming pool, tea house, reflecting pool and an elaborate boathouse with a dance hall on the upper level. The property boasted beautifully manicured lawns, rose gardens, bridges, ponds and an elaborate pergola leading to the magnificent 26 room mansion.



The property is located on the west shore of Scugog Island about seven miles north of Port Perry. It is connected to the mainland by a 1,600 foot long causeway.

In 1958 the property was purchased by Patrick "Paddy" Harrison and his wife Lucette, who injected about \$1 million into the property which was run down when they moved in.

In August 1981 at the age of 80 years, Mr. Harrison decided to sell the estate and listed the property for sale at \$725,000.

In marketing the property, he invited members of Scugog council, Durham Region planning office, township staff, Historical Society members to

view the property.

There was much interest in the property and it created a flurry of attention in the media, including newspaper articles in national media and reports on the major television stations.

It took almost two years to sell the property, but in December 1982 it was reported to have been sold for \$630,000 to an undisclosed buyer, with the closing scheduled for July 1983.

It was later revealed that the new owners were a registered Ontario corporation, purchasing the property for a Toronto group known as the Ching Chung Taoist Society of Canada.







*This view of Queen Street, taken in September 1982 during a parade on the street shows the businesses located at this end of the block. From left, Port Gifts, Karen Taylor Cosmetic Salon, Mar-Laine Boutique, David Chow's Restaurant and George Stone Real Estate.*



*Dr. Helen Ottenbrite and her daughters Robin, left, and Reva make the practice of Chiropractic a family affair in Port Perry. Reva joined her mother in September 1982 and Robina, who is a registered massage therapist plans to join her sister and mother after she returns to school in the fall.*



*The Scugog Choral Society presented the musical comedy "Irene" in November 1982, a tale of an Irish lass who believed in women's lib before the term was invented. Cast members included this trio, "Irene" played by Sandra Blakney, at far right, and her two friends Helen (Marion Rodway) and Jane (Jill Bradley), centre.*



# 1983

*Mayor Jerome (Jerry) Taylor*



*The new Scugog Township council was sworn into office for a three year term during the inaugural meeting held in December 1982. A large crowd attended to see the council take their oath of office. Front left, Regional councillor Lawrence Malcolm, Mayor Jerry Taylor and Area Councillor John Wolters. Back left, Administrator Earl Cuddie, Ward 3 councillor Don Cochrane, Ward 2 councillor Jack Cottrell, Ward 4 councillor Harvey Graham and Ward 1 councillor Neil Hunter.*



## Council asked for \$160,000 towards hospital expansion

January 11, 1983

Scugog Township council has been asked to contribute \$160,000 in tax money towards a planned \$760,000 addition to Community Memorial Hospital in Port Perry.

The request came to council from a delegation representing the hospital board who submitted a lengthy bid and went into detailed discussion about the expansion.

After listening to the presentation by hospital administrator Dave Brown, building committee chairman Howard Hall and hospital board chair Joy Hull asked council to think about the request and study the implications.

Mr. Hall told council that plans for the expansion have been approved in principle by the Health Ministry and the hospital board is hopeful that actual construction can begin as early as this spring.

One week later council agreed to contribute \$160,000 towards the expansion, but stipulated the grant would be spread over three years, with a payment of \$53,000 to be paid each November.

January 1983

As a cost savings measure, it was suggested the Scugog garbage dump, on Durham Road 8, should be shut down one day per week. It was estimated it would save the Region up to \$30,000 annually.

## Scugog purchases a property for new township works depot

January 18, 1983

Scugog Township has paid \$90,000 for a building and 2.5 acres on Durham Road 8, which will be used as a new garage and depot for the township's roads department.

The building and land formerly belonged to the Ira Carr Construction Co., which went out of business late last year.

The decision to buy the property at \$90,000 was made during an in-camera meeting January 10 and Mayor Jerry Taylor reported that the offer had been accepted last week.

Mayor Taylor said he believes the purchase is a good one for the township. It will allow the roads department to shut down the present depot on the Port Perry lakefront and the depot in Manchester.

"The new site is a good central location for the department, served by good roads and in an area without any homes nearby," the mayor said.



### New Real Estate company

Country Lane Realty Limited opened its doors for business and held an Open House for the public on February 25, 1983. The new real estate company, located at 64 Water St., is owned by three local residents, seen here from left, Keith Puckrin, Gail Scala and Ralph Fairman.



### Gas prices take a dive

Motorists in the Scugog area were able to fill up their car tanks at the low price of 32.7¢ per litre in February 1983. Len Franssen, who works at the Turbo station on Water Street, is seen here with the sign outside the garage.



Lake Scugog was the site of a new world speed record as Tom Erhart of Grand Rapids, Michigan, pushed the needle on his Budweiser-Polaris sled to 154.5 mph. Erhart made three runs in his 300 hp machine powered by a V6 engine. He said Lake Scugog was the best track he had ever raced on.

## Durham says goodbye to the strap

April 19, 1983

The strap will officially disappear from school classrooms in Durham Region, including Scugog Township at the end of June 1984.

By a vote of 12 to five, trustees with the Durham Board of Education approved abolition of the strap at a meeting held in Oshawa on April 11.

The amendment rules out all forms of physical punishment in Durham elementary and secondary schools at the end of the 1984 school year.

Scugog trustee Rev. Stuart McEntyre, who has long favoured the abolition of strapping as a method of discipline and is chairman of the board sub-committee dealing with these issues said that "the strap simply is no longer a part of modern teaching methods."

The old adage of "sparing the rod and spoiling the child just doesn't wash anymore. These are not the norms of society," he added.

Although the strap will no longer be used as a form of punishment, the chairman emphasized that the Board policy will not rule out the use of physical force by teachers to protect themselves or other students in certain situations.

Rev. McEntyre, a former teacher and principal, said that at one time he was in favour of the strap as a "kind of symbolic symbol" in the classroom, but now feels that it has no value.

## Earliest dip in frigid Lake Scugog

March 22, 1983

March 18 will go down in history as the earliest that anyone has ever gone swimming in Lake Scugog, thanks to the ice going out of Lake Scugog on March 11, 1983.

A \$10 bet, from Al Boumeester's brother Mark, was all it took for Al Boumeester, 17, to take the plunge. The temperature of the water was 8C, or 46F, when he dove into the lake.

## Ice out, snow returns as spring arrives

March 29, 1983

Two weeks ago (March 11, 1983) the ice disappeared from Lake Scugog setting a new record. Sunny skies and warm temperatures made it feel like spring, but when spring officially arrived on March 21, it brought with it snow and bone chilling cold.

Accompanying the below freezing temperatures, was one of the heaviest snowfalls of an almost "snow-less" winter.

Adding to the confusion of spring was that Lake Scugog's surface returned to a frozen state, after being declared open for a week. Despite the light freeze-over, it was decided the March 11 date would stand as the official date the ice left Lake Scugog.

## Fire damage could reach \$300,000

March 29, 1983

Damage estimates are ranging as high as \$300,000 in a fire March 22, which destroyed the interior of Insulose Products Limited, and for a time threatened to force the evacuation of numerous homes in the northwest corner of Port Perry.



Blackstock sculptor Bill Lishman perched on his replica of the Apollo Lunar landing module which he created about a decade earlier. The landing module was sold in April 1983 to a space exhibit in Japan.



## Grooming equipment still waiting for snow

January 25, 1983

The Port Perry Snowmobile Club acquired two pieces of trail grooming equipment complete with heavy-duty Alpine snow machines to pull them.

The equipment was purchased for \$13,000, with half coming from a Wintario grant.

On hand at an official unveiling of the equipment were, from left, Harvey Graham, president of CORSA, Jim Lackie, trail director, Scugog Mayor Jerry Taylor, Ross Edmonstone, of the Federation of Ontario Snowmobile Clubs, Paul Smith, president of Port Perry Snowmobile Club and Durham-York MPP Ross Stevenson.

All that was missing was the snow.



## Cartwright High School 25th "At Home" reunion

May 3, 1983

Cartwright High School held its 25th At Home Reunion in May 1983 and one of the highlights of the evening was the gathering of 16 former "At Home" Queens. It was a special night for these ladies, from left, front, Shirley Hudson (1960), Lorraine Andrews (1961) Donna Kyte (1962), Laurel Ptolemy (1963), Sylvia Cookson (1964), Sheila Lochhead (1965), Linda Longfield (1967). Back left, Carol Gray (1968), Lindsay Kyte (1969), Lorrie Minshall (1970), Janis McCoy (1973), Michelle Adams (1974), Marylou Kellog (1975), Debbie Vice (1977), Tammy Chilco (1979), Ann Kristensen (1980).



A new Queen of the Cartwright High School was crowned in May 1983 at the school's 25th "At Home Reunion." Marilyn Green, seated, was crowned "At Home" Queen and she is seen here with 1st Princess Vanessa Lewerentz, left and 2nd Princess Lynn McDiarmid, right.



Wintario rolled its travelling show into Port Perry in March 1983, attracting a sell-out crowd to the Port Perry High School auditorium. At left, host Faye Dance looks out to the crowd to see if any had the lucky "Win'fall" number 77, while above, Ms. Dance and Dr. M.B. Dymond watch as the wheel spins around for another winner.

## Wintario attracts more than 650 to "live" television show in Port Perry

March 29, 1983

Wintario came to Port Perry last week and at least 650 people packed Port Perry High School auditorium, welcoming the hosts with a thunderous applause. Wintario is the only "live" television show being broadcast in Canada.

Wintario and Global TV trucks began rolling into town early in the morning to prepare for the on-the-road show. Crews worked all day moving equipment and lighting into the high school auditorium.

According to Scugog Chamber of Commerce officials, people began lining up at 6 p.m. for the show and when the doors opened at 7 p.m. there were more than 100 people waiting to come in.

Due to the popularity, many hopefuls were turned away at the door.



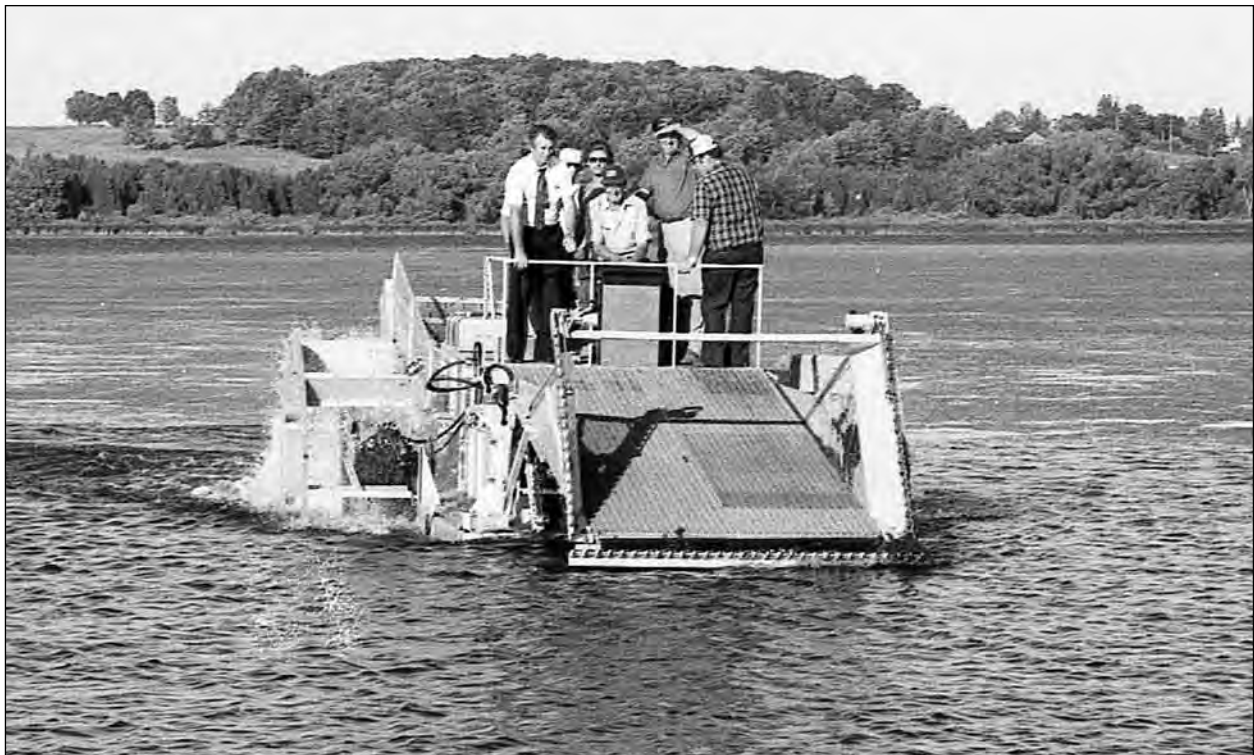
Dr. Matthew B. Dymond used a bright silver spade to turn the sod for the new \$750,000 addition to Community Memorial Hospital on June 17, 1983. About 100 people, seen above, were in attendance for the ceremony to mark the start of construction. Top photo shows Dr. Dymond, Ross Stevenson, MPP Durham-York, and Sheldon Smith, chairman of the hospital board, Regional Councillor Lawrence Malcolm and building chairman Howard Hall lifting the first piece of sod.





**Gas Bar opens on the Ridges**

*The Ridgeview Gas Bar opened in April 1983 following an extensive \$100,000 renovation of the gas pumps by the Pioneer gas group. Seen opening the new station are, from left, Ted Allen of Pioneer, Mitch Kowal, station owner, Mayor Jerry Taylor, cutting ribbon and Ed Allen, president of Pioneer Petroleum.*



**Township hires weed harvester**

*Members of Scugog Township council got a first-hand look at a weed harvester during a demonstration on Lake Scugog in July 1983. The harvester has a three ton capacity, can be operated by one man and is fully automated for easy unloading of the weeds. Council members were impressed by the performance as they witnessed it gobble up several loads of weeds. The price tag is about \$50,000.*

THE EIGHTIES



The old section of House of Howard, above left, was demolished and the laneway between the Port Perry Star office was removed in July 1983 during a major Queen Street renovation project.

Centre photo shows work underway demolishing the former Radio Shack store before construction on the new building could begin.

When the project was completed, a new single storey structure, below, with Country Classics as its first tenant, had been created from the old laneway. The former storefronts of both Radio Shack and Port Perry Star were completely renovated.







Port Perry Kinsmen Club elected its new executive at their July meeting in 1983. Front left, Bob Hudson, president, Dave Wilson, past president, John Porter, Mark Borutski, deputy-governor. Back left, Tom Armstrong, Don Masterson, treasurer, Jay Madsen, Bob Gray, secretary, and Brent Clewes.



The 1983-84 Kinette executive are, from left front, Sharron Taylor, president, Maureen Porter, past president, Betty Bouillon, first vice-pres. Back left, Margaret Lawrence, Ginny Masterson and Brenda Hudson, treasurer.

April 1983

**Scugog Township issued building permits totalling \$2,494,000 in the first quarter of 1983, compared to only \$385,000 in the same period last in 1982.**

### **Council moves quickly to block strip joints opening**

May 25, 1983

Scugog council slammed the door on strip joints or any other kind of establishment offering "adult entertainment" in Port Perry.

Council approved a lengthy by-law which gives the township the power to licence the owners, operators and attendants of any premises providing services which "Appeal to erotic or sexual appetites or inclinations."

The by-law is directed at restaurants, taverns or other licenced businesses.

At present there are no such establishments in Scugog Township offering this kind of entertainment, but Mayor Jerry Taylor told the meeting that "some interest has been expressed by a business" to provide this kind of entertainment.

## First Terry Fox run for Scugog Township

September 13, 1983

The Port Perry Star became actively involved in organizing the first Marathon of Hope (Terry Fox Run), encouraging local residents to take part, leading up to the event.

Despite the efforts of Mother Nature, not co-operating with the weather, 57 men, women and children entered the first run and didn't let the rain deter their efforts of raising more than \$3,500 for cancer research.

## Parents group pushing for 7A crossing lights

October 4, 1983

Where there's a will there's a way and a group of Port Perry parents hope to find it.

Despite the Ministry of Transportation's decision not to place guard-operated flashing lights at school crossings on Hwy. 7A, a group of concerned parents are determined to implement them.

Richard Drew, represented his wife Bobbie at Scugog council and on her behalf asked to have the lights, valued at \$1,500 each reconsidered. "We feel its a small price to pay," he said.

Clerk-Administrator Earl Cuddie informed the group that the Ministry had denied the request for lights because of the precedent it would set.

Undaunted, a member of the parents' group suggested raising the money privately for lights and asked Mr. Cuddie to see if the Ministry would install the lights if the group paid for it. Mr. Cuddie said he would check the feasibility of such a plan with the Ministry.



## New roof for local Curling Club

The Port Perry Curling Club was well underway on their \$75,000 replacement of the club's roof. An engineers report said that temporary repairs could be made, but that it would have to be replaced in a year or two, so the club members decided to go ahead immediately.

The old half-round roof, seen in the top photo, was 25 years old and was replaced with peaked trusses, during November 1983.





## Separate School Board wants new Catholic school

November 29, 1983

The Durham Region Catholic Separate School Board gave its support to the Immaculate Conception Catholic School's Parents' Guild plea for a new building and if the provincial government sees fit, a new catholic school could be opened in Port Perry by September 1985.

Trustee Chuck Roche said the school would be at the top of the capital forecast for 1985 and the number one priority of the board until the new building is completed.

Mr. Roche said, "There is no way any school should continue under the conditions of Immaculate Conception School is now living with."

In a brief presented to the board, the cost of a new school for Port Perry would be about \$2 million, with an estimated enrolment of 300 students.



### Chairman visits Rotary

Rotary Club president Grant MacDonald thanked Durham Regional Chairman Gary Herrema after he spoke to the group in December 1983.

Mr. Herrema outlined what the Region has accomplished in the past 10 years, and commented that Port Perry has the most attractive main street in the entire Region of Durham.

"You have something that is very special here. People come from all over to walk your main street and shop or browse through your stores," he said during his address.

## Township says no to liquor at events in schools

November 22, 1983

Scugog has told the Board of Education it does not want its schools used for special events where liquor could be available.

Scugog Township is among three Region municipalities so far to respond negatively to the controversial changes in the regulations proposed earlier this fall by the Board.

The decision to ask that schools not be designated as community use for such things as bingos, lotteries or events selling liquor, was greeted favourably by Rev. Stuart McEntyre, Scugog's trustee on the Board.

He has been opposed to the change in regulations and said last week, schools should not be used for these purposes, as they could provide bad examples for school children.



The House of Howard furniture and appliance store, and the Radio Shack outlet, at 239 Queen Street, summer of 1983.

## Council okays six storey, 70 unit apartment building on Carnegie

December 6, 1983

Developer Bill Calderwood secured approval from Scugog council for a six storey, 70 unit apartment building with a totally different design than the original 150 unit construction he had hoped for.

Council is in favour of more rental apartments in the township, but was wary of Mr. Calderwood's original plan calling for 150 units all at once.

Homeowners on Carnegie Street were also concerned about the original size, for the most part, about apartment tenants looking down from their balconies into back yards.

The new plan has tenants looking away from Carnegie St., ensuring ratepayers' privacy. "The people on Carnegie are happy with this plan," Mr. Calderwood said. "They are delighted that there will be no one looking down into their back gardens."

## Teachers ratify new agreement

December 20, 1983

After negotiating for nearly two years, the Durham Board of Education and the 1,100 secondary school teachers in the Region have come to terms on a new contract.

The two year pact, which runs to August 31, 1984, and is retroactive to September 1982, was ratified recently by teachers and trustees.

According to a statement, the main outstanding issue of pupil-teacher ratio has been lowered for 1983-84 from 17.23 to 16.92, but this does not include staff employed as consultants, education officials, or teachers in such things as outdoor education, English as a second language, or academic resources.

The salary range for Durham Secondary School teachers is now from \$20,579 to \$42,575, depending upon education and teaching experience.

The range for a vice principal is \$45,417 to \$49,240 and for principals from \$51,743 to \$56,560.

## Hwy. 7A & 57 lights not recommended

December 20, 1983

If Scugog council wants street lighting at the junction of Regional Rd. 57 and Hwy. 7A, it will have to come up with the money from its own coffers.

The Durham Region Works Department has recommended that the Region not install street lighting at the intersection which leads to Caesarea.

Provincial Transportation also turned thumbs down on putting lights there, saying that an investigation by Ministry official and provincial police show there is no need to light up the corner.

However, if Township council decided to seed money for street lighting at the intersection, as it did for lights at the corner leading to Blackstock, it can be done with the blessing of both the Ministry and the Region.

November 8, 1983

**Pierre Leduc of Port Perry was honoured by the Adult Protective Services Association of Ontario at a dinner in Toronto. Pierre has organized numerous hockey and softball games in the community over the past couple of years with proceeds going to Central Seven Association.**



June Haynes, centre, was the lucky winner of \$500 worth of groceries in a draw sponsored by the Port Perry Ringette Association in December 1983. The draw was held Saturday morning with Port Perry IGA manager, Jim Grieve pulling the winning ticket. The store donated \$100 worth of groceries towards the draw. At right is Marg Lawrence, representing the Ringette Association.





**Kinsmen host Service Club Reunion**

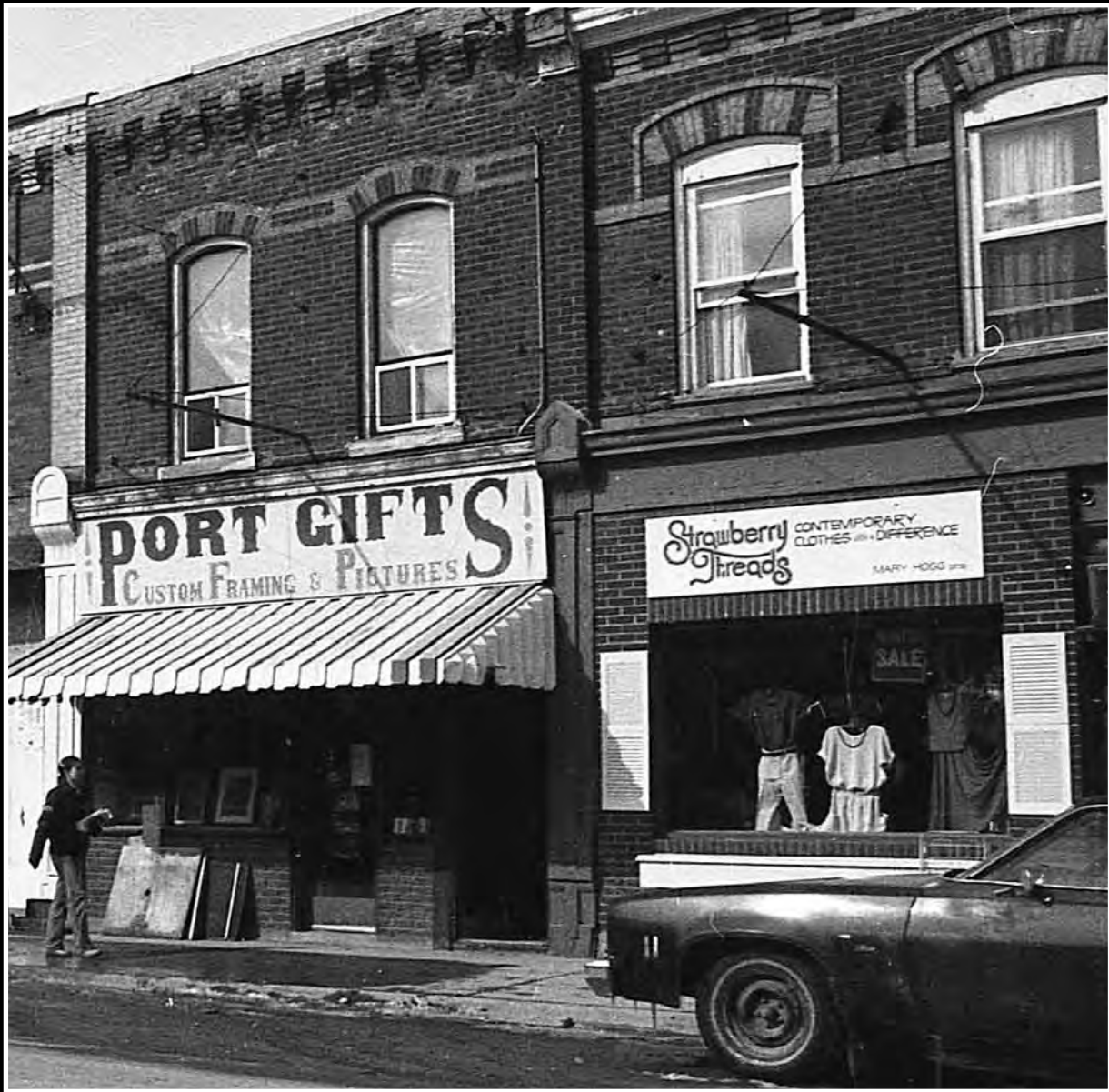
Seven service clubs were represented last week at the Latcham Centre for the first annual Service Club Reunion in October 1983. Representing the clubs are, back left, Rick Bouillon (K-40 Club); Don Cliff (Blackstock Lions); Dr. Jim Hardy (Scugog Chamber of Commerce); Bob Hudson (Kinsmen Club of Port Perry); Ken Murray (Port Perry Lions Club); Bob Archer (Royal Canadian Legion). Front left Grant MacDonald (Rotary Club); Dr. Jack Cottrell (Scugog Township); Harvey Webster (guest speaker) and Tom Armstrong (Kinsmen Club M.C.). The gathering of local service clubs was the idea of Tom Armstrong of the Port Perry Kinsmen Club.



**1983 Broomball Champions**

For the third consecutive year, C&B Livestock have won the Port Perry Broomball league championship, defeating Utica 2-0 in the final game in April 1983. Members of the championship team are, back left, Bill Bridge, Bill St. John, Dan Taylor, Ken Fraser, Chester Down, Ed Olsen, Bruce Woodrow, Carl Rusnell (sponsor), Aldon Smith, Murray Down, Mike Mitchell. Front left, Keith Fraser, Tim Ashbridge, Mark Lee, Gene Woodrow, Rob Evans and Doug Scott.

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Two stores located along the north west side of Queen Street in this summer 1983 picture were Port Gifts and Custom Framing and a ladies store called Strawberry Threads.





## Fire claims lives of two children at Epsom

January 31, 1984

The hamlet of Epsom was stunned by the tragic deaths early Sunday morning of two young brothers, who died when fire swept through the family home, located just north of the Epsom School.

Two boys, a three-year old and a six-year old died, when the blaze gutted the inside of the two-storey brick home of their parents.

According to officers with the Scugog Fire Department, the blaze broke out about 3:30 a.m. Sunday morning, while the children were sleeping in their upstairs bedrooms.

Efforts to get the children to safety were unsuccessful.

An investigator with the Fire Marshall's office was at the scene, but no details as the cause of the tragic fire were being released.

Note: In March 1984, Durham Region Police charged the father of the two young children who perished in the fire, with two counts of criminal negligence.

## Handi Transit gets approval for service

January 24, 1984

Scugog Council gave approval in principle for Handi Transit Incorporated to begin serving the physically handicapped people in two northern townships.

Community Care coordinator Liz Fulford made the presentation to council with the backing of more than 20 representatives of various social agencies throughout Durham Region.

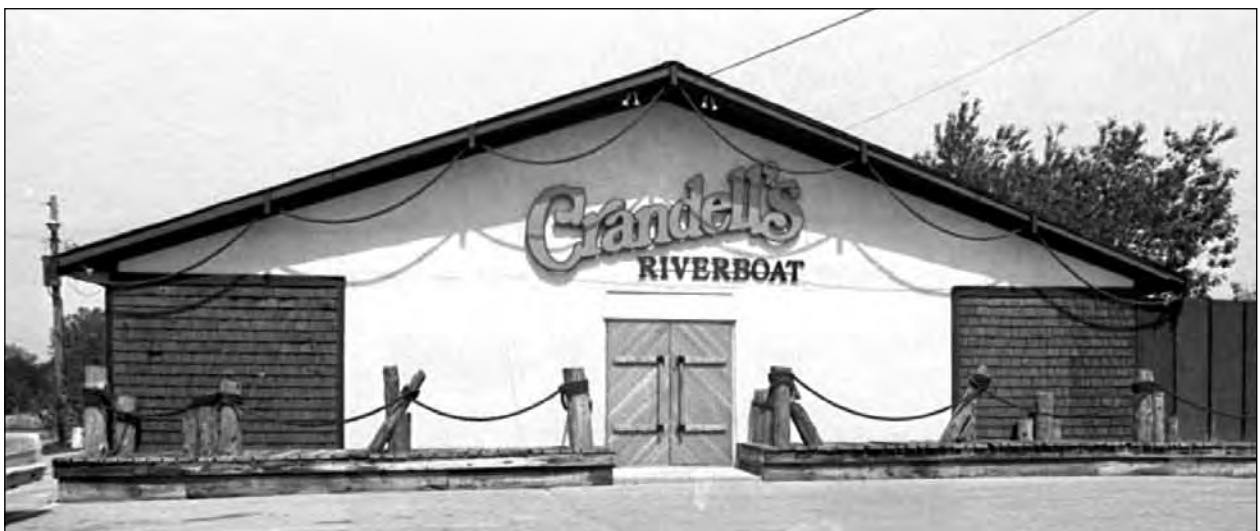
Somebody asked me, "What are you fighting for today?" Liz said, "I'm not here to fight. We've all come to you for a need we have identified."

Mrs. Fulford said there are 150 people currently served through Community Care but it's the people we miss, that are falling through the cracks somehow, that we have been unable to serve.

Three months later, on April 2, the Handi Transit service was given the green light from the councils of both Scugog and Uxbridge Township as a joint project.

February 1984

**Howard Forder introduces Westport Estates, by Pardo Estates Ltd. The subdivision in Prince Albert has 15 custom homes starting at \$87,500.**



The former Centennial Restaurant, then Port Tavern building on Water Street, had another name change in 1981. Purchased by Bill Ballinger and Peter Hvidsten it was completely renovated and re-opened as Crandell's Riverboat, paying homage to Reuben Crandell, the first white pioneer to settle in the Lake Scugog area. It was sold in 1984 to Arnold Taylor, of Blackstock.



*The worst spring flooding in years had Scugog staff handling more than 40 calls complaining about flooded basements and roads during February 1984. Damage was heavy throughout the township with many creeks and rivers overflowing the banks and drifting ice settling along the shorelines. Near the top of Scugog Island, pavement on 7A Hwy. was washed away, creating a huge hole which took roads crews much of the day to fill with gravel as a temporary repair.*

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April 24, 1984

**Officials with the Ministry of Natural Resources tagged more than 100 muskies during their spring tagging program. The fish, ranging from 6-12 lbs., were caught and tagged on the south side of the causeway, to keep track of how many use the Osler Marsh for spawning.**

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## Port Perry lagoon could be site for experiment to raise 12,000 eels

March 13, 1984

Smoked eel is a delicacy in Europe and parts of Asia which fetches up to \$20 per pound, and a Toronto company is seeking permission to use one of the Scugog's lagoons to determine if eels can be raised commercially in captivity.

Limnos Ltd. has an agreement with the federal Department of Fisheries to try and revitalize the commercial eel industry in Ontario which has been hit hard due to pollutants in the Great Lakes.

John Neil, president of Limnos, has approached Durham Region for permission to use one of the 16 acre lagoons north of Port Perry for the project.

If approvals are granted, the company plans to transport 12,000 eels from the St. Lawrence River to the Port Perry sewage lagoon this June. Mr. Neil says that the unused lagoon would make an ideal site for the test program, but will have to get approval from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Durham Region and Scugog Township before the project proceeds.

Note: In early April 1984, Durham Region Works committee turned down the request to use the lagoons, quashing the project before it began.

## New GM dealership opens on former Beare Motors site

April 17, 1984

It won't be called Beare Motors anymore, as the signs have been changed to Dennis Anderson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile Ltd.

Mr. Anderson plans an official opening following extensive renovations, but the dealership is open and the same staff that has served the area for years will remain, including former owner Bill Beare.

Mr. Anderson is a veteran of the car business with 14 years experience working for large dealerships, including Bob Johnson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile in West Hill. He started looking at Beare Motors last summer.

Mr. Anderson, his wife and two children recently moved to Port Perry.







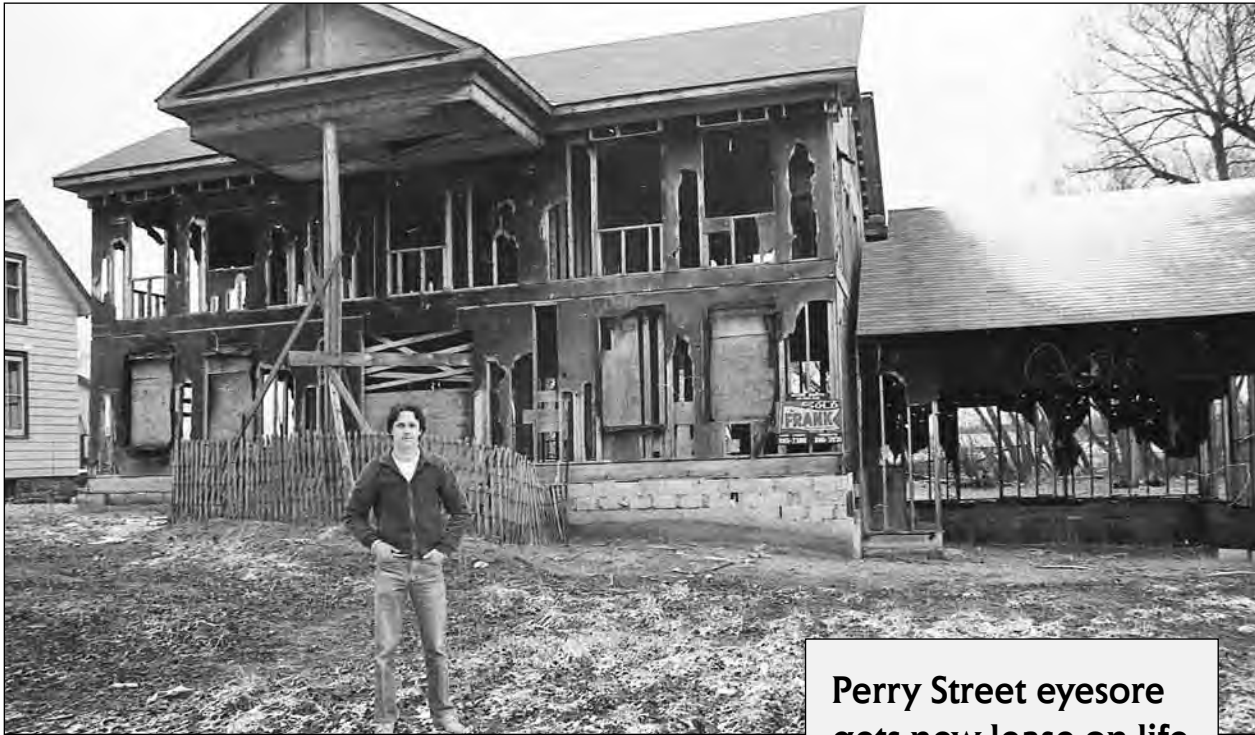
### Snow clogged sidewalks chase kids onto highway

*This was the dangerous scene along Hwy. 7A, in early January 1984, where school children were forced to walk along the side of the highway since the sidewalks on the south side were so clogged with snow they were impassable. Parents demanded the snow be removed before a serious accident took place, and Scugog council hired Van Camp Contracting to remove the snow immediately from Simcoe Street to Arrow Street, at a cost of about \$1,200. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation is responsible for clearing the highway, but clearing the sidewalks, which are owned by the Township, are its responsibility. The problem of snow on the sidewalks occurs when the MTC clears the snow from the highway, it is ploughed back onto the sidewalks.*



### Chrysler Dealership opens in Manchester

*Scugog Township Mayor Jerry Taylor was on hand in January 1984 for a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the official opening of Scugog Chrysler in Manchester. Seen here with Mayor Taylor are partners Bob Kuipers, centre, and Don Williamson. The newly opened dealership will sell a full-line of Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth products.*



*There's an old cliché about a man's home being his castle, and Richard Main purchased this Port Perry house with the intention of renovating the monstrous skeleton and moving in with his family in the fall of 1984.*

## Perry Street eyesore gets new lease on life

April 10, 1984

Richard Main just bought himself a challenge.

This house on the corner of North and Perry Streets, just a stone's throw from the municipal offices, was started several years ago by a builder who went bankrupt.

Since then the structure has been a glaring eye-sore in the community.

Despite the fact the walls are full of holes and the floors are out of plumb, Mr. Main felt he could fix the issues and plans to move in with his wife and young daughter.

A licensed carpenter who works at the Darlington nuclear plant, he has had a eye on the old house for some time and when the for sale signs went up, he put in an offer that was accepted. He declined to say exactly what he paid for it.

He said that the roof is in good shape and same goes for the stud walls. The main problem will be straightening the main floor which now tilts a few degrees.

Mr. Main estimates it will cost him about \$50,000 in materials to put the 2,600 square foot house in shape.

## Pastor asks Port Perry store owners to remove erotic magazines from shelves

May 29, 1984

Rev. Ralph Hilsden, Pastor at the Port Perry Pentecostal Church wants local stores to stop selling magazines such as Playboy, Playgirl and Penthouse.

Rev. Hilsden said he has had "discussions" with the managers of at least two local stores asking why they feel they have to make this kind of material available for sale.

"I'm acting out of concern for the moral fibre of the community and the deteriorating morals of society," the pastor said.

At least one local store owner who sells this type of magazine has had complaints and was threatened with an organized boycott if he doesn't stop selling the material.

Pastor Hilsden said he has no intention of launching any kind of all-out campaign against stores that continue to sell these types of magazines, but said he may continue to discuss the issue with them.

## Future of Scout Hall could be in jeopardy

June 12, 1984

Frustrated by the lack of parent involvement and the bills that have to be paid, the executive of the local Scout's Parents Association have threatened to dump the hall unless something is done.

The Port Perry Scouting movement is the only one in Ontario, and possibly in Canada, to have its own hall.

Chairman Lionel Dearling said, "It's not a one-man or woman show. If we're going to continue, we're going to need more parent involvement." He went on to say that a lot of parents seem to think the association is a baby sitting service, and "that has got to stop."





**Gymnasts feast on medals**

The R.H. Cornish Cougars gymnastic team walked away from two meets in January 1984, with a total of 59 medals, half of the total number being awarded. The team is under the supervision of coaches Clive and Kim Roane, seen in the back row. Team members are, front left, Sherri Lee Hvidsten, Jennifer Tingle, Sharon deKoning, Lisa Toye, Ken Smart. Centre from left, Robert Bulins, Melissa Kahn, Valerie Grosvenor, Jackie Beal, Lisa Steinmueller, Andrea Johnston, Vicki Reid, Lori-Jean Wallace, Neil Mark. The awards were won by the team at both the Durham Central and Regional Gymnastic meets, held in Brock High School. Misty Garvock missing from photo.



**Gold Medal Performance**

The R.H. Cornish Public School grade seven basketball team turned in a flawless performance to win the gold medal at an invitational tournament held in April 1984. The Cornish team players, from left front, Clair Cornish, Clayton Hammett, James Stubbs, John Lally, Dean Stone, Jon-David Rodway. Back left, Jim Justynski, coach, John Nottingham, Anil Maharaj, Mark Elliot, Jamie Elliott and coach Rob Smart.



**"Mr. Softball" honoured**

Vin Walker of Port Perry, the man known as "Mr. Softball" all over Ontario for his contributions to the sport of softball, was presented a "special achievement award" from the Province of Ontario on March 30, 1984. Vin has spent more than 30 years as a player, coach and administrator, as well as being past president of OASA and a founder of minor softball in Port Perry.



**Long-time employee honoured**

Marilyn Hutchinson, second left, was all smiles January 6, 1984 as Marg and Jim Lawrence, owners of Bruton's Drug Store, honoured her for 25 years employment at the store. At far right is Marilyn's husband Ross. She was presented with a cake and an all-expense paid four-day vacation in Nashville, including tickets to the Grand Ole Opry.

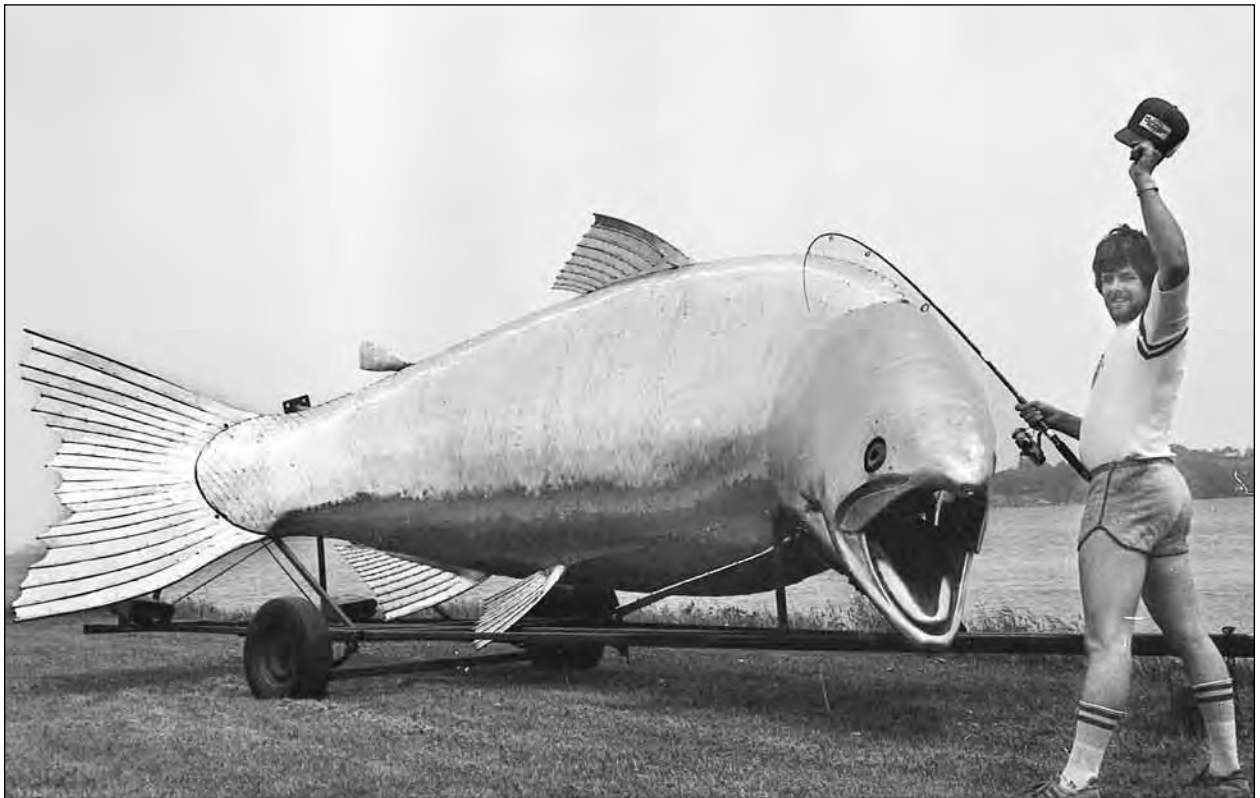


The Lawn Bowling Club were making good use of the Queen Street bowling green throughout the summer months of 1984.





*This is a rare photograph of a back lot along Water Street shows some of the buildings along the street in April 1984. At the far left can be seen a portion of the plaza opposite the tennis courts. The building in the centre was a service station and used car lot operated by Arlie Sales. It was demolished during the summer of 1987 to make room for a new small strip plaza, which was being constructed by Don Forder for his insurance business.*



### **Port Perry's "Big Bass Derby" gets a visit from giant salmon**

*Port Perry held its annual "Big Bass Derby" on Lake Scugog in June 1984, but organizers did a double-take when Bill Lishman made his way along Queen Street to the lakefront with this giant silver salmon. The salmon, which measures 27 feet in length and weighs 15,000 lbs., was crafted by Mr. Lishman and his assistant Richard Van Heuvelen. The salmon is on its way to Campbelltown, New Brunswick where it will be the focal point of a waterfront restoration project. With his big catch is John Mackie.*



**Two ways to keep cool during the long, hot summer**

*Scugog residents had two options for swimming during the summer of 1984. Above, the swimming pool at Birdseye Centre was kept busy with lessons during the mornings and public swimming during the afternoons from July to September.*

*Below, the Kinsmen Beach on the shore of Lake Scugog, in Palmer Park, had lots of activity during the warm weather with kids and families enjoying sunbathing on the beach, swimming and paddle boating in the lake.*





## Board rejects seat belts in school buses

May 23, 1984

Scugog Board of Education trustee Stuart McEntyre said he supports a decision by the Board's transportation committee not to undertake a pilot project to test the use of seat belts in school buses.

Rev. McEntyre said provincial transportation experts and safety officers with Durham Police are not in favour of seat belts in buses. He agrees that it would just be too difficult for one driver to get 30 young students unbuckled and out of a bus in the event of an emergency.



The Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association of North Durham opened up the doors to their new office in the Scugog Professional building at 238 Queen St. in May 1984. The room is small but big enough to house the association's two program developers, Evelyn Hunter, left, and Glenda Reynolds. At right is receptionist Debbie Norton.

## New hospital wing dedicated to Dr. Matthew B. Dymond

June 19, 1984

The new Matthew B. Dymond wing at Port Perry Community Memorial Hospital is officially open.

More than 200 people attended the ceremony in perfect mid-June weather to see the \$700,000 outpatient and emergency services extension opened.

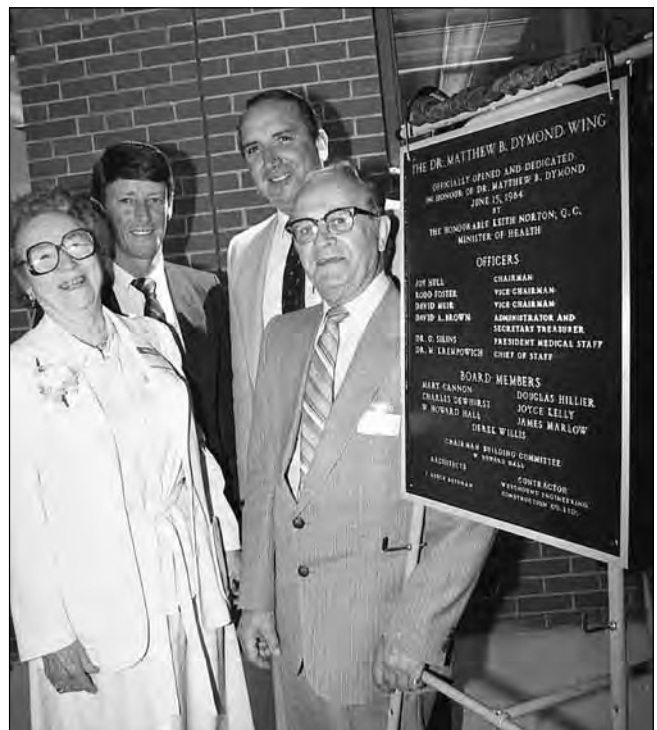
The 10,000 sq. ft. addition to the hospital will provide new emergency facilities, physiotherapy, laboratory, day surgery, staff lounges, library and needed space for storage and medical records.

The opening and dedication took place three days short of a year after the official sod-turning held in June 1983.

Guest speakers included MC Rodd Foster, Hospital

Board Chairperson Joy Hull, Durham Regional Chairman Gary Herrema, Scugog Mayor Jerry Taylor, Durham MPP Ross Stevenson and building committee chairman Howard Hall.

All had words of praise for the new facility and the support of the community.



Dr. Matthew B. Dymond and his wife Jeanne are seen proudly standing in front of the dedication plaque in front of the new Port Perry Hospital addition. Seen behind are, left, Ontario Health Minister Keith Norton and Durham-York MPP Ross Stevenson.

## New marina operator chosen

July 5, 1984

Scugog Township selected John Mackie to operate a new marina under lease when and if such a facility is built on the Port Perry waterfront.

Mr. Mackie, who has worked at Port Perry Marina for the past five years was selected from two applicants who expressed interest in operating a new township owned marina.

The township plans to remove the old marina later this fall and begin construction of a new facility on the same site over the winter months.

It is estimated the cost of the new marina facility would be about \$100,000 for the building, with about half the cost covered by a BILD-grant from the provincial government.

## Scugog pleased with co-op housing plan

July 17, 1984

A proposal for a 70-unit co-op housing project in Port Perry was greeted warmly by members of Scugog council.

The project would be developed on land on the south side of Highway 7A, immediately to the west of the Port Perry Plaza.

The project would include a three-storey apartment building with 24 one and two bedroom units, and 46 town houses of three and four bedrooms. Rent for a three bedroom townhouse would likely start at about \$500 per month.

Developers estimated that if there are no snags in the plans, the entire project could be completed by the fall of 1985.



*It's a family affair at Hank's Bakery where pastries are created fresh for the community six days a week. That's Hank DeJong, far left, the man who started the business in Port Perry many years ago and has been baking since he was 14 years old. His son Wayne, centre, now runs the business and gets some help from younger brother Henry. July 31, 1984.*



*It was a long time coming but Connie and Barry Townsend of Barry's Variety, Water Street, Port Perry finally received their lottery computer last week. Barry says he first applied for the machine in October 1980 and everything was finally installed and ready to go on July 17, 1984.*

September 5, 1984

**Port Perry High School issues a "code of behaviour" for students outlining what is expected of them. Included were rules of conduct and restrictions on wearing short-shorts, bathing suits and halter tops.**



*Rock and Roll legend, Rompin' Ronnie Hawkins gives Port Perry Star reporter Cathy Robb a big hug after confirming he would headline the Western Days dance at the Scugog Arena on July 14, 1984.*





*Janet Simmonds, 17, took over the duties of president of the Port Perry High School "Student's Council" in September 1984, replacing last year's president Marina Brock. Janet says she will be pushing for more school spirit in the coming years and plans are already underway for a winter carnival.*



*Lynn McLaughlin, 17, is a reluctant president, but this popular student was elected to be president of the Cartwright High School "Student's Council" in September 1984. Lynn's cheerful smile, popular personality, and her involvement in school activities over the past four years made her the perfect choice.*



**Galley Gators win Slo-pitch Championship**

*The powerful Galley Gators team showed strength in the field and at the plate as they won the championship in the Port Perry slo-pitch league final tournament in September 1984. The team defeated Sportsland in the final and went through the tournament without a loss. Front left, Ted Blanchard, Bob McEachern, Bob Tarbotton, Ben Blanchard (bat boy), Carl Fitzgerald and Greg Mills. Back left, Phil McBride, team sponsor, Bob Lee, Doug Mannen, Doug Bache, Wayne Fox, Bruce Smith, Don Harper, Jim Beattie, Ron Davis, Sylvia McBride, team sponsor.*



*Just moments before it was announced he had won the Liberal nomination for Ontario Riding in July 1984, Gary Herrema was seen talking with Mayor Jerry Taylor of Scugog Township. Mayor Taylor and a number of other interested people from Scugog and Brock Townships were there to give their moral support to Mr. Herrema who defeated Gwen Mowbray in an easy victory.*



*Tom and Daphne Mitchell have done it again. After achieving remarkable success with their first two retail endeavours, The Settlement House and Ted E. Bear's Toy Shop, the pair have opened "From My Heart", a cheerful place devoted to cards, gift wrapping and gourmet foods in November 1984.*

## Rotary Club plans to build gazebo

Tuesday, September 25, 1984

A proposal by the Port Perry Rotary Club to build a circular gazebo-style bandstand in Palmer Park for concerts and other entertainment received an enthusiastic approval from Township council when the plan was unveiled by Rotary members.

"I think it's great, just a marvellous idea," said John Wolters.

Rotary Club members Michael Fowler, Bill Beare, Derek Willis and Howard Hall presented the bandstand proposal to council and indicated that if it was approved work would start in the early spring with completion about May 24, 1985.

## Williams Point housing approved

October 14, 1984

Scugog Township has given approval in principle to a nine lot housing development on the east side of Williams Point Road, just off Durham Road 57, east of Caesarea.

The approval was unanimous despite the protests lodged by several property owners living along Williams Point Road who fear the development will add to an already serious drainage problem.

About 20 residents were present in the council chambers and several of them expressed strong objections to the proposed back-lot development.

The area is prone to flooding in the spring, but members of council suggested the drainage problems could be corrected with proper engineering technology carried out at the time of the development.

Developers Gerry Jonkheers and John Kuipers purchased a lot on the lake side of Williams Point Road which they hope to use as a drainage area for the development.

## Stephenson's Point gets the green light for 13 building lots

October 14, 1984

A scaled down subdivision plan for Stephenson's Point on Scugog Island was approved in principle by council.

In a council chambers packed with spectators, most of the home owners along Stephenson's Road, councillors Jack Cottrell, Don Cochrane, Neil Hunter and Harvey Graham voted to approve in principle to 13 lots, nine less than had been originally proposed for the controversial subdivision.

The request for 13 lots, rather than the original 22, was made Monday evening by lawyer Michael Fowler, acting on behalf of the developers, David Haynes and Jerry Taylor.

Area councillor John Wolters was the lone dissenting voice against granting to approve the project, telling the meeting that he didn't think there was any real need at this time for this number of lots in the township.





*In October 1984, the two buildings along this section of the south side of Queen Street, Port Perry were the home of Jerry McTavish, left, and the offices of Alex Shepherd Accounting. The McTavish home later added a large extension to the front of the house which is now used for retail stores, and the Alex Shepherd house, right, is occupied by an accounting firm.*



*These two former homes, located at 226 and 230 Queen Street, Port Perry, have not changed much over the past century although they are no longer family residences. In 1985, the house to the left was occupied by lawyer George Smith's office, and the building to the right by Harris, Fletcher, McKay, Mack Barristers and Solicitors.*



*This small building, was the home of Port Perry's former clerk-treasurer John Raines, but by the time this picture was taken it had been converted into the sales and parts office for "The Trailer Place", owned by Elgin Knopp. The building was destroyed by fire in October 1984 and was later removed. This property, at the corner of Water Street and Hwy. 7A is now occupied by Dairy Queen.*

## Bowling Green deal struck

October 30, 1984

An agreement between Scugog Township and Carlan Developments has been reached for a two-acre site for a lawn bowling green on Old Simcoe Street just north of Durham Road 8, at a cost of \$23,000.

## OMB rules in favour of Ridgeland development

December 11, 1984

The Ontario Municipal Board ruled in favour of a development for 76 residential properties and a nine hole golf course on the north side of Chalk Lake Road in the south-west corner of Scugog Township.

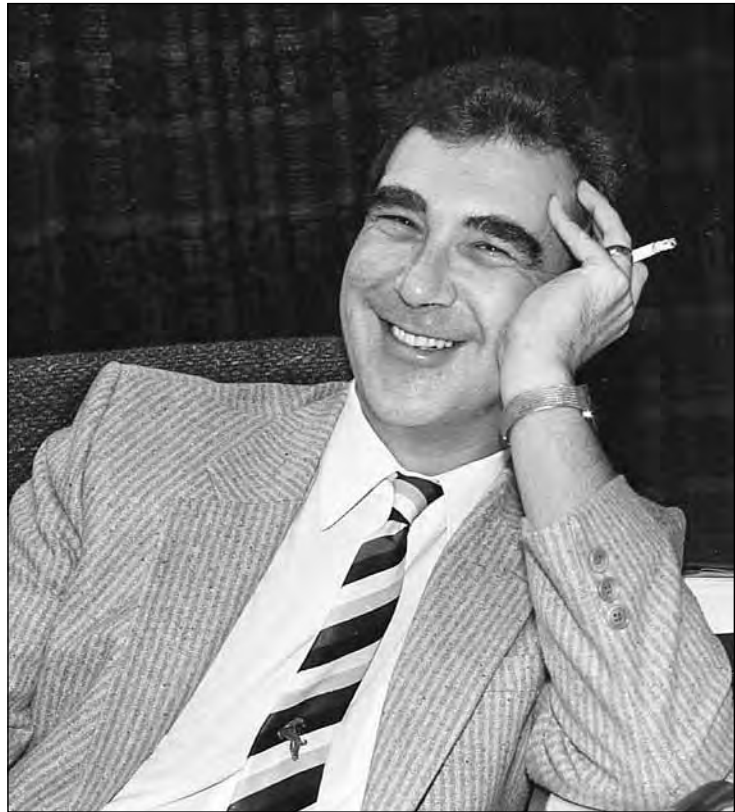
The golf course will be located on about 82 acres of the 234 acre property. The 76 estate lots will take in about 152 of the remaining acres.

## Heliport officially opened

December 19, 1984

Shortly after noon an air ambulance made its first visit to the new landing site at Port Perry Hospital.

The landing was part of the official opening ceremonies of the new heliport, located on the south side of the hospital.



*In an interview with the Port Perry Star, Dr. Tom Millar said, "I suppose I've learned that if I'm going to deal with the public, the best way to do it is with a smile on my face," says the man with the perennial grin, Dr. Tom Millar, one of Port Perry's liveliest physicians and the President of the Scugog Choral Society. During an interview with the Port Perry Star, Dr. Millar offered a look at his own interesting life – and explained why smiling is such an important part of medicine.*





Editor John McClelland (second left) found out that the life of a bartender is not all that easy in August 1984, while out on assignment with the Port Perry Star. Not only did he have to pour and mix drinks, but he also had to clear tables, wash dishes and carry empty cases to the basement. John is seen here with Kathy and Emiel Kroonburg and their son Robert, (second right) who is the familiar face behind the bar most nights.



The staff of Lake Scugog Lumber gathered for this picture in December 1984 to extend Seasons' Greeting to the community from their family and staff. Front left, Ian and Paul Griffen. Centre left, Pat Meeke, Joy Hull, Ted Griffen, Debbie Jones. Back left, Doug Metcalf, Bill Beare, Elmer Lee, Bud Sonley and Bert Stulen. Far back, Don Durham.

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*The northwest corner of Queen Street and Perry Street during the mid-1980s was occupied for a time by Stone Real Estate and the Linen Corner.*



## Intense Jessop case investigation

January 7, 1985

A massive police investigation is continuing this week into the murder of Christine Jessop, the young girl who disappeared October 3, 1984, after buying bubble gum at the general store near her family home in Queensville, Ontario.

The partially-clad body of the nine year old girl was found on New Year's Eve just 16 km north of Port Perry, on a farmer's laneway jutting off the 4th Concession of Brock Township, north of Sonya.

A man searching for his dog discovered the body on top of the snowy ground in a clump of small trees. No obvious effort was made to conceal the dead youngster, found near a mobile trailer home which Durham Regional Police say, is deserted.

The investigation involves officers from York and Durham police and is being headed by Durham Inspector Bob Brown from the Sunderland detachment office.

Residents of the Sunderland, Sonya and Port Perry areas have expressed shock since the grisly New Years' Eve discovery, with people baffled at how such a tragedy could take place.

## Businesses move west on Queen Street

January 22, 1985

There has been a big shift in the location of businesses recently with a number of stores opening in the west block of downtown Port Perry.

Recent newcomers to the west end include Strawberry Threads, Country Classics, The Children's Den and most recently Mersco Department store, which has taken up space in the newly renovated addition to the House of Howard.



The Scugog Choral Society played to a "sold out" audience for a full week the end of April 1985, as they performed the popular musical "Showboat". Ken Jackson, who played "Joe" in the show, received a warm round of applause for his solo "Old Man River".



The Port Perry Goreski Bantams won the All-Ontario Championship, defeating Six Nations in a wild 11-10 win on April 10, 1985. Port Perry won the series in six games and it is the first time in eight years that an 'A' team has brought a championship to Port Perry. This group of players are seen whooping it up minutes after winning the title. Team members, not in order, are Mark Elliott, Brad Traves, Greg Stapleton, Chris McConnell, Shawn Nanay, Stacey Ballingall, Mike Sorley, Jeff Oake, Mark Barkey, Phil McBride, Steve Connors, Andrew Steele, Brad Menzies, Warren Geer, Dereck Fitzgerald, Jamie Menzies, coach Clark Menzies, assistant coach Stan Feasby and manager Lorne Traves.



After being cancelled in December due to a severe snowstorm, the opening ceremony of Community Memorial Hospital's heliport took place in early June 1985. Hospital building fund chairman Howard Hall, Administrator David Brown, MPP Ross Stevenson and Hospital Board Chairman Joy Hull were all on hand to cut the ribbon and officially welcome the new addition to the hospital's emergency department. Before the heliport was built, air ambulance helicopters landed in the parking lot.

## VIA back on track

January 22, 1985

The federal government is going to pump \$2.6 million over two years into the restored VIA passenger service from Havelock to Toronto, which will go back in operation on June 1 of this year.

The official announcement came from Ottawa last week, but government officials warned that the service will be for a two year experiment. "Use it or lose it," Don Mazankowski said.

He said the department has set a target of 54,000 passengers each year for the service which will operate seven days a week, making one trip in the morning from Havelock to Union Station and a return trip in the evening, with a local stop near Myrtle.

## Marg Wilbur NDP pick

March, 12 1985

Marg Wilbur of the Township of Scugog was acclaimed as the party candidate for the Durham-York NDP for the next provincial election. The nomination meeting was held in Keswick and guest speaker was party leader Bob Rae.

January 1985

The Port Perry Star presented Judy McColl, chief librarian at the Scugog Library, and Yvonne Christie, president of the Historical Society, with 63,000 pages of microfilm of the Port Perry Star dating back to 1857.



There were a couple of special presentations at the Scugog Chamber of Commerce annual meeting in January 1985. Ralph Wilbur, right, received a plaque for his 20 years service portraying "Santa Claus" in the annual Christmas parade. Miriam Price was honoured for her 12 years service as a director and president of the organization. They are seen here with president William Barr who is finishing his two-year term as president.





### Galley Gators team effort erects picnic shelter

*The Galley Gators ball club got together over a weekend in July 1985 putting their muscles to work to build a new picnic shelter, next to the tennis courts along Water Street. The Township of Scugog provided the team with the materials and the Gators, with a little help from Bruce Smith Construction, came through with the muscles. The shelter will not only be used for the community but it will also provide a permanent spot for ball tournament beer tents.*



### Ball Diamond extended into lake

*With some trucks, a dozer, a drag line, and about 6,000 tons of fill, the left and centre fields of the north ball diamond were extended some 60 feet out into Lake Scugog during the spring of 1985.*

*Local fastball associations had been urging this project for several years as the left field fence was just too short, resulting in a lot of balls ending up in the lake.*

*Township road superintendent Ron MacDonald said that once the fill has been placed, the outer shore will be dredged and the area seeded.*



### The Queen and her court at Port Perry High School

Port Perry High School auditorium was beautifully decorated for the annual "At Home" dance on April 11, 1985 and the girls pictured, at right, were chosen to represent the school for the coming year.

Pictured from left are, Lori Chapman, 1st runner-up Princess; Molly Morris, Princess; Janet Simmonds, Queen; Christine Bauer, 1st runner-up Queen.

Back left, Jannine Hvidsten, Princess, 3rd runner-up; Jennifer Philpott, 2nd runner-up; Jayne Carr, 2nd runner-up Queen, and Heidi Spannbauer, 3rd-runner-up Queen.



### Charge man with first degree murder in Christine Jessop case

April 30, 1985

The man accused in the murder of Christine Jessop has been remanded in custody and will make a second court appearance in Whitby Friday.

Guy Paul Morin was charged by Durham Police last week with first degree murder. The 25 year-old Queensville man is a neighbour of the Jessop family.

The accused was arrested near Queensville the night of April 22. He is single and unemployed.

Christine Jessop was nine when she disappeared from her home last October. Her body was found New Year's Eve beside a farm lane near Sonya, about ten miles north of Port Perry.



### Port Perry Legion comes to the rescue of the Scugog Library

Scugog Memorial Library librarian Judy McColl received a pleasant surprise in May 1985 from Port Perry Royal Canadian Legion. President Bob Archer presented the library with a cheque for \$2,112.18 to pay for the new microfilm reader the library had recently purchased. The reader was purchased to enable reading of more than 100 years of micro-filmed copies of the Port Perry Star which were recently donated to the library. With Mr. Archer, back left are legion members Dave Durham, Ed Mulholland and Andrea Weir.



## Suds stop flowing due to lock-out

March 26, 1985

The LCBO store in Port Perry received 2,600 cases of American "Stroh's" beer on Friday, March 22 with more than half the cases allotted to local restaurants and taverns. The remainder of the beer was snapped up, at \$20 a case, by thirsty beer drinkers.

Local restaurants had stocked up in early March following a lock-out by Ontario Breweries, but were concerned about their stock of suds if the lock-out went on for some time. The shipment this week was the first since the lock-out began four weeks ago.

However, the labour dispute which cut off supplies of domestic suds ended days later and beer stores were open for business by Monday morning.

## Pondering fate of old bowling green

April 16, 1985

What should Scugog do with the lawn bowling green?

This is the question council is pondering as plans move ahead for construction of a new lawn bowling green and clubhouse on Simcoe Street, just north of Durham Rd. 8.

Ward 2 councillor Jack Cottrell said that the Township should not be too quick to sell or dispose of the property, suggesting it might make a nice place for a passive park or an open air skating rink in the winter.

Ward 1 councillor Neil Hunter felt that it should be sold and the funds from the sale be used to offset the expense for construction of the new lawn bowling club.



Wayne and Carolyn Luke, owners of Luke's Country Store, held a grand opening for their new store, the Victorian Card Shop in July 1985.

## Near perfect flip puts Scugog on pancake map

July 16, 1985

They did it!

It wasn't quite a flawless flip, but darn close. In fact, Port Perry can now claim it is the site of the world's largest pancake flip.

A crowd estimated at more than 2,000 looked on as a team of six cooks fried up 100 pounds of batter, eggs and milk in a seven foot frying pan, and then flipped it in one piece, or almost one piece.

The team had a slight bit of trouble at the most crucial point in this world record attempt, just as the giant pan was being raised. There was a slight hesitation in the rotation, some batter leaked out, and this resulted in a corner of the huge pancake breaking off.

More than 200 pounds of charcoal was used to provide an even heat. The Golden Griddle restaurant provided close to 100 pounds of batter, six dozen eggs, 27 litres of milk, six litres of buttermilk and flour to create the giant pancake.



Festival Days '85 arrived and one of the highlights of the two days of excitement was the Giant Pancake Flip in Palmer Park. The Golden Griddle cooking team made the world's largest pancake in a custom built seven foot frying pan using more than 100 lbs. of batter, succeeded in flipping the pancake in front of a crowd estimated at 2,000 people. Members of the team, who set the record on Saturday, July 13 are, from left, Elgin Knopp, Jack Cottrell, Stella McDonnell, Peter Hvidsten and Wayne Luke. Earl Cuddie and Harold McDonnell were also part of the team.

## Joel Aldred calls for Mayor Jerry Taylor's resignation

June 18, 1985

Joel Aldred, a former broadcaster who owns a farm and general store on Scugog Island has called on Mayor Jerry Taylor to quit his involvement in a local land development venture, or resign from public office.

Mr. Aldred stated that Mayor Taylor's involvement in a proposed subdivision on Scugog Island "should not be tolerated."

"It is not my intention to question the integrity of the mayor, however as an elector, I still believe that the mayor should divest himself of his controversial subdivision interest now, or resign his office."

Mayor Taylor said following the meeting that while

he "appreciates the concerns," expressed by Mr. Aldred, he has no intentions of resigning or giving up his interest in the proposed development. He also said at this time he intends to seek re-election to another term in the municipal election coming this fall.

"I feel that I have disclosed my financial interest and declared my conflict in an open and honest manner, and as an elect representative I am also a resident, taxpayer and businessman. I feel that I should have the same opportunities as all other residents of Scugog with the exemption that I disclose to the public any financial involvement I might have."

## Excavation of old school

May 1985

A group of students under the direction of teacher Paul Arculus will begin work this fall to excavate the foundation of the old Port Perry Union School which burned to the ground in 1926 on the south lawn of the present high school.

When completed, a memorial plaque will be placed in the area which will become a small public park.

## Victorian Village on sale

May 28, 1985

Port Perry realtor Howard Forder began selling the "storybook homes" of Victorian Village, marketing them as Ontario's very first Victorian replica community.

The subdivision, constructed by Picture Homes on the former Baird property, offered two, three and four bedroom homes on beautiful 50' and 60' lots.

Priced from \$81,900, the replica homes featured two storey high cathedral dining rooms, divider fireplaces, bay windows and stunning entry foyers.

July 23, 1985

**One of the finest Holstein herds anywhere went on the block, and when the two-day sale ended, buyers had paid just over \$7,000,000 for 302 animals at the Hanover Hills Farm south of Port Perry.**



*The Immaculate Conception Church, located on Hwy. 7A, Port Perry, as it looked in the spring of 1985. This church was destroyed in an early morning fire on Sunday, May 31, 1998.*

## Official opening of bandstand

June 18, 1985

The \$28,000 gazebo-style bandstand constructed this spring by the Port Perry Rotary Club was officially turned over to the Scugog Township during June at an opening ceremony in Palmer Park.

A large crowd was on hand to witness a brief ceremony, with Rotary president Michael Fowler and building chairman Bill Beare among the Rotarians present to see Mayor Jerry Taylor cut a ribbon to mark the opening of the gazebo.





#### Conway Place Restaurant opened by Hillier family

The official opening of Conway Place Restaurant took place on August 28, 1985. The restaurant, which will specialize in family dining, is under the new management of Doug Hillier (centre, light jacket) with his wife Marilyn, daughter Nancy and son Steve. At the left in this picture is chef Bob Gourlie, and staff members Leona Dorland and Ann Beacock. At right are staff Jane Gobkes and Cheryl Jackson. The Hillier family also operated the Dairy Bar on Water Street, and the Bayshore Take-Out next to the Conway Restaurant.



#### Bowl-a-thon for Big Sisters

The Big Sister organization of Scugog and Uxbridge received a \$1,500 shot in the arm thanks to the efforts of those who took part in a Bowl-a-thon at Centennial Lanes, Port Perry. Taking part in the worthy cause were, from left, Keith Elliott, president of Big Brothers, Mayor Jerry Taylor, local realtors Cliff Crowell and Doris Clark and councillors Lawrence Malcolm, Jack Cottrell and John Wolters.



### Vandals topple headstones at Pine Grove Cemetery

*Durham Regional Police were investigating a spree of vandalism Halloween Night, October 31, 1985, that left nearly 30 headstones toppled at the cemetery in Prince Albert. Most of the damaged markers were in the south east area of the cemetery. Cemetery groundskeeper Don Raby discovered the vandalism when he went to work Friday morning. Steven Sanderson of the Sanderson Monument Company said the company would not charge the cemetery or families for the restoration and re-setting the stones.*

## Board plans for new school on fairground

July 23, 1985

The Durham Board of Education is expressing an interest in a piece of land on the Port Perry Fairgrounds property, as a possible site for a new elementary school.

The Board is now in the process of identifying potential sites for the new school and suggests that five acres of the fairground property would be suitable for a school because of its central location.

The 23 acre fairgrounds, is owned by the Township and leased to the local Agricultural Society, but councillors felt that is unlikely it would be available for a school or any other purpose within the next three years.

However, it is expected that eventually the fairgrounds will be moved to a new location in the area behind the Scugog Arena. A committee has been set up with reps from the fair board, council, the arena board and several local service clubs to begin studying the ramifications of moving the fairgrounds, as well as building a complete banquet facility attached to the arena.

## Stephenson's Point residents going to OMB

July 23, 1985

A group of Stephenson's Point residents has asked the Ontario Municipal Board to be the final judge on a proposed development on Scugog Island.

The proposed development has been a controversial one since it first went in front of Scugog council last fall, with residents of the area voicing strong objections at several public meetings.

The developers had originally been seeking approval for 22 lots for large, expensive homes, but early in June, Scugog council trimmed that number to 13 lots.

December 17, 1985

**Scugog Township council gave preliminary approval to a zoning by-law which would allow a new funeral home to be built on Durham Rd. 8, across from the Port Perry Fairgrounds.**

## Proposal for banquet hall gets endorsement

September 10, 1985

A proposal to construct a 375 seat banquet hall at the Scugog Arena received approval in principle from Scugog Township council.

Members of council expressed their favourable sentiments to the project, which was unveiled by Ron Deeth and Greg Heffering, two members of a steering committee studying the expansion project.

Mr. Deeth, who was actively involved in building the new arena in 1976 estimated the cost of the banquet hall would be in the range of \$225,000.



## New marina ready to go ahead, at last

October 8, 1985

Construction of a new municipally-owned marina on the Port Perry waterfront will soon be underway with completion by the end of next April.

Township council accepted a bid from Lake Scugog Lumber of \$150,000, which includes the demolition of the old works garage.

Mayor Jerry Taylor says the new structure will have a "very pleasing appearance and blend well with the waterfront."

It is to be built on the site of the present Port Perry marina, just north of the Latcham Centre. The existing marina building and the former works garage will be torn down to make way for the new facility.

The township will retain ownership of the land and the new building, and will lease the new marina to John Mackie.



### High School students organize SADD

Port Perry High School's SADD organization (Student's Against Drunk Driving) launched its first attack in the war against impaired driving just a week before Christmas 1985 with an emotional information meeting. More than 200 parents and students gathered in the school auditorium to learn about SADD, at several points during the proceedings, several students and adults found themselves red-eyed or weeping during the opening. The hard-working executive who put the program together are seen here with teacher/advisor Paul Arculus. From left, Lynn Bradbury, Gerri MacDonald, Amy Ware and Heidi Spannbauer.



The former works garage near Port Perry Marina was levelled in November 1985 to make way for construction of a new Township owned marina on this site on the waterfront. Work on the new facility should be completed by boating season next year.

# 1986



*A special service re-dedicating the United Church was held on the exact day and time as it was one hundred years earlier. The special honour of cutting the "Centennial" birthday cake was given to three longtime members of the congregation. Sharing the special honour were, from left, Mrs. Meta Howsam, Mr. Arthur Brock and Mrs. Marguerite Brock.*



*The directors of the new Scugog War Memorial Library Board were sworn into office by Mayor Jerry Taylor, during a special meeting on January 23, 1986. Members are, seated from left, Margaret Geer, Marg Wilbur, Nancy Williams, Jenny Jorgason. Back left, Mayor Jerry Taylor, Jack Moore, Howard Hall, Richard Drew, Peter Talbot and Librarian Judy McColl.*



## Building record set with \$12.7 million in permits

January 14, 1985

Scugog Township had a record year for construction in 1985, with the value of building permits issued soaring to a whopping \$12.7 million. That's an increase of about \$4 million over the previous year.

The most active construction sector in Scugog last year was in the building of new single family homes. There were 124 new homes in 1985, compared to 89 in 1984.

The largest single construction project started in 1985 was the new separate school on Scugog Street at a cost of \$1.3 million.

The record number in Scugog last year is in line with other municipalities in Durham Region, all of which experienced similar growth.

## Flu outbreak forces shut down of hospital to visitors and admission

January 28, 1986

Community Memorial Hospital in Port Perry was forced to close its doors to visitors and admissions due to a severe flu outbreak that has hit patients and staff.

Administrator David Brown said, he expects the decision to restrict visitors and admissions last Friday will remain in place until at least Wednesday of this week.

The flu outbreak carries symptoms similar to those of the Norwalk strain, which has shut several hospitals in the Toronto area the past couple of weeks.

Mr. Brown said the public has been very responsible and understanding of the situation. This is the first time in several years that the hospital has had to impose restrictions because of a flu-like outbreak.



## United Church 100 years old

January 1986

The Port Perry United Church celebrated 100 years of service to the community. An 1886 atmosphere was recreated by the minister and many of the choir and congregation were dressed in period costume for the dedication service.

## Lishman sculpture to Expo '86

February 1986

"Transcending the Traffic", an 86 foot high sculpture depicting traffic through the ages, which was created by local artisan Bill Lishman, arrived at the Expo '86 site in Vancouver.

## Cartwright High remains open

February 1986

The Durham Board of Education's Property and Transportation Committee agreed to keep Cartwright High School open for the next five years without review.

*Port Perry's distinctive Town Hall 1873 was officially recognized by Parks Canada as a building having historical and architectural significance. A bronze plaque will be unveiled to recognize the dedication in 1991. The hall, with its distinctive bell tower received the recognition from the Historic Sites and Monuments Boards of Parks Canada in February 1986.*



The first day of spring arrived last week and the staff at Port Perry Dental Centre didn't let it go unnoticed. Chairs were removed from the waiting area and lawn furniture put in its place. Staff members dressed in summer garb and there were posters from a variety of vacation spots scattered about the office. Dr. Jack Cottrell's first patient, Dr. Tom Millar, is seen here with staffers Bora Hunt, Leslie Rideout and in front Terry Fox.



It's not just anyone that gets to put their arms around the Queen's representative in Ontario, but Jennifer Geer of Prince Albert was given that opportunity on February 15, 1986. Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander is seen here with Jennifer at Queen's Park in Toronto during a special ceremony honouring Ontario Junior Citizen's of the Year. Jennifer received the honour for her bravery in donating bone marrow to her three-year old brother who was diagnosed with an advanced stage of cancer.

## Rental housing plans get the green light

March 18, 1978

After a delay of nearly two years, a 60 unit co-op council project for Port Perry has received the final green light from the provincial and federal governments.

Mortgage guarantees for the \$4 million rental housing development were granted last week by the Ontario Housing Ministry.

The project, by Borelia Co-operative Homes, will build on land east of Carnegie Street and south of Hwy. 7A near the Port Perry Plaza.

The project will include 22 town house units of two bedrooms and 30 three-bedroom town house units. There will also be eight one bedroom units, constructed in two four-plex buildings

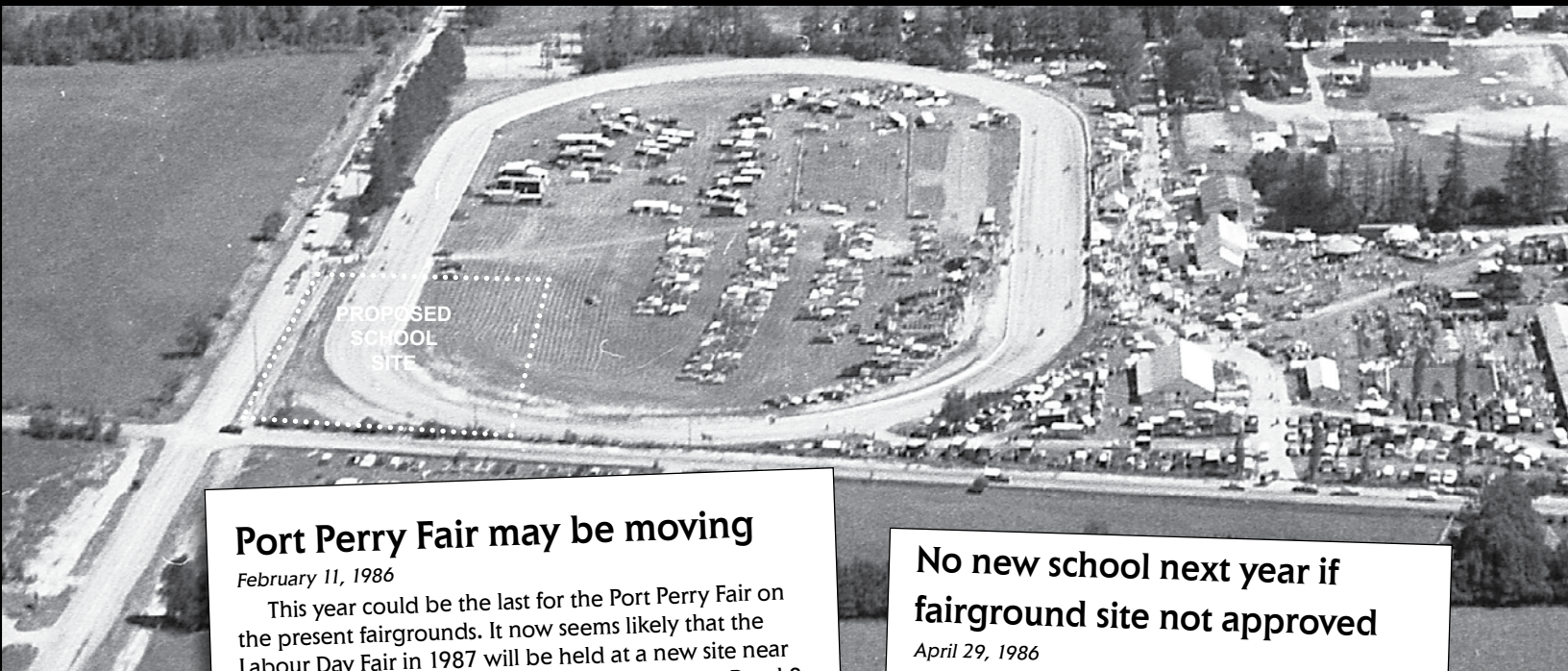
Construction was expected to begin by Labour Day, 1986.



When Glenn Van Camp started out in business as a young man, he had no idea he would be standing in front of a \$235,000 loader in April 1986 celebrating the 30th anniversary of Van Camp Contracting. With Glenn in the photo are his wife Donna, who has been at his side from the start and their son Bill who joined the company in 1977. Van Camp Contracting began in 1956 when 21 year-old Glenn purchased an old Allis Chalmers front-end loader from his father to start his business.



# Fairground school site controversy



## Port Perry Fair may be moving

February 11, 1986

This year could be the last for the Port Perry Fair on the present fairgrounds. It now seems likely that the Labour Day Fair in 1987 will be held at a new site near the Scugog Arena, on the north side of Durham Road 8.

Durham Board of Education is in the process of selecting a site for a new kindergarten to grade six public school in Port Perry and are interested in a site on the present fairgrounds.

Council met with board members in an "in-camera" session for about 45 minutes. When Mayor Jerry Taylor came out, he said, "council has been asked to move very quickly on the request from the school board."

Fair Board reps Ron Deeth and Stewart Diceman told council "It is our intention to co-operate fully with the council on the move." He added that even if the Board of Education was not pressing for a new school on the site, the Fair Board wants to move to a new location near the arena.

## New school site "extremely dicey" following vote on fairground lease

May 21, 1986

At a meeting on May 14, delegates from Port Perry Agricultural Society voted not to surrender its' lease with the Township, prompting Durham Board Chairman Ruth Lafarga to comment that the chances of a new elementary school opening in 1987 is "extremely dicey" right now.

There were 39 persons who cast secret ballots on the lease-breaking question and it was turned down by a margin of 22 to 17.

Expressing that the outcome of the vote "is extremely disappointing," she declined to speculate if the Board would be able to find an alternative site in time to start construction for an opening in 1987.

The Durham Board received \$2.1 million in capital grants from the provincial government for a new school in Port Perry, but the money must be spent in 1987.

## No new school next year if fairground site not approved

April 29, 1986

A bitter dispute between members of the Fair Board and other citizens of the community regarding the selling of seven acres of the fairgrounds for a new school in Port Perry could jeopardize the future of the school.

Durham Board of Education Chairman Ruth Lafarga said officials are "very anxious" the proposed site be approved, and warned if there were any further delays, a new school for Port Perry won't be built in 1987.

Three weeks ago the Durham Board and the Township negotiated a deal for seven acres of land in the northwest corner of the fairgrounds for \$102,000. The sale of the land was on the understanding that the Fair Board was prepared to re-locate to a new site after the 1986 Fair.

However, there has been a growing stream of opposition to the move and the Fair Board has not surrendered the lease it has with the Township.

Scugog council, at an earlier meeting, gave the Fair Board written assurance that land and money would be made available for the development of a new fair site near the Scugog Arena.

## Board pulls plug on Port Perry school

June 10, 1986

The Durham Board of Education pulled the plug on a new school for Port Perry in 1987, despite protests of Scugog trustees Debbie Tredway and Joyce Kelly.

Trustees voted 17-3 in an in-camera session to request the Ministry of Education to transfer the \$2.1 million ear-marked for a new Port Perry elementary school to a school in Pickering.

Expressing disappointment with the decision, Mrs. Tredway said, a new school for Port Perry will remain as the Board's number one priority for 1988.





**Last Tournament on Old Bowling Green**

*The 32 lawn bowlers pictured above, gathered on July 3, 1986 following the last bowling tournament to be held at old lawn bowling site on Queen Street. Although there was a little sadness to it being the end of 80 years at the familiar downtown location, there was also a feeling of excitement for the new lawn bowling facility now ready to go on Simcoe Street, just north of Durham Road 8. The official opening will take place at 1 p.m. on August 23, 1986.*



**New Lawn Bowling Green and Clubhouse Opens**

*Except for a few small details the new Port Perry Lawn Bowling Club facility is ready to go. At the opening of the new facility, it was announced that although the "official opening" wouldn't be held until mid-August 1986, lawn bowlers would be enjoying the greens long before that time. The new facility was built at a cost of about \$125,000 with the help of grants, sale of the old site to the Township of Scugog and approximately \$30,000 raised by members. The building committee was comprised of, from left, Mel Meulemeester, Stan Rickard, Harold Martyn, Bill Owen, Muriel Rickard, Grace Love and Dalt McBrien.*





### Hank's Pastries undergoes massive face-lift

*Hank's Pastries underwent an extensive three-week face-lift in March 1986 and nobody enjoys the change more than the owners, Ruth and Wayne DeJong and their staff. The coffee shop is an institution in Port Perry and ever since re-opening it's been busier than a cactus juice franchise in the middle of a desert. Happy staff members seen here with Ruth and Wayne, seated, are, Kelly Manns, Judy Birkett, Maureen Adams, Diane Fallaise, Rob Brown, Chris Moore, Debbie Storms and Reta Birkett.*

### Council turns down Chamber request for Sunday openings

June 3, 1986

Scugog Township has refused to support a bid by the local Chamber of Commerce to allow any store in Port Perry to remain open on Sundays.

Making his second appearance in six weeks in front of council over the Sunday opening issue, Chamber of Commerce president Peter Hvidsten told councillors that the Chamber directors were requesting Port Perry to be declared a "tourist area," which in turn would allow all stores to remain open on Sundays and statutory holidays.

"The Chamber is not trying to force any store owner to stay open Sundays, we just want to make it legal for any of those who want to be open," he said.

He pointed out that the marina and several stores, restaurants and garages in town already remain open on Sunday afternoons because of their size and the kind of products or services they provide to the public.

But his arguments didn't sway council, who voted unanimously not to support the request. Mr. Hvidsten said the organization would not pursue Sunday store openings any further.



*During the month of June 1986, photographs taken by staff members of the Port Perry Star were on display in the gallery of the new Scugog Memorial Library. The pictures, compiled over the past few years, are from news and feature stories published in the local newspaper. The show featured hundreds of people from the community taken by editor John B. McClelland, publisher Peter Hvidsten and reporter/photographer Cathy Robb.*

## Ratepayers say no to neighbourhood plaza

May 13, 1986

Scugog Township council got a loud and clear message from nearly 100 ratepayers Monday night – there should be no commercial development in a proposed subdivision in the north end of Port Perry.

Many of those present expressed concern about the side of the development and the adverse impact 141 single family homes might have on Lake Scugog. Virtually all of those in attendance live in Kent Estates, Cawker's Creek and Highland Beach area.

The subdivision proposal (later named Canterbury Common) is on the property known for many years as the Brooks Farm.

The commercial segment proposed would be on a three acre parcel in the south west corner of the property and would include a "neighbourhood plaza" of about 3,000 sq. ft., and not be intended to compete with the downtown.



**Don Daynard's Girls**

*A number of people from Port Perry and area took part a fundraiser for the CKFM Children's Fund at Durham College in October 1986. It was the second annual birthday dinner with Don Daynard, CKFM's morning man and host of Saturday night's "Looking Back" radio show. More than \$7,000 was raised during the event. Among those attending, seen here with the popular radio DJ Don Daynard, are from left, Patsy Steele, Carolyn Luke and Nancy Hvidsten.*



**Lishman's Autohenge is a replica of Stonehenge in metal**

*Scugog Township sculptor Bill Lishman is seen here standing in front of his latest creation called "Autohenge", which is a precise replica of the famous Stonehenge in England. While the ancient Druids used huge slabs of stone to erect Stonehenge, Bill used old crushed cars for his structure. Autohenge was constructed during August 1986 in a farm field south of Port Perry, and it was the setting for a TV commercial to introduce two new Chrysler products, the Dodge Shadow and Sundance.*





**Central Seven Board of Directors**

*The Central Seven Association for the Mentally Handicapped elected a new Board of Directors at the annual meeting held in Port Perry the first week of May 1986. Members are, from left front, Don Shier, Chuck Preston, past president; Ron Deeth, Pauline Nealon, and Dr. Eva Mueller. Back row left, Joe Baxter, Barb McCormick, Yvonne Christie, John Wolters, Orville Westgarth and Chuck Dewhirst. The board will choose a new chairman at their next meeting, for a two year term.*

**"The Phantom" strikes Port Perry businesses**

June 24, 1986

Will the Phantom strike again? That's the question Port Perry business people are asking after a mysterious Phantom paid them a surprise visit one morning last week.

The Phantom's calling card was found on the doorsteps of several businesses as the owners arrived for work. It is a rock, about the size of a football, painted brilliant white, with the words "The Phantom" in black lettering.

The rocks were placed at Port Perry IGA, the Township offices, Stedman's, Luke's Country Store, Emerson Insurance and the Port Perry Star. Nobody knows if The Phantom will strike again.

Bill Barr of Stedman's issued something of a challenge to The Phantom. He wants the mystery person to show up at the Wintario Draw, which will be held July 10 at the Port Perry High School.



**Fur Into Fashion**

*"Fur Into Fashion" was the name of a dynamite new show at the Scugog War Memorial Library. The show, in November 1986, featured the knitted, woven and crocheted fur of local artists, from left, Fran Solar, Dini Page, Pat Boyd, Marilyn Baker, Helen O'Reilly, Paula Lishman, seated. Wendy Bateman was absent for the photo.*



*Miss Bahamas 1986, Betty Ann Hanna, is greeted by one of the Festival Days organizers, Larry Emmerson, before the Port Perry Festival Days official opening.*



*Miss Bahamas 1986, Betty Ann Hanna, was a special guest at the Port Perry "Bahama Days Festival" She is pictured here with Mike Haigh, organizer of the festival's popular arm wrestling competition.*

## Town declared "Honourary Island" for Port Perry Festival Days

July 2, 1986

With a simple change of name, "Festival Days," comes to Port Perry next week, so get ready to enjoy a bit of Bahamas hospitality, food and sounds next week.

Scugog Chamber of Commerce, organizers of Festival Days, announced that with the cooperation of the government of the Bahamas, Port Perry will be declared an "Honourary Island" of that country for the three days starting July 11.

Miss Bahamas 1986, Betty Ann Hanna, seen to the left with Festival Days organizer Larry Emmerson, will also be a guest during the festival.

The town will take on a distinctively Caribbean atmosphere with colourful costumes, stores decorated to fit the Islands theme, exotic food and long, cool drinks available in many restaurants, a steel band, limbo dancers, fire eaters and Mardi-Gras style Junkaroo dancers.

Festival Days is the successor to the former Western Weekend, but organizers felt last year it was time to drop the western theme and come up with something new and fresh.



*The Royal Bank celebrated 25 years of service to Port Perry and Scugog Township in November 1986. Manager Tom Mullen is pictured here with former bank managers Bill English, left, and Joe Draper.*





### Dock work along lakefront requires piles for support

*Thirty piles were driven into the lake bed, in early October 1986, along the waterfront by Port Perry Marina. This was the initial step in the completion of the new dock along the shore in front of the Latcham Centre. The work looked more like a scene from the east coast of Canada, than the waterfront in Port Perry last week. The piles will provide the support for an extension of the concrete dock already in place.*

## Council endorses 100 lot single family home development for Brooks' farm

July 28, 1986

Scugog Township council wants the number of proposed lots for the Brooks' Farm development reduced from 141 to 100.

And at a planning meeting, the council stipulated that any lots along the Lake Scugog shoreline should be double the size as a protection for the environment. They also included a one acre parcel, fronting on the Simcoe Street, for commercial use.

In granting the developer, Michael Zygocki 100 lots for single family residences, council stipulate that the lots be phased in over a period of five or six years.

## Fears over closure of Prince Albert P.O.

August 28, 1986

A petition with more than 200 signatures was presented to Scugog council by residents of Prince Albert, who have learned that the local post office, located in the general store, would be shut down should the store have a change of ownership.

The residents are asking council to relay their concerns to MP Allan Lawrence, and demand that the post office remain open, no matter who is operating the general store.

Earlier this year, the Columbus post office, located in that community's general store, was closed when the owner sold.

July, 1986

**Doctors in Port Perry re-opened their offices Monday, July 7th, ending an OMA sanctioned strike that began nearly three weeks ago.**



*The Scugog Choral Society was going through rehearsals for its latest production, "My Fair Lady" when this picture of actress Catherine Millar was taken. Catherine playing the infamous Eliza Doolittle, bites down on a coin to see if it is "the real thing" during a rehearsal for the musical which debuted on November 5, 1986.*

## Council approves Victorian style lights for Queen Street

August 26, 1986

A Scugog Chamber of Commerce project, to brighten up Port Perry's main street with decorative Victorian-style lighting was given "approval in principle" to install 16 decorative light standards along both sides of Queen Street.

Along with the lights, the Chamber proposes several new benches and 16 heavy duty steel garbage containers to replace the small can which are now being used for trash.

Chamber of Commerce president Peter Hvidsten estimated the total cost of buying the lights, benches and garbage containers, along with installation of the light standards is estimated at just under \$40,000.

Council indicated the Township would be willing to contribute \$20,000 from next year's municipal budget to aid the project.

Mr. Hvidsten told council the project was approved by the directors at their last meeting and they hoped the lights can be installed and operating by Christmas.

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July, 1986

Eleanor Wood, owner of Eleanors Flowers on Queen Street for the past 28 years, retired and sold her business to Barry Van Camp.

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Mrs. Eliza Fralick, of Scugog Island with a large full colour poster advertising the first ever Port Perry Fair, held October 5-8 in 1886. The beautiful poster has been in the Fralick's home for many years, and was found folded up in a hall drawer. She believes it was purchased by her grandfather for 75 cents. She plans to have it framed.



Queen Street summer of 1987. Stores along the north side of the street included Country Classics, Port Perry Star, Port Gifts.



# Fairground school site controversy

## Board of Education will not support development

September 9, 1986

The Durham Board of Education has notified Durham Region it would not support the Brooks Farm residential development in north Port Perry, until a new school is built in the town.

In a letter to the Region Planning Department, Board of Education planner Steve Edwards notes that a subdivision of 100 new homes would generate about 70 students for elementary classes.

"There is not sufficient play and instructional area to accommodate additional students," he said.

## Mass of resignations from the Fair Board

August 6, 1986

Thirteen people, including secretary-treasurer James Duncan have resigned from the Port Perry Fair Board and Board president Jim Jamieson says there may be more resignations this week, including his own.

Most of those who resigned cited insurance and concerns about personal liability in the event of a lawsuit, but many also said they have just had enough of the on-going turmoil that has caused deep splits and bitter dissension among board members over moving the fair over the past few months.

Mr. Jamieson said that despite the resignations and the fact that he may be stepping down as well, the fair will go ahead as planned this year. "Most of the things have already been arranged and replacements will be found for most of those who have resigned."

## Board of Education wants fairgrounds for school

September 9, 1986

Durham Board of Education chairperson Ruth Lafarga has asked Scugog council to re-open negotiations with the Port Perry Fair Board in an effort to secure a portion of the site for a new public school.

She told councillors that the school situation in Port Perry has reached a "crisis" level and the Board needs the co-operation of the council if a new school is to become a reality.

Mrs. Lafarga outlined several major criteria that must be met for a new school site, including size, must be fully serviced with water and sewer, access routes for buses,

proximity to homes and the price of the land.

She said the Board has carefully studied numerous alternative sites since last spring, but the fairground site is the best possible one for the new school.

The Fair Board and the Township have a lease for the existing 22-acre Fairgrounds property, which runs out in 1995.

Mayor Jerry Taylor told Mrs. Lafarga and the delegation, "We are willing to ask the Fair Board to start negotiations and at least find out if they are prepared to talk about this."

## Fair Board votes 'no' for the last time

December 2, 1986

The Port Perry Fair will be staying where it is, and the Durham Board of Education is almost back to square one in the search for a site for a new school for Port Perry.

By the narrow margin of 22-20, Fair Board members rejected a proposal to break the lease for the existing Fairgrounds property on Simcoe Street.

The outcome of the meeting was greeted with sadness by Board of Education chairman Ruth Lafarga, who said she is "very disappointed" that the seven acres will not be available as the site for a new school. "The new school could have been under construction right now," she said. "That's the really frustrating thing for us."

Township council two weeks ago, offered the Fair Board \$300,000 plus use of land behind Scugog Arena as the site for a new fair. They also offered to pay for preparing the new site.

Members of the Fair Board have been badly split over the issue of whether the fair should move to make way for a new school and allow the Township to develop the remainder of the ground for homes.

## School Board ready to expropriate site

December 16, 1986

As a final resort to get a piece of the Port Perry Fairground, Durham Board of Education has informed council that expropriation procedures likely will be started.

In a behind closed doors meeting with Township councillors, Chairman Ruth Lafarga told councillors the Durham Board has reached the point where it has no other choice.

"The second alternative for a school location are just not suitable. We did not want to have to go this way, but we are left with no other choice," she stated.

In notifying Scugog council of the intent to expropriate, Durham Board asked for the Township's support.

# 1987



*During 1987, this section of the west end of Queen Street, Port Perry, was the location of Port Gifts, Strawberry Threads ladies wear, Northern Clothing Company and David Chows Chinese Food Restaurant.*



*Port Perry Plaza, summer of 1987 with Valu-Mart grocery store to the left and Canadian Tire at the end of the parking lot. Some of the other businesses in the plaza at this time were, Scugog Hydro, Stedmans Department Store, Smith & Smith Drug Store and Ridge North Realty.*





### Ice skating on the old bowling green

The open air rink, located on the former Port Perry Lawn Bowling green is proving to be a popular addition to the downtown this February. The rink has been going for about two weeks and it is hopeful the ice will hold up for a few more weeks. Unfortunately there is a conflict between those who want to skate and those who want to play hockey. The Township is considering dividing the ice surface or designating certain hours for each of the activities.

### Police officer pulls youngster from well

February 24, 1987

Five year-old Erin Hoekstra is a lucky little girl.

Erin, the daughter of Don and Mary Hoekstra, of Honey's Corners, two miles north of Port Perry, survived a plunge into a 30 foot well on her parents' property while playing with her six year-old friend, Sarah Vanderlaan on Sunday afternoon.

According to Durham Regional Police, the cap to the old well was deteriorated to such a point that it collapsed under the tyke's weight. Sarah was thrown back from the scene, but Erin fell through where she floated in icy water below the ground.

Sarah immediately went for help and police were called. Constables Bob Wilson and Greg Heasman showed up minutes later and although firefighters were more experienced with this type of rescue, they couldn't afford to wait for them to arrive.

One end of a rope was attached to a truck and the other around Constable Heasman and he was lowered into the 36 inch diameter well and pulled the child to safety.

"She (Erin) was conscious and crying, Sgt. Hudson recalls. "her face was badly injured with a severe cut on her forehead."

February 24, 1987

Scugog Township enjoyed its best construction year ever in 1986 with the value of building permits topping \$20 million. Permits for new homes hit an all time high of 189, with a value of \$16.4 million, nearly double the \$8.8 million a year earlier. Commercial climbed to \$1.6 million and additions and alterations were just over \$1 million.



Erin Hoekstra, 5, cuddles up with one of her rescuers, Durham Regional Police Constable Greg Heasman, in the children's ward of Port Perry Community Memorial Hospital. PC Heasman was lowered 30 feet into a deep well to rescue the little girl after she had fallen in.



After 40 years in the propane and hardware business, Gord Carnegie, right, and Harry Carnegie, with dog, sold their business in April 1987. Carnegie Brothers Propane operated from a lot on North Street. The business was sold to Blanchard's Supply company, operated by Ted and Joanne Blanchard.

## Fire Department gives township a warning

March 3, 1987

Scugog Fire Department has warned Township council it is prepared to lay charges if there are any further Fire Code violations at the Scugog Arena.

Specifically, Fire Prevention Officer William Harrison is demanding that emergency exit doors never again be chained shut from the inside while the building is occupied for events.

He noted that on two occasions in the past few weeks, emergency doors were chained during Minor Hockey tournaments, to prevent persons slipping into the arena without paying admission.

"This practice must stop or we will have no choice but to lay charges," said Mr. Harrison.

## Terrified young boy pulled from old well by grandmother

March 10, 1987

Two weeks after a Honey's Corners girl was pulled from her parents' 30 foot well, a six year-old Caesarea boy was rescued from his grandparents well.

Dustin Kellesteine was visiting his grandparents, Steve and Marten Melnichuk, who lived south of Port Perry on Shirley Road. He was playing in the yard when Mrs. Melnichuk heard screams coming from outside.

Rushing out to find the young lad, Mrs. Melnichuk found Dustin clinging to the inside of the well, about four feet from the surface. Wet and freezing, the terrified little

boy had been inside the well for only a few minutes when his grandmother found him.

The 56 year-old grandmother stretched her arms out to the young lad and with what her husband calls "superman strength" pulled him out of the well. "With the weight of him (about 80 pounds) and all that water, I'm really surprised she did it by herself," he marvelled. "She's the hero of the day."

Except for scraped fingers from holding on, Dustin was uninjured from the fall.

## Raising Lindsay's Rainbow Bridge

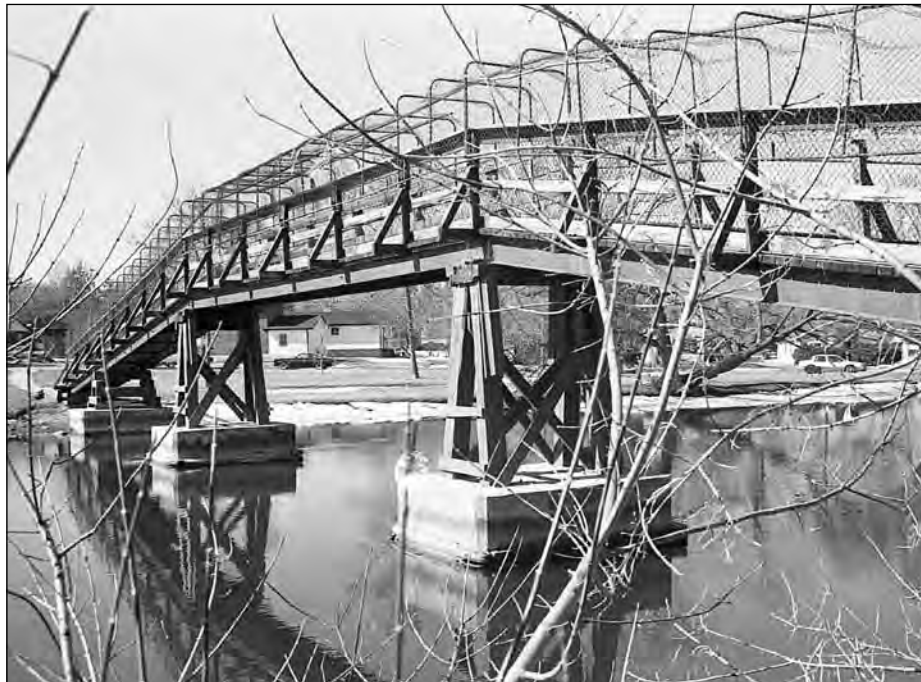
March 24, 1987

Lindsay's Rainbow Bridge will be raised this summer.

The footbridge, which spans the Scugog river, is about two feet lower than other bridges and has been a 'thorn in the side' of boaters for many years. Due to the low bridge, many boats can not make their way up or down the river.

Total estimated cost is \$13,000 with Scugog Township council picking up \$5,000, the Scugog Chamber of Commerce \$1,500, and marinas around Lake Scugog contributing \$2,500 of the cost.

Local contractor Karl Herder will raise the bridge.



The Lindsay Rainbow Bridge, which spans the Scugog River, will be raised this summer.



February 24, 1987

About 100 people gathered at the site of the new Borelia Co-op Housing project for an official sod-turning ceremony on February 21, 1987. Building is already underway and will be ready for occupancy later this summer. Turning sod at the on-site ceremony were Allan Lawrence, MP, and Heather Burke representing the Ministry of Housing. They were accompanied by Mayor Jerry Taylor and Peggy Ridgeway, president of the Borelia Co-op Board.

## Fire causes over \$250,000 damage

May 5, 1987

Firefighters are calling it the worst fire here in recent years.

On April 28, 1987, a Platten Island home erupted into flames, causing an inferno that burned two homes to the ground, destroying a cottage and substantially damaging two other cottages.

By the time firefighters from Port Perry arrived at the scene, just around the corner from Goreski's Marina, the first house, owned by Don Shrum was already down.

Firefighters from Scugog's two halls, Oshawa and Uxbridge were called in to help, as high winds threatened to carry the flames further along the row of tightly spaced buildings on Platten Island.

## Four departments battle stubborn fire

May 12, 1987

A forest fire believed to have been started accidentally by campers or fisherman, took firefighters from four fire departments more than 14 hours to get under control during a dry spell during the second week of May 1987.

Firefighters from Port Perry, Caesarea, Oshawa and Newcastle worked from noon to well past midnight, struggling to extinguish the blaze that swept over 200 acres of mature white pine trees and scrub about a mile off Shirley Road, near Summerlea Golf Course.

High winds carried the flames over a huge amount of ground, littered with dry brush and needles, that went up like kindling.

"Between the dryness and the high winds, it sure didn't help us any," said Scugog Fire Chief Jack Cook.

## Old friends remember the way things were at Port Perry High School Reunion '87

June 30, 1987

They came from near and far, some from as far away as Norway and Australia. They came in great numbers, about 3,000 former students and teachers from Port Perry High School.

They came to see the old school and take part in the many events and dances, but mostly they came to Reunion '87 to see old friends, to swap old stories and to find out what their old friends are doing these days. There was lots of hugging, hand-shakes and back slapping as old friends were spotted in the huge crowd.

The Port Perry High School Reunion was by all accounts an unqualified success thanks to the work of a group of 12 people on the organizing committee.



The Port Perry High School Reunion took a lot of work to organize and above are some of the committee in charge of the preparations, standing under the directional signpost. From left Chic and Barb Carnegie, Marylou Burnett, Charlie Pavlik and Nancy McMillan.



Ralph Laing, left, John Orde and Phil Orde get a laugh as they reminisce at the reunion.



**Landmark garage removed for new strip plaza**

*Arlie Sales Limited, a Water Street car dealership, was clearing out its inventory of used cars near the end of May 1987. The building, located across the street from the ball park, was demolished later that year to make room for a new strip plaza with apartments above the stores. Don Forder, owner of Don Forder Insurance, is the owner of the property and he opened his offices in the new building when it was completed later that year.*



**Palmer Park a popular spot for summer fun**

*Palmer Park nestled on the Lake Scugog waterfront in Port Perry in June 1987. A lot has changed over the past 30 plus years, including removal of the old playground equipment, but the park still attracts locals and visitors to enjoy the facility every summer.*



## Council rejects Catholic seniors apartment project for second time

July 7, 1987

For the second time in two weeks Scugog Township council rejected a proposal for a 42 unit senior citizens apartment building on land behind the Immaculate Conception Church and school in Port Perry.

Two weeks ago, council turned down the proposal and at the meeting last week a petition with 700 names in favour of the project was presented.

Council's decision was partly determined by the Township's planning consultant, John McDermott, who expressed, "There is just too much development for that property."

July 28, 1987

Three years after initiating Handi Transit service into the communities of Scugog and Uxbridge Townships, the program was up and running. Bonnie Windsor, the driver of the \$37,000 Handi Transit van now only needs the phone to start ringing.



### Instant cash but no lottery

Automatic banking finally came to Port Perry in July 1987, and the CIBC invited Mayor Jerry Taylor to try out the new instant teller machine. Instead of the tradition ribbon-cutting, the mayor was invited, by bank manager Bill Graham, to take money out of the bank by way of the convenient new money dispensing machine.

## Scout parent association to fold

July 21, 1987

The Port Perry Parents' Association of Guides and Scouts will be disbanded effective August 15, 1987.

That was the news delivered by Chairman Lloyd Greenough, citing the unhappy decision was made due to a complete lack of support from parents.



### New lights for Queen Street

Queen Street was all decked out with its new Victorian-style light standards, garbage containers and park benches by the end of July 1987. The Chamber of Commerce street beautification project was initiated about one year ago, led by a committee consisting of Wayne Luke, Larry Emmerson and Peter Hvidsten, who made numerous trips to a Toronto fabricating company to have the street accessories made. The cost of the project was near \$50,000 when completed, with \$20,000 coming from the township.

# Do ya think you're SEXY

30 years ago these local residents, posed to raise money for a charity fundraising event called the "Sexy Man, Sexy Woman Contest"



Chrystal Menzies, "Sexy Single Female"

It's always fun to reminisce, so we thought it would be fun to turn the clock back 30 years to see what some local community minded citizens looked like during the summer of 1987.

Now, before anyone gets uptight about the term "sexy" we'd like to explain that these pictures were taken for a fundraising event during Festival Days which took place every July in downtown Port Perry. The entire event, including the contest was sponsored by the Scugog Chamber of Commerce.

Each of the people pictured here, plus many more, were nominated in a number of different categories, such as Sexy Salesman, Sexy Professional, Sexy Senior, etc., with the public voting for their favourite candidate with a donation. Each penny donated represented one vote and the winners were the contestants who were able to raise the most money.

On that hot day in July 1987 Chrystal Menzies won the overall title in the Sexy contest raising \$944 in donations (votes). Crystal won a trip for two to the Bahamas for her efforts.

Following closely behind Chrystal was Roy Walker-Smith with \$897.99 and Carol Smith with \$754.17.

Trophies were awarded to the



Kerry Scully  
"Sexy Business Woman"



Julie Curran (Abraham)  
"Sexy Business Woman"



Irwin Smith  
"Sexy Business Man"



Debbie Jones  
"Sexy Service Club Person"



Bill Barr  
"Sexy Service Club Person"





Joy Rudkin  
(Werry)  
"Sexy Single Female"



Chris Parliament  
"Sexy Single Male"



Tammy Timmins  
(Silverman)  
"Sexy Business Woman"



Terry Fox who was entered  
as a "Sexy Mom"



Amy Ware  
"Sexy Sports Person"



Mike Haigh  
"Sexy Sports Person"



Valerie Eden  
"Sexy Sales Person"



Doug Hillier  
"Sexy Business Man"



Heather McCrae  
"Sexy Mother"



Marsha Whitehead  
"Sexy Single Female"

winners of each category as follows:  
Sexy Sales Person - Wilma Seeney;  
Sexy Business Person - Don Forder;  
Sexy Female Senior - Elma Vernon;  
Sexy Male Senior - Nick Rensink;  
Sexy Single Female - Chrystal Menzies;  
Sexy Mom - Carol Smith;  
Sexy Father - Roy Walker-Smith;  
Sexy Sports Person - Amy Ware;  
Sexy Professional - Cathy Olliffe;  
Sexy Politician - Marg Wilbur; Sexy Service Club Member - Bill Barr.

Overall the Scugog Chamber of Commerce raised \$10,000 through the Sexy Man/Sexy Woman Contest. The funds were targeted to be used for a variety of community projects which included the beautiful street lights along Queen St., park benches, garbage containers and Santa Claus Parade.

One of the fiercest competitions was between Debbie Jones and Bill Barr who resorted to a number of practical jokes and tricks to win.

Debbie sent helium balloons to Bill's Stedmans store with "Vote for Debbie" on them and Bill retaliated with "Vote for Bill Barr" balloons attached to Debbie's car.

On the final day of the competition, Bill resorted to kissing babies for a one dollar vote - putting him over the top and winning the 'personal-competition' between the two. Graceful in defeat, Debbie accompanied Bill to the grandstand to accept his trophy.

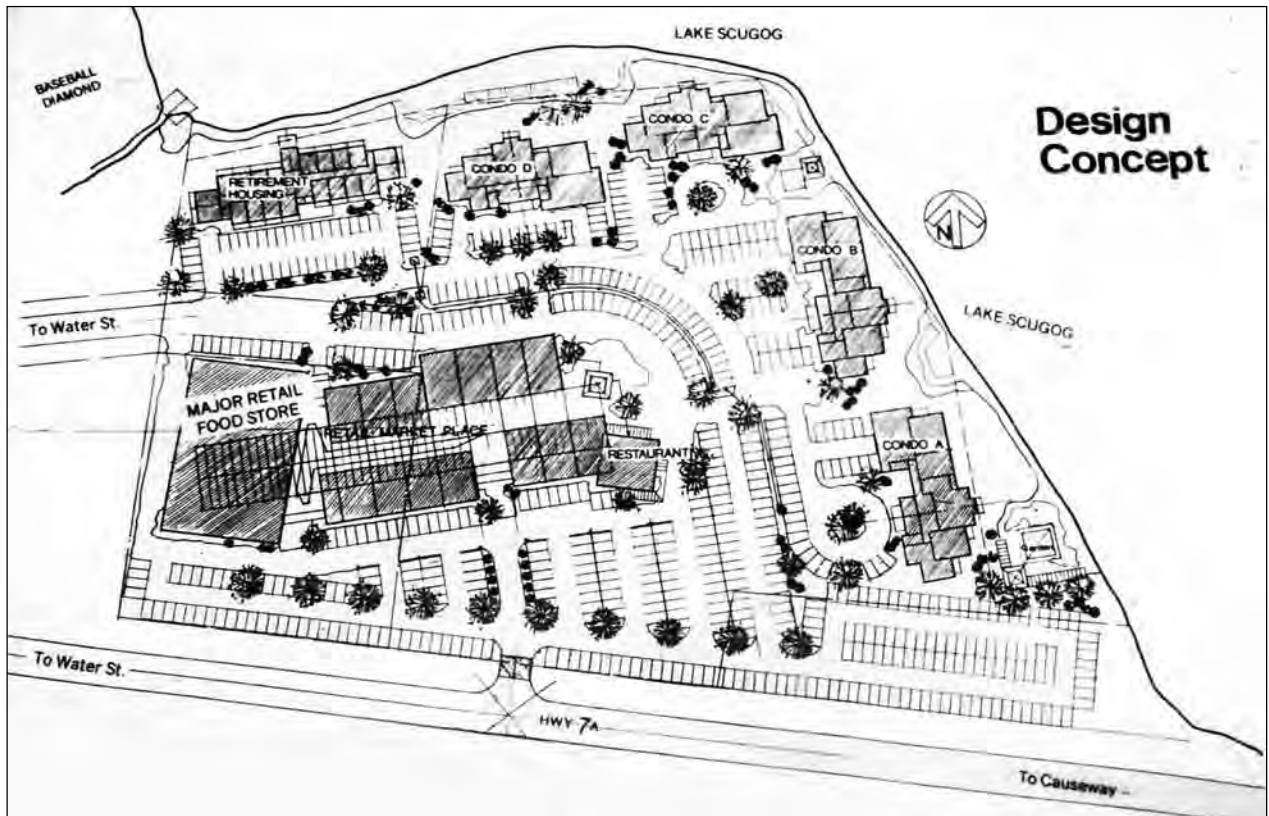


*Port Perry businessman Ken Jackson opened Flamingo Pastries in this Old Simcoe Road building in 1968, manufacturing his famous Flamingo Butter Tarts. When this picture was taken in October 1987, the thriving tart manufacturing business had been sold to Vachon, a division of Culinar Inc, of Quebec.*



*The old Port Perry Dairy Bar, seen here in 1987, has undergone many changes, but the same building sat on this site until April 1999, when it was destroyed by fire. Knobby's Pizza Parlour can be seen to the left of the Dairy Bar, and DB's Chips 'N Things, at right.*





### Massive \$25 million commercial and residential development

*This preliminary conceptual design for a major new development was published in the Port Perry Star on September 9, 1987. The development is proposed for the north side of Hwy. 7A, just east of Water Street, in Port Perry. The design includes a 60,000 sq. ft. indoor mall, four condominium buildings and a seniors retirement apartment complex make up the \$25 million project which developers hope to start as early as next spring. The property was later sold to Loblaws and is now occupied by The Independent food store.*

## Massive \$25 million project consists of 60,000 sq. ft. of retail, condominiums and 100 senior's apartments.

September 9, 1987

If things go according to plan for Hans Moehring, a massive development will get underway next spring which will radically change the face of a well known area of Port Perry.

Mr. Moehring, a resident of Scugog, is a partner in a Toronto investment and development company called Compton Merchantile.

The company has assembled 9.5 acres of land on the north side of Highway 7A (around the Conway Restaurant, Bayshore and Port Perry Car Wash) and Mr. Moehring hopes to construct nearly 100 luxury condominiums, a senior's apartment building of 100 units and a 60,000 sq. ft. indoor shopping mall.

He estimated that the total price tag of the project, including cost of the land, will be in the neighbourhood of \$25 million.

The project calls for the construction of four condominium buildings, each with 25 units. He said the luxury 1,400 sq. ft. units, with two bedrooms and a view of Lake Scugog, would sell between \$150,000 and \$175,000.

The four condos would be built close to the

shoreline on land roughly behind the present Conway Gardens restaurant.

The seniors apartment would be built at the west end of the property and the covered mall in the centre of the project, across from the entrance to the Port Perry Plaza.

Mr. Moehring said he believes strongly that Port Perry is ready for a development of this magnitude.

### Planner likes Conway project concept

December 22, 1987

Scugog Township's planning consultant, John McDermott liked the concept of the Conway Development proposal, but he urged the council opt for a "go slow" approach in approving the project.

Mr. McDermott referred to the project as "a significant and worthwhile" one for this community, but he warned there are numerous technical and planning matters that must be addressed before council even considers giving the project "approval in principle."

The project, he said, "needs to be carefully examined to ensure it's done right and tastefully."

# Fairground school site controversy

## Fair Board asks to go back to the bargaining table

February 3, 1987

The Port Perry Fair Board want to go back to the bargaining table with Scugog Council to try and negotiate a new agreement for locating the fairgrounds to a new site behind the Scugog Arena.

That was the outcome of a long, and at times stormy Fair Board annual meeting last week.

The Township had offered up to \$300,000 in financial assistance to relocate, plus preparation for a new site, which expired on January 31, 1986 and was conditional on the Fair Board agreeing to surrender its lease.

## School Board likely to halt expropriation of fair land

August 18, 1987

School board trustee Joyce Kelly believes the Board of Education's expropriation plans for a school site will be officially dropped when trustees meet August 28, after summer recess.

"I can't speak for the other trustees, but I suspect they will vote to end this," she said.

"We (the Board) are desperate to find a site for a new school, but we have to be sensible. It is just too expensive," Mrs. Kelly said.

She was referring to a consultants report earlier this summer which pegged the cost of relocating the fairgrounds at about \$1.5 million for the construction of new facilities and preparation of the grounds.

Although the Board has not officially abandoned the proceedings, Mrs. Kelly said staff have been looking actively for another site in Port Perry for a new elementary school. "The staff have been working on finding a site over the summer," she said.

The deadline to submit a proposal to the Ministry of Education for funding is October 1 and with that deadline approaching, its is imperative to find a new site soon.

## Fair Board and council will meet again

March 24 1987

Scugog Township council and members of the Fair Board will meet again next week, behind closed doors to try and resolve differences between the two sides.

One of the major items of contention has been construction of a new race track and horse barns.

The Durham Board of Education has been trying for the past year to secure seven acres of the present fairgrounds for a new school site, and is now in the process of expropriation.

If the Township and the Fair Board can come to an agreement over re-location, the expropriation proceedings would be halted.

However, negotiations so far have gone virtually nowhere and there has been bitterness on both sides.

Mayor Taylor doesn't know what next Monday's "in-camera" meeting might resolve, but at this point, he commented, "we have nothing to lose" (holding the meeting).

## Moving Fair site "too rich" for Township

June 30, 1987

It will cost about \$1.7 million to relocate the Port Perry Fairgrounds to municipal land behind the Scugog Arena, according to a consultants report presented to the Township.

Members of council indicated they were not surprised at the price tag, but several stated outright it is too much for Scugog to handle on its own.

Kim McQuaig of Sesquaig consultants said the price would be a "Cadillac" of fairgrounds and suggested there are ways for the prices to be scaled down.

The largest single expense would be construction of a new half-mile race track at \$300,000, along with another \$230,000 to re-route a creek that crosses the land, and another \$225,000 for a new 40 stall horse barn.

## School Board abandons fight for fairgrounds site to build new school

October 6, 1987

With a site now secured, the Durham Board of Education wants the new school in Port Perry to be Kindergarten to Grade 8, not K-6 as originally designed.

The new school, to be built on Simcoe Street north of Durham Rd. 8, will be a copy of the design used for the recently completed Pringle Creek school in Whitby.

The estimated cost of the new school is \$3.8 million, not including land costs. The Education Ministry's share is about 60 percent, with the Durham Board financing the remainder.

If there are no snags, construction will begin in early summer 1988 and the school will open for students in September 1989.





### Ford dealership returns to Port Perry

Larry Taylor started business in Port Perry at the corner of Hwy. 7A and Union Avenue back in 1975 when he took over a garage and operated it as Taylor's Texaco. In 1980 he purchased this location on Hwy. 7A, just west of Port Perry, and has operated here since. A good crowd of friends, relatives and dignitaries were on hand October 16, 1987 for the grand opening of Taylor Ford-Mercury. Pictured during the opening ceremonies and ribbon cutting are, from left, Cole Taylor, Regional Manger Ford Canada, Sam Cureatz, MPP Durham East, Kent in front of his father Larry Taylor, Mayor Jerry Taylor and Fran Taylor.

### Council pushes for traffic lights on Hwy. 7A

December 22, 1987

Scugog is pushing the Ministry of Transportation for traffic lights at the entrance to Port Perry. Mayor Jerry Taylor, accompanied by Ward 2 councillor Howard Hall and Bill Barr, representing the merchants of Port Perry Plaza will be meeting with Transportation Minister Ed Fulton at Queen's Park soon.

The delegation will argue that lights are warranted due to numerous accidents at the intersection, the number of entrance ways off the highway in this area, and heavy traffic, especially during the summer months.

The mayor said they will not be asking the Ministry for money to install the traffic lights, only the permission.

### Blockbuster year! Scugog Township issues \$40 million in building permits

December 30, 1987

It has been a record shattering year for new construction in Scugog Township. The value of building permits issued in 1987 by the municipality has soared to more than \$40 million, an increase of almost 100 percent over the \$20.4 million in 1986.

Inflation may account for part of the increase in dollar values, but the actual number of permits is also way up, especially for single family homes.

As of December 13, there had been 336 permits for new single family homes in Scugog, worth more than \$31 million. By comparison, last year the Township issued 203 permits worth just under \$16 million.



### Rewarding career

Storey Beare and his wife Doris attended the Golden Anniversary of his graduation from the Ontario College of Pharmacy, in July 1987, and while there was presented with a plaque to commemorate the occasion. Storey apprenticed with Andy Lawrence at Lawrence Drug Store in Port Perry and then worked in pharmacy related businesses for the next 15 years. In 1951 he joined his brother Bill, at Beare Motors Ltd., then a Dodge-Desoto dealership, which later changed to a General Motors dealership.



**Insuring space for the future**

*Don Forder's building on Water Street was well on its way to being completed in September 1987. Work got underway on the new strip plaza mid-July, after an old garage was removed from the site. When completed the 3,500 sq. ft. building will be occupied by Don Forder Insurance, as well as three more commercial tenants, and four apartments on the upper level overlooking Lake Scugog.*



**Christian School opens its doors to students**

*It's not often you can fit an entire staff of a school in one photograph, but it's easy at Scugog Christian School, located at the rear of the Hope Reformed Christian Church in Prince Albert. The school opened on September 11, 1987 with 52 children, bringing to an end eight months of hectic, intensive work and planning. At back, from left, is teacher in charge Ruth Van Eyk, Wayne Newton-Long, and secretary Bev Mulder. In front are bus driver Hilda Piersman with her daughter Carolyn, Wilma Guetter, Caroline Bos, Barbara Rance and plant supervisor Marg Hiemstra.*





### Moving a law office

*It was moving day early Tuesday, May 19, 1987 for the law offices of Harris, Fletcher, Tesluk Associates as crews from the Moffat House Moving Co. of Fenelon Falls, lifted the familiar Queen Street building and headed through downtown Port Perry.*

*The building, which formerly housed Tripp Real Estate, was moved from its location between the IGA and the United Church, to its new home on Shanly Street, just off Water Street. The building measures about 55'x25' and the cost to move it four blocks was estimated at about \$10,000. Above, hydro crews raise wires so the building could pass under safely.*

*The building, at right, as it looked after being situated on the new site, which later became an issue with the Township of Scugog.*



*Judge P. Lawson, of the Ontario Supreme Court, ruled that the occupants of this building on Shanly Street must vacate the premises by December 31, 1987. However the law firm of Fletcher-Tesluk has launched an appeal of that decision. Scugog Township requested the injunction on the ground that the building is sitting on an unopened and unmaintained section of Shanly Street. The Township is also seeking to have the owners remove the building from the Shanly Street site.*

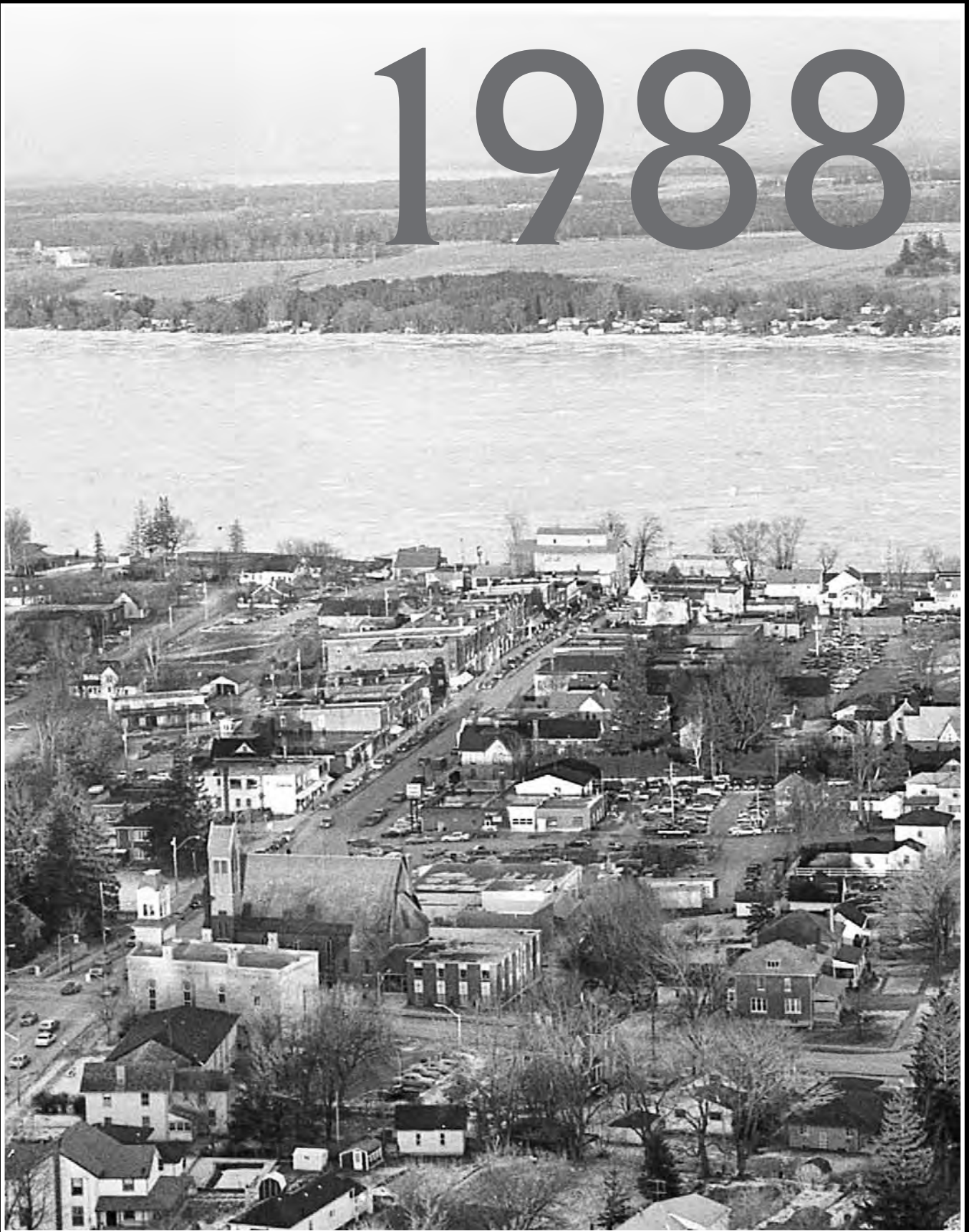
## THE EIGHTIES



*The stores may have changed, but the north side of Queen Street, seen in the 1987 pictures above., look remarkably similar to the way the buildings still look to this today – almost three decades later.*



# 1988



*Aerial view of downtown Port Perry taken from a Re/Max balloon in January 1988.*

**Chamber elects new officers**

*January 19, 1988*

Debbie Jones, of Lake Scugog Lumber was elected president of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce for a two year term, replacing outgoing president Elgin Knopp

Directors are Valerie Butt, Lang Cope, Brent Taylor, Barb Hillier, Allan Goreski, Fred Churchill and Joanne Blanchard.

**Techstar Plastics moving to Port Perry**

*January 19, 1988*

Techstar Plastic Inc. will begin moving into the former Flamingo-Vachon plant in Port Perry about mid-February and the company will begin production by March 1, 1988.

Bill Barnes, Techstar president said that once the move has been completed, Techstar intends to do everything possible to be a good corporate citizen in Scugog Township.

For the past 10 years, Techstar has been operating out of two locations in an industrial mall in Scarborough. Gross sales of the products, mainly plastic containers for commercial and industrial use, are now about \$3 million annually.

When Vachon Inc. of Quebec announced last fall that it would be shutting down its Flamingo pastries plant in Port Perry, Techstar began negotiations to purchase the plant.

Vachon shut down the Port Perry butter tart manufacturing operation on January 15, 1988, resulting in about 100 employees losing their jobs.

*May 1988*

**Durham Region Council votes against any extension of Sunday retail shopping in the Region.**



**100 year-old dock logs removed from bottom of Lake Scugog**

*February 16, 1988*

More than 30 hand hewn logs, cribbing from an large wharf on the Lake Scugog waterfront during the late 1800s, were hauled out of the lake after a century underwater. A crew headed by Ira Carr, gently eased an 11 ton backhoe out onto the ice to remove the stones and cribbing in February 1988.

In all, somewhere between 30-40 logs were lifted from the lake bottom by the backhoe and piled on shore. The largest of the logs was about 40' long and measured 16"x16". All of the logs are in near perfect shape and will be taken to Scugog Shores Museum for some future use.







#### Downtown Port Perry site of old-fashioned candy store

*Nuts About Chocolate (now The Nutty Chocolatier) officially opened its doors May 29, 1988 with a ribbon cutting ceremony by Mayor Jerry Taylor. The Queen Street store features all kinds of tasty treats and the interior is designed to resemble an old-fashioned candy store reminiscent of the 1890s. Owner Ken Koury is seen here behind the counter of the store with two employees, Danielle Cliche and Eve Johnston.*



#### IGA opens \$1.5 million expansion of Queen Street store

*Port Perry IGA owners Jim Grieve and Alex Ramey are seen here in front of the grocery store, in June 1988, which had just undergone a major \$1.5 million renovation and expansion. The expansion has given the store a completely new look inside and out. More than 6,000 sq. ft. of floor space was added, for a total of 15,600 sq. ft. of shopping area, plus an additional 21,000 sq. ft. for stock and storage. This was the third major expansion of the popular Queen Street store in the past 17 years.*





*This aerial view of Port Perry, with Lake Scugog in the background, shows early construction taking place, with some of the Victorian Village homes underway in mid-January 1988. The development, built on the former "Poplar Park" property, took 14 years to*





clear all the hurdles. Local realtor Howard Forder began selling the “storybook homes” of Victorian Village in May 1985 and by June 1988, Ribcor Holdings held a grand opening ribbon cutting in front of one of the new homes. See photo on page 123.





**Seawall around Conway Development**

Work was nearing completion on a concrete block seawall around the Conway Development at the south end of Lake Scugog in March 1988. The wall is the first stage in the construction of the massive \$20 million residential and shopping complex planned for the property.

The wall, shows only a couple of feet above ground, but actually is about four feet high. The wall was laid about two feet below the mud and water level to avoid the ice from getting under the blocks and lifting them in the spring when the ice starts to move on the lake.



**Council gives the "go ahead" for Brooks farm project**

March 1, 1988

Development plans for the Brooks farm subdivision (Canterbury Common) received a shot in the arm when council agreed to support an application for an Official Plan amendment at Durham Region.

Developers Mark Attar and Bob Ivany told council they would be willing to provide municipal water to the property owners along Highland Beach, by extending the water lines when they are being installed in the new subdivision.

Council members were in agreement with the offer and Mayor Jerry Taylor commented, "I would think that the availability of municipal water should increase the value of the properties on Highland Beach".

The developers are hoping that the 119 lot subdivision can get the necessary approvals so that they can get construction underway by late spring of next year.

**Conway development proposal moves closer to approval**

March 1, 1988

The Conway Development proposal moved a significant step closer to approval Monday when Scugog councillors voted to support an amendment to the Durham Region Official Plan.

Council now has officially given the project "approval in principle" which clears the way for developer Hans Moehring to file for the necessary amendments to the Region's official plan.

The development would take place on about 10 acres of land owned by Mr. Moehring where Conway Restaurant, Bayshore Take-out and a car wash are now located. The commercial part of the project would be along the highway, while the condominiums and apartment buildings would be closer to the shore of Lake Scugog.

Scugog Township planner, John McDermott told council the developer has agreed to several changes. One of the major changes reduces the number of condominium buildings from four to three to allow more open space to the project.



# 1988 DEVELOPMENT BOOM

## Residents question council, new houses or farmland?

February 16, 1988

Scugog Township should be prepared to protect existing farmers if they allow an estate lot subdivision in rural north Port Perry. That was the message sent to councillors at a jam-packed meeting with regards to the proposed 70 lot development called Honey Heights.

Dr. William Cohoon, who operates a large hog and dairy farm near the proposed development strongly objected to the new subdivision on the grounds that agricultural land must be preserved and houses are not compatible with existing farming operations.

More than 60 people, many of them residents of Honey's Beach or Castle Harbour jammed the council chambers for the public meeting proposed on the 200

acre farm once owned by the late Frank Honey.

George and Willy Stone are the developers and George Stone told the meeting there is a need for expensive homes on large rural lots in Scugog Township.

He said Honey Heights will be a "triple A" development that will be a compliment to the township and ourselves.

Dr. Cohoon told council if the development gets the green light they should be prepared to fight any "nuisance complaints" that may arise and said in his own case he would "seek damages" should it become a negative impact on his farming operation.

## Council gives a 'nod' to Honey Heights subdivision development

May 17, 1988

The proposed Honey Heights subdivision has been given "approval in principle" by Scugog Township.

But the number of lots has been scaled down considerably, from the original 74 to 47 and the Township will retain a strip of open space along the Lake Scugog shoreline.

The revised plan for 47 lots was unveiled for council by developers George and Willie Stone.

The developers plan for a road to link the

development with Castle Harbour and also to link up with the Honey's Beach Road. Another link to the 9th Concession would be built to the north of Honey's Beach.

In granting the "approval in principle" council asked that the open space area along the lake be enlarged by about the size of two lots and the developers turn over to the municipality about an acre of land off Concession 9 that can be used as a parking area for ice fishermen and snowmobilers in the winter.



Opening ceremonies and a ribbon cutting were held on June 15, 1988 to celebrate the opening of Victorian Village. Mayor Jerry Taylor cut the ribbon in front of a model home while architect John Beresford, developers Lou, Lorne and Marty Stein and others involved with the project lined up to take part in the celebration.

## Lou's Victorian Village dream becomes a reality

June 21, 1988

Fourteen years after Lou Stein first set eyes on Poplar Park, his dream has come true.

From an empty field, the principal of Ribcor Holdings has fashioned a unique and affordable subdivision of unusual homes, all styled with Victorian ambience.

Victorian Village, as it is known, is the product of Ribcor Holdings, Picture Homes and Lou Stein's persistence.

Mr. Stein said that people really seem to like the Victorian theme, and from the moment they started advertising, response was immediate and overwhelming.

Construction of phase one of the project is almost complete and already 70 percent of the 88 homes are sold. Phase two of Victorian Village will begin when the first phase is sold out.



**Hanks Pastries 25th Birthday**

*Angie and Ken DeJong, their family and staff, are celebrating the 25th birthday of their business, Hank's Pastries this month. Here Angie and Ken hold up a tray of their famous, tasty, cinnamon buns as they get ready for an Open House they are holding between May 30 and June 4, 1988, in celebration of this milestone in the family business, started by Ken's father Hank.*

**Strike by Township employees settled after two weeks**

*June 14, 1988*

The strike by 11 Scugog Township office staff was into its second week and there was not a lot of optimism from either side that the dispute will be settled quickly.

Speaking for council, finance committee chairman Harvey Graham said "frankly, I'm not very optimistic that the council will offer a lot more money."

The office employees, members of CUPE Local 1785 set up picket lines shortly after noon on June 7, when mediation efforts that morning failed to make any headway.

They are asking for a \$2 per hour across the board wage increase (about \$4,000 annually). The Township, at the mediation meeting repeated their offer of \$2,000 across the board plus a \$200 immediate lump sum payment.

One week later, striking employees were back in the office after voting 70 percent in favour of accepting a \$2,600 per annum increase.

*May 1988*

**Anna Forder-McLaughlin inducted into the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame, at the 3rd Annual Induction Ceremony held at the Oshawa Civic Centre.**



**Reunion of former Hank's Pastries employees**

*It was old home week at Hank's Pastries on June 3, 1988, when some of the women who waited on the tables when the business first opened, tied on aprons and got behind the counter, in honour of the businesses' 25th birthday. From left, Kent Farndale, whose father Grant Gerrow owned the bakery before it was sold to Hank DeJong. Next to Kent is Minnie DeJong, Bernice Tennyson, Lorraine Leduc and Diny Peever, daughter of Hank and Minnie DeJong.*





**Bruton's IDA sporting a new look**

*Bruton's IDA was celebrating the "new look" of its Queen Street store in May 1988, when owner Jim Lawrence lined his staff up for a picture for the "Sellabration Sale". Staff members, from left, are Renee Quan, Michelle, Heather Lawrence, Jack (the clown), Jim Lawrence, Bev Evans, Margaret Lawrence, Marilyn Hutchinson and Tony Burnett.*

**Taylor will call it quits after 17 years in municipal politics**

*July 5, 1988*

When Scugog voters go to the polls in the November municipal election, one familiar name will be missing from the ballot.

Jerry Taylor, after 17 years in local government, including the last decade as mayor, made his retirement "official" last week.

The man who has been affectionately known as the "Mayor for all the people" is turning in the gavel, and hanging up the chain of office to devote more time to his insurance business.

**Plans unveiled for \$7 million Water Street retirement home**

*July 12, 1988*

Council greeted with interest a proposal for the construction of 110 suite "retirement hotel" to be built on about an acre of land on the northwest corner of Water and Casimir Streets.

Speaking for the developer, Selwin Development Corporation, lawyer Michael Fowler told council if the project gets the necessary approval, the first step would be the demolition of the old "creamery building" along with other buildings to the north.

The project will cost about \$7 million and the four storey building would include 6,000 sq. ft. of commercial space on the ground floor, along with 110 retirement units on the top three floors.



**Roast for retiring Scugog Township mayor**

*These five gentlemen didn't pull any punches, as "roasters" of Mayor Jerry Taylor in July, 1988. The "Roast", sponsored by the Port Perry Rotary Club, was held to honour the Township's long-time mayor and they fired some dandy shots at him, all in good fun, and took a few good ones back when the mayor replied in turn. From left front, with Mayor Taylor are Durham Police Chief Jon Jenkins, Scugog councillor Harvey Graham, Durham Regional Chairman Gary Herrema. Back left, Mike Fowler and former Scugog councillor Dr. Jack Cottrell.*

## Search for new by-law officer

July 12, 1988

Scugog Township continues its search for a new by-law enforcement officer, a position which has been vacant for the past eight weeks, after the resignation of Don Intine.

Township administrator Earl Cuddie informed council he has about 15 application, but reported that qualified applicants with working experience are demanding more money than the Township is willing to pay.

## Region moves to deal with growing garbage crisis

August 3, 1988

Faced with a pending crisis on what to do with garbage, Durham Region council took some initial steps to address the problem over the long haul.

During a seven hour meeting, council endorsed several resolutions aimed as solving the garbage problem, among them a target of 25 percent reduction through recycling and reuse programs by 1993.

Currently about two percent of the total garbage generated in Durham is recycled.

Council learned that it will take at least four years for Durham to find a site and have a new landfill site opened, at a cost of about \$20 million.

A week earlier, Durham Region Works Department recommended that the Scugog Landfill site, just west of Port Perry will be closed next year.

Durham councillors were told the site is reaching its maximum for garbage and studies by the Region suggest it would not be economically viable to attempt to extend the life of the dump. It was anticipated that the site would reach its capacity by March 1989.



The Becker's Milk Store chain had two stores in Port Perry in 1988, this one on Queen Street, beside the post office and a second location on Hwy. 7A in the Lakeview Plaza.

November 15, 1988

**Zoecon Manufacturing, which has been operating for 16 years in a 20,000 sq. ft. plant, the former Peel Hatchery building, announced it would be closing. Fifteen people will lose their jobs.**



This small plaza, located on Hwy. 7A, across from Port Perry Plaza as it looked in July 1988. Dairy Queen has been the main tenant for the past 15 years, but in 1988 there was Switzer Motors, Rent & Save, The Co-operators Insurance and Cine-Max video store.



## Sizzling summer dries up water wells

August 16, 1988

Randy Dowson, owner of Dowson Water Haulage is pretty nervous.

"This is the worst year in 80 years for wells going dry. It's getting scary now," he admits when asked about the water situation.

When he started his business 10 years ago, most of his business came from filling swimming pools, but these days he's getting up to 15 calls every day from homeowners and farmers desperate for water.

Normally Mr. Dowson's busiest months are July to October, but he says the dry well calls started as early as May this year. He's trucked more water in July this year than ever before estimating it at 830,000 gallons, mostly for replenishing wells.

### Lake Scugog water levels low

Port Perry Marina operator John Mackie, right, uses a yardstick to show how low the water level has dropped at the government dock in Port Perry by August 20, 1988. The dark line, shadowed above by white, is where the water used to be, but now is several inches lower. According to officials at the Trent-Severn Waterway, the lake was six inches lower than it was on the same date a year earlier. The agency is warning mariners to exercise caution when navigating Lake Scugog and the Scugog River.



### Scugog's new by-law official

Bill Henshall was appointed the new by-law enforcement officer for Scugog Township. Mr. Henshall started his duties on September 6, 1988. He has a working background in security and said he's looking forward to the challenge of his new job. Scugog has been without a by-law officer for several months.

## Johnson takes over Simpson operation

September 7, 1988

The A.G. Simpson assembly business at the Port Perry plant, on the Oshawa Road, just south of town, has been purchased by Johnson Controls of Milwaukee.

The Port Perry plant will operate under the company name of Hoover Universal Canada Ltd., and will continue to produce vehicle seat tracks for the automotive industry.

The deal was officially finalized August 1, with A.G. Simpson retaining ownership of the land and Hoover operating with a long term lease.



Kentucky Fried Chicken opened an outlet in Port Perry during August 1988 in at plaza on the south side of Hwy. 7A, beside the Port Perry Plaza.



**The end of an era for Bayshore Take-out**

The Bayshore Take-out building was a familiar part of Port Perry's landscape for 15 years, but it was closed down in October 1988 to make room for the \$25 million Conway development project. It will be removed from the site soon.

The Bayshore sign, right, was the first sign with a flashing light in Port Perry when it was installed 15 years ago.



August 1988

**Former Scugog mayor, Lawrence Malcolm, announced he would be retiring from municipal politics this year. It was 30 years ago when he was first elected to council in Cartwright.**



There is a little sadness in the hearts of the Hillier family this week as they have closed down their Bayshore Take-out. The familiar take-out, located on Hwy. 7A across from Port Perry Plaza, will be removed to make way for the new Conway development. The entire family has worked at Bayshore over the past 15 years at one time or another. From left, standing, Doug Hillier, daughter Barb and son Steve. Front seated, left, daughter Nancy and Doug's wife Marilyn. Although closing the Bayshore, the Hilliers will continue to operate Conway Place until it is required for the development.

**No more commercial west of Lilla Street council says**

September 20, 1988

In what members of Scugog council say is a "message to the community," a re-zoning application to turn a Queen Street residence into a commercial property was denied.

The property in question is on the south side of Queen Street, immediately to the west of the Masonic Lodge. It is a large Victorian-era home owned for 30 years by Ray and Jane Litt.

Local accountant Roger Moase was looking to re-zone the property to accommodate his business on the main floor and convert the second floor into one apartment.

Council was unanimous in turning down the zoning change application, all voicing they did not want to see the Queen Street commercial extend west of Lilla Street.

"Once the barrier is broken, it would be tough to stop it continuing it right up Queen Street to the high school," said the mayor.



## Hospital will not have to shut beds

October 4, 1988

The Provincial health Ministry has come up with \$150,000 in extra funds this year to help offset the \$272,000 deficit at Community Memorial Hospital in Port Perry.

Administrator David Brown said the additional money means the hospital will not be forced to trim its costs by shutting beds or laying off staff.

However the hospital will reduce the number of hours for employees in three departments. Mr. Brown added "the hospital will not be creating any new positions this year, even if the workload continues to increase as it has for the past several years.

## Lord's Prayer banned from schools

October 12, 1988

Students in public elementary and secondary schools in Scugog Township are no longer saying the Lord's Prayer as part of their opening exercises each morning.

In the wake of a recent court case involving the use of the Lord's Prayer in Ontario public schools, the Ministry of Education has told school boards that the prayer can no longer be used.

The Board has recommended that the prayer be replaced with a "Student's Credo for Canadian Unity."



Judy McColl, the face of the Scugog Memorial Library, resigned her position as Chief Librarian effective December 23, 1988, to take up a new job and challenges with the Ontario Library Service-Trent Region. Mrs. McColl worked at the local library for the past 15 years, the past five as Chief Librarian.

## Council outraged by overspending

December 20, 1988

Members of Scugog Council expressed outrage on learning the construction project on the Blackstock Arena and Recreation Centre was \$135,000 over budget. The \$225,000 project ended up costing 60% more than original estimates.

December 6, 1988

**One of the town's longest serving businessmen, Arthur Brock, 83, passed away after almost 60 years working at Brock's Dept. Store on Queen Street.**



Work on the new Port Perry Pentecostal Church, on Durham Road 8 across from the Scugog Arena, was progressing well in October 1988, with the roof trusses in place. It was only seven weeks ago the congregation gathered at the new site to turn the sod for their new building. Rev. David Beesley and his congregation hope to be able to hold their first service in the new building before Christmas.



**Changing of the guard in Scugog Township**

*The changing of the guard. Retiring Mayor Jerry Taylor congratulates Scugog Township's newly elected mayor, Port Perry businessman Howard Hall, in front of the tally board at the Latham Centre on Monday, November 15, 1988. Mr. Hall defeated his two chief rivals, Harvey Graham and John Wolters by a comfortable margin.*

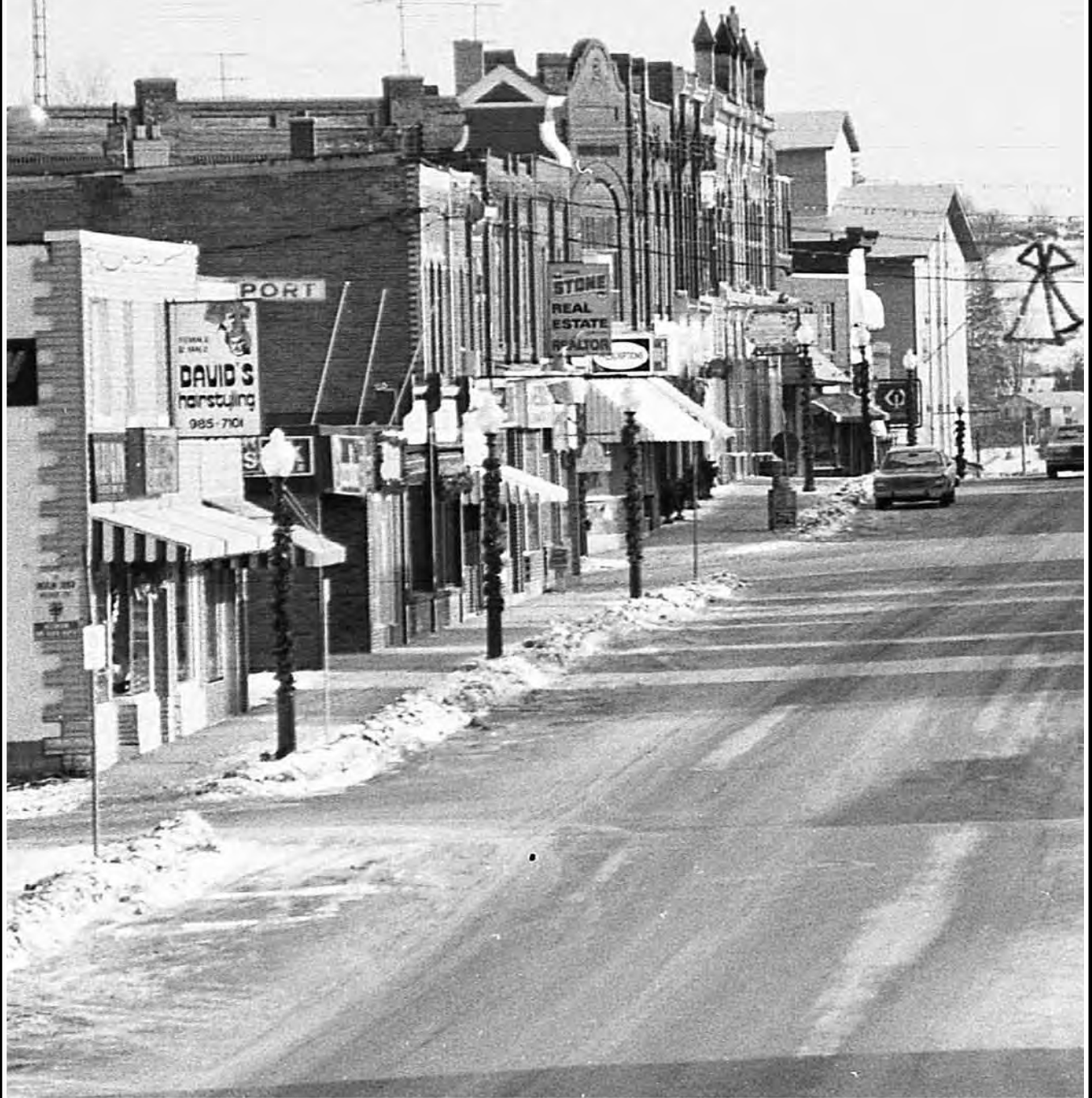


**Scugog's new council ready to get to work**

*Scugog Township's new council is sworn in and now ready to get down to business. The newly elected members of Scugog Township council took their official oaths on December 5, 1988 during a ceremonial inaugural meeting. From left, front, Regional Councillor Yvonne Christie, Mayor Howard Hall and area councillor Don Cochrane. Back left, Marilyn Pearce (Ward 2), Allan Goreski (Ward 3), Neil Hunter (Ward 1) and Glenn Malcolm (Ward 4).*



# 1989



*Downtown Queen Street on January 1, 1989.*



*Les Parkes, in the short time he has lived in Scugog Township, has become one of the most well-known faces in the community. At 63, he has funnelled his interests into his favourite preoccupation, painting, and a collection of his work is now on display in the gallery of Scugog Memorial Library. Mr. Parkes show features watercolour paintings of some of Durham Region's most well-known scenes, including portraits of several Scugog area homes.*

## Men escape truck, snowmobile as they sink

January 17, 1989

A late-model truck and a snowmobile plunged through the ice of Lake Scugog within hours of each other near Seven Mile Island on January 14.

Two brothers were snowmobiling on separate machines, when one hit a pressure crack and dove into open water, throwing the driver into the frigid water. He was rescued and taken to Port Perry Hospital with a dislocated shoulder.

Michael Bikow, 31, of Pickering was driving on the lake about 4 p.m., when his truck broke through the ice. Both he and his passenger were able to escape the truck before it sank.

## Dramatic rescue saves mother and baby girl

January 31, 1989

Ask any mother and she'll tell you childbirth isn't easy, but Carolyn and John Irwin of Scugog Island had more problems than usual delivering their baby into the world.

Armed with the knowledge that Carolyn was carrying a breech baby, she had been booked for a Caesarean section in Oshawa, but she never did make it.

It took a sander, ambulance, police cruiser and a 4x4 truck to get Carolyn safely to the Community Memorial Hospital, after an ice storm arrived at the same time as the couple were getting ready to go to the hospital.

Roads to Pine Point, where the Irwin's lived, were ice-slicked and near impassable, but thanks to an impressive crew and friends, she made it to the hospital and gave birth to a healthy baby girl.



*Queen Street, Port Perry was very quiet on New Year's morning 1989 when this picture was taken, looking east towards the lake.*





*This architect's concept drawing, presented to Scugog council in February 1989, shows what the \$25 million commercial/residential development on the former Conway property will look like when it's completed.*

## 'Lakeside' development almost ready to go

February 14, 1989

Four years and three architects after unveiling preliminary plans for the Conway property, developer Hans Moehring says they are just about ready to get started.

Mr. Moehring was in front of Scugog council on Monday to bring them up-to-date on the progress of the Conway development, which will become known as "The Lakeside."

It is expected that heavy equipment will be moved onto the property in the near future with excavation of both condominiums, underground parking and the commercial plaza, to be known as Tower Market, starting in the spring.

Architect Bill Woodworth unveiled an artists concept of the project and explained the Tower Market building would be 70,000 sq. ft. of retail space, enclosed under a 400 foot long roof, designed similar to the St. Lawrence Market, in Toronto.

Mr. Moehring added, the main entrance to both the condos and the Market would be by an access road called "Otter Lane" off of Water St., with another entrance opposite the Port Perry Plaza on Hwy. 7A.

Each of the 90 condominium units will have access by two elevators and provide a spectacular view

Council was overall impressed with the project and Mayor Howard Hall told Mr. Moehring, "We are happy with your proposal and will do what we can to help you."

January, 1989

**Following a one-day strike, Durham Region high school teachers reached a settlement with the Board of Education giving them an increase of 4.8 percent the first year and a further 4.9 percent the second year.**

## Firefighters call for Hall 2 Fire Chief to retire

March 7, 1989

Scugog council has asked the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office to conduct a study of fire protection services for the township.

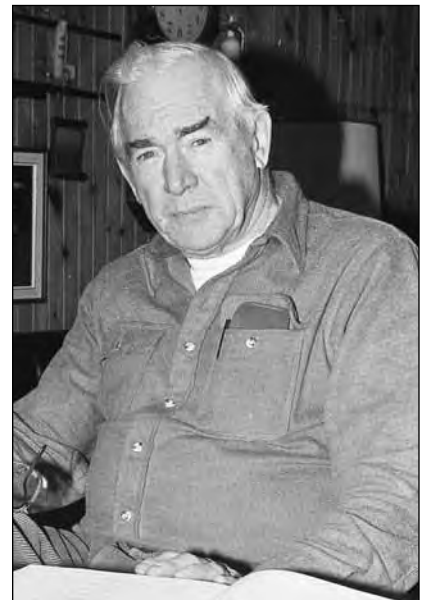
The move came following an "in-camera" meeting to deal with a petition from Caesarea, Hall 2 firefighters, asking for the retirement of Fire Chief Len Scott.

Scugog has two fire halls, each with its own chiefs. Len Scott is the chief of the Caesarea Hall and Jack Cook is chief of the Port Perry Hall.

Neither Mayor Howard Hall or Chief Scott would comment following the meeting.

March 7, 1989

**Development in Scugog Township leaped to an all time high of \$47.1 million in 1988, representing a 17 percent increase from a year earlier.**



*Joel Aldred, 68, one of Scugog's best known citizens has spent the past 18 months on the National Advisory Council on Aging. The council advises the Federal government on the many problems faced by a large and growing segment of the population: those over 65. Mr. Aldred believes income security, transportation and suitable and affordable housing are the three major issues facing seniors in Canada.*

## Historic Creamery building falls to progress



*March 28, 1989*

One of Port Perry's older landmarks, the old Creamery building on Water Street was in the process of being torn down to make way for either a seniors housing project or condominiums.

The Creamery was originally constructed in 1886 by Joshua W. Curts, for use as an egg warehouse and hatchery. It was later purchased by Allan Goode who operated an ice cream factory and later his creamery business.

Demolition of the creamery building and the vacant Frank Real Estate office, below, was progressing rapidly when these pictures were taken in mid-March, 1989.

This project along with the twinning of the sewer line and reconstruction of Water Street will make travel along the lakefront a little inconvenient for the next few months.

Note: In November 1991, an official opening was held for the opening of the Water Park Condominiums on this site.



*Demolition was underway on the Creamery building, left, and the former Frank Real Estate building, right, in March 1989*



## New school is named for Sam

March 28, 1989

When S.A. (Sam) Cawker started his teaching career in a one-room school more than half a century ago, he never dreamed that one day a new, modern school would be named in his honour.

Mr. Cawker, 83, said he was "delighted and honoured" when he learned the new elementary school now under construction in Port Perry will be called the S.A. Cawker Public School.

That name was a runaway favourite among the nearly 500 Scugog residents who took the opportunity to cast their votes for the name of a new school.

Mr. Cawker, right, is seen standing in front of the new school which is under construction on Simcoe Street north.



## Drought decimates Scugog wells

March 28, 1989

Ted Kirk knows all about dry wells. Five weeks ago a well 600 feet deep was drilled on his farm that would have cost him \$18,000, but it was dry as a bone.

Two weeks ago he sent eight pure-bred Aberdeen Angus to the stockyard because he could not water his whole herd.

He's not alone. People all over Scugog Township are experiencing the tail end of one of the driest winters in recent history. Wells are drying up faster now than they did last summer.

March 7, 1989

**Scugog council announced Scugog Landfill site will be closed in three weeks and the cost of getting rid of garbage is going to increase dramatically. The present tipping fee at the dump is \$28 per tonne. Charges at an outside dump could be as high as \$85 per tonne.**



Constructed in 1860, the Head Church of Scugog Island may be designated a Heritage building. The church is now part of the Scugog Shores Museum, though it is still used for special services. Pat Boyd, chairman of the Museum Committee explained that if it gets a designation, they could apply for a provincial grant to fix the foundation of the church.

## Scugog Landfill Site is closed



April 4, 1989

The Scugog Landfill site, on Regional Road 8 (Reach Road), shut down for good on Friday, March 31, 1989.

The Region will now begin the expensive process of covering the site with a clay sealer and grass seed. The cost of this is estimated at \$1.1 million.

A transfer station for household garbage and a bin for corrugated cardboard for recycling has been set up at the dump site for the convenience of the public. Household trash collected curb-side will now have to be trucked to Brock West in Pickering for dumping.



Gord Lewis Motors Sales was located in this Water Street garage, at the corner of Casimir Street, in March 1989. The building still remains today, one of the few original buildings along this stretch of Water Street.





### Port Perry merchants elect BIA executive

Port Perry's downtown merchants formed a Business Improvement Area (BIA) and the first executive consists of, back left, Tom Mitchell, chairman, Ken Koury, vice-chairman, Fred Churchill and Liz Mennega, treasurer. Front left, Bob Alexander, Tracy Strong, secretary and Mayor Howard Hall, representing Scugog Township. In his opening remarks to the new group, Mr. Mitchell said that now that the BIA is a reality, they could get to work promoting and beautifying the downtown.

### Fire Chief Scott bitter from forced resignation

April 25, 1989

At the request of Scugog Township council, Len Scott has resigned as Chief of the Fire Department in Caesarea.

Chief Scott, a 34 year veteran, said he was "bitter and disappointed," but had no choice. "Council told me to resign or be fired, so I resigned."

Earlier this year, council was presented with a petition signed by 19 firefighters expressing a loss of confidence in Chief Scott, a lack of leadership in certain situations and dictatorial methods.

The petition said the department in Caesarea could be hit with mass resignations unless the Chief resigned. Mayor Howard Hall said, "It was a very tough decision for all members of council."

### Objections to development proposals go to OMB

May 2, 1989

Two residential developments are being opposed by Scugog Township residents and are headed to the OMB.

A formal objection to a proposed 38-unit senior citizens apartment building in Port Perry has been filed with the Ontario Municipal Board.

The objection was presented to council on the last day for filing an objection to the local by-law passed on March 27, which gave the proposal the green light.

The 38-unit building is proposed for land on the now unopened Cedar Street at the rear of Immaculate Conception Church and School on Hwy. 7A.

In the other end of town, objections have been filed with the OMB against the Honey Heights subdivision proposal.

The Honey's Beach ratepayers association is expressing concern over the impact of the proposed 28 new lots may have on their existing wells.

A separate letter of objection was filed by George Gadanidis, who expressed concern over well water impact and also the fact the proposed subdivision lands are now zoned agriculture or open space.

### "Unique U-Turn" on Queen Street will remain for now

April 18, 1989

Motorists will be able to continue making "U-Turns" at the foot of Queen Street for a while longer thanks to the tie-breaking vote of Mayor Howard Hall.

At a recent council meeting, councillor Marilyn Pearce made a motion to prohibit U-Turns from Lilla Street to Water Street.

A letter to Scugog council, from the Chamber of Commerce, urged council to put in place the proper by-law that would make U-Turns within this intersection a fineable offence.

Councillor Don Cochrane said, "It is a unique thing in our town. It's quaint, I like it and I'm going to stick with it." The same sentiments were echoed by councillor Yvonne Christie. "Why change the uniqueness," she commented.

Councillor Pearce was visibly upset with some councillors lack of concern for safety. "General safety is the priority here, not the uniqueness of a U-Turn," she said.

Councillor Pearce could not get the support of councillors and Mayor Hall voted against the motion, breaking the tie vote, and saving the town's unique U-Turn at the bottom of the main street.

### Council will not cap Chalk Lake spring

April 25, 1989

Scugog Township council passed a resolution informing Durham Region it is not in favour of capping the popular Chalk Lake water spring on Durham Road 23.

Council was presented with a survey conducted by local shop owner Lyn Sparling which showed that 84 people want the spring kept open and available. The controversy around this natural water spring has been bubbling away for months.



**Water Street gets a make-over**

*This view of Water Street looking north from Hwy. 7A shows the street before a major reconstruction and upgrading during the spring and summer of 1989. The old Creamery building can be seen in the centre of the picture before it was removed to make way for a new seniors complex.*



*Construction was a familiar scene along Water Street throughout the summer of 1989. An extensive project to replace water and sewer lines along the street caused inconvenience for motorists and shop owners. The sewer and water line phase was nearing completion by June. This was to be followed by the reconstruction of Water Street with new sidewalks, curbs, gutters and fresh asphalt.*



## Grumble Hill proposes 80 unit complex

May 16, 1989

Dr. Bill Cohoon appeared before council outlining a proposal for an 80 unit retirement centre to be constructed at Simcoe Street (Old Simcoe Road) and Paxton Street, with quick access to the hospital.

The Grumble Hill Retirement centre would be located in a large L-shaped building, three storeys high with apartments on the second and third floors. The first floor would hold common recreation areas, a dining room, large glass atrium and staff areas.

Council had several concerns about the proposal, which they said would have to be addressed, prior to approving the necessary rezoning.

## Compromise on snowmobile by-law

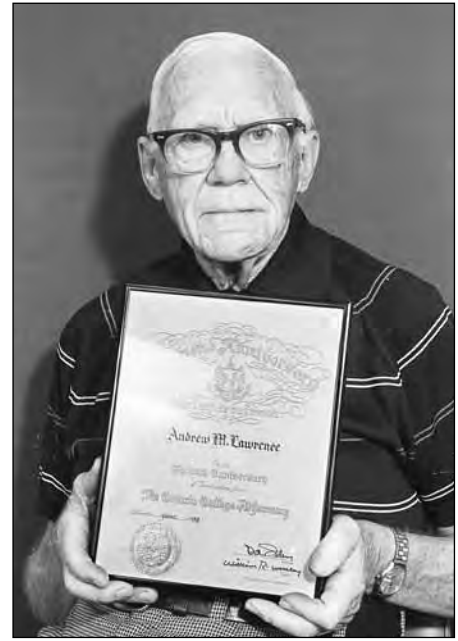
June 6, 1989

Scugog's new draft by-law has raised the anger of snowmobilers as it calls for a ban on snowmobiles from virtually all areas in Port Perry and Prince Albert.

About 40 people attended a meeting of council, voicing their objections and it appears as if council is ready to take another look at the by-law.

Councillor Marilyn Pearce said at the meeting that a compromise in the new by-law is needed, and suggested rather than an outright ban, she would like to see a midnight curfew in residential areas.

Also to be considered was councillor Yvonne Christie's suggestion, that snowmobiles be banned from using Queen and Lilla Streets, with the exception they would be allowed to cross those streets at right angles.



### Diamond Anniversary graduate

Andrew (Andy) M. Lawrence of Port Perry attended a Pharmacy Alumni Association dinner at the University of Toronto in June 1989, and was presented with a Diamond Anniversary Certificate, as a 60 year graduate of the Ontario College of Pharmacy. Mr. Lawrence bought the A.J. Davis Pharmacy on Queen Street in 1930 and operated the business for 40 years before retiring and selling it to Gordon Parkin.



Aerial view of the four corners in downtown Blackstock, during the summer of 1989.



**Dowson's mark 40 years of service to community**

The Dowson name has been associated with the grocery business in Port Perry for the past four decades. It was in the spring of 1949 when Merlin Dowson first opened a food store on Queen Street, eventually becoming known as Dowson's Red & White. They later moved to the Port Perry Plaza and became Valu-mart. Pictured, in June 1989, are members of the family who play an active role in the operation of Valu-mart. From left, Dave and Nancy Obee, Merlin Dowson and his wife Dora, Ken Dowson, Cary Dowson and at right, front, Shirley and Don Gibson.



**End of the line for Larry**

After 23 years as manager of the Scugog Hydro Commission, Larry Mabley is retiring the end of June 1989. Larry worked 13 years in Toronto before coming to Port Perry. He is turning over the reins to Terry Adlerley, a Port Perry native who has worked for the last 20 years with the Oshawa PUC. Terry, his wife Pat and their two children are in the process of moving back home to Port Perry.



It was a night of honours for former Scugog Township Mayors Lawrence Malcolm, second left, and Jerry Taylor as they received accolades from more than 200 friends and political colleagues. Durham-York MPP Bill Ballinger, left, and Durham East MPP Sam Cureatz, right, are seen presenting plaques to the two respected men in appreciation of their service to the community. Mr. Malcolm and Mr. Taylor have a combined total of more than 40 years of political service. The event took place on July 2, 1989.





**Water ski show thrills thousands at lakefront**

*July 18, 1989*

Port Perry's lakefront was jammed with spectators last Saturday afternoon to see the Evinrude Water Ski Show, which featured some of Canada's top water skiers.

Included in the performance were water ballet routines, helicopter and ramp flips, barefoot skiers, kite flyers and an exciting pyramid.

The two shows attracted some of the largest crowds ever seen to the waterfront to witness this colourful exciting show.

**Tax committee vows to monitor spending**

*July 5, 1989*

A newly formed citizens group wants market value assessment in Scugog Township scrapped, and roll back assessments to 1983 values as a method of calculating property taxes.

The group, called Citizens Against Unjust Taxes, has promised to monitor spending by school boards and local and regional councillors.

More than 300 people jammed their way into the Nestleton Community Hall last week and all of them had one thing in common – they are angry over the hikes this year in their property taxes.

Township farmer David Frew said, "We are totally opposed to the inexcusable tax grab by all levels of government," and suggested an inflation rate of 5.6 percent should be considered as a guideline for tax increases.

He noted the mill rate hike in Scugog of 14.8 percent, and many property owners were hit with even higher increases through re-assessment.

View Lake resident Barb Walton, one of the original organizers of the new citizen's group called on politicians and bureaucrats to trim spending, not increase taxes.

**S.A. Cawker School to open September 5**

*July 25, 1989*

An official with the Durham Board of Education said last week Port Perry's new S.A. Cawker Public School will open for classes on September 5.

Ted Beauchamps, construction coordinator for the Board said, "the school will need some finishing touches" when students begin classes, but any inconvenience will be minor.

He said that over the last 10 months of construction, about 40 working days were lost due to bad weather, but things are coming together very rapidly now.



*Work on the new S.A. Cawker Public School are progressing and the Board of Education says it will be open for students in September, 1989.*

## 'The Lakeside' condominium and indoor mall set to get underway this fall

July 25, 1989

Construction on the massive condominium-shopping mall in Port Perry could start this fall, according to developer Hans Moehring.

Mr. Moehring said that while all the major development agreements have been settled, there are still several loose ends to bring together before works starts on what will be the largest single development project in Scugog Township.

He said the tentative date to get underway on the 90 luxury condominiums and indoor market mall is this fall, with the target date for completion set for late 1990 and early 1991.

The indoor covered market with two levels and an outdoor bell tower is to be built on the land where Conway Place and the former Bayshore Take-out and a car wash now sit.

The project has been four years in the planning stages and the costs have already pushed over \$3 million.

Mr. Moehring said the luxury condo units of one, two and three bedrooms are going to reflect the costs of the development, estimated at \$25 million.

He expected prices would range from about \$340,000 for a 1,200 sq. ft. single bedroom unit to \$750,000 for a massive 2,400 sq. ft. three bedroom unit.

The complex will include underground parking, an indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool, green garden area and sun patio.

## Water well runs dry for 85 Greenbank homes

August 1, 1989

About 85 homes in Greenbank were without water for nearly eight hours last week, when the communal well ran dry.

Regional Works department crews were called to the scene about 4 a.m. and got the water services restored to the homes some eight hours later.

As a result, the Region slapped a total ban on all "non essential" water uses for the homes affected. This includes things such as watering lawns and washing cars.

Region officials said the fact they have put a ban on all non-essential waters uses reflects the seriousness of the situation in Greenbank.

As of last Friday in Scugog Township, there had been no measurable rainfall for about 35 days.



An artist's concept of "The Lakeside" development, which will be built on the Conway property. The illustration shows a view of the complex looking south from Lake Scugog.



The Conway Place family dining restaurant, right, and the Bayshore Take-out building, left, located on Hwy. 7A, near the causeway, will be demolished in the near future to make room for the new \$25 million commercial and residential development on the property. Bayshore Take-out closed in October 1988, and Conway Place in August 1989.





### 40,000 chickens perish in \$1.25 million inferno

*Damage and loss of equipment is expected to top \$1.25 million in a spectacular fire which destroyed a 500 foot long chicken barn July 30, 1989 near Blackstock. The fire was first spotted by a pilot of an aircraft who radioed Oshawa airport with the alarm. More than 40,000 laying hens were lost in the inferno which started at the north end of the barn near an electrical room and worked its way along the entire length of the two storey structure. Firefighters from Caesarea and Port Perry halls were on the scene for more than six hours. Estimated loss of chickens, equipment and the barn will be in excess of \$1.25 million.*

### Work underway to move Chalk Lake spring across road

August 9, 1989

Water service at the Chalk Lake spring will be disrupted temporarily over the next month as construction begins to reroute the fresh water well to the west side of Regional Road 23.

Officials with Durham Region works department said the spring will continue to flow from the east side of the road during initial stages of construction and every effort will be made to keep the interruptions to the spring water supply minimal.

The spring is being rerouted to the west side to alleviate traffic hazards created by users parking on the side of the busy highway.

### Houses removed for construction of new plaza

August 1, 1989

Construction on a new commercial plaza at the corner of Carnegie Street and Hwy. 7A in Port Perry is expected to get underway next month.

Jamie Taylor, who is developing the property, said that plans call for a plaza of just over 9,000 sq. ft. with seven stores. It will be a single storey construction similar to the plaza immediately to the east of his site.

The property has three small houses on it and houses are now in the process of being removed.



*Three small homes, fronting onto Hwy. 7A, at the Carnegie Street intersection, are being removed to make room for a seven unit strip plaza on the property.*



**Clerk's office moved**

*In October 1989, clerk administrator Earl Cuddie and his staff moved into new offices at 208 North Street in an effort to relieve congestion in the municipal building. The building was purchased from Charles Brignall Ambulance service in March 1980.*

*At right, the staff are seen in the recently renovated home. From back left, Wendy Bourgeois, receptionist; Earl Cuddie, administrator; Seated left, Kim Coates, secretary; Diane Knutson, secretary and Bill Henshall by-law officer.*



**Thrill of a lifetime to meet Gordie Howe, Henri Richard**

*September 26, 1989*

Bud Hurd has played a lot of hockey in his life, but last weekend was something special for the 60 year old Scugog resident.

"I really don't care if I ever play another game of hockey in my life," he said after returning home from Montreal.

Bud and 60 other recreational players from all over North America enjoyed four days of rubbing elbows along the boards with Gordie Howe, chase Henri Richard around the ice, trade quips with Eddie Shack and get advice from coaching great Scotty Bowman.

"Hockey Nite in Montreal," dubbed the "thrill of a lifetime" was presented by Canadian Hockey Enterprises.

**Township bans burning leaves**

*September 12, 1989*

Residents of Scugog will have to find another way to dispose of their leaves this fall, they will no longer be allowed to burn them.

Township council passed a fire control by-law which prevents residents from burning leaves on their properties.

The regulations state that no one can set out or light any open fire or bonfire for the purpose of burning grass, brush, leaves, rubbish or for any other purpose.

Councillors Yvonne Christie and Neil Hunter were opposed to the action which creates the new problem of how to dispose of leaves.

The burning by-law applies only in the hamlets of Port Perry, Prince Albert, Caesarea, and Blackstock.

Any breach of the by-law can result in fines from \$50 to \$1,000 for each offense.



## Skeletal remains of man found in ditch along Ghost Road

October 31, 1989

What started out like any other Sunday morning for Jack Kane, abruptly changed when he found the skeletal remains of a body lying in a field along side Ghost Road, on Scugog Island.

Mr. Kane headed out early that morning to collect bottles along the road, a ritual he performed almost every weekend.

About half a mile south of the 10th concession, he noticed a bottle in a field. As he was making his way back through the long grass to the ditch, out of the corner of his eye he noticed what appeared to be a pair of running shoes.

Moving closer to inspect what he had seen, he noticed a pair and blue jeans, and what appeared to be the upper part of the skeleton of a person. At first

he wasn't sure if it was a body, or if someone was playing a Hallowe'en prank, which is not uncommon along Ghost Road.

Returning home, Jack asked his wife Aileen to call the police. Later that morning Durham Regional Police Sgt. George Scott arrived and Jack showed him where he had seen the body.

Mr. Kane said that Ghost Road is a real dumping ground for garbage. "You just never really know what you'll find along those ditches," he said.

Durham Regional Police said that they definitely suspect, the body found in an advanced state of decomposition, is the result of foul play.

The body was identified by police as that of Alfred Meitner, 35, of Whitby, who has been reported missing for about six weeks.

## Port Perry Yacht Club marks 50th year on Lake Scugog

November 21, 1989

One of the oldest organizations in Port Perry celebrated a special birthday this year.

The Port Perry Yacht club is 50 years old and last Saturday at a banquet, this milestone was remembered by Phil Orde, who has lived in this community since 1926.

Mr. Orde is one of the founding members of the Yacht Club and this past summer the club honoured him with the only Honourary Life Membership it has ever granted.

The club was formed in April 1939 by nine founding members, who were all passionate about sailing. By 1941 they had 30 members and seven sail boats, most of them home-made, many of the shallow craft variety called "skim dishes."

Early in 1947 the club secured a 20-year lease from Port Perry council for \$1 per year, and work started on building a 40'x20' clubhouse.



Phil Orde

## Province will not take over operation of VIA Rail service

December 2, 1989

Scugog Mayor Howard Hall, and members of the Toronto/Havelock Passenger Association learned Monday that the provincial government will not take over VIA Rail service on January 15.

Transport Minister Bill Wrye stated clearly to the delegation that the province will pull the train from the rails on the order of the federal government.

Mayor Hall said he was disappointed but not surprised at the notice. Three weeks ago, when he met in Scugog with Premier David Peterson, he was told the same thing.



The Port Perry Yacht Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in November 1989. The Yacht Club occupied this space on the Lake Scugog waterfront for more than 50 years, before moving north to a spot on the Nonquon River near Robinglade Estates.

## "Super" or not, new supermailboxes are here to stay

November 28, 1989

Love them or hate them, "supermailboxes" are here to stay.

Most residents in Port Perry started picking up their mail from the 88 community mailboxes on Monday.

Canada Post Corporation decided to go to this new system because the local post office could not accommodate the growing number of people.

Many people have voiced concern over the change in mail delivery, but a CPC spokesperson said, "Once people use them, the community mailboxes will become more acceptable".

Local residents expressed they liked coming down to the post office to get their mail and would miss the socializing that took place in the post office lobby and steps.

December 5, 1989

**Scugog council banned snowmobiles from using the Apple Valley subdivision walkway, which exits out to 7A Highway.**



The Post Office was a busy spot last week, with long line-ups, as residents crowded in to return their old lock box keys and pick up their community mailbox keys.

## Scugog Memorial Chapel changes hands

December 12, 1989

The Scugog Memorial Chapel, funeral home, was purchased by Low and Low Funeral Home of Uxbridge, effective December 8.

The funeral home was opened by Norm Watson, of Port Perry, three years ago in a modern, new building.

Bill Low and his son John operated the funeral home in Uxbridge, which has been in the family for more than 100 years. They are very pleased with the Scugog Chapel and described it as one of the best designed funeral homes outside Toronto, with parking for over 80 cars.

The funeral home, located on Durham Road 8, Port Perry, will be renamed, Low and Low Funeral Home, Scugog Chapel.



This section of Queen Street, downtown Port Perry, was very quiet on New Years morning, January 1, 1989



# Then & Now

The final section of this book takes a look at a number of properties and buildings that were either demolished to make way for new enterprises, or renovated to accommodate different uses over the past half century.



# Then & Now



1987

**WATER STREET GARAGE** - This garage was located on the west side of Water Street across from the ball parks for many years. During the 1970s it was operated as Ptolmey & Grieve and later became home to Arlie Sales Limited.

Arlie Sales, operated by Bob Kuipers, cleared out its inventory of used cars in May 1987 to make room for a new strip plaza development, with four apartments above the stores.

Don Forder, purchased the property and opened the offices of Don Forder Insurance in the new building when it was completed later that year.



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1960

**SWEETMAN'S SERVICE STATION**

This Water Street building has undergone numerous changes, owners and businesses over the past half century. Originally opened in the 1950s by Stuart Sweetman, he operated Sweetman's Service Station here. In 1957 he took on the Volkswagon dealership, and then in 1963 became the authorized dealership for Chrysler products.

Mr. Sweetman sold his business to Lorne Scanlon in 1969 and he continued as Scanlon Motors.

Gord Lewis moved his service station to this location in 1980 after Mr. Scanlon lost his life in a car accident. He operated Gord Lewis Motors Sales at this location until he retired in 1996.



1989

Doug Flowers, owner of Port Perry Muffler and Brakes moved into the building next and operated here until he closed in 2006.

In 2006, The Scugog Standard newspaper opened an office in the south section of the building and over the past decade a number of businesses have leased space in the remainder of the building, including Allen's Computer and Electronics.



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# Then & Now



1955

## BRUNTON FARMS HATCHERY -

This building was owned by Arthur Brunton, one of Canada's top poultry breeding experts during the 1940s and 1950s.

Mr. Brunton raised "Rhode Island Red" chickens and at the height of his business was shipping 250,000 chicks annually throughout Canada and the world.

When he decided to retire, in June 1956, he sold his modern hatchery to the Brewer's Retail.

Two years, to the month later, following an extensive renovation, the building (centre) it was opened as a Brewer's Retail outlet. The store



1958

was located at the west end of Port Perry, near the intersection of Hwy. 7A and Queen Street.

The Brewer's Retail operated from this building for about 10 years before it was torn down in September 1966. The store was re-opened in a new building (below) on the same site.

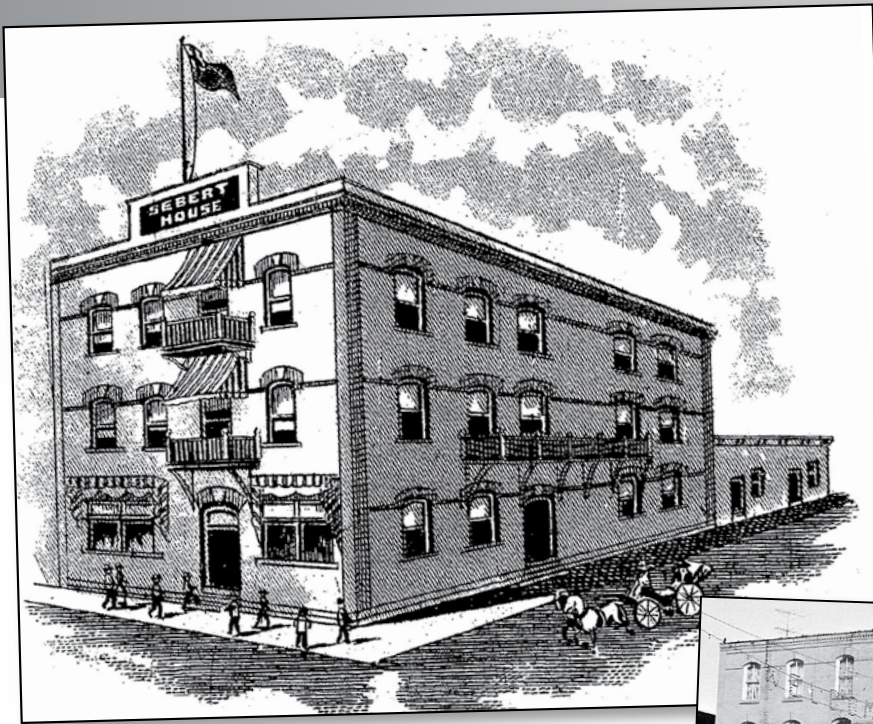
In March 1989 the Brewer's Retail became the "The Beer Store." It has operated from the same site for more than 50 years.



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1888  
Sketch

1978



**SEBERT HOUSE** - This large attractive hotel, at the corner of Queen and Water Street, literally rose out of the ashes of Port Perry's great 1884 fire. The hotel was owned and operated by Louis Sebert until his death in 1902. Since that time the building has been owned by a number of people. The hotel operated successfully into the 1950s, but it gradually evolved into a rooming house, and later was converted to apartments on the upper floors and retail stores on the main level.

During the 1960s and 1970s, it was the location of a number of shops, which include Bill Carnegie's Real Estate, Jessie Hope's Smoke Shop, Bruce Kellett's Variety store, Durham TV Service and Ross McLean radio repairs in the small white building at the rear of the hotel.

The property was purchased by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in 1978. The old hotel, that had served the community for close to a century, was then demolished to make room for a new bank building. The CIBC building, a red brick, single storey structure, was officially opened in 1980.



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# Then & Now



1952

**THE ARCHER GARAGE** - Harold Archer purchased this property on the southeast corner of Perry and Mary Streets in the early 1940s. He built a large storage shed here in which he stored more than a dozen automobiles. In addition to this building, Mr. Archer also operated his Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealership in Port Perry, from his garage at the corner of Queen and Perry Streets.

In 1952, after a by-law was passed banning gas pumps on Queen Street, Mr. Archer opened a White Rose service station at this location. Jack Pargeter managed the garage for him until 1957 when he purchased the business and changed the name to Pargeter's Garage. A number of years later, Mr. Pargeter sold the garage to local hardware merchant, Harry Peel. Mr. Peel became a dealer for Rambler cars and continued selling White Rose gasoline until 1972.

Terry Siebart was the next owner of the property. He purchased the building in 1972 and moved his Siebart Auto Body Shop business from its location in the southerly section of the Royal Bank building, into the garage. When he retired, the building



1989

was then leased for a number of years. It was used briefly as a body shop for Anderson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile and later a production facility for The Nutty Chocolatier, before being sold to Glenn and Kelly Evans in 2004.

The Evans demolished the old garage and constructed a new commercial/residential building here in 2011.



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1989

**THE STAR BUILDING** - This modest storey-and-a-half home, at 188 Mary Street, was the long-time home of Gordon and Ena Harris until 1990 when it was sold to Port Perry Star publisher Peter Hvidsten.

The house was demolished that summer and a large new commercial building was constructed on the downtown site. The attractive building became known as "The Star Building."

The Port Perry Star moved into its new home in January 1991. The newspaper operated from this location until being sold to Metroland Newspaper group, which at the end of its lease in 2005, vacated the building. The upper floor of the building was then converted into two large apartments.

The two commercial units on the first floor, are currently leased to Focus on Scugog magazine and North Durham Professional Counselling.



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**JIM'S PIZZERIA** - This house at 126 Water Street was built in 1880 and later became the home of Milton Goode, owner of the Port Perry creamery building. The house was renovated more than a century later to become a restaurant called Jim's Spaghetti House and Pizzeria, owned by John Kotsovos of Peterborough. Two years after the house was demolished in 1989, a three storey complex was built on the property.

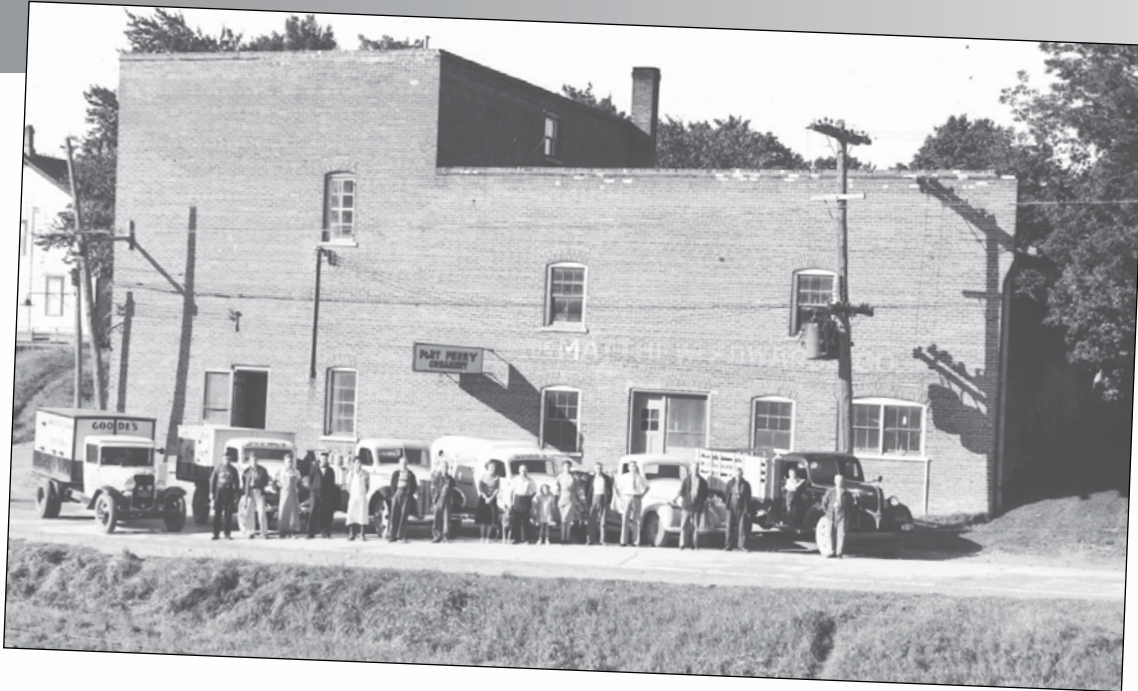
The first two floors are commercial and the top floor apartments. Curves For Women operated from this location for 10 years before Jim's returned. Mr. Kotsovos, who operates Jim's Pizza stores in Peterborough and Port Hope, re-opened his Jim's Pizzeria & Pasta restaurant in June 2011.

Sutton Group Lifestyle Real Estate has been an occupant of the complex since 1995.



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1930

**THE PORT PERRY CREAMERY** was originally constructed on Water Street in 1886 by Joshua W. Curts, for use as an egg warehouse and hatchery. It was sold to the Matthew Edwards Co. 1896, then purchased by Allan Goode in May 1924.

Mr. Goode opened Goode's Ice Cream Factory in the spacious building, and later that year moved his creamery business from his small quarters at 247 Perry Street into the new factory. When the above picture was taken during the 1930s, the landmark building was better known as the Port Perry Creamery.

About 1974, this large brick building was purchased by Port Perry resident Hudson Isherwood. He renovated the interior of the structure creating space for offices and retail, including a large winding staircase to the second floor. In March 1989 the old factory was demolished to make room for a condominium project and two years later, in November 1991, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the official opening of the Water Park Condominiums, below.



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# Then & Now



1945



**MURRAY WILLIAMS SHELL STATION** - This garage was first established in the early 1900s as the Standard Garage. In 1945 Murray Williams bought the property and took on Shell gasoline and established a Ford, Mercury dealership.

When Mr. Williams moved to the western

part of town in 1952, Vern Bryden bought the property and moved in and acquired the Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealership.

In 1961 Jack Hope purchased the property, demolished the garage and constructed a new building to house his IGA grocery store. Mr. Hope sold it to Dan Madsen in 1966 and it changed hands again in 1973 when Alex Ramey purchased the building, hiring Jim Grieve as its manager. The building underwent a number of expansions over the next few years.

Sobey's purchased Port Perry IGA and in April 2007 replaced the familiar signs with the large, new Sobey's logo, ending a 54 year tradition in Port Perry. Another change came in 2012 when Sobey's rebranded the Port Perry store as Foodland.



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1957

**HAUGEN'S CHICKEN BBQ** - In 1945 Ivan Haugen owned and operated a restaurant in downtown Port Perry called the Delicataria. He successfully operated this restaurant for about 10 years before purchasing a piece of property just south of Manchester on Hwy. 12 to build a new restaurant.

In 1953 Mr. Haugen constructed a single storey building on his new property, which he opened later that year under the name of Haugen's Chicken BBQ. This restaurant became one of the most popular dining places in the district for more than two decades and still operates today.

In 1969 the restaurant was sold to Tom & Kay Nicolaou and Chris



& Angela Tzountzouris. After the first year of operating the restaurant Tom and Chris decided to expand. They expanded the original building twice, before tearing down the entire building and rebuilding Haugen's into a 8,000 sq. ft. restaurant with about 350 seats.

The business remains in the hands of the family, who continue to serve their famous chicken and ribs to thousands of families and travellers each year.



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