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## THE NINETIES

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Once upon a time there was a tavern  
Where we used to raise a glass or two  
Remember how we laughed away the hours  
And think of all the great things we would do

Those were the days my friend  
We thought they'd never end  
We'd sing and dance forever and a day  
We'd live the life we choose  
We'd fight and never lose  
For we were young and sure to have our way.

*Mary Hopkins - 1968*



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History it was  
News*

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# Introduction

Volume 1 - The Sixties and Seventies.

Volume 2 - The Eighties

And now Volume 3, the third and final book of the *Rewind Scugog* "trilogy".

What started out two years ago as an activity to fill the many hours left empty following my retirement from *Focus on Scugog* – turned out to be one of the most enjoyable and reward projects I have ever undertaken.

Although researching and writing is nothing new to me, having spent the best part of a half century in the publishing industry, probing into the events of the past four decades brought more pleasure than I ever expected.

In your hands is the third book of the "trilogy" called *Rewind Scugog*, and as you flip through the 180 pages ahead of you, I'm sure you will find some pleasure in reminiscing about a period in your life, not so long ago.

As was mentioned in the first publication, the *Rewind Scugog* books are not historical documents, they are simply a conduit to provide a nostalgic look down memory lane. A time when life was simpler, and when we were all younger.

It's been an absolute pleasure for me, reaching back through thousands of microfilmed pages of the *Port Perry Star* to pick out this sampling of the "news of the day," as well as searching through 40 years of old negatives to scan and reproduce the pictures you'll find on these pages.

My only hope is you'll enjoy reading it, as much as I have had bringing it to print.

So once more I ask you to "sit back and rewind the years."

J. Peter Hvidsten  
Publisher

## Dedication

*To my family, who have endured  
my passion of publishing, photography  
and writing for their entire lives.*

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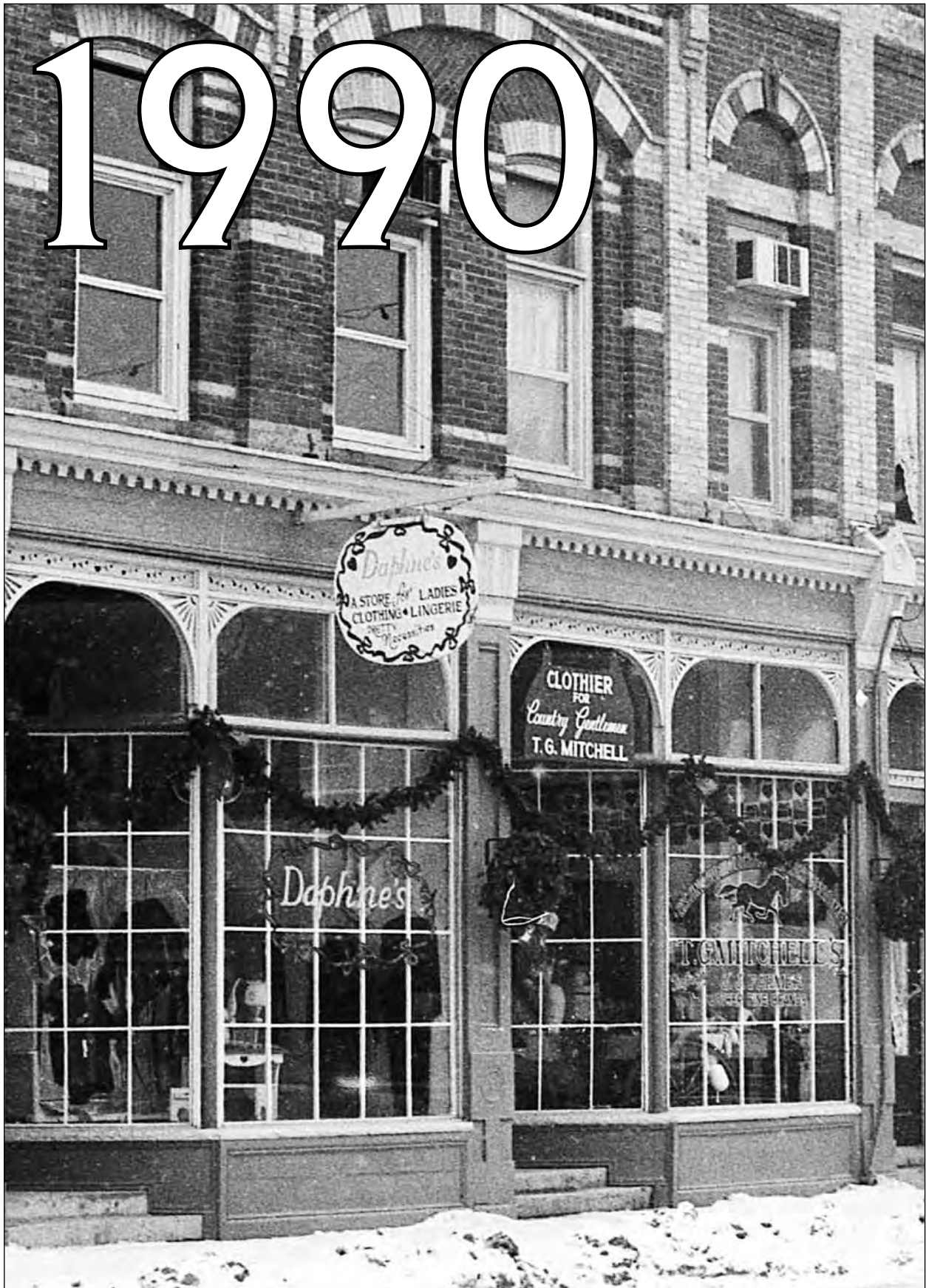
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Nineties



*Daphne's, a store for ladies, featuring clothing and lingerie, and T.G. Mitchell, a clothier for country gentlemen, were two of the stores operating from the Settlement House block of stores in January 1990.*





A new building was added to Port Perry Plaza parking lot in 1989 and Sears moved from its Queen Street location to the new building. Also occupying units in the new structure, in January 1990, were Best of Things, Pete's Pet Pantry and In Fashion. At left of the picture in the background is the Borelia Co-operative housing development.

## Passengers say goodbye to VIA Rail service at Myrtle whistle-stop

January 16, 1990

For many of the passengers there was an eerie sense of déjà vu. They had been through this once before, riding the train for the last time.

That was back in 1982 when the federal government, with the Liberals in power, pulled the plug on the VIA service from Havelock to Toronto

This time it's the Conservatives who have taken the axe to this line, along with 18 others across the country, including the famed "Canadian."

For most of the homeward bound passengers, it was

the last run on what many refer to as "their train."

By the time the two cars lumbered into the Myrtle whistle-stop, what was supposed to be a wake on board was turning into a pretty good party.

With a screech and a whoosh, the train pulled to a stop at the platform in Myrtle, its three strong head lamps cutting through the blowing snow of a bitterly cold night in the depth of a Canadian winter.

There were hand-shakes, hugs, pats on the back and words of encouragement, before the passengers all dispersed to waiting cars.



Passengers are seen here leaving the final VIA train at Myrtle Station on Friday, January 12, 1990. It was the last time commuters who use the Havelock service would take the train, as the service was axed.

## Supreme Court orders house removed

January 9, 1990

The Supreme Court of Ontario ordered the removal of a building from a lot on Shanly Street, near Water Street, in Port Perry.

In a decision handed down December 20, the court ruled that Scugog Township is entitled to a mandatory injunction requiring the law firm of Fletcher-Tesluk to remove the building.

The white frame structure has been sitting on the Shanly Street lot since May 1987, when it was moved from its former location on Queen Street, next to the Port Perry IGA store. The building was formerly the office for Marj Tripp Realty, when it was located on Queen Street.

The Township claimed that the section of Shanly Street on which the house was moved to, is not an open road and Scugog refused to issue a permit to allow the building to be occupied as a law office.

In its judgement, the court ruled that Shanly Street has "not been assumed or accepted by the Township for public use and assessed costs to the defendants, Fletcher-Tesluk.



*Glenn Taylor became the new executive director of the Central Seven Association for Community Living in February 1990. He takes over the position from James Duncan who is now working in Whitby. Mr. Taylor believes that public education will remain one of the main challenges facing organizations like Central Seven, which provides services for about 50 adults from Scugog, Brock and Uxbridge Townships.*



*Pete and Pat Kneale moved to their pet store, Pete's Pet Pantry, to a new location in the Port Perry Plaza. The store was originally located in a smaller unit and in doing so have doubled their space.*

## Joyce Kelly honoured for years of service

January 28, 1990

When Joyce Kelly first agreed to take on the job of secretary for the Blackstock Agricultural Society she had no idea just how long her tenure might last.

That was a quarter century ago. And anyone who has had anything to do with the popular Blackstock Fair knows what kind of contribution Mrs. Kelly has given over those 25 years.

Mrs. Kelly was recognized for her dedication and hard work at the Board's annual meeting.

## Hospital expansion is delayed

February 6, 1990

Construction of an \$8 million expansion to Community Memorial Hospital in Port Perry will be delayed at least six months, due to changes in provincial policy announced in January by Health Minister Elinor Caplan.

The project, which included 22 chronic care beds, and expansion to emergency and outpatient departments, had been slated to proceed this year, or in early 1991.

But in line with the government's new policy directions, the hospital must now consult with community groups and organizations such as the District Health Council and the Hospital Board has hired the consulting firm of Agnew Peckham to carry out the study.

Community Memorial Hospital's administrator David Brown said it was premature to try to predict just when the project will get off the ground.

Both he and Rod Foster, chairman of the Hospital Board said that news reports which led many to believe all hospital expansion projects in the province have been shelved are simply not true.

He said the consultants reports should have provided a clearer picture of when the construction process will start.

## Council to post "no stopping" signs in front of S.A. Cawker School

February 20, 1990

Scugog Township is going to post "no stopping" signs along Simcoe Street in front of S.A. Cawker School.

The "no stopping" on both sides of Simcoe Street will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The request came from the Durham Region Police, who say cars parked along the street waiting to pick up children from school pose a safety threat to other kids walking to the school.

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January 30, 1990

**Durham MP Ross Stevenson announced that response to a survey regarding abortion, 57.8 percent of those who responded felt abortion is a decision for a woman to make in consultation with her physicians and favoured abortions being performed in publicly funded hospitals.**

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## Despite some opposition, BIA members vote for bylaw change

February 20, 1990

Members of the Port Perry Business Improvement Area voted overwhelmingly in favour of increasing their budget by \$20,000 for the next year, at their annual general meeting.

About 50 merchants attended the meeting to discuss the past year's activities as well as the setting of a maximum and minimum contribution to the BIA.

Under the present apportioning, there are some members who pay less than \$100 per year while others pay close to \$6,000.00.

Chairman Tom Mitchell suggested, in an effort to make the payment more fair to all concerned, the directors proposed that no member should pay less than 1/2 of one percent, and no more than 10 percent of the entire budget.

He said that based on that proposed budget for the coming year, \$275 would be the minimum any business would pay as a member of the BIA.

As expected, this proposal met with some opposition, but the vote carried by a margin of 32-2 in favour of the change.



Long time Port Perry businessman Howard Hall announced he will be closing his store, House of Howard, effective Saturday, February 24, 1990. After 35 years as a downtown businessman, Howard has decided to get out of the retail business and devote his time to his duties as Mayor of Scugog Township. The Radio Shack franchise which he's held for the past 15 years has been sold to Blanchard's Supply.

February 20, 1990

**A group of Nestleton parents, led by Terri Wygerde and Mary-Frances Thompson, have proposed a new Catholic elementary school to serve the geographic area known as Scugog Ward 4, by September 1990.**



Frank Real Estate, of Port Perry, advertised the former Peel's Poultry Farm and Zoecon Manufacturing building for lease in February 1990. The 17,800 sq. ft. hatchery building was built by Peel's Poultry Farm. Measuring 190'x94', the hatchery was one of the largest and most modern in Canada when it was opened in January 1967. Peel's ceased operation in November 1975 and the building was purchased by Zoecon Manufacturing who operated from here until it closed its operation in November 1988. The building was located on three acres of land on the south side of Hwy. 7A, west of the town limits.





*Terry Rooke of T&C Limousine Service stands in front of his company's new Lincoln "stretch limo." The company, which started in March 1990, offers limo service for just about every occasion, from trips to the airport to your special "night on the town." Terry was a baker who operated the "Feed Bin" restaurant before this new venture. His wife Carolyn operates "Best of Things Florist" shop.*

## Butt out! Scugog Township looks ready to regulating smoking areas

February 27, 1990

Scugog council is looking into a bylaw to designate non-smoking areas in local restaurants after a complaint from a township resident. This past winter, the arena board designated the seating area non-smoking, but smoking is still allowed along the mezzanine behind the seats and in the lobby.

## Supermailboxes greeted with mixed reactions by many local ratepayers

February 27, 1990

Supermailboxes are here to stay, but the community still has a mixed reaction to the new system.

Canada Post feels that the problems have settled down considerably from when most people began picking up their mail from the new 88 convenient mailbox locations, on Monday, November 27.

While many members of the community liked the new system, some downtown merchants have noticed a change in their business since the mailboxes were installed.

One merchant, Ken Koury, owner of Nuts About Chocolate, says he has less people coming into his store and explained it is simply because there are less people coming downtown.

Jim Lawrence, owner of IDA agreed with Mr. Koury, stating he does not see the amount of people in his store as he did when everyone picked up their mail from the post office.



*Mayor Howard Hall was on hand the end of April 1990 to congratulate Joanne Blanchard on the opening of Radio Shack, in the Blanchard's new location on North Street. Mr. Hall operated the Radio Shack dealership before closing his store earlier this year.*



***Victorian Village, one of the new subdivisions in Port Perry, as it looked in January 1990. Work began on the subdivision in 1985 and an official opening of the new housing development took place in June 1988.***



***The Blong Block, built in 1885 by Jonathon Blong, was the home to the Settlement House shops, operated by Tom and Daphne Mitchell in January 1990. Among the shops along this attractive stretch of Queen Street were Daphne's women's clothing, T.G. Mitchell men's clothing, Settlement House furnishings and decorations, and From My Heart card and gift shop.***

## Hwy. 7A plaza finally gets green light

March 6, 1990

The way has all but been cleared for the development of a plaza on Hwy. 7A at Water Street, after a ten week delay caused by the Ministry of Transportation and Scugog Township.

Council passed a motion Monday morning that would allow developer James Taylor to continue with construction as soon after he signs a development agreement with the township.

Two weeks ago, council asked the developer to provide a written agreement between Millwood properties (Kentucky Fried Chicken plaza) and the North Port Group, showing they both agreed to share entrances off Hwy. 7A and Carnegie Street.

While the motion did pass, Councillor Marilyn Pearce was concerned that once the access to Hwy. 7A was closed it would never be opened by the MTO again.

Councillor Yvonne Christie, who has opposed the plaza from the start, said she could not support the development. "I haven't changed my mind. It's a monumental mess, a major accident just waiting to happen," she said.

She said she was confident Mr. Taylor would build an attractive plaza, but was not prepared to approve it under the present circumstances.

## Scugog experiences major storm damage, worst flooding in years

March 13, 1990

Several roads in Scugog Township and a section of Highway 7A suffered major damage in what has been described as the worst flooding in 15 years.

"It's the worst I've seen since 1975," Township roads superintendent Ron MacDonald said. "It's not quite a disaster, but it's just about as close to one as it can be."

Mr. MacDonald said the severity of the flooding and washouts was due to three factors "the downpour that hit Sunday night and Monday morning, culverts clogged with ice and the unseasonably cold month of December which drove frost into the ground."

## New street names for 911 system

March 13, 1990

Depending on the location, the road running through Port Perry is known as: Lilla Street, Regional Road 2, the Oshawa Road or the Seagrave Road.

But it may soon have just one official name. Scugog council want this entire stretch of highway, from the Oshawa boundary in the south, to the Brock Township boundary in the north to be named Lilla Street.

But that's not the only road that could have a new name. Dozens are in the process of being officially changed to dove-tail with the Region-wide plan to implement a 911 emergency dial system.

Council has approved dozens of changes already which must be approved by Durham Region.



Cartwright High School held their 36th annual "At Home" on May 26, 1990 at the Blackstock Recreation Hall. About 125 students attended the gala. Julie Cosgrave, 18, was selected the 1990 "At Home Queen". She is seen seated here with Princess Vicky Newson, 19, left and 1989 Queen, Sharon Dyer.



Swing into Spring is the theme of the annual Fashion Show presented by the Port Perry United Church in March 1990. The show will feature fashions from Dor-Jean's, Images, Wendy's boutique and Brock's Department store. Four of the ladies who will be modelling the fashions are pictured here, from left Laurel Menzies, Wendy Davis, Virginia Frew and Heather McCrae.



## Fire Marshall calls for one fire chief

March 27, 1990

The Ontario Fire Marshall has strongly recommended that Scugog Township have one chief to oversee the operations of the two fire halls in Port Perry and Caesarea.

That was one of 36 recommendations handed down in a lengthy survey of the Township's fire protection services conducted by the Ontario Fire Marshall's office.

The report makes it clear that Scugog's present system of two halls, each with its own chief and chain of command, is unacceptable, and contrary to provincial statutes.

Some of the other major items in the report included, a computerized system for record keeping, and construction of a new fire hall in Greenbank.

## New animal shelter to be built

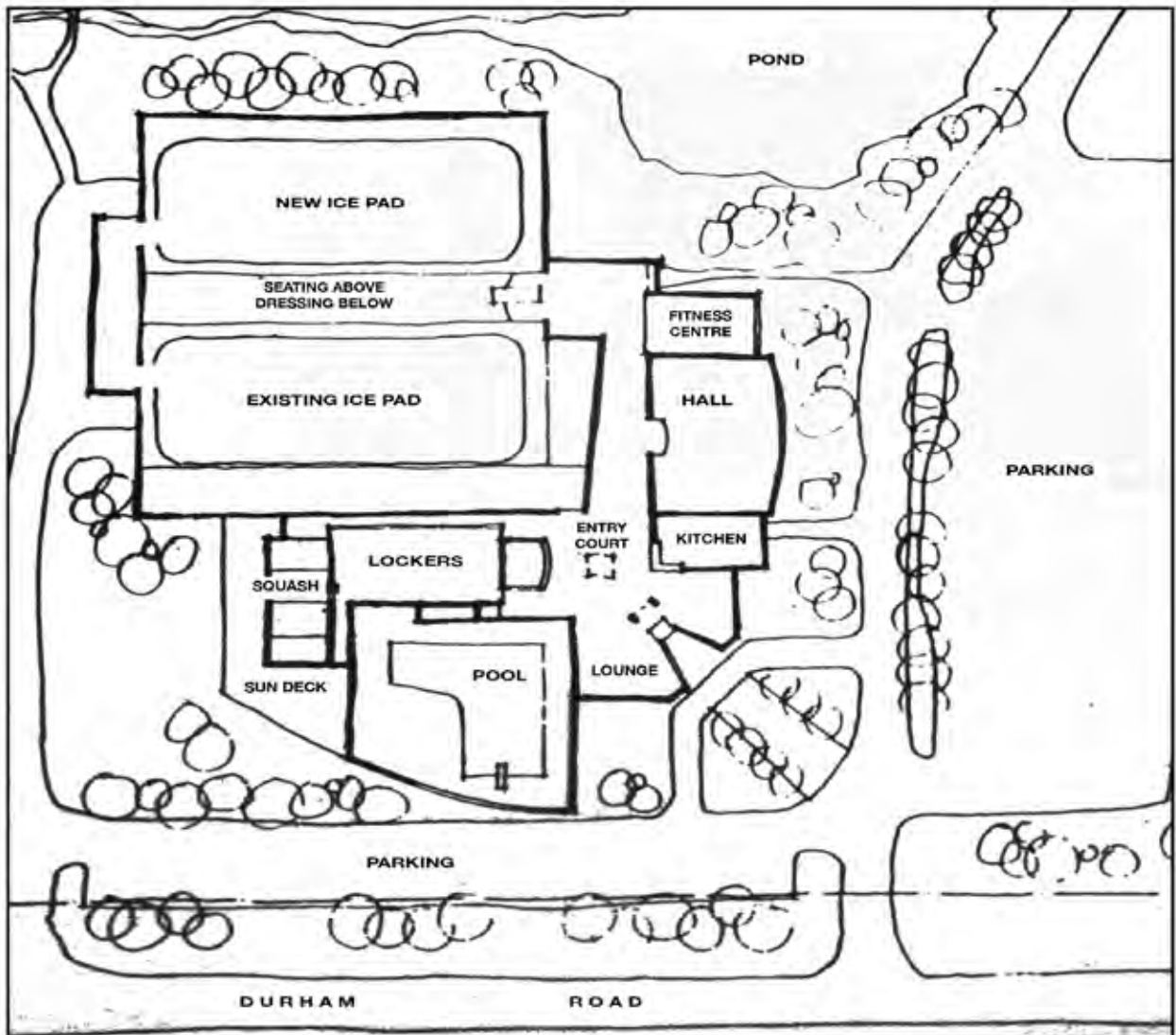
April 10, 1990

Work is expected to begin this summer on a new animal control shelter in Scugog Township.

The shelter will be built to high standards and specifications, on land owned by Scugog Township on the south side of Durham Road 8, near the Township Roads depot, west of Port Perry.

The total cost of the new shelter, estimated at close to \$200,000 will be split by Scugog and Uxbridge Townships, who have been sharing animal control costs for several years.

The shelter will contain offices, medical room, wash-down room and an enclosure for wild animals. It will also have outside pens for domestic animals.



A consultants report on recreation facilities in Scugog was presented to township council on May 14, 1990. The 90 page report, prepared by Sesquaig Inc., of Ottawa, concludes that Scugog needs a multi-purpose recreation facility made up of a swimming pool, second ice pad, banquet or multi-purpose hall with seating for up to 400 people, fitness room and squash courts, and recommended the facility be constructed on land beside the Scugog Arena. The Township will hold a public meeting on June 11 to give interested citizens an opportunity to voice their views on the report.

## Four year freeze on Port Perry development

April 17, 1990

It could be 1994 at least before intensive residential development takes place just outside the boundaries of Port Perry.

And that will depend on whether a mechanical sewage treatment plant can be built to bump up the capacity of the lagoon cell system.' Mayor Howard Hall and the council were surprised by the announcement, who had been under the impression that up to 400 new residential units could be serviced by the existing lagoon system.

Not so, Chang Lee and Cliff Curtis from the Region's works department said at a council meeting April 9, saying council had "misunderstood and misinterpreted" the figures in a letter from the Region earlier this year.

Mr. Lee told council that if the Ministry of Environment gives the go-ahead for a new treatment plant, the design and final approval process will take until 1994.

The cost of the facility will be about \$5 million and would allow the population of Port Perry to grow to about 8,500 people.



The Scugog Tourist Information Centre officially opened on Water Street beside the ball park, in July 1990. Seen above at the booth are, from left, Carrie Maclver, Jeff Brown and Marion Lee who will share staffing of the centre this summer. The Information Centre is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

## Blackstock arena gets three year clearance

May 15, 1990

The Blackstock arena has passed a structural inspection with flying colours, receiving certification for another three years.

A letter from the engineers says there is no evidence of deterioration in the roof truss structure, supporting the columns and masonry walls.

But the engineers warned the Township there is considerable corrosion of the steel reinforcements of the trusses, which could be repaired by scraping with a wire brush and then repainting.



Mr. Sam A. Cawker, Scugog trustee Joyce Kelly, councillor Bobbie Drew and Grade one student Glen Thompson took part in the official opening ceremonies for the new S.A. Cawker Public School on May 10, 1990 and they are seen here with a large, 55 pound cake, donated by Hank's Pastries to mark the special occasion.



## Ghost Road will have name changed to Mississauga Lane

June 12, 1990

Ghost Road on Scugog Island will soon be no more, in name at least.

The stretch of rural road that runs between the 9th and 10th Lines will be officially re-named Mississauga Lane, in recognition of the Island Indians of the same name.

Township council quickly agreed to the request that the road not be officially named Ghost Road after several residents of the area petitioned council.

The stretch of road has been known locally as Ghost Road because of a legend, that at certain times of the night, a mysterious light can be seen on this road. It is linked to that of a motorcyclist who crashed years ago killing the driver.



Scugog Township residents were ready to embark on a four-day 'World Tour' for this year's Festival Days. Along with the Bahamas-Great Britain themes of years past, organizers have added Spain and Mexico. Helping kick off Festival Days '90 is from left, Linda Emmerson, Bill Barr and Nellie Stell.

## Hospital expansion back on track

June 26, 1990

After a three-year delay, plans for a major expansion at Community Memorial Hospital are back on track.

Hospital officials were pleased last week when Ontario Health Minister Elinor Caplan announced that \$2.4 million in provincial money has been allocated for the expansion.

Total cost of the project is estimated at \$3.7 million with the hospital responsible for \$1.3 million of the total.

Hospital administrator David Brown said that the hospital will now move ahead with preparation of detailed plans and the target date to start construction would be next summer.

## IGA, Valu-Mart monitor Sunday openings

July 17, 1990

The owner of Port Perry IGA, Jim Grieve, says he may have no choice but to open his store on Sundays and that decision may come in the next couple of weeks.

"Personally I would really like to stay closed, but I'm just not sure I can do that for much longer," he said.

Ken Dowson, owner of Valu-Mart also says he hates the idea of opening his store on Sundays, but he will, if forced by the competition.

Sunday shopping in Ontario has been wide open for the last couple of weeks, since a court ruling that Sunday shopping rules are unconstitutional.



What better way to see the sights of Port Perry than a trip around town on a double decker bus. The traditional British bus has been brought to town to take part in the Festival Days weekend in July 1990.

## Council gives go-ahead for senior citizen apartments behind church

September 11, 1990

After months of delays and set-backs, Township council has given approval to a by-law for a senior citizen's apartment building on land to the rear of the Immaculate Conception Church in Port Perry.

The by-law approves the 38 unit building, despite serious concerns by residents who live on the east side of Ash Street, adjacent to the project.

The building will be located on what is now an unopened portion of Cedar Street, at the rear of the Catholic Church property on Highway 7A. Access to the building would be via Cedar Street.



Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander was on hand to open the 125th annual Blackstock Fair in August 1990. The Lieutenant Governor and his wife rode in a horse drawn carriage to the opening ceremonies. He is pictured here with Blackstock Fair president Dave Petrie.



Zero Garbage committee chairman Bill Lishman tried to ease the crowd at Blackstock Arena in October 1990. The highly emotional crowd was present for an information meeting about the two landfill sites selected in Cartwright Township. Regional councillor Yvonne Christie watches as Mr. Lishman talks to the crowd.

## Council considers hiring fire chief

August 25, 1990

Scugog has set the wheels in motion to proceed with the eventual hiring of a Fire Chief for the Township's two fire departments, at a cost of about \$40,000 to \$50,000 per annum.

Most members of council appeared to agree, but councillor Yvonne Christie said she finds it hard to grasp the fact that one employee would cost the Township an additional 3 mills on the tax roll.

## Two Scugog sites selected for potential long-term garbage dumps for Durham Region

September 25, 1990

Two sites within Ward 4 of Scugog Township have been selected as candidate sites for a long-term dump for Durham Region residents only. The two sites are among five regional sites selected, which when decided will be in use for about 20 years.

A six person committee, tentatively called Zero Garbage, has already been formed by Cartwright area residents. Temporary chairman Bill Lishman said that one site is about 600 acres located south of Blackstock, while the other is about 500 acres located east of Nestleton Station.



The Window and Door Shoppe, at 193 North Street, officially opened in August 1990. Mayor Howard Hall was on hand to snip a ribbon, with, from left are: Aubrey Oppers, Barb Martin, Ena Oppers and Bill Oppers.





Bob Switzer, owner of Switzer Motors, operated his used vehicle dealership from a lot at the busy corner of Hwy. 7A and Water Street in 1990. "Cowboy Bob" as he's affectionately known, has been in the automotive business for 30 years as a licensed mechanic and used car sales manager.

## Lilla Street name will be changed to Simcoe Street

September 25, 1990

Durham Region council has approved name changes for both Regional Road 2 and Regional Road 8 in Scugog Township.

In Scugog, Regional Road 2, which has been known locally by three names; the Oshawa Road, Lilla Street and the Seagrave Road, will become known as Simcoe Street from Oshawa to Seagrave.

The present Simcoe Street which runs from the top of the Ridges, through Prince Albert and eventually back onto Regional Road 2, will be renamed Old Simcoe Street.

Regional Road 8, which runs between Regional Road 2 in Port Perry, to Regional Road 30 on the western boundary of Uxbridge Township will become known as Reach Street.

October 10, 1990

**Country Style Donuts, operated by Ken Carruthers, of Port Perry, was named the No. 1 franchise of all 156 Country Style shops across Canada. The store averages 42,000 customers each month.**



Port Perry Canadian Tire owner Ray Wilson, left, has retired and the staff and former employees held a dinner in his honour in September 1990. Gord McMillan, who worked for Ray for more than 25 years, presented him with a colour photograph of the Port Perry store. Ray started with CTC in Oshawa in 1957 and opened his store on Queen Street in 1966. He moved the store to the Port Perry Plaza in 1975.



Help is on the way for all those people fearful of the 7 percent Goods and Service Tax (GST) which is scheduled to come into effect January 1, 1991. Lang Cope, a local businessman, has developed an idea which should be beneficial to both the merchants and consumers called the GST Coupon Giveaway. At least 60 merchants in Port Perry agree with the concept and will participate by giving away coupons valued at 10 percent off all purchases between now and December 31. Consumers will then be able to redeem the coupons during the first three months of 1991 against the GST charged on any item purchased.



Port Perry Canadian Tire store, was located in the Port Perry Plaza from 1975 through much of the 1990s.

### \$60,000 vandalism spree in Port Perry

October 23, 1990

Durham Region Police say damage could total \$60,000 following a spree of vandalism in several areas of Port Perry early Sunday morning.

At least 20 vehicles were severely damaged with windows smashed, some were set on fire and a construction hut in Apple Valley was torched.

In Castle Harbour subdivision, driveway lamps in front of three homes were smashed and destroyed. It was the worst single night of vandalism in memory in this community that left Regional Police officers shaking their heads in dismay.

Advertisement for Water Park Condos.

October 23, 1990

J & D Carpentry of Port Perry was awarded the contract to build a new animal shelter for Scugog and Uxbridge Townships. Their bid for \$195,750 was the lowest of three received.



Work got underway October 5, 1990 on the Water Park Condominiums being constructed at the corner of Water and Casimir Streets, in Port Perry. Owner Wally Gotthelf, right, and equipment operator John Vogts are seen here on site as excavation got underway. Plans call for 20 condo units on the upper floors overlooking the waterfront, and six stores at street level.





**Mother Jackson's opens world class food processing plant**

Mother Jackson's Open Kitchens officially opened their expanded facility on Simcoe Street, Port Perry on October 18, 1990. On hand to take part in the ceremony were, from left, Tom Jermyn, president; Mayor Howard Hall; Kenneth Jackson, vice chairman, and David Jackson. A tour of the new plant was conducted following the ceremony.

October 23, 1990

The television show "W5" aired stories for Hallowe'en on two Scugog locations. Scugog Island's 'Ghost Road' and the 'Murray House' ghost were the haunting topics for the show.



Saddle up padres and mosey on over to the Town Hall. The Scugog Choral Society is presenting Oklahoma at Town Hall 1873 during the month of October 1990. The singing' and dancing' extravaganza is good clean fun for the whole family. Some the cast members include, front left, Barbara Bone, Irv Gibson, Murray Stone, Herb Vine and Jill Bradley. Back left, Susan Strickland, Michele Jones, Ted Culp, Sarah Brown and Shelley Diamond.

**Fishing pals land 14 pound pickerel from Lake Scugog**

October 30, 1990

Fishing buddies Tom Morgan and Rob Hill recently landed one of the largest pickerel ever taken from Lake Scugog.

The fish, caught about 9:30 p.m., tipped the scales at just under 14 pounds and measured 31 inches from nose to tail. It had a whopping girth of 18 inches.

The weight of the average pickerel taken in Ontario is only three pounds. The 30 year old work record is 23 pounds caught in Tennessee.

**Search for missing girls moves into Scugog area**

October 30, 1990

The search for Julie Stanton and Elizabeth Bain moves into the Port Perry area this weekend.

Search coordinators are welcoming help from area residents to hunt for clues to what might have happened to the two girls.

Elizabeth Bain, 23, disappeared last June from Scarborough. Her car was found later but she has not been seen since.

Julie Stanton, 14, of Pickering, disappeared last April when she was seen getting into a car with a noisy muffler.

The search this weekend will take place in rural areas south of Port Perry.

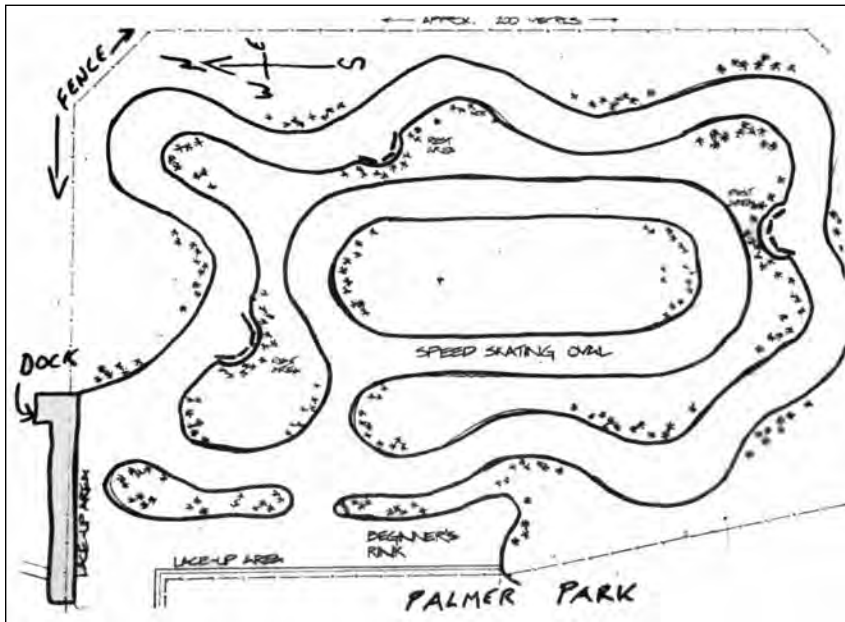


Diagram of the layout of the new outdoor skating rink on Lake Scugog.

## Outdoor skating rink on Lake Scugog set to open

December 27, 1990

With a little co-operation from the weatherman, the large outdoor rink on Lake Scugog will be ready to open next week.

Located just off from Palmer Park, the skating rink has several areas. There will be an inside oval and a large ring around the exterior stretching well out onto the lake, as well as a small area near the shore for beginners and small children.

Committee members, including Lang Cope, Elgin Knopp and Ken Carruthers, have been working on the ambitious project for the past several weeks and the official opening will take place at 1 p.m. on January 5.

The skating surface will be flooded and groomed, with shelters to lace up the skates in comfort and a concession area where hot drinks will be sold.

## 200 attend funeral for entertainer Craig Russell

November 6, 1990

A memorial service was held Sunday, November 4 at the Wagg Funeral Home in Port Perry for international star and entertainer Craig Russell.

Best known for his starring role in the movie "Outrageous" and in impersonations of many female stars, such as Mae West, Judy Garland and Peggy Lee, Russell died October 29 in Toronto of a stroke related to AIDS. He was 42.

His uncle, Scugog Mayor Howard Hall, recalled that Craig attended public school in Port Perry and was a member of the local church choir. Mr. Hall said that even as a youngster, Craig was a born entertainer.

He is survived by his mother, Norma Hurst, his wife Laurie and teen-aged daughter Alison.



An open house was held on December 20, 1990 at the offices of Paul Van Camp, Kenneth Reinhardt, Brian Callery and Paul Romanchuck on Perry Street, Port Perry. Attending the opening were, from left, Brian Callery, Mayor Howard Hall, Paul Van Camp and Bill Van Camp.

## Township shelves rec centre plans for five years

November 13, 1990

It will be 1995 at least before Scugog Township is able to make any decisions on whether to proceed with new recreation facilities like an indoor pool and second ice pad.

This was the general conclusions following a lengthy meeting of council Monday afternoon. It was the first time council has discussed the recreation facility since a consultants report was handed down last spring.

If one message came through loud and clear, it was that Scugog was not in the financial shape to consider the \$7 million estimate cost of building new facilities at the Scugog Centre. That report said Scugog needs a new ice pad, an indoor pool, banquet hall and fitness facilities.



# 1991



*Standard Trust, in Port Perry got a name change on June 24, 1991, when the Laurentian Bank of Canada took over the historic 165 Queen Street building.*



*The Star Building, home of the Port Perry Star newspaper, opened in January 1991 at 188 Mary Street.*

# Rink named 'Port Perry Open Air Ice Palace'

January 8, 1991

The official opening of the skating rink on Lake Scugog was postponed for one week due to a mild spell, with January 12, 1991 now being set for the "official opening" of the outdoor facility.

A "name the rink" contest attracted more than 100 suggestions and the organizing committee selected "Port Perry Open Air Ice Palace" to the official name, although it will be commonly referred to as the "Ice Palace."

Organizers and volunteers spent the weekend erecting snow fences and placing Christmas trees around the perimeter, checking ice conditions to determine when it will be completely safe to put equipment on the ice for cleaning, grooming and flooding the rink for the opening.

The rink is made up of a 300 meter "oval" and around the oval will be a track about 25 feet wide for pleasure skating.

It will be one of the largest open air natural skating rinks in this part of Ontario.

January 29, 1991

**The Ontario Fire Marshal recommends Scugog Township should hire one Fire Chief to oversee the operations of the fire halls in Port Perry and Caesarea.**



*This picture of the Port Perry Open Air Ice Palace was taken courtesy of Scugog Hydro manager Terry Adderley who gave the Port Perry Star photographer a 60 foot lift in the hydro truck bucket to get this birdseye view of the expansive rink.*

January 8, 1991

**Canadians began digging a little deeper into their pockets to pay for just about everything January 1 as the effect of the "Goods and Services Tax" could be felt almost immediately after the clock struck midnight.**



*Mayor Howard Hall was on hand for the officially opening of the Port Perry Open Air Ice Palace on Lake Scugog January 12, 1991 and if the first weekend is any indication of things to come, the Ice Palace will be a huge success. More than 4,200 people enjoyed skating over the weekend. Estimates were about 700 skaters on Saturday and 3,500 on Sunday, when the weather was near perfect.*





The Johnson Controls plant, located on the east side of the Oshawa Road, (Simcoe Street), about a half mile south of Port Perry. Johnson Controls set up operations here in 1988, leasing the factory from A.G. Simpson Ltd.

## Johnson Controls plant closes leaving 280 jobless

February 12, 1991

Automotive parts maker Johnson Controls announced it will be closing the doors of its Port Perry plant throwing 280 employees out of work.

The 180 current full-time employees and another 100 on layoff were informed that the company is picking up stakes and moving to the United States.

Production will be moved to the southern states of Indiana and Tennessee.

Canadian Auto Workers union officials slammed the move calling it the "latest in a long line of plant closures caused directly by the

Canada, United States free trade agreement.

Despite the union pointing the finger at the 1988 free trade deal, as the cause of the closure, Johnson Controls officials state the plant is closing due to economic reasons.

Bob McAughey, plant manager said, that contrary to opinons, the move has nothing to do with free trade or lower wages. "With auto assembly plants we deliver to

closing, sales are down and volume is down. When there is a slump in the economy, we just can't carry on losing and losing," he said.

Bill Pollard, union chair, said that the vast majority of employees of the plant were shocked and angry about the company's decision when the news was first announced.

Note: On Monday, April 15, 1991, manufacturing ceased and the doors were closed at Johnson Controls.

## Trustees vote condom machines out of high schools in Durham

February 19, 1991

Public school board trustees voted 9-8 against installing condom machines in Durham high schools. The decision came after a lengthy debate.

Scugog trustee Joyce Kelly said the debate was excellent with good points being made on both sides of the issue, but when the final vote came, Mrs. Kelly voted against installing condom machines.

"I, like many other people, felt there was ample opportunity for young people to get them elsewhere, she said.



Ken Carruthers, opened a Country Style Donuts store in Port Perry in 1989, and the store was named the No. 1 franchise of all 156 Country Style shops across Canada the following year.

Ken is seen at left with members of his staff in their store, located at the intersection of Simcoe Street and Highway 7A.



The Scugog Chamber of Commerce elected its new directors in February 1991 at its annual meeting. Elected for the term were, front left, Warren Strong, past president; Peggy Finch, president; Ken Carruthers, 1st vice-president; Pete Kneal 2nd vice-president. Back left, Bill Dowson, Virginia Frew, Leona Sandison, Kathy Kroonenberg, Karey Brignall, Marion Lee, Ann Tielemans, Wendy Davis and Stuart Houthuys. Absent Bill Brock, Tony Janssen and secretary Bill Barr.

March 5, 1991

Scugog Township officials were told they could save more than \$18,000 per year in hydro costs by converting 618 mercury vapor lamps to high pressure sodium lamps. The estimated cost of the changeover was \$169,796.



David Tripp took over as the new owner of Doc's Discount Pet Centre, located at 52 Water Street. David held a Grand Opening, under the new ownership on Saturday, March 2, 1991.

## Township seeks injunction against Island man storing 50,000 used tires in a barn

March 12, 1991

Lawyers acting for Scugog Township were in court (March 12) in an effort to stop the storage of thousands of used vehicle tires in a barn on Scugog Island.

The lawyers will be asking for an interim injunction to immediately stop any further storage of tires on the property; and a mandatory order to remove the tires that are already in storage.

The injunction and the order to remove the tires is being sought against Gordon Elson, who is leasing a property on Concession 10, Scugog Island.

There could be as many as 50,000 old tires stored in a wooden barn on the premises. Township officials fear they could be a serious environmental threat in the event of a fire.

Note: Mr. Justice E.R. Lovekin, of the Ontario Court, issued an order to prohibit any further storage of used tires. The interim injunction was handed down on March 13.

## Regional big spenders revealed

February 26, 1991

Durham Region paid out almost \$878,000 in remuneration and expenses to its chairman, councillors and special committee appointees in 1990.

Regional Chairman Gary Herrema raked in the most with \$117,653.88. His remuneration amounted to \$71,500 with automobile expenses of \$5,083.57 and meetings, conferences and conventions amounted to \$41,070.31.

The Region's 34 councillors received a remuneration of \$20,000 each.



## New Animal Control Centre for Scugog and Uxbridge

March 19, 1991

Animal Control officer Ann Barrett and her assistants Shirley Kohler and Sandy Owen are delighted with the new animal shelter which opened for business this month.

The new building, located on Durham Road 8, west of Port Perry, is a joint adventure project by the Townships of Scugog and Uxbridge, who have been sharing animal control for years.

The new \$200,000 building replaces a smaller centre in Goodwood. The size and design of the large new facility is expected to serve the needs of the two townships for many years to come.

Mrs. Barrett, who has worked as an animal control officer for more than 20 years said the design of the facility is first rate.



Cartwright High School held their annual "At Home" dance on April 27, 1991 at the Recreation Hall in Blackstock. One of the largest crowds in many years attended, with more than two-thirds of the students present for the gala evening. Jennifer Fletcher, centre, was crowned the At Home Queen and she is seen here with Princesses Susan Kyte, left and Leanne McDowell, right.

## Escaped fugitive gives interview to Star reporter while on the run

April 23, 1991

David Clifford Maltby, 44, serving a nine year sentence in Warkworth Prison, walked through the front doors of the Port Perry Star office just before 2 p.m. and said he wanted to speak to the editor.

He ended up giving a 20 minute interview to Star reporter Julia Dempsey, outlining among other things, the motives behind the

events that landed him in prison several years ago.

Ms. Dempsey was alone in the editorial department on the second floor of the building when Maltby came into her office and identified himself to the reporter.

She recognized the name, having a day earlier received a bulletin from Durham Police that the convict was on the loose in the

Scugog area.

"I just asked him to sit down and he started to talk," she said.

"I am not going to hurt you in any way," he said, and during the 20 minute interview he never threatened her with harm and she never felt she was in danger.

Twelve hours later, Maltby was apprehended by Durham Police as he walked east along Highway 7A.



The Port Perry Midget B won the All-Ontario Championship, defeating Mooretown four games to one. Celebrating the victory, but not in order are goaltenders Matt Willetts and Ray Doyle, Brett Puckrin (captain), Jason Towns, Jason Cochrane, Jan Heyes, Jeff Parry, Steve Staniland, Jody Wright, Geravin Sytnyk, Steve Laird, Dan Sluggett, Gavin Cochrane, Correy Bricknell, John Ennis, Jody Logan, Dave Pashley, Jeff Brett and Todd Taylor. Coaching staff Doug Scott, Dave Bourgeois, Larry Pilkey and manager Wendy Bourgeois.



*Just Ducky, you bet is was! Organizers of the 23rd annual Canoe the Nonquon couldn't have asked for a better day for their annual fundraising canoe race in June 1991. The "dynamic duo" of Bill Brock and Doreen Kendall are seen here coming into the finish line at the lakefront, seven and a half hours after they launched in the Nonquon River. The museum raised \$7,800 from this popular event.*



*Almost a year after it opened to the public, the Chalk Lake Spring was officially dedicated by Durham politicians at a brief ceremony in May 1991. Raising their glasses with the famous spring water are, left, Durham chairman Gary Herrema, Uxbridge Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor and Scugog Mayor Howard Hall. The spring is located on Durham Road 23 (Lakeridge Road) near Chalk Lake and the new Lakeridge Ski Resort.*

### **In case of emergency, now dial 9-1-1**

*April 30, 1991*

Three digits. That's all it will take to call emergency services starting tomorrow (May 1).

The long awaited 9-1-1 system will take the hassle out of dialling a seven-digit number for police, fire and ambulance emergency services.

The program has been working on a trial basis for the past month. A spokesman for the Port Perry Fire Department said they are "quite happy with the system."

Durham Regional Chairman Gary Herrema dialed the first official telephone call to the 9-1-1 central emergency bureau during a ceremony on Wednesday, May 1, 1991.

### **Politicians toast best watering hole**

*May 22, 1991*

It's the most popular watering hole in all of Durham Region.

No, it's not a fancy night spot for mixing and mingling... there are no flashing lights and no loud music.

But the Chalk Lake fresh water spring is a source of refreshment for thousands of people from all over Durham and many parts of southern Ontario to fill jugs and containers of all shapes and sizes with clean, sparkling water.

Up until last year, the natural spring was located on the east side of Durham Road 23, in Scugog Township, but last summer it was moved to the west side of the road due to serious concerns for public safety.

It cost Durham taxpayers \$120,000 to move the popular water source, but Durham Regional chairman Gary Herrema suggested it was perhaps the best public relations move the Region has ever done.





Work was progressing favourably in June 1991, on the Water Park Condominiums, after several months of uncertainty. New owners have taken over the project, located on Water Street across from the ball park. Construction began on the building last October with the original plan calling for 20 condominiums on the upper floor and six stores along street level.



### Standard Trust to re-open doors in Port Perry as Laurentian Bank

June 4, 1991

Standard Trust account holders in Port Perry and across the country were breathing a sigh of relief following the announcement last week that the firm's 30 branches have been acquired by the Laurentian Bank of Canada.

The surprise announcement came when the courts approved the offer from Laurentian Bank to buy part of the trust company after the bank came up with \$400,000 for some of Standard Trustco Limited's assets.

Standard Trust's Port Perry manager, Will Davidson said that the local branch is scheduled to open for business on Tuesday, June 25 under the new name, Laurentian Bank of Canada.



In June 1991, Scugog council was searching for a way to make sections of Hwy. 7A safer, following a number of accidents. One of the areas being discussed was the entrance to the Port Perry Plaza, above, which they feel should have traffic lights installed.



A view of south side of Queen Street in July 1991, with Imogene, Hank's Pastries, Royal Bank and Waggs Funeral Home.



Fifteen years of serving Port Perry and area is the claim Philp Pontiac-Buick can make this week as they celebrate that milestone in the life of their business. The owners, Joe Bessada, left, with Donna and Bryce Philp, celebrated their 15th year on Canada Day, Monday, July 1, 1991.



Wendy Evans of Epsom, was selected as the Ontario County Dairy Princess at the Ontario County Twilight Meeting held on July 5, 1991. Wendy, and about 40 other Dairy Princess contestants from across Ontario will compete for the provincial title at the CNE in August.



After 16 years operating Port Perry Printing, Henry and Joyce Janssen have officially retired. The Janssens' purchased the printing division of the Port Perry Star from Per (Pete) Hvidsten in July 1974 and operated there until they built a new plant on North Street in 1977. Their son Tony, left, purchased the company from his parents in 1989, but Henry and Joyce continued to work with him until last month.

## Large crowd attends sod turning for new senior's residence

June 25, 1991

A large crowd was on hand Sunday to witness local official turning the first piece of sod to mark the beginning of construction of the JD Cochrane Corp. Senior Citizen Residence.

The new senior's residence, located behind the Immaculate Conception Church on Scugog Street has been in the making for more than four years.

Gord Mill, MPP for Durham East, called the new

building "an excellent example of affordable housing."

The new building will include 38 apartments, 29 of which will be allocated to low-income seniors, with the remaining offered at rents based on comparable private accommodation in Port Perry.

The \$3.3 million housing project is being developed under the province's Homes Now initiative and is sponsored by Immaculate Conception Senior Citizen residence of Port Perry.



## Community Memorial Hospital nursing staff upset with heat

July 23, 1991

Nurses at Port Perry's Community Memorial Hospital are worried about the safety of their patients.

Their concerns stem from extremely hot, humid conditions in the hospital caused this past week by the sultry weather being experienced throughout Ontario.

A spokesperson for the nurses, who didn't want to give her name for fear of losing her job, called the Port Perry Star on Saturday morning asking to speak to a reporter. She said the heat in the patients rooms and work areas is unbearable.

The nurse said, "We have fans blowing humid air around and patients who are not going to make it

because it's so hot. And they're not doing anything," she added.

When questioned if she meant patients might not make it through the night, she said, "well, they're not going to make it very much longer, how's that."

She said that the nursing staff have requested air conditioning be installed in the hospital and the reply they get is, "no way, you don't need it."

Hospital administrator David Brown denied the charge, stating that "Doctors are monitoring the patients health and would make a decision on whether to transfer any that were deemed to be in danger."



*This building at the corner of Perry and Mary Streets was owned by Terry Siebart, who operated Siebart Auto Body Shop for many years. In 1989 when this picture was taken it was the body shop for Anderson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile. It later became a production facility for The Nutty Chocolatier, before being sold to Glenn and Kelly Evans in 2004.*



*The Scugog Chamber of Commerce will be holding their 35th Anniversary Reunion in September and will be inviting all former members of the Chamber to take part in the historic evening. In July 1991, organizers got together to discuss the event. Back left, Wendy Davis and Bill Barr, with two men who were on the first board in 1956. From left, Frank Godley (secretary-treasurer) and Andy Lawrence (director).*



*Port Perry's first franchise submarine store, Mr. Sub, opened in July 1991. Mayor Howard Hall is with the new owners, Aspasia and Emmuel Vovos and family. Back left sons Dimos and Spiros and daughter Andrea in front. They operated a Mr. Sub store in Whitby for 16 years before coming to Port Perry. The store is located on Hwy. 7A, near the Water Street intersection.*



*While these two pictures of Queen Street, taken during the summer of 1991, look similar to the downtown Port Perry of today, the difference can be seen in the stores that line the street. In the top picture, Luke's Country Store remains, but Daisy's Fabrics is long gone, along with the Settlement House shops further down the street.*



*Above, Becker's is gone, Nuts About Chocolate is now known as The Nutty Chocolatier. The Meating Place and Pentland Jewellery are also long gone from the street.*

## Community stunned by death of Marg Wilbur

August 13, 1991

Marg Wilbur, a local volunteer and NDP supporter died suddenly at her home near Utica as a result of a lawn mower accident last week.

According to Durham Regional Police Mrs. Wilbur was cutting grass country ski trails on the family's 100-acre property on Tuesday evening.

Her family became concerned when they couldn't hear the lawn mower and started looking for Mrs. Wilbur. After a futile two-hour search, a family member called police while the rest of the family continued the search.

Mrs. Wilbur was found by a family member around 1 a.m. August 7, pinned under the lawn mower after it fell five feet into a gully.



A three year project to reconstruct Water Street, improve parking facilities and beautify Palmer Park is nearing completion. The \$750,000 project was a joint venture of Scugog Township and the Ontario grant program known as PRIDE. Standing in front of the two new wooden archways, and interlocking path which leads into the park, in July 30, 1991 are, from left, Arnold Mostert, project landscape architect, Steve Bull of the Scugog Parks Department and councillors Marilyn Pearce and Allen Goreski.

## Commuter bus service for area is quashed

August 20, 1991

The provincial government announced Thursday it does not intend to proceed with plans for a subsidized private bus service between Durham and Peterborough.

In quashing the bus service, Dave Lester, executive director of the Toronto/Peterborough/Havelock Passenger Association said the association didn't support the decision because it would be a waste of taxpayers' money.

Mr. Lester says they will continue to push for a commuter service between Peterborough and Toronto. "We're not holding our breath waiting for a train," he said. "We've been through this for two years."

He estimated that about 450 people would use the service.



The Laurentian Bank of Canada advertised its official opening would take place on June 25, 1991. Laurentian Bank who acquired 30 Standard Trust branches, including the Port Perry branch, announced they had re-hired all the former Trust company's staff and introduced them to area residents in a full-page advertisement. Pictured above, back row from left, Donna Linton, Linda Pallaske, Maryanne Wakeford and branch manager Will Davidson. Front left, Donna Samis, Karen Sanders and Gail Goreski.

## Residents of the Prince Albert area opposed to high density housing

September 24, 1991

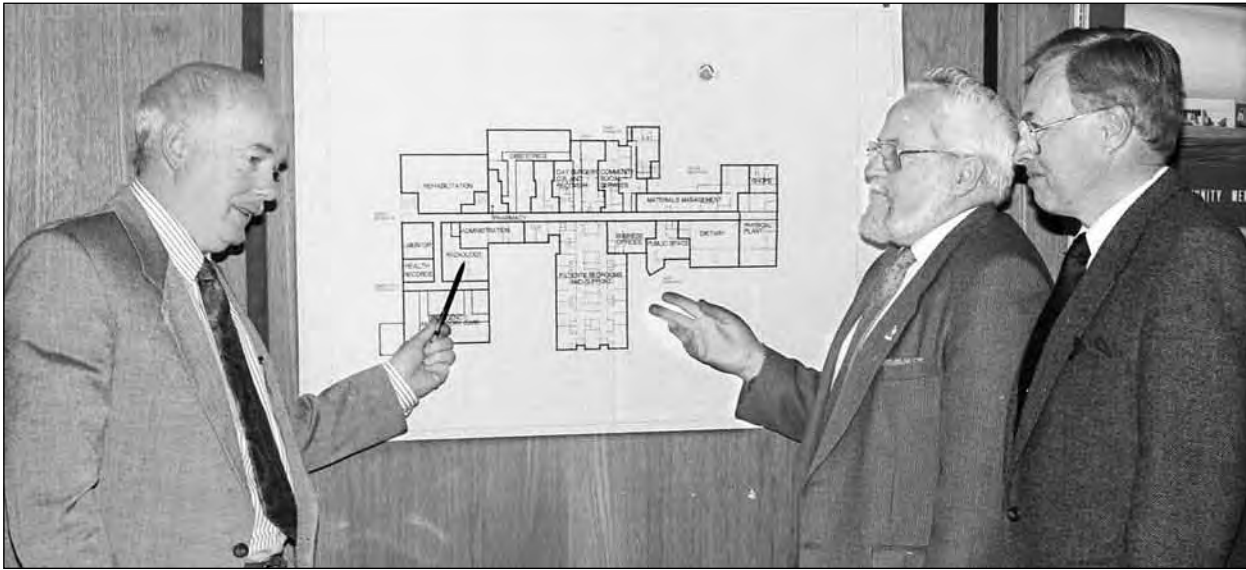
It was strength in numbers for residents of Prince Albert at a recent public hearing.

More than 100 residents from the neighbourhood around Union Avenue and Josephine Street attended the hearing to voice concerns regarding the rezoning and official plan amendment for a proposed development in Prince Albert.

Vanedward Investments hope to rezone a 24-acre parcel of land north of Josephine Street on Union Avenue from 44 units to 166 units.

Steve Edwards, representing the area residents, who overflowed into the hallway, presented council with a petition with the signatures of 335 taxpayers who are opposed to the planned re-zoning.





Plans for the \$4.5 million expansion of Port Perry Community Memorial Hospital were proceeding full steam ahead in October 1991. Currently the project is waiting approval on stage five of an eight-phase project. Digging of the new 30,000 sq. ft. addition is slated to be underway in the spring of 1992. Hospital administrator David Brown, left, is seen here looking over the design of the addition with Mayor Howard Hall and hospital board chairman Ted Griffen.

### Region rejects board setting council wages

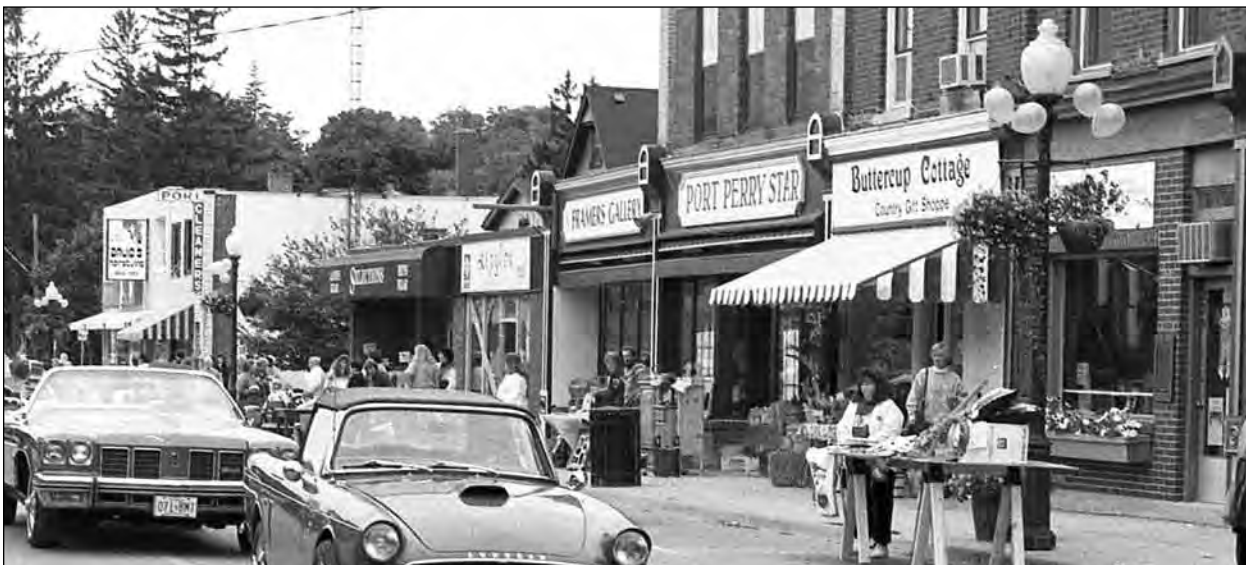
October 8, 1991

Durham Region council has voted against the idea of having a citizens' committee set their wages.

Oshawa councillor Brian Nicholson proposed idea to council, saying "we are constantly criticized by the public for it."

The idea was originally brought to council by Colin Kemp, the director of the Durham Chapter of the Ontario Taxpayers Coalition. "Elected officials should not set their own salaries," Mr. Kemp said.

Council defeated the proposal by a vote of 19-10. Both Scugog Mayor Howard Hall and Regional Councillor Yvonne Christie voted against the proposal.



In October 1991 this stretch of Queen Street includes the following businesses - David's Hairstyling, Port Cleaners, Selections Men's Wear, LizzyLou, Framer's Gallery, Port Perry Star, Buttercup Cottage, Northern Clothing Company and David Chow's Chinese Restaurant.



**Scugog Township, Port Perry BIA and Brock's provide parking**

*The parking lot behind Brock's Department Store was paved in October 1991 to provide greater access to the area. A number of people and organizations were instrumental in the improvements to the parking lot. The new pavement will be lined later this week and be ready for patrons of local stores in the very near future. The project was a co-operative venture between the Brock family, Port Perry BIA and the Township of Scugog. Pictured above are, left, Brian Callery, a member of the BIA Parking Committee, Bill Brock, Ken Koury, Mary Fines, BIA president Lang Cope, and Mayor Howard Hall.*

**Trustees accept sketch plans for new \$25 million education facility**

*October 16, 1991*

The plan for a new \$25 million education centre and secondary school project to replace the existing Durham Board of Education headquarters received its initial approval in October 1991.

The facility will be located on the north side of Taunton Road, near Anderson Street in Whitby.

Scugog Trustee Bobbie Drew said the facility is very functional and aesthetically pleasing without being extravagant.

**Legislation for Sunday shopping will be passed in time for Christmas**

*November 13, 1991*

Gord Mills, Durham East M.P.P. announced that Sunday shopping legislation will be passed in time for the Christmas shopping period.

Mr. Mills said that the committee would bring back the bill for a third and final reading at Queens Park on November 11 and anticipated it would be passed.

The proposed legislation would enable wide-open Sunday shopping for the four weeks prior to Christmas. Mr. Mills stressed, "It is only during these four weeks."

The long-awaited legislation took effect on December 1.



*Catherine Millar was honoured as an Oshawa YWCA "Woman of Distinction" in November 1991. Mrs. Millar was selected for the honour in the Arts Category and was nominated by the children's theatre groups known as "Millarlights". Catherine was co-founder of Millarlights and was recognized for her ability to promote creativeness in youth.*



# ELECTION 1991 - BEHIND THE SCENES



A lot of work goes on behind the scenes on election night and these township employees were busy at the municipal office tabulating returns as they were phoned in from polling stations throughout Scugog Township. From left, Tina Soomre, Kim Coates, Wendy Bourgeois and Diane Knutson.

## Hall wins tight race for mayor

November 13, 1991

In a tight race that went down to the last pole, the incumbent mayor, Howard Hall, was returned to office.

Mayor Hall defeated first time challenger Glenn Malcolm 3,255 votes to 3,157 in what proved to be the closest race of the evening.

Also elected to Scugog's new council are Regional Councillor Yvonne Christie and councillors Ken Carruthers (Ward 1), Marilyn Pearce (Ward 2), Ken Gadsden (Ward 3), David Dietlein (Ward 4) and Harvey Graham (Area Councillor).



Township employees tabulate the returns as they are phoned into the Latcham Centre. From left, Kathleen Harper, Marilyn Cochrane, Bev Goslin and Lona Williams.



Mayor Howard Hall and his wife Zula are seen here handing their ballots over to Deputy Returning Officer Clem Jeffery, at the Masonic Hall.



Bylaw Officer Bill Henshall prepares listings for election returns.



At precisely 8 p.m. on election nights, Deputy Returning Officer Sharon Bobbie, left, and Janet Smith began counting the advance poll ballots.



## Local schools on list for year-round schooling

December 3, 1991

Three local schools have been designated as potential schools to try year round schooling.

S.A. Cawker Public School and R.H. Cornish in Port Perry, as well as Prince Albert Public School were designated by the Durham Board of Education as schools it will consider when selecting the final two or three sites.

Under the timetable, the designated schools will begin operating on an altered school year in the fall of 1992.

## GM announces massive cuts to reduce costs

December 23, 1991

The fate of General Motors in Oshawa is still uncertain as a major announcement last week failed to give specifics on the auto manufacturer's restructuring plans.

GM chairman Robert Stemple said, "sweeping changes" would result in the "idling" of a number of Canadian and U.S. assembly facilities to reduce costs over the next four years.

He said the plan would include six vehicle assembly plants, four powertrain facilities and 11 component plants.

One of two car plants in Oshawa is expected to be named in the restructuring.

## Water Park Condominiums are officially opened

November 12, 1991

A ribbon cutting ceremony marked the official opening of Water Park Condominiums in Port Perry on November 10, 1991.

This new development on Water Street, offers quality and affordable one and two bedroom units. The condominium offers 20 one and two bedroom units, half of which overlook Lake Scugog.

On hand to participate in the grand opening festivities and cutting of a ribbon, were, Oshawa Mayor Al Mason, Scugog Mayor Howard Hall, flanked by co-owners Carlos Fornasier and Rosaldo Russo.

Sixteen of the 20 units are still available for purchase.



The Port Perry IGA store in October 1991 before being purchased by Sobey's.



Dennis Anderson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile operated a used car and truck lot at the intersection of Queen and Hwy. 7A, across from The Beer Store.



Water Park Condominiums, on Water Street are officially opened.



*Canada geese and seagulls, which make Lake Scugog their home all summer, found their resting spot frozen over on November 10, as a cold snap transformed the water into a large, smooth sheet of ice. A number of local residents, including those pictured above, ventured to the edge of the thin ice to get a better view of hundreds of birds basking in the warm November sun.*



*Fire destroyed a 40,000 sq. ft. Scugog Island chicken barn owned by the Casteels family on December 16, 1991, lighting up the sky around the scene for miles. Firefighters from both Scugog Township fire halls, as well as from Little Britain, were called in to battle the blaze. Damage was estimated at more than \$1 million, but no poultry was lost in the inferno, as 60,000 chickens had been shipped out about two weeks earlier.*



# 1992



*Queen Street, Port Perry looking east towards the lake during Festival Days, in July 1992.*





The Scugog Chamber of Commerce elected the new executive and officers at their first directors meeting in January 1992. Members elected to the executive are, standing, back left, Don Mitchell, Aubrey Oppers, Lisa Smith, Heidi Dereschewitz, Ellen Lamb, Wayne Wanamaker, Ann Tielmans, Tony Janssen, Marion Lee, Tim Wansbrough, Kathy Kroonenberg, Stuart Houthuys. Front left, Kari Brignall, 2nd vice-president; Ken Carruthers, president; Peggy Finch, past president and Bill Dowson, 1st vice-president.

January 1992

**More than 36,000 vehicles were stopped during Durham Regional Police's holiday RIDE program. Fifty were charged with exceeding the .08 legal blood alcohol limit.**



Rev. Charles Clarke of Prince Albert was honoured by his many friends and relatives Sunday afternoon in the United Church Hall. Rev. Clarke, who celebrated his 90th birthday, still enjoys conducting the occasional service and addressed the Prince Albert congregation on Sunday morning.

## "Proud to be Canadian" flag tour

January 7, 1992

Port Perry will be one of more than 1,000 communities participating in a cross-Canada flag tour culminating in a national celebration on Canada Day.

The Proud to be Canadian tour, sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Canada, will see two flags arriving in Port Perry in April. The first flag will be Peace Tower Flag, while the second flag will be a smaller flag, surrounded by a large white border. This flag will be signed by each community's youth.

Dave Robinson of Seagrave, who is the 1991-1992 National Kinsmen President, says the "Proud to be Canadian" project coincides with the 125th anniversary of Canada, thus the aim of 1.25 million signatures.

Locally the festivities will be on April 25 at Palmer Park in Port Perry.

## Trucks break through Lake Scugog ice

January 14, 1992

The public continues to ignore warnings about the conditions of ice on lakes in Ontario this winter and Sunday, the owners of two vehicles learned just how unsafe ice conditions are on Lake Scugog.

Thanks to the joint efforts of a number of Scugog residents, the two half-ton trucks were successfully pulled from the icy water and fortunately no one was injured.

Local contractor Norm Tripp, dressed in a "dry suit," slipped into the cold water to attach cables to the trucks. Then under the direction of Brian's Towing, the two trucks were pulled out, with the help of a backhoe operated by Robert Carr.

## Major grocery war emerging in Port Perry as two proposals come forward

February 11, 1992

It appears that a major grocery store war is shaping up in Port Perry and from all indications it looks like it is going to be a tough fight.

During a public hearing into a proposed grocery store on the former Zoecon property on Hwy. 7A and Queen Street, a representative from A&P Properties Limited revealed that his company has plans for a 24,000 sq. ft. food store in Port Perry as well.

Council was told A&P has been planning the construction of a food store on the Conway property in east Port Perry on Hwy. 7A for some time and was ready to make a formal proposal.

Dennis O'Neil, director of real estate for A&P came to council to formally oppose Champion Management Inc.'s plans to build a food store at the other end of town.

Bill Ballinger, a consultant retained by Champion Management, presented the preliminary plans to council four weeks ago, although at the time he would not divulge the name of the grocery chain.

According to Mr. Ballinger the 30,000 sq. ft. grocery store will be built on the former Zoecon Property just west of the corner of Hwy. 7A and Queen Street in Port Perry.

John Trifiletti, of Champion Management, says they have been doing major studies of the area and believe Port Perry could accommodate an additional food centre. There are currently two major food stores in the area.

## Scugog mayor says the township is ready for full-time fire chief

February 18, 1992

Township of Scugog's Mayor Howard Hall says it is time to introduce a full-time fire chief to oversee the administration of the township's two halls.

A full-time fire chief was one of more than 30 recommendations put forth by the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office in a 1990 report.

Although he would not say exactly when this new position would be created, Mayor Hall said he would like to see it as soon as possible, hinting it could be "perhaps this year."

The mayor said that the implementation of this recommendation would cost a considerable amount of money, but added, "it's well worth the cost."

February 1992

**Mervin Denure of Port Perry was honoured by the Transportation Safety Association for his 35 years of safe driving as a bus driver.**



*What young lady's eyes wouldn't light up when surprised with a beautiful heart-shaped box of chocolates? That was the reaction of Gretchen Cornish when she received chocolates and an affectionate kiss from boyfriend Mark Schwan. Valentines Day arrives this Friday and it's expected florists, card shops, gift stores and chocolate outlets will be very busy.*

February 1992

**Northern Exposure, a choir comprised of students from R.H. Cornish Public School and Port Perry High School successfully auditioned for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."**



*The site of the new Ministry of Agriculture and Food building is at 60 Vanedward Drive in Port Perry. This 6,400 sq. ft. building will serve as the office for Durham Region, bringing two offices together under one roof. It is scheduled to open on April 1, 1992.*



## Lishman suggests re-building Autohenge as a tourist attraction

February 25, 1992

If Bill Lishman gets his wish, Autohenge, his man-made replica of Stonehenge in England, will become a new tourist attraction for Scugog Township.

Mr. Lishman built Autohenge in 1986, just a few miles from his Scugog Township home, on some rolling hills in a farmer's field. It was constructed for the Chrysler car company and was featured in commercials introducing its new line of cars for that year.

The local sculpture, who lives in an underground home near Purple Hill, presented his ideas for reconstructing Autohenge to the directors of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce, suggesting that it might just be the attraction needed to bring more tourists into the area and put Scugog Township on the map.

No decision was made by the Chamber of Commerce, but there was plenty of enthusiasm displayed for the idea.

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February 1992

**Heather Knopp, 18, of Port Perry, is off to Paris, France where she will spend two months furthering her modelling career.**

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*Bill Lishman seen in front of his Autohenge, south of Port Perry, in August 1986.*

### Blackstock Post Office to be closed

March 24, 1992

Blackstock will be losing a piece of its heritage when the post office is closed, a former postmaster says.

Jean Mahaffy, who served as the postmaster of the Blackstock Post Office for 13 years says she is saddened by Canada Post's decision to close the office by mid-June 1992. "I don't like the idea of the post office closing," she said. "I certainly don't want it to close."

Canada Post recently announced the decision to close the post office and switch the service to a retail outlet in the area.

It was after Mrs. Mahaffy retired that Canada Post made the decision to close the local post office.



*Aerial view of Lake Scugog Lumber Company Ltd., including its storage sheds and truss plant, at the far left, in summer 1992.*



## Volleyball and Broomball Champions



The Port Perry High School Midget Girls "AA" volleyball team captured the Durham-York Secondary School Association (DYSSA) crown on March 4 in Newmarket. The local girls defeated Brock High School 15-13 in the final match. Pictured from left, back, Emily Cosway, Shawna Cornish, Kelly Phipps, Lisa Kim, Kyla McCrae, Pam Byers, coach. Front left, Sara Cosway, Marci Zuly, Dana McCullough, Amy Parliament, Julie Sargant.



The Blackstock broomball team won a silver medal at the Broomball Regionals held during March 1992 in Angus. The local squad lost a close match in the final game. Team member are, back left, Ron Redman, Tom Wotten, Steve Halkes, Kevin Grieve, Bill Pratt, Scott MacLellan. Front left, Jerry Reid, Gord Bryans, Dave Dalton, Rick McLean, Ron Wagg and Ron Short, Tim Cochrane. Sitting Doug Short.



*Jim Grieve is adjusting to his new role as owner of the Port Perry IGA after working in various capacities with the company for the past 20 years. Mr. Grieve and his wife Chris took over ownership of the business on March 9, 1992, purchasing the remaining shares from the family of his former boss and partner, Alex Ramey.*



*Brooklin Concrete Products held an Open House in March 1992 to mark their 40th year in business. Family, friends and business associates visited the Brooklin state-of-the-art facility and view some of the more than 200 products produced by the plant. The company is owned by Port Perry resident and president, Bob McCoy, centre. He is seen here with his son John McCoy, and at right Chris Rabjohn. Brooklin Concrete Products now operates five manufacturing plants and four sales offices throughout Ontario.*

## Major development receives cool reception

March 17, 1992

Plans for a major development in the east end of Port Perry received a cool reception from Scugog council recently.

William Meek, who represents A&P Properties Limited said his client is considering an 85,000 sq. ft. outdoor mall, featuring a 26,000 sq. ft. A&P store as one of the major tenants.

He said the retail portion would be the first phase of the development. A residential phase would be added later featuring 120 residential units, consisting of three-storey single and townhouse units overlooking Lake Scugog.

Despite the rather large and aggressive scheme, council greeted the plan with little enthusiasm. Councillor Yvonne Christie commented, "I hope you come up with something more imaginative. It looks awful."

Mayor Hall was also critical of the plan, suggesting to Mr. Meek "not much planning has gone into this."

## Search for two missing girls resumes

April 28, 1992

The Search for Elizabeth Bain and Julie Stanton will resume shortly in Scugog. Both have been missing since 1990.

Durham Regional Police and the Stanton family will team up for a joint search effort of the Scugog and Uxbridge areas for the 14-year old girl who went missing on April 16, 1990. She has not been seen since.

The Bain family will begin another summer of searches for Elizabeth, missing since June 20, 1990. The family believes her body is somewhere in the area. For the past two years, the family has conducted extensive searches of the Scugog area.

## Large development plans west of Port Perry

April 28, 1992

At a public meeting on Monday, a group including local businessman Robert Van Camp presented a plan for a commercial development on land owned by Mr. Van Camp on Hwy. 7A, near Queen Street.

The development covers approximately 6.7 acres and will feature 46,000 sq. ft. of retail space in three separate buildings. It will feature a 27,000 sq. ft. automotive/retail store, other retail stores totalling 24,000 sq. ft and a McDonald's restaurant covering 2,760 sq. ft.

Councillor Pearce pointed to many concerns with traffic on Hwy. 7A at the opposite end of town on Hwy. 7A, east of Water Street and said council didn't want to go through the same problems again.

"Council does not intend to create another commercial area," she said.



## Flea Market proposed

May 12, 1992

A giant flea market is being proposed for the old Johnson Controls plant, just south of Port Perry.

The plan, floated by Randy and Marg Scott, and Dave and Leona Sandison, would be much the same as the flea market in Pickering.

The group plans to take over one-third of the existing building to provide space for 400 vendors inside as well as additional vendors outside in the summer months.

A number of merchants expressed they were not impressed with the proposed flea market. Stephanie Kasperski, owner of Gramma Grunts, spokesperson for the area merchants said that of the 50 merchants she spoke with, all but five were opposed to the concept.

Mrs. Kasperski said that she sees nothing wrong with flea markets, but not in Port Perry. "Port Perry has a nice reputation. We don't want to be known as a flea market town, like Stouffville," she said.

## After two years of debate BIA min/max tax approved

May 12, 1992

After two-and-a-half years of debate, the Ontario Municipal Board made its ruling on the controversial "minimum/maximum" tax levy for Port Perry Business Improvement Area members.

Until now, some of the 86 BIA members have paid as little as \$24 a year, while others pay more than \$5,000.

Under the new min/max tax system, businesses will pay no less than one half of one percent, and no more than 10 percent of the total BIA budget.

Bob Prentice, one of the original 37 opposed to the new levy said, "I have no personal axe to grind with the IGA, CIBC or anyone else, but I'm not in business to subsidize them, either."

Many of the business people opposed to the levy withdrew their names from a petition after learning more about the new tax system.

The levy will not be implemented until January 1, 1993.

June 1992

**Country Convenience Store in Blackstock was selected by Canada Post, after a lengthy search, as the replacement location for the communities post office. The existing post office building is scheduled to be closed on June 26, 1992.**



One of the most exciting events for the area during last weekend's Proud To Be Canadian Flag Tour activities was the signing of the Canadian Signature Flag in April 1992. More than 1,000 children and teens lined up Saturday and signed their names on the large signature flag which has been touring across Canada. Three of the honour youngsters are seen here with Kinsmen National President Dave Robinson, left and Flag Tour co-ordinator Kinsman Dave Goldberg, back. The Port Perry children are, front, Katelyn, 3 and Lindsay Knapp, 5, signing flag, and Whitney Reid, 6.



Fran Herder and Kent Farndale were honoured in May 1992, by the Rotary Club of Port Perry, for their efforts on behalf of Artfest '92 Dinner and Auction, without whose efforts Artfest would not have been possible. Pictured back, from left, Artfest '92 Chairman, Paul Burnett, President Karl Herder and M.C. Chuck Dewhirst.



## Downtown Port Perry summer of 1992



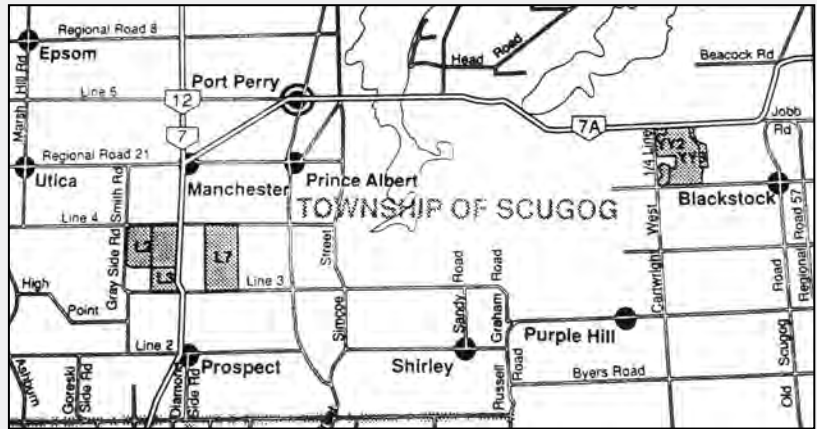
*At a quick glance, Port Perry of today, doesn't look much different to what it did a quarter century ago. While the buildings look similar to when they were built more than 130 years ago, the businesses which flanked Queen Street have all changed. Above, from left are, Children's Den, Emmerson Insurance, Native Perspectives, Sash, The Front Porch, Settlement House and From My Heart.*



*View of the old grain elevator at the east end of Queen Street, from the second floor of Brock's Department store, with Lake Scugog in the background and Emiel's Place restaurant and the Galley Fish & Chips to the left.*



*Dana Forder received world-wide recognition, in May 1992, for a decorative collector's item she designed. Five hundred copies of the piece have been made and will be given to dignitaries at the Canadian Pavillion at the World Expo '92 in Seville, Spain. Dana is a third-year student in the Jewellery Arts program at George Brown College and entered a competition opened to students in the program.*



### Five of 17 landfill sites located in Scugog area

June 9, 1992

A total of 17 sites in Durham Region, including five in Scugog Township, (shaded areas in above map) have been designated as potential landfill sites by the Interim Waste Authority.

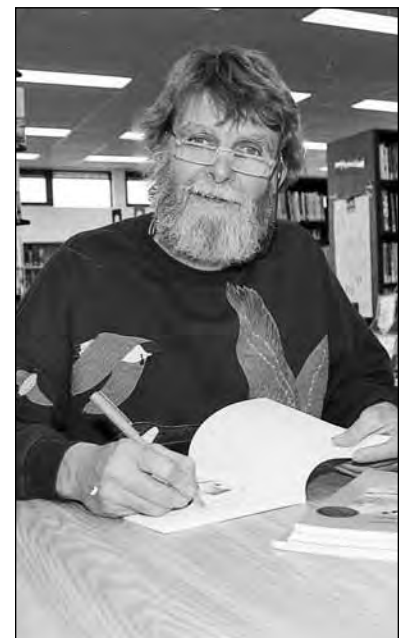
The Scugog sites include two near Blackstock, south of Hwy. 7A, (YY2, YY3) and three on Hwy. 12, south of Manchester (L2, L3, L7).

The other Durham sites include seven in Pickering, four in Newcastle and one in Brock Township.

The IWA is seeking one site to handle Durham Region's garbage for the next 20 years.



*After a long wait the official opening of Apple Valley Park took place on May 23, 1992. A small group of residents attending the opening which was largely funded by the neighbourhood's many fundraising activities. Pictured are, left, Linda Wassink, Ward 2 councillor Marilyn Pearce, Gord Bird, Pat Bird, John Wassink, Judy Smith, Tom Thompson, Don Tansley and Marg Tansley.*



*Local sculptor and author Bill Lishman signed copies of his latest book, "Father Goose and his Goslings" at Scugog Memorial Library on Saturday, May 30, 1992. All proceeds from the sales of his book will be donated to the library.*





Durham Regional Police's Marine Unit has a new boat to enforce the laws on Lake Scugog and Lake Simcoe this summer. The 27-foot Baha cruiser hit the water on June 4, 1992 and will be out in the waterways until the fall. Pictured above, is the two-man marine unit, Constables Brian Hall and Doug Cavanaugh.

## New signs proposed for entrances to Port Perry

June 19, 1992

Bill Barr approached council with an idea to replace the 15 year old entrance signs to Port Perry with a more modern look.

Mr. Barr offered to undertake the sign project, which would proclaim Scugog Township as "the Purple Martin Capital of Ontario," and believes it could be done at little or no cost to the taxpayer or council.

He estimated the cost of four signs would be approximately \$5,000.

Councillor Pearce, although in favour of the project, said "It will take awhile to develop and we must take our time and do it right."

## More proposals brought forward for Conway Place property

June 26, 1992

In the never ending saga of the Conway property, the Township of Scugog heard yet another proposal for the prime land at the south end of Lake Scugog, along Hwy. 7A.

The latest plan, submitted by the Michael Stuart Group consists of a four-storey 120 unit residential component, overlooking the lake. A boardwalk would separate the lake from the buildings.

The commercial component, cover 91,000 sq. ft. will feature a 20,000 sq. ft. grocery store, a 23,000 sq. ft. automotive retail store, a 4,000 sq. ft. bank and a McDonald's restaurant.

Members of the Planning Committee found the design, planned with a colonial period design to retain the flavour of the downtown area, to be agreeable.

Councillor Ken Carruthers said it appeared the designers have listened to the past concerns of council and put together a realistic plan.

Note: At a meeting held in August 1992, Bill Meek, of the Michael Stuart Group told council Shopper's Drug Mart and Canadian Tire have shown interest.

Council was concerned that 90,000 sq. ft. of additional commercial would pose hardship to the merchants already in the town and called for a market analysis to see what the impact would be.



About 30 gravestones were vandalized at Pine Grove Cemetery in Prince Albert overnight on June 7, 1992. Cemetery Board President Earl Geer, right and Secretary/Treasurer Glen Wanamaker were on the scene early Sunday morning and are seen here surveying the damage to five of the old gravestones. This latest spree of vandalism is the largest at the cemetery in recent history.

July 1992

**By the slim vote of 17-15, the Durham Regional council voted against a proposal to build a new regional administration building in Oshawa, including the \$1.6 million Oshawa said it would contribute for underground parking.**





**Downtown Port Perry  
summer of 1992**

*Above: West end of Queen Street, July 1992. Far left, David's Hairstyling, Port Cleaners, Framers's Gallery, Northern Clothing Company, David Chow's Restaurant and the Linen Corner.*

*Right: South side of Queen Street, west end, with Marlin Travel, Crafter's Showplace and Port Perry Dental Office.*



*View of Queen Street in downtown Port Perry from Lake Scugog in July 1992.*





*Aerial picture of downtown Port Perry during Festival Days in July 1992 from the Re/Max balloon. Of note are the former municipi-*





pal office in the centre of the photo, which had not been replaced and the midway which was located on the old arena pad.



# PEST and Zero Garbage join forces to fight landfill sites

July 7, 1992

Scugog Township creates only three percent of Durham's annual waste, yet it may become the home of the region's waste for the next 20 years.

That is unacceptable, said PEST (Preserve the Environment for Scugog Township), a newly-formed action committee set up to fight three of the five proposed landfill sites in Scugog.

PEST, which was formed to fight the three sites located near Hwy. 12 and Concession 3, is working with Blackstock based Zero Garbage in its fight against the area dumps.

About 65 people attended the meeting held at Town Hall 1873, where PEST co-chairman Dave Sparling told the crowd the meeting was "to inform and get input for the fight to ensure the Durham dump is not in Scugog Township.

Note: In July 1992, Zero Garbage and PEST banned together to fight Scugog's five proposed landfill sites.

Zero Garbage chairman, Bill Lishman, said that the move to amalgamate the two organizations will show the IWA (Interim Waste Authority) and the Ontario government that, "Scugog is speaking with a common voice".



A vocal group of concerned residents protested the proposed landfill sites in Scugog Township before joining a meeting of PEST (Preserve the Environment for Scugog Township) held at Town Hall 1873 on Sunday, July 5, 1992.

## Latcham Centre expansion delay

July 7, 1992

Plans by the Port Perry Seniors for an expansion to the Latcham Centre are in jeopardy.

The seniors group planned to build an office on the southeast corner of the building, where the porch is now located, and to move the entrance to the south end of the building, but Parks and Recreation chairman Marilyn Pearce told the planning committee that after receiving tenders she realized the cost of the project had been underestimated.

She said a number of alterations to the original plan would be needed to meet the budget of \$16,000. The lowest of the three tenders submitted came in at \$28,168.82.



This picture during a July 1992 summer event, shows the front facade of Bruton's IDA Drug store with the upper portion of the building covered with pale blue siding, concealing the decorative brickwork which was later exposed when the siding was removed.



Outgoing Hospital Board chairman Ted Griffen is seen here with the newly elected chairman Kent Farn-dale, following the hospital's annual general meeting on June 30, 1992.



The former Peel Poultry building, later operated by Zoecon Manufacturing, located on Hwy. 7A, just west of Port Perry was advertising for tenants to help fill the 18,000 sq. ft. building in June 1991. Tenants in the building at the time were Dowson's Spring Water distributors and the Port Perry Athletic Club. It later became the home of a giant "Flea Market" before being demolished.

## Country Market ordered to shut doors 48 hours before it was due to open

July 28, 1992

Less than 48 hours before it was to open, a country market in Port Perry was shut out of its building by the Township of Scugog.

Sanscott Enterprises had planned to open a giant country market, with up to 90 vendors, in the former Zoecon building at the west entrance to Port Perry, but the township's building inspector shut the doors after inspecting it. He cited concerns that the building did not meet fire regulations.

The fact the notice was given less than two days before the opening of the market has the owners shaking their heads, and wondering why the official waited until the last minute to point out the infractions.

Many of the merchants who had committed to the first weekend of the market were shocked and angered by the decision to close the building. One vendor criticized the timing and said he believed that council was under pressure from some of the local businesses to take action.

Although the vendors were shut out of the building, the Farmer's Country Market opened on Saturday, July 25 using a tent in front of the building to accommodate the vendors who had already committed to the market.

Despite the setbacks, Mr. Scott says the market will go ahead as planned in one form or another. He said there was too much at stake, noting that they have already sunk more than \$35,000 into the project.



Despite adversity the Port Perry Country Market opened on Saturday, July 25, 1992, but in a slightly different venue than originally planned. The owners of the market had originally planned to open the market in the former Zoecon building on Hwy. 7A, west of town, but building officials from the Township of Scugog halted those plans late Thursday afternoon, forcing alternate arrangement to be hatched quickly. Pictured from left are owner, Randy and Margaret Scott and Leona and Dave Sandison.





The above group of Port Perry business people were honoured by the Scugog Chamber of Commerce for their support during a financial crisis, loaning the directors \$35,000 to pay off a debt incurred during the 1990 Festival Days. Those honoured were, seated left, Margaret Lawrence, Daphne Mitchell, Bill Barr, Howard Hall, Dora O'Connor, Kathy Kroonenberg, Margaret Waite. Back left, Alex Shepherd, Tom Mitchell, Gord Parkin, Jack Cottrell, Mark Smith, Jim Lawrence, David Wait, Emiel Kroonenberg, Peter Hvidsten. Absent, Henry Janssen, Mike Fowler, Ken Jackson, Jim Grieve, Larry Emmerson, Ken Koury and Ted Griffen.

## Merchants honoured for coming to the rescue of Chamber

August 5, 1992

Directors of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce held a dinner last Thursday night to honour a group of Port Perry business people who helped the Chamber when it accrued a large debt following the 1990 Festival Days.

Secretary Treasurer Bill Barr said that after finding themselves in financial trouble he approached 18 friends and business acquaintances

and was able to raise \$35,000 over a 72 hour period.

"It was the easiest \$35,000 I've ever raised," he said, praising the business community for the prompt and generous help.

Each merchant loaned the money to the Chamber interest free, with a promise to pay it back over a period of four years. That goal was reached a year and a half early, with the last of the cheques being issued three weeks ago.

During the dinner, held at Emiel's Place, Mayor Howard Hall said he was proud of the Chamber and its accomplishments over the many years he has been associated with it.

"As long as we have a healthy Chamber of Commerce we will continue to have a healthy community," he said.

### Tires should be rolling by mid-September

August 25, 1992

A barn full of tires on Scugog Island could soon be empty as the owners have found a willing host.

Fred Boehm, one of the property owners on Chandler Drive said they are being shipped to New York state, going to a licensed establishment which recycles tires.

Mr. Boehm estimated all of the tires will be off the farm property by mid-September 1992.

The situation dates back to January 1991 when the Township charged Gord Elson, the lessee, with illegal tire storage.

In court he was found guilty and ordered to pay a \$500 fine, but he fled, leaving behind an estimated 35,000-70,000 tires.

Mr. Boehm said he believes he was an innocent victim in the issue and said "we've been caught in the middle of it."

He said, "We would have been happy to give the tires away, but no such luck," and noted they would be paying a substantial amount of money to have the tires removed.

### Gerry's Distributors closing, no buyer

September 16, 1992

Operations at Gerry's Distributors are winding down after an unsuccessful attempt to find a buyer for the Alma Street business.

Only a handful of workers remained on staff when the fate of the company was announced to employees last week.

The company was placed in receivership on August 7, 1992, after experiencing financial difficulty. Richter & Partners Inc, took over day-to-day operations while searching for a new owner.

Scugog Mayor Howard Hall said he was sorry to see the company close and estimated that in total 70 jobs have been lost. He added, that with the closing of Johnson Controls, more than 250 jobs have been lost in the past two years.



## Residents oppose proposal for Queen Street retirement home

September 9, 1992

Neighbours are speaking out against a proposed retirement home slated for the corner of Queen and Ottawa Street in Port Perry.

The proposed three-storey 42-unit private retirement home is slated for the Brock family property. The building would stretch from the existing house on the northwest corner to directly across from the crosswalk to R.H. Cornish School.

Area residents are concerned about the increased traffic in an area which is already so congested with two schools and the Bell Canada building in the immediate area.

The new building would include two new entrances to Queen Street in the form of a circular drive, would make nine total entrances onto Queen Street in that block.

Note: At a meeting on October 5, 1992, Scugog councillors voted unanimously to reject plans for the retirement home.



A small but enthusiastic crowd watched the giant Canadian signature flag raised in Palmer Park September 26, 1992, as part of a national Raise the Flag Day in Canada. Seen here with the flag in the background are, from left, Mayor Howard Hall accepting a limited edition print from Kinsmen President Dave Robinson. Also pictured are Port Perry High School student council vice president Melissa Rudy, councillor Marilyn Pearce and PPHS student's council president Chris Brozina.



## Hospital is one of best in Canada

September 22, 1992

At Community Memorial Hospital, quality is not optional. It is an expectation, says Connie Jamieson, the hospital's manager of personnel.

That's why it wasn't a surprise to see the facility named as one of the "great Canadian hospitals" listed in a special report of Chatelaine magazine's October issue.

The 46-bed hospital currently has on staff 11 active physicians, 13 consulting physicians, 49 registered nurses and 30 registered nursing assistants.

## Harmony Island retreat for youth holds official opening on Scugog Island

September 29, 1992

Harmony Island Estate for Youth will hold its official opening on Friday, October 2, 1992.

The estate provides a retreat for young offenders and youths under the care of Children's Aid Societies.

Harmony Island has been operating on Scugog Island for eight months.

Co-owners Bruce Gerrow and Bill Curry have renovated the interior of what was formerly known as the Seven Mile Island Resort, into an estate licenced to house 24 youths.

The facility offers a dually licensed program designated to serve open custody youth under the Young Offenders Act, as well as youth aged nine to 15, who are under the care of the Children's Aid Society and require alternative placement.

"We run a tight ship, but with a lot of love and caring. We have never had a problem with youth running away," Mr. Gerrow said.



Harmony Island Estate for Youth, located on Scugog Island, the former property known as Seven Mile Island, celebrated its official opening on October 2, 1992. Co-owners Bill Curry, left and Bruce Gerrow, show off the new classroom to invited guests during its open house.



A large crowd turned out at the Cartwright Park on Thursday, October 9, 1992, to witness the official dedication service and tree planting. Tim Legere, Parks Committee, Ken Gadsen, Canada 125 Chairman and Ward 3 Councillor, Steve Bull, Parks Department, and Ward 2 Councillor Marilyn Pearce, who is also the Parks Committee Chairman, are seen here during the tree planting dedication at Cartwright Park in Caesarea.



The Port Perry Country Market celebrated its official opening on October 5, 1992. On hand to join in the ceremonies were, left, Randy and Margaret Scott, Dave Sandison, Wendy Sandison, Al Kingdon, Country 59 DJ, Heather Sandison, Leona Sandison and Merri-Ellen Adley from Country 59.



PEST and Zero Garbage have hired a lawyer to aid them in their fight against a proposed landfill site in Scugog Township. They toured the sites recently to become more familiar with the lands involved. Pictured are, from left, Joanna Williams, Sandy Kiezebrink, from PEST; John Williams, of Williams and Shier law office, Lisa Feasby and Bill Lishman from Zero Garbage.

## Don Steele selected as Scugog Fire Chief

September 29, 1992

Don Steele, an 18-year veteran of the Scugog Fire Department is the new fire chief for the township.

The part-time position will include the overseeing of both Hall #1 in Port Perry and Hall #2 in Caesarea.

"It's an exciting feeling being the first fire chief for the whole township," Chief Steele said.

The new fire chief takes over from retiring chiefs Jack Cook from the Port Perry Hall and Ray Gould from the Caesarea Hall.

Chief Cook joined the local fire department in March 1957 and served as chief for 23 years. Chief Gould, a 33 year veteran of the Caesarea Fire Hall, held the acting chief position for just over two years.

## Township gives newly opened Country Market 30 days to cease illegal activities

November 30, 1992

Almost six months after opening, the Port Perry Country Market has been told to conform to a Scugog Township bylaw.

Sanscott Investments, the operators, were notified by the township's bylaw enforcement officer, that they are contravening a township bylaw. The letter claimed they were operating a "flea market" and that the building was not being used for its original intent.

Sanscott's original application stated it would be a garden centre and farmers market with accessory items for sale. The operators have been given 30 days to prove to the Township that they are conforming to the bylaw.

In a prepared statement, the owners of Sanscott said "They have worked with the health department, the building department and the fire department successfully. We look forward to working successfully with the Township of Scugog to fulfill all the necessary requirements."





*Scugog councillor Ken Gadsden, right, helped unveil the townships new official flag for council. Helping him unfurl the flag was Paul Livingston, a local artist, who designed the flag.*

## Official Scugog Township flag unveiled

November 17, 1992

The first official flag for Scugog Township was unveiled on November 14, 1992 and minutes later it was flying over the municipal office in Port Perry.

Although the flag design contest was open to everyone, in an odd turn of events, it was dominated by two close friends.

Paul Livingston won the overall design contest and Neil Obern, who is Mr. Livingston's "Little Brother," won the children's category.

In all, approximately 300 entries were submitted in the contest, 240 of those from youth of the community.

Mr. Livingston received \$300 for his design, plus \$100 for winning the open category. Neil received \$100 for his entry.

The winning entry, which now becomes the official flag for the township, utilizes red and blue on a white background, and includes the township's coat of arms crest.

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November 3, 1992

**Samuel A Cawker, one of Port Perry's best known educators passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 2. "Sam" as he was known to his many friends, spent 44 years of his life as a teacher and vice-principal, primarily at R.H. Cornish School in Port Perry.**

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*Sergeant Archie Mackinnon is seen here with some of the 220 rifles and shotguns and 135 handguns that were brought to the region's police stations during the recent national gun amnesty, which concluded last week. Sgt. Mackinnon said the department was pleased and that most people just didn't want them in their homes anymore.*



*Community Memorial Hospital is continuing its fundraising drive by selling copies of "Ice Palace", a print depicting Scugog's Open Air Ice Palace. Proceeds from the sales, donated by artist Alberto deCastro, will go towards the CMH fund. The Framer's Gallery hosted a meet the artist afternoon on Sunday. Pictured with the painting is, left, artist Alberto deCastro, CMH board chairman Kent Farndale, Tracy Strong and Dr. Robert Allin.*



The familiar smiles of Margaret and Dave Waite seen here, only serve to mask the pain they are feeling after being forced to close their family travel business during the final week of December 1992. The Waites had successfully operated Nonquon Travel Ltd. for the past 21 years, but due to a sluggish economic climate and a glut of air seats on the market, they were forced to close their business.

### Scugog spared from list of dump sites

November 24, 1992

The Interim Waste Authority says Scugog is not the appropriate location for a long-term landfill site.

The IWA released its short list of potential landfill sites on November 20 and in the process took Scugog out of the running as the final site. Of the 17 sites, the two Manchester sites tied for 10th place in the overall ranking, while the two sites in Blackstock were ranked 14 and 15. The third Manchester site did not make it to the ranking stage.

Reaction was one of relief and surprise when word of the sites became known on Friday, as most of the residents were expecting at least one of the sites to remain on the table.

"I'm very thankful that we don't have a site in Scugog," said Mayor Howard Hall.



Downtown Port Perry was entertained by Christmas carollers strolling Queen Street during the weeks leading up to Christmas in December 1992. The carollers, made up from members of the Borelians Theatre Group and the Scugog Choral Society stopped at Santa's house to visit Santa Claus Saturday, December 19, 1992. From left, Michele Jones, Reta Brown, Alice Lee, Shelley Diamond, Santa Claus, Roz Wordley, Adrienne Patterson and Betty Ann Manuel.

### Kinsmen Club critical of new welcome signs

November 10, 1992

New signs to the town aren't receiving a very warm welcome from one local service group.

The Kinsmen Club of Port Perry spoke out last week in opposition to the "Welcome to Port Perry" signs erected late last month.

The signs were erected by Bill Barr, with permission from the Township of Scugog, which agreed to bridge finance the project.

But the Kinsmen feel the signs are a waste of money.

Dave Robinson, president of the Kinsmen Club, takes exception to the fact that the Kinsmen Club was not consulted about the project in advance and that it is refusing to finance the construction of the signs. He questioned the funding structure used for the project and that only organizations that contribute to the project will have their names displayed not the signs.



Mayor Howard Hall with one of the new "Welcome to Port Perry" signs.

He says it is "hypocritical" to charge them to appear on the sign while the community is eager to promote the purple martin, "a small bird with a voracious appetite which is native to our community only during the summer months".

He believes the signs received the endorsement of council because Mr. Barr was behind the project and they were seeking to reward him for his years of service to the community. "It's a \$10,000 monument to one man's hobby," Mr. Robinson says.

Mayor Howard Hall was bewildered by the controversy. "I'm surprised by the objections to the signs," he said. "I'm not sure why people are objecting, it's not costing the taxpayers anything."



# Here & Gone

Remembering Stores from the 1990s

Aldred's Corner	20050 Island Road
Almost New Shoppe	Port Perry Plaza
Best Of Things	200 Queen Street
Betty Brite Dry Cleaners	1888 Scugog Street
Brown Couch Coffee House	217 Queen Street
Bruton's Drug Store	200 Queen Street
Bruton's Big V Drug Store	268 Queen Street
Buttercup Cottage	229 Queen Street
Cashway Lumber	1910 Scugog Street
Cerero & King	180 Mary Street



Cine-Max Video	1881 Scugog Street
Circular Sounds	24 Water Street
Classic Neubody	40 Water Street
Conway Place Dining	1893 Scugog Street
Country Heirlooms	160 Queen Street
Country Lane Realty	Hwy. 7A/High Street
Country Oven	15300 Hwy. 12
Country Style Donuts	270 Scugog Street
Crafter's Showplace	242 Queen Street
Crandell's Riverboat	15 Water Street
Creative Basket	158 Queen Street
D.J. Taylor Insurance	169 North Street
Daisy's Fabrics	201 Queen Street
Daphne's	189 Queen Street
David Chow's Restaurant	223 Queen Street
David's Hairstyling	257 Queen Street
Dennis Anderson Chev-Olds	268 Queen Street
Dixie Lee Chicken	136 Water Street
Doc's Discount Pet Centre	52 Water Street
Dollar Plus Bargain Centre	1874 Scugog Street
Donut Gallery/Cango Gas Bar	Simcoe Street South



Donut Press	20 Water Street
Doris Shoes	263 Queen Street
Dowson's Valu-mart	Port Perry Plaza
Emiel's Place	155 Queen Street
EMS Flooring	126 Water Street
F Stop 8 Photography	180 Mary Street
Forder-Parks Insurance	34 Water Street
Fowler-Davies	175 North Street
From My Heart	177 Queen Street
Gate Family Restaurant	1894 Scugog Street
Gold 'n Glow	263 Queen Street
Golden Gate Chinese Buffet	Port Perry Plaza
Gord Lewis Motors	94 Water Street
Gramma Grunts	143 Perry Street
Greystone Restaurant	2130 Shirley Road
Hair Expressions	176 Perry Street
Halenda's M&D Meats	30 Water Street
Harvard Real Estate	141 Scugog Street
Henshall's	241 Queen Street
House of Howard	239 Queen Street



Imogene	200 Queen Street
In Fashion	Port Perry Plaza
Irwin Smith Music Ltd.	305 Queen Street
Jason Callan Music Ltd	305 Queen Street
Joy of Candles	221 Queen Street
Jug City - More Than Milk	1609 King Street
Kastelic Kounting Office Supply	1888 Scugog Street
Kentucky Fried Chicken	1888 Scugog Street
Kim's Kountry Bulk Store	146 Queen Street
Knobby's Pizza Parlour	150 Water Street
Laurentian Bank	165 Queen Street
Lifestyle 2000	Port Perry Plaza
Linen Corner	217 Queen Street
Lishman's	158 Queen Street
Little Harbour Clothing	227 Queen Street

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## Balsam Street residents oppose Port Perry Legion's non-profit housing

November 24, 1992

A proposed low rental housing development on Balsam Street has received some strong opposition from local residents.

The developer, a registered company Branch 419 Legion Park Manor Inc., is proposing a 40-unit housing development on the southwest corner of the lot at Balsam and Old Simcoe Road.

According to Barry Knowles, the architect for the project, the development will feature a number of one and two bedroom units, as well as wheelchair accessible units. The 40 units will house about 69 people.

A spokesman, representing the neighbours, presented a petition with 42 signatures. He fears the development will affect the property values of the homes. "This will absolutely overpower the neighbourhood," he said. "It's too big."

Other problems they expressed included traffic flow, parking problems and the type of people who will live in the area, pointing to a recent incident in Toronto where a child molester was given housing in such a development.

Ward 3 Councillor Ken Gadsden criticized the remark, calling it "alarmist."

Ward 1 Councillor Ken Carruthers took exception to the comments and chastised them for ignoring the needs of others.

Council said it would make a decision on the zoning application shortly.

## Worst snow storm in 47 years brings Scugog to a standstill

December 15, 1992

More than 60 centimetres of snow covered Scugog Township during a two-day snowstorm that brought the township to a virtual standstill.

Surprising, there were no major incidents due to the storm, which is deemed to have been the heaviest snowfall in 47 years.

There were only a handful of stores open in the downtown and mail delivery was brought to a halt with roads made impossible for delivery.

Despite the large volume of snow to be shovelled, most residents took the storm in stride, reflecting back on storms of the past. Many residents took the day off work, as they tried to shovel out from under the heavy snowfall.

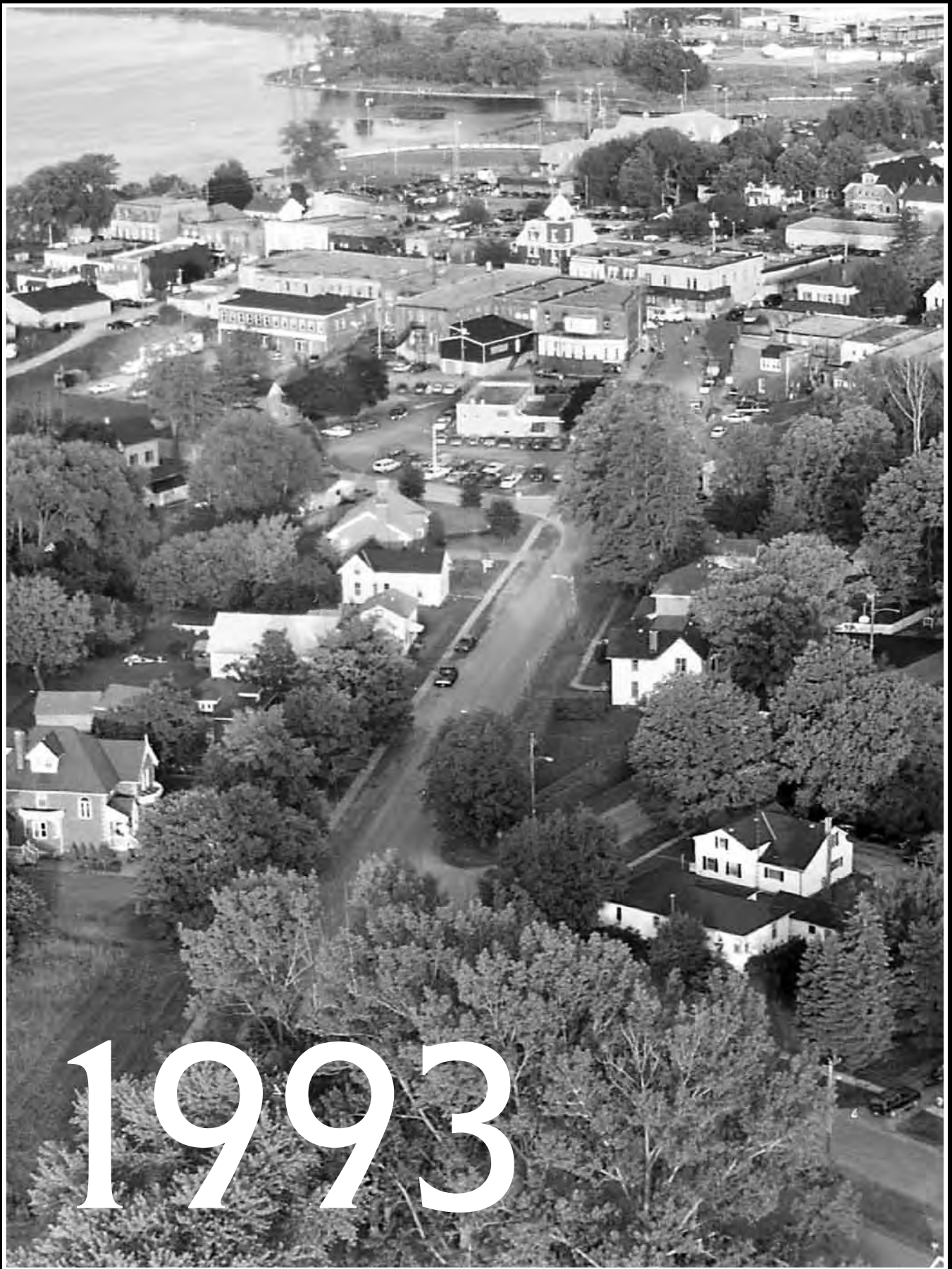
Angie Walsh, of Nestleton, pregnant and one week overdue delivered a 7 lb. 10 oz. baby boy in her bathroom, after efforts by her husband Tom to get the driveway cleared in time to get her to the hospital failed. "It was pretty scary," Mrs. Walsh recalled later, but with the help of a snowplow, an ambulance and police cruiser made it to their home within 20 minutes of the birth and transferred the family to the hospital.

Ron MacDonald, Scugog Township's roads superintendent, estimated the storm cost the township about \$15,000.



This picture taken about 1990 shows two buildings on the southeast side of Perry and Mary Streets, Port Perry. Originally the Archer garage, left, the building was being used as a body shop for Anderson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile. The building to the right was occupied by Phil Walmsley Photography and Sheila's Hairstyling.





1993

*Looking south along Perry Street, towards downtown Port Perry, during the summer of 1992.*



*Cathy and Emiel Kroonenberg are happy to be back in Port Perry and would sooner forget their recent trip to Miami. While vacationing in the popular winter spot, thieves jumped into their car, after Emiel got out to take a picture, then threw Cathy out of the car and took off with all their money and belongings. Police located the car about five blocks away, but the terrified couple were victims of a theft in which they lost more than \$3,000 in cash and belongings.*

## Fate of local ambulance still in limbo

January 12, 1993

Six months after cuts were announced the fate of the local ambulance service is still in limbo. Bob DeShane, owner of Lindsay and District Ambulance Service, says planned cutbacks to the service which operates out of both Lindsay and Port Perry, have been put on hold until the government makes a decision.

In August 1992, the company announced cuts in service including the elimination of one day vehicle in order to meet its directive of a one-percent increase in its budget outlined by the NDP government.

"We're in a state of limbo," says Mr. DeShane. "We're still operating at proposed levels."



*Durham Regional Police's Canine Unit was introduced to the public in early January 1993. The team of PC Peter van der dum and Kane, an 18-month-old German Shepherd, will undergo intensive training before hitting the streets in June, as the force's first canine unit. A week after this announcement, Kane was shipped back to his breeder in North Carolina, after health problems were detected.*



*Ten Scugog Township residents received Commonwealth Medals for making significant contributions to their community at a special ceremony on February 19, 1992 in Oshawa. Medals and certificates were present to mark the 125th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation. Two members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are pictured here with the Scugog recipients. Back left, Dr. Tom Millar, Durham M.P. Ross Stevenson, Joyce Kelly, Gary Roncetti. Front left, Jean VanCamp, Grace Hastings, Mary June Smith, Dr. Matthew B. Dymond, Peter Hvidsten, Kent Farndale, Mayor Howard Hall.*



## Council rejects lease extension to Port Perry fairgrounds

January 25, 1993

Council will not grant an extension to the local fair board's lease until it presents detailed plans for the future.

Dr. Bill Cohoon, representing the Port Perry Agricultural Society, was seeking an extension to the lease, which will expire on July 11, 1997.

The society requires a lease of at least 10 years in order to be eligible for various Ontario government grants.

Council Marilyn Pearce expressed concern that the society's plans, which called for the improvement of the infrastructure at the fairground was "piecemeal"

and did not include a long-term vision.

"I can't see spending any more money until this matter is addressed," she said. "Quite frankly, I think we'd be crazy to invest any money until we know where it (the fair) is going."

The question of whether the present site was an ideal location has been a thorny issue for quite some time. Mayor Howard Hall questioned whether a more suitable location existed to allow for residential expansion on the fairgrounds.

"Serious consideration must be made concerning another location," he said.

## Not a zero budget, but it's close

March 9, 1993

Scugog council has displayed "prudent financing" with its 1993 budget, says Yvonne Christie, Finance Committee Chairman.

Council approved the budget which calls for a tax increase of 0.894 percent over last year. The additional tax levied on an average household is approximately \$3.78.

## Queen and Water St. to be a four-way stop

January 12, 1993

After years of discussion, Scugog Council has decided to designate a controversial intersection a four-way stop.

Council voted in favour of converting the intersection at Queen and Water Streets, which has historically been a two-way stop along Water Street and a U-Turn on Queen Street, to an all-way stop.

Mayor Howard Hall, who has been a long-time supporter of the unique U-Turn at the east end of the business section, voted against the bylaw, as did Councillor Yvonne Christie.

But councillors felt there was a lot of confusion at the intersection, in particular with newer residents and visitors to the community.



Don Steele, Scugog's new Fire Chief, is asking the township for money in order to purchase two new vehicles, a pumper and a rescue vehicle, for the township's two fire halls. In addition, he has asked council to budget for a 1,200 sq. ft. second floor addition to the back of the existing hall in Port Perry.



The Port Perry Agricultural Society elected its new executive at its annual meeting on January 30. Elected were, front left, Penny Pettypiece, ladies division president; Paul Christie, 1st vice-president. Back left, Gerry Blackburn, 2nd vice-president; Keith Phoenix, past president and Bill Cohoon, president.

March 9, 1993

Staff and volunteers from Community Nursing Home attended the Ontario Nursing Home Association Awards on March 3 and received the Long-term Care Achievement Award. The nursing home won for its "Florida Dream Trip." Those attending were Kim Owen, Donna Drew, Linda Hughes, Michele Kimmerly, Mary Anne Elliott, Margaret Cavill, Joy Holtby, Nancy Polkinghorne and Kim Mitchell, Edna Goss, administrator, and Shawn Larocque.



*Jim and Marg Lawrence, owners of Bruton's Drug Store in Port Perry for the past 19 years, joined forces with the Big V Drug Store chain effective April 3, 1993. The popular couple will continue to manage the company under the name Bruton Big V Drug Store.*

February 1993

**The Ministry of Natural Resources announced the ice fishing season on Lake Scugog would be shortened come this winter fishing season.**



*Grand opening ceremonies were held Saturday, April 17, 1993 at The Barber Shop, located at 52 Water Street, Port Perry. Proprietor Rick McCoshen, seated, will offer hair cuts, straight razor shaves, beard trims and other grooming services. Helping with the official opening was Scugog Mayor Howard Hall and Mr. McCoshen's sons Scott and Grant.*

## Council turns down no smoking bylaw

February 2, 1993

It appears Scugog council will reject a request by Durham's Health Department to adopt a comprehensive no smoking bylaw.

Sandy Schmidt, a Durham Region Public Health nurse presented the bylaw to Scugog councillors on Monday and called for the township to adopt the document.

But councillors took exception to the bylaw arguing that it was too encompassing and infringed too heavily on the right of both the public and the proprietors.

Council voted to table the report for information, and said they will continue to enforce its present bylaw concerning smoking in public places.



*Township workers tried unsuccessfully to remove a concrete slab from the ground in Palmer Park in February 1993. The large slab had been used as a base for a water tower beside the railway station which was located in the park. Parks committee chairman Marilyn Pearce said it was being removed for cosmetic reasons. During the summer, the grass turns brown over the pad, due to the small amount of topsoil over it.*



## Mississaugas receive grant for centre

March 16, 1993

A long-term dream of Yvonne Edgar's is one step closer to reality following a cheque presentation earlier this week.

For more than 15 years Chief Edgar, head of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nations and her husband, a former chief, had been seeking an addition to their offices on Scugog Island, but funding was not in place.

This changed on Monday as Elaine Ziemba, Minister of Citizenship, presented the First Nation with a cheque for \$352,640, to be used for the construction of a 3,585 sq. ft. community hall.

Garry Edgar, the Mississauga's Economic Development Officer said, "It's a historic day for us. We are pleased we'll be able to access the funding that we need to begin building."

Mr. Edgar said that the native community has far outgrown the present facility. At the present time 52 members of the band live on the 595 acre reserve on Scugog Island but he expects more to come back to set up residence.

"People are seeking to return to their roots," he said.



The Head United Church at Scugog Shores Museum Village is in need of a major restoration job which is estimated to cost approximately \$60,000. In order to undertake this project, the historical society is conducting a fundraising campaign during the month of May 1993. Pictured above are, left, Paul Arculus, president of the Lake Scugog Historical Society and Jack Kane, a society member.

## Scugog seeks agreement on causeway pier

March 30, 1993

A tentative agreement was reached between Scugog Township and the Ministry of Natural Resources for a fishing pier along the causeway.

The need for a fishing pier was identified as a way to alleviate the traffic problems caused by fishermen on both sides of the road.

The two sides came to an agreement that provides for a fishing pier on the north side of the causeway at the triple culvert. Despite coming to terms, Mayor Hall says he did not anticipate the pier to be ready this summer.

## Garden Centre blossoms into an eating establishment

March 25, 1993

Citing poor economic times, a local garden centre will be closing. But it's only temporary while it is transformed into a restaurant.

Steve Nitsa, owner of the Village Garden Centre on Hwy. 7A in Port Perry, is proposing a \$50,000 renovation to transform the present 1,800 sq. ft. building into a restaurant with a glass solarium.

The restaurant, to be called the Halibut House, will feature sit down and take out menu and will specialize in fish and chips. He expects to open the restaurant by May 15, 1993.



The PC's National Defence Minister, and political leadership hopeful, Kim Campbell attended a rally in Oshawa on April 6, 1993 during a brief swing through Southern Ontario on her leadership campaign tour. Ms. Campbell is pictured with Scugog Ward 3 Councillor Ken Gadsden.



The official sod turning for the Stephen B. Roman Wing, of Community Memorial Hospital expansion took place last Friday, May 14, 1993. Taking part were, from left, Ted Griffen, Building Committee Chairman; Amanda Keeler, who was pictured as a baby on the cover of the fundraising brochure; Mayor Howard Hall, Chairman of the Hospital Foundation; David Brown, Hospital Administrator; Mrs. Stephen B. Roman and Kent Farndale, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

## Plans for retirement development

March 23, 1993

Scugog council heard preliminary plans for a three-storey, 60-unit retirement development slated for the east end of Casimir Street in Downtown Port Perry.

According to its developer Gary Moore, a resident of Port Perry, the facility would feature 315 sq. ft. units complete with four piece bathrooms, as well as a dining room, activity rooms and a library.

"I can't think of a better location," he said, pointing out that the facility would be close to the downtown core and yet a number of rooms would provide a view of Lake Scugog. The facility would also offer limited care to the residents as well as housekeeping services.

Council members responded favourably to the informal proposal, with Mayor Howard Hall saying that the Casimir Street site is well suited for the development. The developers plan to make a formal presentation in the near future.

If all goes according to plan, the developers hope to offer occupancy in the spring of 1994.

## Central Seven workers unionize

April 6, 1993

In a close vote of 13 to 10, full-time workers at Central Seven voted in favour of forming a union and becoming members of CUPE. In a similar ballot for the part-time employees, seven of the 34 eligible workers voted, 4 against joining the union and 3 for.

Although he is only speculating, executive director Glenn Taylor believes the employees decided to form the union for job security in the wake of rumours of funding cuts from the provincial government, from which Central Seven receives an annual net subsidy of \$1.5 million.



A retirement party was held on May 28, 1993 for three Township of Scugog firemen. Deputy Fire Chief Charles Lown, left, with 35 years service at Hall #1, Fire Chief Ray Gould, 33 years service Hall #2, and Fire Chief Jack Cook, 35 years, Hall #1 were honoured by the township, friends and relatives for their many years of dedicated service. The men received bronzed firemen replicas, caricatures and gold plated helmets entrapped with their years of service.

## Rotary Park underway

April 27, 1993

Members of Scugog Township Council and the Port Perry Rotary Club officially recognized the spot of the future Rotary Park environmental project to begin this year. The park is located by the boat launch.

On hand for the official ground breaking ceremony were Port Perry Rotary Club members Earl Mayes, Al Bertrand, Mayor Howard Hall, Councillors Ken Gadsden, Marilyn Pearce, Yvonne Christie, Ken Carruthers, and Township Parks Department employee Steve Bull.





A rainy weekend failed to dampen the enthusiasm of young and old at the annual Pioneer Days at Scugog Shores Museum Village in early June 1993. Among the volunteers on hand to demonstrate the ways of the pioneer times were, above left, Vilma Giannini and Al Bertrand in the old pharmacy.

Above right, Ailene Kane and her granddaughter Kristen Beer, dressed in period clothing, demonstrate the art of candle making in the log cabin.

Clive Boyd, right, is seen demonstrating printing on an old hand-fed press, from the Port Perry Star, in the museum's Print Shop



## Scugog council grants Canterbury Common subdivision 185 units of sewage capacity

May 11, 1993

A 240-unit subdivision slated for north Port Perry has cleared a major hurdle in its quest to begin development.

On Monday, Scugog council passed a resolution recommending that the Region of Durham accept its recommendation granting the developers 185 units of sewage capacity. There are only 435 units left for residential development in the township.

The action saved the Canterbury Common project as a deadline of May 11 was placed on proceeding with the development. Although the developers were seeking 240 units, the 185 units provides them with enough to begin. The retirement home development will also include a golf course.



The first ever Scugog Invitational Rowing Regatta for high school crews was held in Port Perry on May 16, 1993. The event was hosted by the Durham Rowing Club and attracted a total of 86 athletes competing in seven events. The crews, students who attended high schools in Port Perry, Oshawa, Port Hope, Bracebridge and Sudbury, found the 1,000 metre course quite challenging. The finish line was opposite the beach in Palmer Park

## Big V Drug Store plans approved by council

June 15, 1993

A proposed commercial development, which got raked over the coals last week by members of council, was unanimously approved at a meeting of council on Monday.

Last week representatives from the Big V chain of drug stores presented plans for an 8,000 sq. ft. drug store at the corner of Queen and John Street. But council was unimpressed with the first design, at one point referring to it as "chintzy." The revised drawings were much improved, with council voting in favour of the plan.

The developers will now negotiate a purchase agreement for the proposed land, which is the former Anderson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile property.



Three new doctors and two new courtesy staff members began making the rounds at Community Memorial Hospital in Port Perry in July 1993. Joining the staff at Medical Associates are, seated, Dr. Elizabeth Russell, back left, Dr. Steven Russell, Dr. Kevin Smith and Dr. Neil McAlister. Dr. Elizabeth Russell is the first woman doctor on the staff and she shares a practice with her husband, Dr. Steven Russell. The new additions bring the number of full-time practitioners at the hospital to twelve.

## Law firm will fight removal of vacant building in Supreme Court

July 13, 1993

It could be some time until the fate of the abandoned Fletcher-Tesluck building, which sits on an unopened road allowance just off Water Street will be determined.

The company purchased the building when it was located on Queen Street just west of the IGA, and moved it to its present location in 1988. The building was then opened and used as the Fletcher-Tesluck law office for a short period of time.

Despite an order from the Township of Scugog to remove the building, the order was ignored and a long drawn-out court case ensued with the township winning the fight.

The owners were given until June 30, 1993 to remove the old building, but Fletcher-Tesluk intends to fight the order in the Supreme Court of Canada.

Last week, the building was almost lost after a fire broke out in late at night.

## More parking for downtown?

August 21, 1993

Two old vacant houses at the corner of Mary and John Street may soon have a date with a bulldozer if IGA owner Jim Grieve has his way.

Mr. Grieve is seeking council's permission to remove the homes to build a 20 car parking lot, adjacent to the parking lot being constructed by Big V Drug Store.

No decision was made on the request.



The north side of Queen Street in July 1993 with the attractive and ornate Settlement House block with its many stores.



## Marina Brock, fifth generation to take over family century-old business

August 24, 1993

Marina Brock's great-great-grandfather William founded Brock's Store in 1881 and since then it has become the oldest family business in town.

William Brock passed the business on to his sons Fredrick and Harold. Fred and his wife Sophie managed the store before it was passed to their son Arthur. Arthur's son Bill and his wife Claudette started helping out in the store in 1981 and took over the operation in 1988.

Now, five years later, the business is about to be passed on to the Brock's daughter Marina, the fifth generation of the family to own and manage the department store.

Before taking over the business, Marina's entire family helped her renovate Brock's Department Store in preparation for a re-opening on Saturday, August 28.

There were plenty of smiles at the store that evening as the Brock family held a special open house at their newly renovated premises. A large gathering of friends, staff and business colleagues toured the building which has been transformed into a bright, spacious store while retaining the historic nature and feeling of the business.



Above, Bill and Claudette Brock, with their daughter Marina, centre, are seen happily toasting the new look at Brock's Department Store. Marina is the fifth generation to take over the 112-year old family business.



Prime Minister Kim Campbell

## Prime Minister pays visit to Scugog Township

September 14, 1993

Canada's first woman Prime Minister, Kim Campbell, visited Scugog Township last Thursday during the first day of the election campaign.

The Prime Minister was in Scugog Township talking to local farmers, small business owners and rural residents. During her two hour visit she shook hands and spoke with area residents at Utica Farm Equipment, as well as address the national press on issues important to rural communities.

Her message to the more than 150 local residents who arrived early to see the Prime Minister was that rural issues matter to the Progressive Conservative Party.

One resident told Ms. Campbell that she was delighted that Canada has a female Prime Minister. Others were more critical of the government's stance on issues related to farming.



The arrival of Prime Minister Kim Campbell created a lot of excitement in Scugog Township during September 1993 with her visit to Utica Farm Equipment in Utica. The PM is seen here shortly after arriving speaking with some of the many people who gathered to catch a glimpse of Canada's first female Prime Minister.

September 8, 1993

**Amanda Stairs, 18, was the winner of the Ford Supermodel Contest held in Toronto. The win qualifies her for the National Supermodel Contest and a chance to compete in the World Supermodel Contest if successful.**

## Erin Leigh waterfront plaza plans progressing

September 21, 1993

A 95,000 sq. ft. waterfront development, near the corner of Water Street and Hwy. 7A, is a step closer to reality after receiving council's blessing.

Scugog conditionally approved plans for the large residential and commercial complex at a special meeting on September 14 with Joe Cornachia, a representative from the Michael Stuart Group, who is planning the development.

Despite the positive step there are still many issues to be resolved, including widening the road on Hwy. 7A, and proper traffic signalization.

The complex will feature a number of commercial units, including A&P, McDonald's and Tim Hortons. A 120 unit condominium complex is also planned.



Construction on a new Big V Drug Store, on the former Anderson Chevrolet-Oldsmobile site, was moving along well in August 1993.



Big V Drug Store held the official opening of their new store at the corner of Queen and John Streets in November 1993.





*Ready to fly. That's what Joe Duff, left and Bill Lishman say as they finalize plans in October 1993 to migrate with their hand-raised and imprinted Canada Geese. For the past two months the two men have been flying with the birds twice a day, preparing them for their flight south. During their 400 mile migratory flight, the two men and the geese will be tracked and followed by two motorhomes, one light aircraft and two high-speed boats during their crossing of Lake Ontario.*

## Scugog Rape Crisis Centre closes doors

August 24, 1993

The beleaguered crisis centre in Port Perry has closed its doors amidst controversy. The Scugog and District Sexual Assault/Rape Crises Centre ceased operations last week citing a dwindling clientele and a desire to act responsibly with public money.

"This board is acting responsibly to fulfill its obligation to the centre's clients, its employees, its funding sources and the community," said board chairman Janet Edwards.

The Centre has been the subject of controversy for mismanagement of funds last year. Although a police investigation determined there were financial wrong-doings, no charges were laid.

But the stigma attached to the controversy affected the centre's reputation, prompting all services to be transferred to the centre in Oshawa.

## Port Perry man gored at zoo by elephant

November 9, 1993

A Port Perry man is in Scarborough Hospital following a mishap with an elephant at the Metro Toronto Zoo.

Nick Rensink, 26, an employee at the zoo, was gored while trying to break up a fight between two female elephants.

According to reports, the two elephants in adjoining stalls became involved in a shoving match. Mr. Rensink attempted to separate the two and in the process was gored in the leg. One tusk, approximately 10 centimeters long, tore open Mr. Rensink's thigh, near the groin.

Officials at the zoo praised Mark Bongelli, who pulled him from the cage, noting that he could have been killed had it not been for him.

Mr. Rensink was taken to Scarborough Centenary Hospital and is listed in satisfactory condition.



*Gored by an elephant at the Metro Toronto Zoo, Nick Rensink is expecting to see full recovery soon.*

December 1993

**Ted Morrison, PPHS principal for eight years, is transferred to Oshawa and replaced by former vice-principal Sandra Riches.**

## Scugog to have five wards for next election

October 19, 1993

A new ward will be added to the township shortly. The Ontario government recently approved Scugog's application to alter the ward structure, adding a fifth ward to the political structure.

Under the proposed change, there will be a redistribution of some polls from Ward 1 (Reach), including Castle Harbor, Cawker's Creek and Prince Albert. These will be designated to Ward 2.

Ward 2 will then be split at Queen Street, creating the fifth ward.

The number of councillors will not change, however, the Area Councillor's position will be eliminated.



The Bethesda-Reach Women's Institute erected a sign on October 14, 1993 in the community of Bethesda, at the original site of the Bethesda United Church (1882-1954), and the Reach Township School #10 (1876-1963). Although the two buildings, which were the hub of the community, are no longer there, the W.I. felt it was important that a historical marker be placed at the site as a reminder of the community's heritage. Pictured is Mayor Howard Hall with members of the Bethesda-Reach Women's Institute.

## Scugog Chamber of Commerce on verge of disbanding

November 23, 1993

The Scugog Chamber of Commerce may disband if directors can not be found to fill its vacant seats.

And if it dissolves, so will many of the special events that shape the

community, such as the Santa Claus Parade, Festival Days and the Canada Day celebrations.

Chamber president Bill Dowson brought forward the idea, but said, "I don't want it to get that far, but we

don't have enough people to do the jobs required to work as a chamber."

With three directors stepping down and seven more saying they won't stand for another term, Mr. Dowson said, "It looks like we may have to replace 10 directors," and added, "We don't just want people there in name only, we need people who will stand up to help with the work."

Mayor Howard Hall, a former director and president of the Chamber of Commerce said the current problem is a sign of the times, suggesting that it's hard to find people to make that kind of commitment required.

Mayor Hall felt that the organization may have to make some changes if it is to succeed, saying, "The chamber is not going to fold. I'll tell you that. Some of us won't let it happen."



The Big Brothers and Big Sisters of North Durham held their annual general meeting November 15, 1993 at Community Memorial Hospital to elect an executive for the 1993-94 term. Elected to the board were, back left, Jim Dutton, Roy Waterman, Pat Bowmans, Marg Morris, Jeff Clark and Bernie Joosten. Front left, executive director Patti Goreski, vice president Bruce Moran, president Elgin Knopp and treasurer Laurie Murdock.





Inspector Dan Matthews lets Inspector Nancy Desjardine try out his seat at the Port Perry detachment of Durham Regional Police on November 24, 1993. Inspector Desjardine, a 20 year veteran of the force, spent the day touring 26 Division and getting to know the area which she took charge of Monday morning. Inspector Matthews has been transferred to police headquarters in Oshawa.

## Canterbury Common gets “thumbs up”

November 2, 1993

Scugog council has given approval in principle to a 248 residential home recreational community, paving the way for sales to begin in the spring.

Council granted representatives from Canterbury Common permission to erect three model homes and a sales office on the 125-acre site in north Port Perry, on the former Brooks Farm. The development will also feature a nine-hole golf course and clubhouse.

Mark Dawson, a representative from the development told council construction on Phase 1 of the subdivision will begin very soon.

Mr. Dawson said that response has been strong with more than 50 calls having been received. They hope to begin selling the units in April 1994.



Developers Scott Dawson, left, vice president of Quorum Development Corp., Mark Dawson, president of Quorum and Wayne Collins, president of the Collins Design Group are seen here in November 1993, in front of the sign erected to introduce the start of Canterbury Common.



Community Memorial Hospital held an appreciation dinner for its Candy Strippers and Youth Volunteers and their mothers on December 6, 1993 in the hospital library. Pictured with a special appreciation cake are, front left, Leslie Howsam, Brooke McLaughlin, Leanne Holt, Bree Crowe, Jillian Howsam. Back left, Pamela Klinkenberg, Nicole Barton, Courtney Chase and Katie Armstrong.

## Lake Scugog fishery closed until January

November 30, 1993

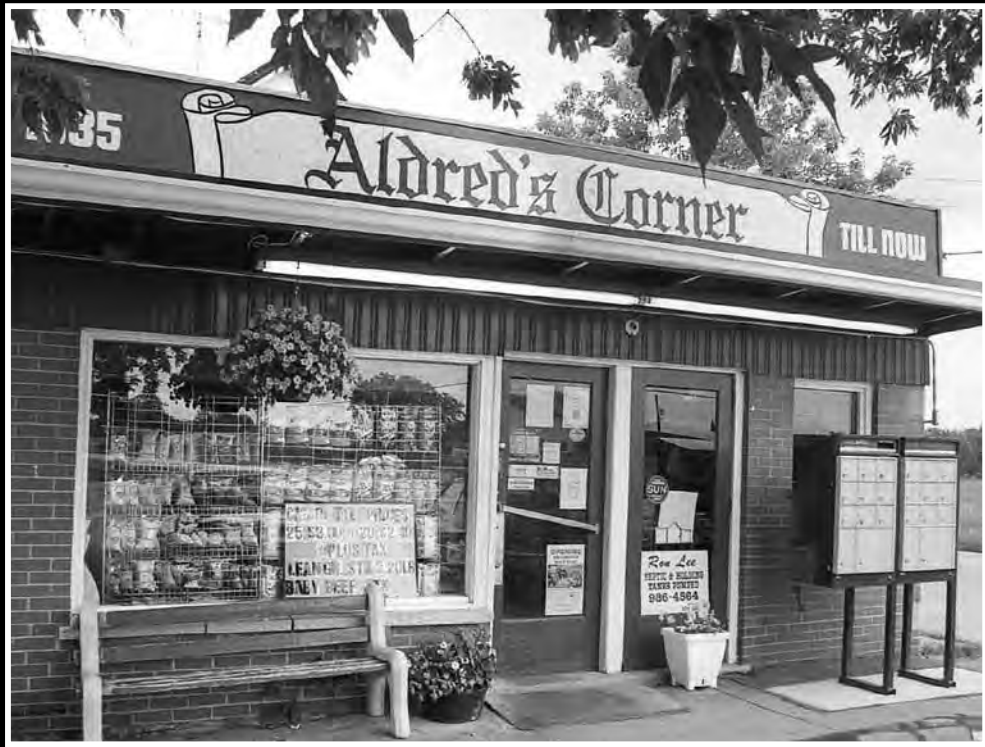
Lake Scugog is closed to anglers, effective immediately. That was the message from the Ministry of Natural Resources on November 24, 1993.

The fishery will reopen for walleye and perch only on January 1, and close again on the final day of February, instead of the normal March 15 deadline.

David Bell, Area Biologist for the Kawartha Lakes Area of the Ministry of Natural Resources said that “shortening the winter season received the strongest support.” He was referring to six options introduced for possible methods of controlling the walleye harvest.

“We are confident the changes will reduce the harvest and assist in the protection of the fishery,” he added.

1994



*Aldred's Corner, located on Island Road, Scugog Island in 1994.*



*The former Bayshore Take-Out building on Hwy. 7A, became the sales office for "The Lakeside" development in the 1990s, and was taken over by Sutton Group Lifestyle Real Estate in March 1994 for a sales office.*



## New blood breathes life into Chamber of Commerce

January 4, 1994

Fears that the Scugog Chamber of Commerce would disband have been put to rest after 14 people offered to sit on the board.

Seventy five people attended the annual meeting held at the Western Spurz restaurant and the board elected its new Board of Directors.

Elected are, Craig Taylor, Shawn Parker, Rick McCoshen, Murray Jacklin, Elgin Knopp, Tony Janssen, Ian Griffen, Don Surman, Paul Michel, Marion Lee, Wendy Davis, Bill Dowson, Brenda Casteels, Alissa Smith and Marina Brock.

At a meeting later in the week, Alissa Smith was elected president, taking over the reins from outgoing president Bill Dowson. Brenda Casteels was elected 1st vice president, Tony Janssen, 2nd vice president and Stacy Dowson appointed secretary/treasurer.

## Canterbury Common, Honey Harbour projects ready to go

January 25, 1994

Ground will be broken soon on at least two residential developments. Mark Dawson said his company is ready to proceed with construction of three model homes in the Canterbury Commons development, and Rick Rondeau, said he intends to begin construction on at least five of the 25 homes proposed for his Honey Harbour Heights development, just north of Port Perry.

## Sled dog races attract thousands to Port Perry from far and wide

January 25, 1994

Sled dog races held on Queen Street and Lake Scugog over the weekend were such a tremendous success, plans are already underway to hold the event again next year.

Organizers are thrilled by the response of both racers and spectators, which are estimated to have exceeded 10,000 during the two-day event.

Spencer Thew, from New York state, who competed in the 1,000 miles sled dog race in Alaska, praised the race on CTV and also the Chamber of Commerce and Kinsmen Club and residents for their support of the event.

February 15, 1994

**Durham Board of Education announces that, all day, every-other-day kindergarten classes for Durham Region public schools will become a reality in September 1994.**



*Jamie McNab of Little Britain, one of the 40 competitors in last weekends Sled Dog Races held in Port Perry is seen coming down Queen Street at the start of his race. Mr. McNab placed third with his four -dog team. Competitors from all over Ontario and the USA took part in the two-day event on January 21-22, 1994.*

## Medical Associates to close offices during March Break

March 1, 1994

The Medical Associates of Port Perry announced it would close its offices during March Break in compliance with the Social Contract.

The Ontario Government's Social Contract is reducing the level of services in many areas, including health care. Under the contract, Ontario doctors must cut close to \$150 million by taking unpaid days off.

A statement released by Medical Associates stated that although they do not wish to close, they are forced to close their doors.

Dr. William Cohoon, spokesman for Medical Associates said the situation has come to this because no one could come up with a method of addressing the over run of costs.



A "Roast" was held for Regional Chairman Gary Herrema on February 3, 1994, with more than 450 people on hand. Gary Herrema is seen above, second from right, enjoying a visit with the mayors of the northern municipalities following his "Roast." From left, Scugog Mayor Howard Hall, Uxbridge Mayor Gerri Lynn O'Connor and far right Brock Mayor Don Hadden. In the 20 years history of Durham Region only two men have held the position of Chairman. Water Beath was the first when the region was formed in 1973.

## Taxpayers get break with "zero" tax increase

March 25, 1994

It took less than 15 minutes for Scugog council to approve its 1994 budget, which calls for a decrease of .089 percent on an average household's assessment.

The budget details expenditures of \$7.88 million, a slightly higher number than last year's budget which was \$6.54 million.

Finance Committee Chairman Yvonne Christie termed the document as "an ambitious budget," noting it provides for a variety of project to be completed this year.

March 8, 1994

Scugog representation on the Durham Board of Education was chopped, from two trustees to one. The Board voted to trim the number of members from 20 to 15, at the suggestion of the Ministry of Education, as a cost saving measure.



Port Perry has become home for Helen and David Chow, owners of Chow's Chinese Food Restaurant. The couple moved here more than two decades ago and in March 1994 celebrated their 21st year since taking over a restaurant then known as the Rio Restaurant. Mr. and Mrs. Chow worked 16 hours a day, seven-days-a-week for many years to create a successful business, but they have cut back their hours and now close Mondays to travel to Toronto to visit with family.



Jeffrey Blair, left front, had a dream come true as he met with members of the Toronto Maple Leafs in March 1994. Jeffrey, who was recently diagnosed with leukaemia, spent more than two hours at Maple Leaf Gardens meeting his heroes. Pictured with Jeffrey are Leafs Bob Rouse, left, and Wendel Clark. In front with Jeffrey are his brother Kyle, far right, and friend Paul Herold.





*This building on the south side of Queen Street has seen numerous tenants over the years. When this picture was taken in May 1994, the occupants were The Kids' Store and Marlin Travel.*

## Tiger finds home in Scugog

March 29, 1994

Sheba, a 35 pound tiger has found a new home and a mate at Northwood Buffalo and Exotic Animal Ranch in Seagrave.

The Siberian and Bengal tiger-cross made headlines recently after wandering onto the doorstep of a farmhouse in Bolton, after escaping from a handler.

Norm Phillips, owner of Northwood Ranch, offered to adopt the cat and provide her with a home at his farm. Sheba is now resting comfortably in her new home and getting acquainted with Augustus, a male Siberian tiger, six-weeks her junior.

## Junior Kindergarten will start in January 1995

April 12, 1994

Despite opposition by the Durham Board of Education, Junior Kindergarten will become a reality in the region beginning January 1995.

But students from Scugog will have to wait a little bit longer, as classes here won't start until September 1995.

While not happy with the Ministry of Education forcing Durham board to implement the program, Scugog trustee Joyce Kelly said they really have no choice, "so we'll have to grit our teeth and go ahead with it."

Trustee Bobbie Drew questions the fairness but said, "there is nothing about the Junior Kindergarten program that is fair."

"We are just following the directions of legislation forced on the board by the Ministry of Education," she said.



*Eric Niemeyer, who recently purchased the Rent & Save store is seen here in May 1994 front of the building on Hwy. 7A, just east of Water Street. Note: This building was later opened as the local Dairy Queen outlet.*



*Cashway Building Centre on Hwy. 7A during the summer of 1994.*



In April 1994 Dr. Ralph Price marks the spot where a 32"x16" time capsule will be placed at Community Memorial Hospital to signify the completion of the new Stephen B. Roman wing of the hospital. The capsule will contain many items pertinent to the community, including the winning entry of a poster and essay contest with the theme "What I think my community will be like in the year 2044." The time capsule will be opened in 50 years.

## Canterbury Common breaks ground on development

April 12, 1994

Response to the Canterbury Common housing development in Port Perry has been phenomenal, according to representatives of the proposed seniors lifestyle development.

In fact, days before a shovel turned the first piece of sod to mark the start of the development, 21 homes had already been sold. More than 500 people attended an open house last week.

"It was unbelievable," said Quorum Development president Mark Dawson, noting people were lined up 30 minutes before the doors opened for the meeting. Twenty one buyers secured lots in the first phase which will see 96 of the 248 homes built. The golf course is expected to be ready for use during the summer of 1996.

Mayor Howard Hall praised developers for creating a first-class project while ensuring the integrity of the community and the environment was maintained.



Despite warnings and postings by Durham Region's Health Department in early July 1994, that the Kinsmen Beach in Palmer Park was not suitable for swimming, parents were seen letting their tykes wade and swim in the popular swimming hole at Port Perry lakefront. Officials warn that swimming in the water could cause ear, nose and throat infections, but they can not stop people from using the beach and water.

## Proposed gaming facility on Scugog Island causing concern for residents

May 17, 1994

Area politicians are attempting to maintain calm in what could be a potentially volatile situation.

It was reported recently that the Mississaugas of Scugog Island were proposing the establishment of a charitable gaming facility on the First Nation's land.

Chief Gary Edgar referred to the facility as a "charitable gaming facility" in which the entire community would benefit. He denied it was a casino.

But residents in the area have reacted to the proposal, many expressing opposition to the plan. At a meeting held to quell the concerns, Chief Gary Edgar said the First Nations is willing to work with the community to ensure everyone benefits.

The Mississaugas plan to build a 25,000 sq. ft. gaming facility complete with Bingo and Monte Carlo-style games.

## First Nation granted gaming contract

July 12, 1994

The Scugog First Nation will meet and exceed all recruitments in the construction of a gaming facility, a spokesman says.

A Gaming Agreement, signed last week, after almost a year of negotiations, recognizes the authority of the First Nation to regulate charitable gaming activities.

With this step complete, the First Nation will now turn its attention to the planning and construction of the facility.



## Stamping plant sets up shop in Port Perry

June 14, 1994

Port Perry Metal Processing has signed a 10 year lease and will be moving into the Johnson Controls building south of town, which has laid vacant for three years.

The company will utilize the entire 60,000 sq. ft. of the building and will produce parts for the automotive industry.

New jobs will be created locally when the manufacturing facility has been renovated and is ready to begin manufacturing.

According to Gord Hawker, general manager, the operations in Port Perry will primarily supplying the auto industry with its products.

Its customers include General Motors, Ford, Chrysler and Volkswagon.



*The construction of Port Perry Rotary Park was officially started in April 1994. The project included an attractive arched entrance to the area just north of the boat launch, with trails and a boardwalk leading to the north, ending near Flieler's garage. The above photos taken of the original boardwalk, which had no hand railings, was taken a number of years later before it was replaced in 2006.*

July 1994

**Port Perry IGA reluctantly announced it would begin opening Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 10, 1994.**



*This old home, above, located behind the Port Perry Post Office at 179 Mary Street, was purchased for \$140,000 by the Township of Scugog in 1994. It was subsequently demolished in August that year to create additional parking for the downtown core. The parking lot, when completed, will provide an addition 8-10 parking spaces to those already created behind Queen Street buildings.*

## Mississaugas open community centre

June 14, 1994

More than 150 people, natives, government officials and residents of Scugog Township attended the official opening of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island Community Centre in June 1994.

The complex features a large hall with a capacity of 120 people, including a kitchen, and also holds the First Nation's administrative offices, a conference room and library.

Chief Edgar said, "We're caring, sharing people and the whole community can use this facility."



Among the special guests present to take part in the ceremony were, from left, John Kerr representing the local Mississaugas, MPP Gord Mills, Chief Gary Edgar, Sue Anderson and Harvey Anderson, elders from the Chippewas of Rama, First Nation.

## George Burnett named as Oilers new head coach

August 9, 1994

After months of speculation it was confirmed last week that George Burnett would indeed be behind the bench of the National Hockey League's Edmonton Oilers when the 1994 campaign gets underway.

Burnett, 32, a native of Port Perry, was introduced to the Edmonton media on August 2, making him the youngest coach in the league. Although excited about his new appointment, it was not unexpected.

"We pretty much knew we were going to Edmonton. I just didn't know what the job title would be," Burnett said.

Rumours had been escalating for several months that the former Oilers' farm team coach would be promoted this season. Oiler GM, and former coach Glen Sather, was reportedly was looking for a fresh face to put behind the bench next year.

The rumour gained momentum when a story in the Toronto Star stated "Glen Sather will promote minor-league coach George Burnett to Edmonton, but he will likely be co-coach with assistant Ron Low."



Phil and Anne Goreski, above, started Goreski's Marina on Scugog Island 30 years ago and today the company provides more than 300 campsites, 200 covered and 100 open boat slips. The Goreski family held an open house in June 1994 to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the facility.

## Smoking will be allowed in Scugog Township's new community hall

October 4, 1994

Township councillors came up with a resolution at its last meeting that smoking be allowed at the discretion of party's renting Scugog's new community hall.

The decision came after some members argue an all-out ban on smoking might deter some groups from renting it.

Council was told that allowing smoking will be somewhat more

costly at the outset, because special ventilation will have to be installed, but said it could be received if bookings are not hindered by a smoking policy.





## Crews back on site at Royal Bank as options investigated

August 3, 1994

Renovations to the Royal Bank building in downtown Port Perry were brought to a sudden halt July 14, when township council enforced its Urban Design Guidelines, aimed at preserving the historic nature of the downtown core, by issuing a stop work order.

Council objected strenuously a few weeks ago to plans to cover brick with grey stucco and erect a new neon sign, despite being informed by the contractor that the brick is in poor shape and may not be salvageable.

“We must keep the downtown’s historic nature,” Ward

2 councillor Marilyn Pearce said at the time.

But scaffolding and hoardings were back in place this week as work crews tried to determine how much of the original facade can be salvaged.

Following testing it was determined that the brick on the west wall of the building was too far gone to save, but the front of the building would be restored.

Two weeks later, council was told the brick on the front had deteriorated and it would be too costly to repair, so they reluctantly agreed to allow the brick to be covered with stucco.



Nestleton Country Store and Bakery in August 1994.

# Town in shock after shootout in plaza

October 25, 1994

Two brothers, one a convicted criminal, are facing 21 charges in connection with Thursday night's shooting of three police officers, a bank manager and a real estate agent in the Port Perry Plaza.

Mitchiel (Mickey) McArthur, 42, who has served time for attempted murder and armed robbery, was arrested on Friday, along with his brother Angus, 28, in two separate raids in two homes in Kingston.

The arrests ended a 12-hour manhunt which began in Port Perry just after 7:30 p.m. Two bandits opened fire, shooting five people, including the three police officers, after the robbery of the Bank of Montreal.

Durham Regional Police Constables Warren Ellis and Mark McConkey were both shot in the head from close range as they confronted the robbers. Neither of the two officers had a chance to draw their weapons or even leave their cruiser when they were struck in the head.

Detective Paul Mooy got out of his cruiser and managed to fire one shot at the fleeing bandits, before he too was struck.



The shooting spree began in the Bank of Montreal when manager Alan Knight was shot in the leg, just above the knee when he told the robbers he did not know the combination to the bank's vault.

A fifth person, Debbie Taylor, 41, suffered from wounds to her shoulder after stray bullet fragments struck her while working inside the office of Sutton Group real estate, some 400 yards away, across Hwy. 7A. She was seated at a desk typing when the bullets hit the window she was sitting in front of.

Witnesses say anywhere from 10-

15 shots were fired by the fleeing bandits. Shell casing and blood littered the parking lot from end to end. Several witnesses were caught in the crossfire and took cover in vehicles and store.

The suspects fled through the Borelia Co-op and moments later broke into a Major Street home, holding Marjorie Pearce, 74, hostage for more than 20 minutes. When her husband Harry returned home from a walk, the men forced Mr. Pearce to drive them to Community Memorial Hospital, from where they fled in a red Camaro.



*A wounded Durham Regional Police officer is treated behind the wheel of his cruiser by ambulance attendants following a dramatic shoot-out in Port Perry Plaza about 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 1994. Three police officers, a bank manager and a real estate agent were wounded when two men began shooting at police following a robbery at the Bank of Montreal in the plaza. Constable Warren Ellis, 28, was shot in the head during the robbery.*

*At left, an Ontario Provincial Police officer with a shotgun at ready, keeps his eyes open at the corner of Hwy. 7A and 12, Manchester, where roadblocks had been set up for the two armed suspects.*



## Nightmare still haunts hostage victims

Gail Verwoerd was one of two customers in the Bank of Montreal around 7:25 p.m. when two masked men burst in, brandishing weapons and screaming instructions at terrified tellers.

The unbelievable experience became almost surreal when a bandit, frustrated when bank manager Alan Knight told him he was unable to unlock a vault, raised a handgun and shot the manager in the leg above the knee.

Mr. Knight, sank to the floor with a cry as bank employees and customers looked on in horror. "At that point, we were all sure we were going to be shot," said Mrs. Verwoerd. "We thought it was our last day on earth."

In another part of town, Marjorie Pearce, 74, had just finished watching Jeopardy when two men smashed the glass patio doors on the deck of her home.

The men turned out all of the lights, leaving the house in total darkness and told Mrs. Pearce to go into the living room and sit down.

She told the robbers that her husband Harry was out walking their dog and did not know when he would return.

"I was terrified," she said, of her 25 minute ordeal before they left.



Four men, who all sustained bullet wounds in the October 20 Bank of Montreal robbery, met for lunch in early December 1994. From left Constables Mark McConkey, Warren Ellis and Paul Mooy, are seen here with bank manager Alan Knight, centre. Mr. Knight was shot in the leg during the robbery and the three officers were wounded as the robbers fled the scene.



Ambulance attendants rush a Durham Regional Police officer, gunned down by two fleeing bank robbers, to a waiting ambulance following an armed robbery at the Port Perry branch of the Bank of Montreal while crowds gathered in the Port Perry Plaza where the bank was located.





After more than six years of disputes, the controversial building, seen above, was demolished on July 28, 1994. The conflict between the owners and the Township began in December 1987, after the law firm of Harris Fletcher Tesluk Associates moved the building to a site just off Water Street, on an unopened road. The owners were ordered by the Supreme Court of Canada to remove the structure.



Three years of interviews, research and compiling information have resulted in a comprehensive history of hospitals in Scugog Township. Authors Kent Farndale, left, and Gwenyth Thompson are seen here with their new book "Stitches In Time," which they describe as a "labour of love." The books were released for Port Perry Hospital's 25th anniversary on Paxton Street in October 1994.



Work was well underway on an \$85,000 facelift of the boat launching area in August 1994. The project includes marked parking spaces, islands, curbing, flowers and trees. The new configuration will provide 56 regular parking spots and 23 boat, trailer and bus parking spaces.



# Contract dispute stalls Canterbury Commons development

October 4, 1994

Less than two months after an official opening, at which more than 1,300 people attended, a falling-out between the partners in the Canterbury Commons housing development resulted in a surprising lock-out last week.

Mackenzie M.E.F. Management Inc., majority shareholder in the retirement village project, abruptly terminated a contract with Quorum Development Corp. late Friday, locking Quorum president Mark Dawson and his staff out of the property in the north end of Port Perry.

"We arrived at the site to find Mackenzie had changed the locks on the doors of the model homes and unilaterally decided to terminate the agreement with Quorum," Mr. Dawson said.

The agreement between the two companies was struck in 1992, with Quorum holding 45 percent ownership and Mackenzie the remainder.

Mayor Howard Hall said it was very unfortunate since the project was proceeding so well, and hopes the disagreement wouldn't "kill it completely."

Questions surround the possible exclusion of a golf course worried some councillors, prompting councillor Marilyn Pearce to comment that exclusion of the golf course would send the project "back to the drawing board."

Mr. Dawson said, if allowed to continue with the project, "we are committed to Canterbury Commons the way we originally envisioned the project."



The finishing touches are being put on three model homes, the first of 248 homes which will be built in the new Canterbury Common adult lifestyle community in Port Perry. Grand opening of the model homes was held on Saturday, August 13 with a ribbon cutting ceremony and more than 1,300 people attending and touring the model homes. Above, from left, are Mary, Scott and Mark Dawson, of Quorum Development Corporation. More than 90 homes are expected to be open by June 1995.



Harvey Graham (seated right) was honoured at his last council meeting on November 21, 1994. His council colleagues presented the Area Councillor with a plaque and painting, to recognize the 30 years he spent in municipal politics. Mayor Howard Hall, left, and councillors Ken Gadsden, back left, Marilyn Pearce and Ken Carruthers joined the farewell to the popular councillor.

November 22, 1994

Scugog Shores Museum will soon be home of the Rodman cabin, built in the 1840s by one of Scugog Island's original settlers, Isaac Rodman. The cabin is thought to be the only remaining settlers' cabin left on Scugog Island. It is estimated it will cost about \$10,000 to move the historic structure.



*The popular Kinsmen Beach, on Lake Scugog, and view of Latcham Centre and the old grain elevator during the fall of 1994. Note the lack of playground equipment at the beach.*



*Palmer Park and the Rotary Gazebo as it looked in September 1994.*



## Smoking law will be a great legacy for NDP

December 6, 1994

Tough new laws on smoking in Ontario are a legacy the New Democratic Party can be proud of, says Durham East MPP Gord Mills.

The Tobacco Control Act raises the legal age for purchasing cigarettes to 19 years, and restricts smoking in most public places.

"I think its a great legacy to leave," said Mr. Mills. "If we never get elected to anything again ever, I see this legislation as being a legacy we can be proud of."

Mr. Mills said there will always be some who are angry, but most smokers have realized for some time that their habit is not socially acceptable.



For the first time in history the majority of seats on Scugog Township council will be occupied by women. Elected to the local municipal council on November 14, 1994 are, from left Joyce Kelly (Ward 4), Karen Puckrin (Ward 5), Yvonne Christie (Regional Councillor) and Marilyn Pearce (Ward 2).



Restoration was well underway in September 1994, on the 110 years old building in Port Perry originally built as the St. Charles Hotel. Re/Max owner Guy Latreille, left, said that restoration of the three-storey structure will cost about \$50,000 and will take about a month to complete. Contractor Steve Snider, who is undertaking the restoration, is seen with Mr. Latreille.



Don Forder, left, the new owner of the former Beckers Store on Queen Street is seen here with Don Carnegie, who operated a men's store from the location about 24 years ago. Mr. Carnegie's old sign was uncovered December 1994 while the building was undergoing renovations. The building has also been the location of a grocery store, bank, and variety store before being purchased by Mr. Carnegie in 1964.

# 1995



*The former Bruton's IDA Drug store on Queen Street was home for Best of Things during the early 1990s until it was listed for sale in 1995. That's Hanks Pastries to the right of the Best of Things store.*



*Bright sunny skies and mild temperatures made it a perfect day for outdoor activities and dozens of families took the opportunity to lace up their blades and hit the ice in early February 1995, at the Open Air Ice Palace on Lake Scugog. Above, from left, Gary Penstone, Matthew Carron, Steven Guthrie and Matthew Kammings race around the ice palace, located at Port Perry's lakefront.*





*Past presidents of Scugog Chamber of Commerce gathered at the annual dinner meeting in January 1995 to admire a plaque commemorating past presidents that was dedicated during the meeting. From left, Alissa Smith, Howard Hall, Cliff Crowell, Peter Hvidsten, Ted Griffen, Ken Carruthers, Bill Cohoon and seated Miriam Price. The dinner meeting was held at Goreski's Lakeside Resort on Scugog Island.*

## Canterbury Commons home buyers will push new developer for golf course

January 16, 1995

Bob Thiessen, an authorized agent for Mackenzie M.E.F. Management Inc., the new developer of Canterbury Common told council Monday that they are ready to move ahead with the project, which has been stalled since the termination of Quorum Development last September.

But Mr. Thiessen requested council to allow the project to proceed without the golf course. He said that it was the developers feeling that a golf course would be a failure on the site, and that it increases the cost by between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per home.

But much of his argument fell on deaf ears, as members of council were adamant they wouldn't approve the plan with full public input.

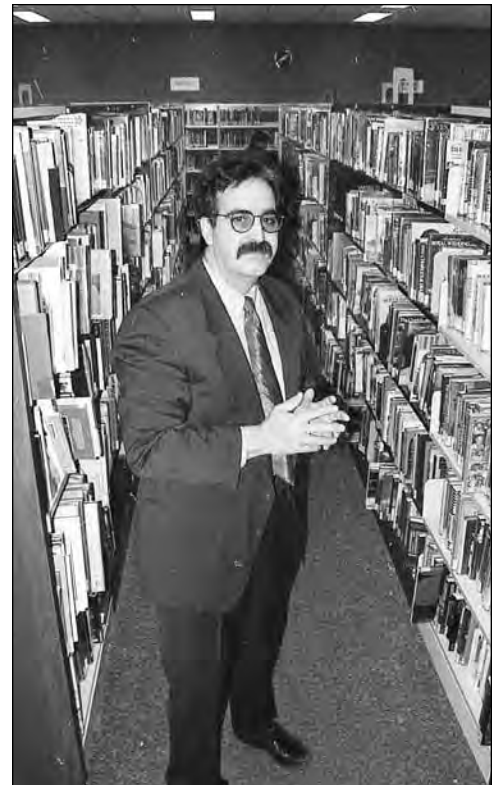
Councillor Marilyn Pearce said it would be unfair to the public and purchasers if the plan was changed this drastically in mid-stream.

Clerk Administrator Earl Cuddie said the township may not have a legal obligation to bring the project back to the public, but they do have a moral obligation.

Mayor Howard Hall suggested Mr. Thiessen return with the new plans as soon as possible if he hopes to get the project underway this spring.

A week after the new developer of Canterbury Common confirmed that a nine-hole golf course is no longer part of the project, many of the buyers said they will consider cancelling their contracts.

One purchaser, Jack London of Toronto said that the homes set amid the golf course was a large factor in his decision to buy into the project. He went on to say that many of the buyers are upset by the change of plans, and will press the developer to construct the project as originally presented.



*Tom Bonanno is the new chief librarian at Scugog Memorial Library effective January 3, 1995. He's been getting accustomed to operations here and is looking forward to the future. He said he sees the library playing even more of a role in residents' lives as the information revolution continues.*



Port Perry merchants, like Pam Henshall, owner of Henshall's clothing store, reported that the 1994 Christmas season was business booming in the town. All of the business polled last week, indicated increased sales and overall more buyer confidence.

## Kinsmen upset with skate rink damage

January 10, 1995

Members of Port Perry Kinsmen Club are upset by the actions of vandals who tore down more than 200 feet of fencing installed this past week for the Ice Palace on Lake Scugog.

Kinsmen Tony Foggetti said, "We spent yesterday driving in posts and setting up the perimeter fence, and come this morning, the fencing has literally been torn apart."

Mr. Foggetti speculated that the damage was done by snowmobilers frustrated that their access to the lake had been blocked.

At least a couple hundred feet of fencing was torn down and dragged away, and about a dozen steel T-bars were bent over.

## School expansions for Greenbank/Epsom

January 24, 1995

Council will okay site plans for additions to Greenbank and Epsom schools if parking spaces are not affected.

Additions are in store for both communities, as the Durham Board of Education gave the go ahead for junior kindergarten classes at the two rural schools.

The 1,200 sq. ft. additions will be finished in brick, corresponding with the existing buildings, according to architect Lennis Trotter.

January 17, 1995

**Canada Post reversed its stance and will issue a stamp to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Daniel David Palmer, founder of chiropractic, in Port Perry.**

## Balmy weather postpones Snow Flake Festival

January 17, 1995

Sustained rotten weather including rain pouring from the heavens, has forced postponement of the Port Perry Snow Flake Festival.

Chairman Rick McCoshen said Monday that the event, which had been scheduled for this weekend has been rescheduled until February 11, 12.

He said that all events will go on, including the popular sled dog races, which were able to be rescheduled, despite some participants having to make changes in their winter schedules.



Preliminary site work on Scugog township's new community hall, beside the arena on Reach Street, got underway in early January 1995. The total price tag for the building and parking lot is expected to be about \$1 million. It is hoped work will be finished in time for an opening ceremony about May, next spring.

January 17, 1995

**Port Perry's Snow Flake Festival, which features sled dog racing, was postponed for a week after unseasonably rainy and mild temperatures made organizers pull the plug for a week.**





*Dana's Goldsmithing held its grand opening February 19, 1995 in front of its newly renovated and beautiful Queen Street store. On hand for the ribbon cutting are, from left, Joe Forder, Gloria Forder, Don Forder, Mayor Howard Hall, Dana Smith, Dean Smith and Chris Forder.*



*Staff at Community Memorial Hospital proudly show off a plaque proclaiming the facilities five-star rating and accreditation in February 1995. The hospital received a great evaluation from inspectors, who spent two days at the hospital talking to staff, patients and members of the community. From left are, Pat Sinnot, pharmacy director; Sue Dickson, RN; Joanne Lipton of rehab services; discharge planner Sandy McCully; unit manager Sheila Armour, dietician Joan Hood and human resources director Connie Jamieson.*



A view of Port Perry's old grain elevator and the lakefront in September 1994. Photo taken from the top of the Re/Max building.

### Luck of the draw lands Pearce regional seat

March 28, 1995

It was literally the luck of the draw for Marilyn Pearce as the Ward 2 Councillors name was drawn out of a hat, making her the township's new Regional Councillor.

A tie between Councillor Pearce and Ward 3 Councillor Ken Gadsden was decided by placing both candidate's names into a hat with an audience member drawing the winning name.

Councillor Pearce now assumes the Regional Councillor position held by Yvonne Christie, until her untimely death in February.



Marilyn Pearce

### Scugog Township looking to regulate smoking areas

February 27, 1995

Get ready to "butt out" smokers!

Scugog council is looking into a bylaw to designate non-smoking areas in local restaurants after a complaint from a resident.

This past winter, the Arena Board designated the seating area non-smoking, but smoking is still allowed along the mezzanine behind the seats and in the lobby.

### Mayor Hall states council position: Canterbury golf course required

May 9, 1995

Mayor Howard Hall has sent a letter to Canterbury Common officials, telling them directly that the most expeditious way of seeing their project continue will be to include a nine-hole golf course in their plans.

Council shot down the developer's plans for a park plan in replacement of the golf course at a recent public hearing.

The mayor told the developers that the council "whole-heartedly" support the development of the Canterbury Common project."

He also noted, in his letter following the public meeting, that although council supports the original plan, that the developers are free to make a fresh application, seeing a new course of action.

Mayor Hall also stated there were two major hurdles stopping the project: the construction of the golf course and the construction of Coulter Street, to intersect with Reach and Simcoe Streets.

MacKenzie M.E.F. Management president Allan Warren, informed council that they have begun a re-evaluation of the development.



## Environment challenge for West Shore retirement complex

March 7, 1995

Gary Moore, a principle member of West Shore Development, proposed a 65-room full service retirement home and 35 cluster home development at a planning meeting last week.

When brought before Scugog council this week, council told the developer that the biggest hurdle facing the Perry Street project will be storm water management and getting approval from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"We respect that area at the rear of the development and have every intention of leaving it in its natural state," said Mr. Moore.

This is the second time the developers have tried to locate the facility in Port Perry. A development on Casimir Street fell through last year.

The West Shore retirement centre will feature a three-storey structure, with dining room, fireplaces, library, lounge, hair salon and full activity rooms.

In addition to the retirement centre, 35 cluster homes, known as West Shore Village, are also proposed for the property. Each home will have a garage and a driveway for an additional vehicle.

In total, the development will house up to 135 people at any one time with approximately 10 staff on the premises per shift.



Bill and Paula Lishman celebrated the first anniversary of their fur store on Queen Street in May 1995. The store is now offering customers the opportunity to design their own pieces, and sells them the fur yarn to create their own designs.

## Sod turning for new community hall

April 4, 1995

Sod was turned last week to officially kick-off the construction of a new community hall at Scugog Arena.

The hall itself will be located at the south-east corner of the existing building. The large banquet hall, with a seating capacity for 450 people, will include a large lobby area, lounge, warming kitchen, additional washrooms and a receiving area. It will have its own entrance as well as a link to the arena.

The hall will be divisible into three rooms, through the use of movable partitions.



Construction of the Scugog Township's new Community Centre, located on Reach Road beside the Scugog Arena, was progressing favourably in June 1995.



*New Life Centre*



*Entrance and waiting area*



*Emergency reception*



*Emergency room*

## Hundreds attend hospital expansion opening of the Stephen B. Roman wing

*May 16, 1995*

The sun beamed down Friday, May 12, 1995, as Community Memorial Hospital officially opened the new Stephen B. Roman wing, ushering in a new era of health care for Scugog Township.

Hundreds of residents and visitors gathered on the lawn outside the hospital to take part in the festivities, which marked the end of eight long years of planning, fundraising and construction for the new 25,000 sq. ft. wing, and the accompanying renovations to the existing hospital.

The opening ceremony, with hospital board chair Kent Fardale as master of ceremonies, was held almost two years to the day after a ground breaking ceremony for the new wing, named for benefactor Stephen B. Roman, who settled on Scugog Island after emigrating to Canada from Europe in 1937.

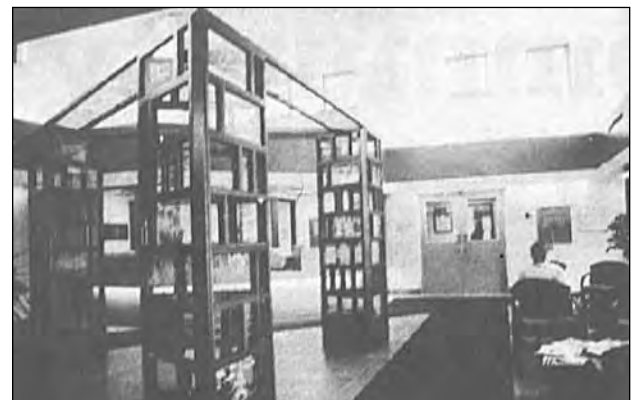
There were plenty of dignitaries on hand – including Ontario Premier Bob Rae, who pulled in off the campaign trail in his touring bus, followed by a gaggle of media representatives.

The expansion cost \$6 million, the majority of which was raised locally.

David Brown, CEO of Community Memorial Hospital said, "Today culminates a long road of planning for the new Stephen B. Roman wing." Mr. Brown had praise for hospital staff and the community who helped make the long days of construction and transition possible.

Among other dignitaries attending the opening were Durham East MPP Gord Mills, Durham Region Chairman Gary Herrema, Mayor Howard Hall and Helen Roman Barber, daughter of the late Stephen B. Roman.

During the official opening there was an unveiling of the new arbor in the hospital's reception area, a glass and steel structure that honours hospital donors.



*Donor arbor in front entrance*





Community Memorial Hospital CEO David Brown, left, and Ontario Premier Bob Rae, right, aided by grandsons of Stephen B. Roman and Helen Roman Barber, centre, help cut the ribbon to officially open the new hospital wing.

## Caring Community digs deep to help finance new hospital facility

May 16, 1995

When Community Memorial Hospital began planning, in 1988, for an expansion to the facility, they faced a daunting task – raising almost \$3 million, one-third of it locally.



Debbie McGarry

As time went on, that figure climbed to \$6 million, as successive governments lowered the commitment that was to be covered by funds from the public purse.

Response from the community for the expensive project has been nothing short of astonishing, according to Debbie McGarry of Community Memorial Hospital Foundation.

Individual donors have combined with local groups, businesses and service clubs to contribute more than 170 percent of the portion of local funding deemed necessary to make the project work. More than 6,890 donations, totalling almost \$2.7 million have come in.

"To date the Foundation has handed over to the hospital \$3.5 million," said Mrs. McGarry. "It's a tremendous amount of money for a small community."



Rehabilitation services



Lab facilities



Town Hall 1873 during the summer of 1995.

## Angry residents protest plans for fast food outlet near homes

April 18, 1995

More than 100 angry residents packed the council chambers Monday night in opposition to a proposed fast food restaurant on the corner of Hwy. 7A and Simcoe Street in Port Perry.

"We are not opposed to this fast food restaurant coming to Port Perry," said Gord Tripp. "But we are opposed to it being put in a residential area."

That sentiment was echoed by a number of speakers, which at times turned raucous as audience members scoffed at plans.

Sutton Realty sales agents representing the owners of the property would not confirm a McDonald's franchise is planned for the corner, but speculation that the Golden Arches are coming has been high in the weeks leading up to the meeting.

Note: At the May meeting of council, Scugog council voted unanimously that a proposal for a fast food zoning be denied. The motion was brought forward by Ward 3 Councillor Ken Gadsden, who said, "If they want a zoning for a fast food restaurant then the answer is no."

## Storm brings down three storey barn, 44,000 chickens lost

July 18, 1995

As much as \$500,000 worth of damage was caused at a farm north of Scugog during Friday night's storm when high winds brought down a three-storey chicken barn.

Durham Police said Martin Van Harthen was awakened around 2:30 a.m. Saturday by high winds that accompanied a tornado that touched down in the area.

Mr. Van Harthen said he got out of bed to close windows and felt his house begin to shake around him while the wind howled.

When the power failed, he went out to start a generator and found that his three-deck, 40'x150' chicken barn, which contained some 44,000 chickens, had collapsed.

The following day while he was inspecting the wreckage, Mr. Van Harthen found a propane tank had been ruptured during the building's collapse. He called in police and firefighters to deal with the escaping gas.

The loss of the building, chickens and feed is estimated at between \$485,000 and \$500,000 police said.

There was damage to other farm buildings in the area, including a silo that was flattened.

## Carruthers returns after 13 ballot by-election win

May 24, 1995

Six months after a stinging election loss that cost him his Ward 1 seat, Ken Carruthers is back as a member of Scugog Township council.

Mr. Carruthers squeaked by his closest opponent, Jim Grosvenor, to grab the Ward 2 seat in a by-election. He collected 287 votes to Grosvenor's 274. Three other candidates finished back in the pack.

"It was disappointing to lose by 50 votes (to opponent Doug Moffatt in last year's race for Ward 1), but it's just as gratifying to win by 13 votes, let me tell you," said a delighted Mr. Carruthers.

## Five PPHS teachers are laid off

June 6, 1995

The positions of five teachers at Port Perry High School have been affected, after the Board of Education declared more than 40 positions in Durham redundant.

Two of the five teachers lost their jobs. Two others were able to find positions at different schools and one teacher retired.

The chopping of five teachers means programs at PPHS will suffer said principal Sandra Riches. "The effect of the layoffs on morale is not good."





*An exterior view of the new Scugog Centre Community Hall which was opened on October 20, 1995. More than 100 people attended the special event. The concept for a new community centre was conceived in 1987, but it wasn't until March 30, 1995 that the ground breaking ceremony took place.*

## **New Scugog community hall officially opens to the public**

*August 1, 1995*

Scugog Centre's new community hall is open to the public after final inspections were completed last week.

Local organizations wasted no time renting space at the hall or events. The first to use the new facility was the Port Perry Fiddle Club on July 26, 1995.

The long-anticipated completion of the hall brings to a close the first phase in the Scugog Centre Master Plan, which includes the securing of a second ice pad, aquatic facilities, squash courts, fitness room, tennis courts, playgrounds, picnic areas and a link from the arena, through the present ball diamonds to the soccer fields with footbridges over a system of ponds.

An official opening of the new community hall is scheduled to take place on October 20, 1995.



*The official opening of the \$1.3 million Scugog Centre Community Hall was held on Friday, October 20, 1995. Pictured unveiling the new plaque for the community centre are Barbara Pruefer, Assistant to MP Alex Shepherd, Mayor Howard Hall, Louise Jones, executive assistant to MPP John O'Toole and Jerry Taylor, master of ceremonies for the opening.*

## **Dowsons selling Valu-Mart store after 46 years in grocery business**

*September 19, 1995*

After 46 years serving the people of Port Perry and Scugog Township, the Dowson family is leaving the grocery business.

Ken Dowson, owner of Dowson's Valu-Mart store in the Port Perry Plaza, confirmed Monday that the store has been sold, but declined further comment.

Last April the Dowsons celebrated their 45th year in the grocery business. Formerly known as the Red and White store, the business has been family run for a couple of generations.

The store has been at the Port Perry Plaza for nearly 20 years, but it all began back in 1949 in the downtown when Ken's father, Merlin Dowson, opened his store on the south side of Queen Street.

Note: In early December, Ken Dowson announced that his family's Valu-Mart store would be closing as of January 6, 1996.

Mr. Dowson said he was offered an opportunity take over as owner of a new 35,000 sq. ft. store to be built on the former Conway property across Hwy. 7A, but after much "soul searching" he turned it down.



Port Perry IGA has a little different look in 1995, with a long awning across the east side and entrance to the store.

### Canterbury Common project inching closer to getting underway

October 17, 1995

Construction on the Canterbury Common adult lifestyle village is inching closer to reality.

Project manager Paul Bedard was back at council Monday afternoon with another update on the project, with hopes to break ground.

Mr. Bedard said they would like to get started next week on moving topsoil for irrigation and

storm management for phase one of the 248 home project.

He showed council a site plan for the 8,000 sq. ft. recreation centre which includes a 1,200 sq. ft. golf pro shop.

Changes in the golf course, shortening it to 2,400 yards were revealed, with councillors generally reacting favourably to the plan for a shorter course.



Scugog residents, from left, Earl Cuddie, Bob Correll, Peter Hvidsten, Guy Latrielle and Mike Fowler travelled to Montreal to add their voices to the thousands gathering to let Quebecers know they wanted them to stay in Canada.

### Thousands travel to Quebec for referendum

October 31, 1995

Canadians, tens-of-thousands of them, including a group from Port Perry, made their way to Montreal last Friday to take part in a rally dubbed "Crusade for Canada."

At one point, standing on the street in Place du Canada, a massive Canadian flag passed inches over the heads of the huge crowd, while they waved Canadian and Quebec flags, held up signs of support, sang and chanted CA-NA-DA... CA-NA-DA.

Excitement hit a feverish pitch as Prime Minister Jean Chretien, Premier Daniel Johnson and Jean Charest took the stage to speak.

The "No" group to separation narrowly defeated the "Yes" group by a slim 50.58 percent of the vote.



## Fair board finally strikes agreement on lease

October 24, 1995

After more than a year of haggling Township Council and the Port Perry Agricultural Society have finally agreed to the terms of a lease regarding the Port Perry Fairgrounds.

Paul Christie of the Fair Board, told council on Monday that they are willing to accept the five-year deal which would see the agricultural society have full use of the property until September 30, 2000. There is also a clause that can see the lease extended for two years at each two-year interval.

The termination clause was the main stumbling block in the negotiations of the lease, which at times turned ugly.

The township retains full ownership of the lands on Old Simcoe Road, while the agricultural society will continue to operate and manage the fairgrounds.



The rustic showroom at Ocala Orchards Farm Winery was the perfect setting in December 1995 for a show and sale of crafts and paintings by local artisans. From left, Nancy Fairburn, Miriam Price and Marilyn Wallace, right, are seen with Alissa Smith of Ocala Orchards enjoying a break-in the show to sample one of the many wines produced on the Smith farm south of Port Perry.

## Scugog decides to back Lishman project

November 21, 1995

Scugog Township's planning committee unanimously voted to give support in principle for the Lishman development proposal in Nestleton.

The Lishman development, on property just west of the hamlet, is proposed to include an aviaries, fur garment manufacturing company, film centre and a facility for the construction of ultralight aircraft.

Lucy Black, representing more than 20 residents of the Nestleton area made a lengthy presentation to the planning committee outlining all their concerns, which include the ultra-light aircrafts, sewage, agricultural land, the future of their community and industrial issues.

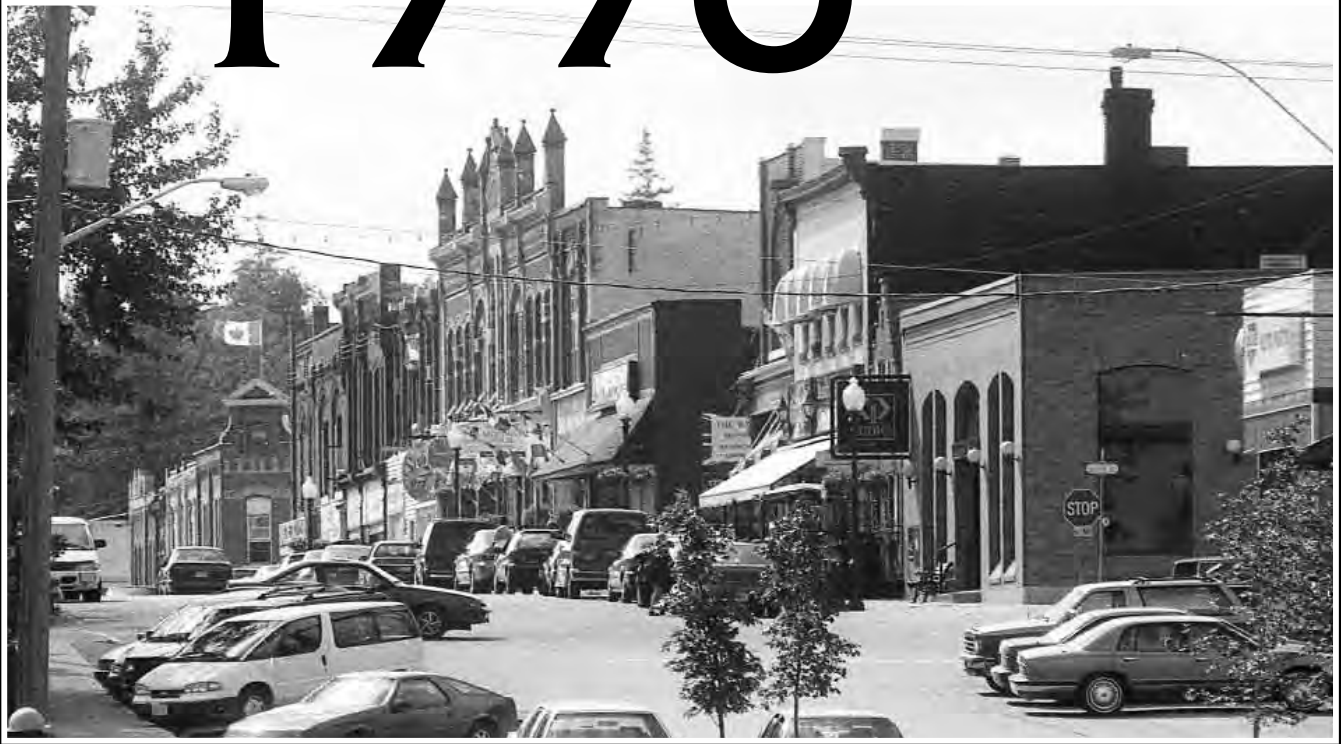
November 21, 1995

**Gary Herrema, Durham Region's chairman for the past 15 years, passed away quietly at his home on November 20, following a lengthy battle with cancer.**



Port Perry United Church during the fall of 1995.

# 1996



*View of downtown Port Perry taken from Lake Scugog during the summer of 1996.*



*Port Perry High School, located on Rosa Street, March 1996.*



## Snowmobilers warned to abide bylaws

January 9, 1996

Snowmobilers have two weeks to clean up their act or their sport will be banned from Port Perry, and will be restricted to the lake and trails.

Council hired off-duty police officers to charge offenders who contravene the township's bylaw as well as liquor offences.

The action came after councillors received numerous calls from residents over the holidays about snowmobilers driving on lawns and sidewalks in the town. The hardest hit areas have been the waterfront condominiums, Apple Valley, Perry Glen, Victorian Village and the downtown core.

Councillors were reluctant to ban the machines, but said something must be done to enforce the bylaw.

## Pre-trial set to begin for bank robbers

January 9, 1996

Pre-trial motions for Mitchell MacArthur, 44, and his brother Angus, 30, will be heard Friday. The two brothers face more than 40 charges stemming from the October 20, 1994 incidents including attempted murder, robbery, kidnapping, break and enter, and weapons offences.



More than 700 students and teachers gathered in front of R.H. Cornish Public School on Wednesday morning to take part in Flag Day celebrations. It was 31 years ago, on February 15, 1975, Canada's new red and white Maple Leaf flag was raised for the first time.



When the Port Perry Valu-Mart closed Sunday, December 31, 1995, one of the town's few remaining old family businesses came to an end. The Dowsons have been operating their grocery business for more than 46 years, first from their Queen Street store and for the past 20 years in the Port Perry Plaza. Although it was a sad day for the family, staff and customers of Dowson's, the family managed to get together for this informal picture. From left back, Ken Dowson, Dave Obee, Don Gibson. Centre left, Maureen Dowson, Nancy Obee and Shirley Gibson. In front, Mrs. Dora Dowson, wife of the late Merle Dowson who started the family business in April 1940.

## Construction to finally begin on Canterbury Common this spring

January 30, 1996

The Canterbury Common development is heading for construction this spring, with occupancy expected by late summer or early fall 1996.

Developers cleared the last hurdles with the township last week and council agreed to issuing 30 building permits this spring. The two parties also came to terms on the location and cost sharing of the waterfront trail, and sidewalks be constructed on one side of the development only.

The development will include a nine-hole golf course.



*Bob Prentice, marked his 35th anniversary as a barber in Port Perry in early May 1996. Bob has seen many changes in the town and its people over the course of a quarter of a century in business, and said he's looking forward for another 25 here.*

**Dr. M.B. Dymond enjoyed successful career**

February 27, 1996

One of the community's most well known and respected citizens, Dr. Matthew B. Dymond, died peacefully in his sleep on February 21. He was in his 85th year.

A resident of Port Perry for more than 50 years, Dr. Dymond had a long and distinguished career in both medicine and provincial politics.

The Matthew B. Dymond Wing of the hospital was opened in his honour in 1984.



Dr. M. B. Dymond



*George Lazakis has opened his fifth Captain George's Fish and Chips location, bringing his popular restaurant to Queen Street in Port Perry. He and his staff introduced themselves to the community with a free tasting session on Wednesday, May 8, 1996, and then enjoyed their grand opening Thursday.*

**A&P plans to open a new grocery store in Port Perry**

February 6, 1996

Interior renovations have been underway at the former Dowson's Valu-Mart store in the Port Perry Plaza for the past week and indications are that A&P plans to open a new Food Basics store here in the near future.

The parent company is being guarded with details, but an official did confirm the move to Port Perry. "I can tell there's going to be a store in town," Bill Sheine, vice-president of marketing with A&P said. Although he couldn't provide details on an opening date, he said, "1996 is a definite."

Food Basics is designed to be a low-cost alternative to shoppers, offering them a more limited selection of products. They expect to employ about 75 people.

Note: Mike's Food Basics officially opened April 30, 1996 with Mike Levon the owner.

**Firefighters receive Exemplary Service Award**

February 13, 1996

Scugog honoured a few of its finest during a special ceremony on February 8.

Fourteen present and former firefighters were presented with medals and plaques marking their receipt of the federal government's Fire Service Exemplary Service Award for their many years of dedication to the local department.

Among the local firefighters honoured were: Jack Cook, 35 years; Charlie Lown, 25 years; Bill Harrison, 33 years; Ray Gould, 33 years; Clive Boyd, 32 years; Irvin Gibson, 26, years; Chester Pedzikowski, 26 years and Douglas Day, 26 years.

Durham MP Alex Shepherd offered his congratulations and thanked the men who have given a combined 383 years of service to the community.

**Electric black-out shuts most of Scugog down**

February 13, 1996

Power was out in Port Perry, Scugog Island and Prince Albert, among other areas of the township, from approximately 10 a.m. until noon on Thursday.

A defective insulator was blamed as the cause of a power outage.



# Here & Gone

*Remembering Stores from the 1990s*



LizyLou Decor Centre	233 Queen Street
M&M Meats	1874 Scugog Street
Marlin Travel	240 Queen Street
McFadden's Laundromat	Hwy. 7A
Mother Jackson's Sales Outlet	15350 Old Simcoe Rd.
Myer's Cash & Carry Bulk Foods	Port Perry
Nanclif House	650 Scugog Street
Native Perspectives	191 Queen Street
Nonquon Travel	Lakeview Plaza
Nuts About Chocolate	182 Queen Street
Old Port Bulk Foods	259 Queen Street
Paradise Bedding & Beds	235 Queen Street
Patti's Own Kitchen	52 Water Street
Pelican Pier	237 Queen Street
Pentland's Jewellers	174 Queen Street
Perfect Portions	Hwy. 7A, Port Perry
Personal Touch	209 Mary Street
Pete's Pet Pantry	Port Perry Plaza
Petite Images	233 Queen Street
Phil Walmsley Photography	117 Perry Street
Philp Pontiac-Buick	Vandedward Drive
Photo Fax	Port Perry Plaza
Picture Perfect	78 Water Street
Pineridge Sports	178 Queen Street
Pizza Delight	158 Water Street
Port Cleaners	251 Queen Street
Port Perry Auto Supply	139 Queen Street
Port Perry Country Market	1540 Hwy. 7A
Port Perry Dairy Bar	158 Water Street
Port Perry IGA	278 Queen Street
Port Perry Muffler & Brake	119 Perry Street
R.D. Bridgewater Law Office	38 Water Street
Radio Shack	189 North Street
Railroadhouse Motel	1865 Scugog Street
Red Ribbon Donuts & Cafe	22 Water Street
Reg Cook Quality Butchers	263 Queen Street
Rediscover Treasures	52 Water Street
Reid's Organic Garden	189 Queen Street
Rent & Save	1881 Scugog Street
Ridge North Realty	Port Perry Plaza
RJM Photography	60 Water Street
Roger B. Moose C.A.	175 North Street

Rooster's BBQ Chicken	158 Water Street
Sash	189 Queen Street
Scugog Hydro Electric	Port Perry Plaza
Second Hand for Kids	117 Perry Street
Selections for Him & Her	241 Queen Street
Settlement House Stores	183 Queen Street
Sheila's Hairdressing	119 Perry Street
Shepherd Accounting	251 Queen Street
Siebart Auto Body	119 Perry Street
Smith & Smith Big V	Port Perry Plaza
Snell & Fraser Law Office	204 Casimir Street
Standard Trust	165 Queen Street
Star Office Centre	188 Mary Street
Stedmans	Port Perry Plaza
Stone Real Estate	221 Queen Street
Stonemoor Daycare	399 Queen Street
Strawberry Threads	229 Queen Street
Subby's Submarine	Lakeview Plaza
Suzy's Travel	12 Water Street
Switzer Motors Ltd.	111 Scugog Street



T.G. Mitchell's Men's Wear	183 Queen Street
Ted E. Bear Shop	191 Queen Street
The Best For Less	143 Perry Street
The Bridal Touch	209 Mary Street
The Children's Den	197 Queen Street
The Creative Basket	158 Queen Street
The Derbyshire Arms & Pub	189 North Street
The Front Porch	187 Queen Street
The Galley Fish & Chips	161 Queen Street
The Hair Shop	52 Water Street
The Meating Place	180 Queen Street
The Nail Look	180 Mary Street
Village Garden Centre Boutique	1820 Scugog Street
Village Tile & Carpet	154 Queen Street
Wendy's Boutique	180 Mary Street
Willy & Son Small Engines	R.R. 1, Port Perry
Wysteria's Ways	235 Queen Street





A special ceremony took place at Town Hall 1873 on Saturday, May 11, 1996. The local site has been designated a historical site by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board. The dedication and unveiling of the plaque was celebrated by many, including Pat Proconier, Mayor Howard Hall, Pat Smith, MP Alex Shepherd, Rev. Bob LePage and MPP John O'Toole.



Port Perry High School held its annual "At Home" dance Friday, June 1, 1996 with more than 500 students attending in the auditorium which was beautifully decorated to the theme, "Under The Sea." Pictured in front are from left, Queen Janet Green and Princess Tamara Empringham, with their escorts, back left, King Jeff Clark and Prince Colin Laird.



Harry Kiezebrink will be retiring as principal of S.A. Cawker Public School at the end of the 1996 school year, marking the end of a 34-year career. Mr. Kiezebrink spent six years at R.H. Cornish Public School before becoming the first principal of Scugog's newest elementary school - S.A. Cawker.



## Nurses angered by large wage rollbacks

May 7, 1996

Nurses at Community Memorial Hospital are facing an 18 percent wage rollback this summer.

They are among some 50,000 members of the Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA), which was handed the news by their employer the Ontario Hospital Association.

Beverly Brown, head of the ONA local which represents some 50 nurses at Community Memorial, said the rollback is particularly galling to nurses who have had no wage increases for the past six years.

Mrs. Brown said the wage rollback would result in a decrease of about \$5 per hour at the top of the wage scale and \$3 an hour for more junior members.

She speculated that the dispute would wind up going to binding arbitration, as the OHA appears unwilling to budge from its hard-line stance.

## Port Perry doctors may withdraw services

June 11, 1996

Cost-cutting measures undertaken by the provincial government could result in radical changes to the level of service available here, says the chief of medical staff at Community Memorial Hospital.

As the government tightens doctors' salary caps and eliminates subsidies for malpractice insurance, many doctors here and across the province will have to decide which procedures they can provide, said Dr. Mike Gilmour.

And that, he said, could result in rural doctors – whose practices include procedures ranging from delivering babies to working overnight emergency shifts – withdrawing services.

It's going to come down to a very hard decision," said Dr. Gilmour. "Let's face it: We're not going to work for free."

## Local doctor slams province for cutbacks

June 25, 1996

Dr. Tom Millar is starting up a new practice in Sunderland, saying he's tired of the Ontario government's treatment of doctors.

The local physician, who has spent the past 24 years practicing at Medical Associates in Port Perry, said his reason for setting up his own practice is the Ontario government's cutbacks in the medical system.

Dr. Millar will dissolve his partnership at Medical Associates effective September 1, but he will continue a relationship with his partners. "I have a very good relationship with my partners and they are all very supportive of my decision," he said.

"For the time being I will be practicing in both Sunderland and Port Perry, but the major part of my practice will be in Sunderland."



Tom and Katherine Millar and friends packed Town Hall 1873 for three nights in early June 1996 as they presented a gala benefit performance for the music hall. The Millars have spent the best part of 30 years in Port Perry, teaching, directing and performing in the local music scene. Tom and Katherine are seen here seated with their talented cast of musical friends. From left, Leslie Ann Bradley, Julie Renwicke-Hick, Terry Paul, Pam Kennedy, unidentified, Amanda Powell, unidentified, unidentified, Maureen Edwards, Stewart Bennett, Janet Green, Grant Coward, Katy Burns and Ryan Edgar.

## Conway Gardens restaurant makes way for new development



The former Conway Gardens restaurant, a popular family dining spot in Port Perry for 25 years, was torn down in June 1996 to make way for a large new development on the property, which includes a 35,000 sq. ft. grocery store.

Below: Also removed from the property, just west of the restaurant building, was the former Tripp Laundromat and car wash building and the Bayshore-Takeout, which was relocated to the Blackstock area.





## Large police presence as Satan's Choice roll through town to attend biker's bash

July 3 1996

The town of Port Perry was virtually taken over by police this past weekend when an estimated 70 officers from the Durham Regional Police and OPP converged on the town to meet hundreds of bikers.

Officers wearing body armour and police cruisers were visible everywhere as they patrolled the streets, and the Latcham Centre became a command post for the operation.

The show of force was intended as a deterrent to an estimated 300 bikers attending a Satan's Choice biker bash just east of Port Perry, for retiring founder Bernie Guindon.

Club members started arriving at the party site Friday night, but the largest concentration of bikers arrived at the farm, located about halfway up the causeway hill, in the early afternoon Saturday.

Sidewalks were lined with curious onlookers and traffic came to a halt as about 150 members of the Satan's choice rolled through Port Perry heading east along 7A Hwy. to the field party, escorted by police.

The bikers who had assembled in Oshawa were shadowed by police helicopter.

Bernie Guindon felt the police were overreacting, saying "We're just here to have a good time with some old friends."

Police laid 52 charges against the bikers, primarily for safety and equipment infractions.



More than 300 bikers attended a farewell party for Satan's Choice founder Bernie Guindon. Many more were expected to take part but pouring rain resulted in a smaller than anticipated attendance. Above, Bernie Guindon, right, with long-time friends Tiny, left, and Mike the Bike.

July 16, 1996

**Bruce Kellett became the new owner of the Port Perry Country Flea Market the first week of July 1996. Mr. Kellett hopes to increase the 20 current vendors to 80. Before the country market, Bruce was the friendly face at Kellett's Variety store on Perry Street in Port Perry.**



Traffic came to a halt briefly in July 1996, as the former Bayshore Take-Out building began a slow 10 mile journey along Hwy. 7A to a chicken farm near Blackstock. The building was constructed in 1973 by Bill Tripp and rented to the Doug Hillier family, who operated a take-out establishment for about 15 years before closing the business. It then became a sales office, but has sat vacant for the past year. The building was removed to make room for a new grocery store on the site. The building was moved by Laurie McCulloch.

## Merger of Port Perry and Uxbridge hospitals a means of "survival"

August 20, 1996

A merger between Community Memorial Hospital in Port Perry and Uxbridge's Cottage Hospital is being described as the only way to ensure the survival of the two important institutions.

The merger, announced Monday morning, was approved unanimously last week by representatives of both hospitals.

The joint board has been meeting for months to discuss how the two hospitals

can work together to cope with dwindling government funding, and recommendations that they work towards creating a North Durham health care network.

"Port Perry made the decision almost a year ago that we would have to merge," said Jerry Taylor, president of the Community Memorial hospital board.

He went on to say, "We knew we had to change, and we wanted to do it before somebody changed us."

Mr. Taylor said that discussions among the two communities have been painstaking and at times, tense. "Both hospitals would like to have remained the same. No community wants to give up health services," he said.

### Merger complete on April 1

September 10, 1996

The merger of the hospitals in Port Perry and Uxbridge will be complete by April 1, 1997.

Jerry Taylor, chair for Community Memorial Hospital, said Friday that representatives of Cottage Hospital agreed to consolidate the two hospitals at the end of their fiscal year.

Both hospitals agreed unanimously on the earlier completion date so they won't have to draw up interim budgets for a two or three month period.



Jeff Reid, owner of the new Independent grocery store in Port Perry is getting set for a grand opening on November 30, 1996. The new store, located on the former Conway Gardens property on Scugog Street, will be a significant employer.



Thousands of people took advantage of the exceptional weather over the weekend at the Port Perry Fair. One of the most popular events on Saturday afternoon was the chariot and chuck wagon races which took place on the track. Above, competitors in the chariot race, decked out in Roman costumes, race neck to neck around the final turn of one of the races.



## Blue Heron Casino set to open in December

October 8, 1996

Looming 50' into the sky like a large circus tent, The Great Blue Heron Charitable Casino and Bingo facility with its brilliant red, blue and green roof design is a stark contrast to the bush and farmland which surrounds it.

The large structure, which will soon house southern Ontario's first charitable casino and bingo hall, is moving ahead rapidly, and plans are underway for a grand opening about mid-December.

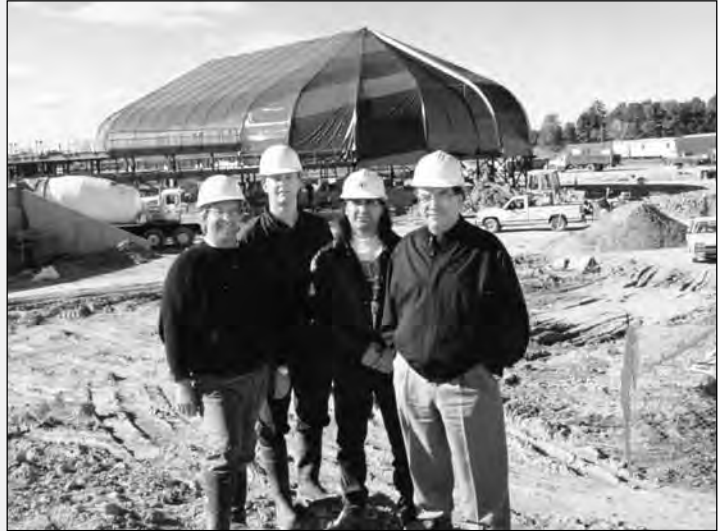
At an estimated cost of \$15 million, the complex is the largest construction project ever in the township and when completed will provide many jobs for area residents.

The Blue Heron consists of a 10,000 sq. ft. casino, a 14,000 sq. ft. bingo facility and the remainder of the 46,000 sq. ft. building is taken up with a 135 seat restaurant, bar, washrooms, offices and staff quarters.

In the casino, 40 tables will provide patrons an opportunity to get on games like Caribbean stud poker, roulette, black jack, poker, mini baccarat and pai gow.

For those who prefer bingo, the Great Blue Heron will provide a 700 seat, state-of-the-art bingo hall.

The casino is expected to employ up to 250 people in full or part-time jobs. Priority for employment will be given to both the members of the First Nation and the local area.



Work is progressing quickly on the Great Blue Heron Charitable Casino and Bingo complex being constructed on the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation land near the north end of Scugog Island. During the first week of October 1996, workers were busy installing the multi-coloured roof over the bingo hall and casino area. Touring the site last week were, from right, Chief Gary Edgar, Sean Eade, Thomas Kelineer and Ron Steiner. The facility is expected to open in December 1996.

## Canterbury developers are granted changes

October 1, 1996

Jamie Bennett, representing the developers of the Canterbury Common retirement community told council they want to delete 44 townhouse units from their plan and add 35 single lots in their place.

He told councillors that sales at Canterbury are going very well as 40 homes have been sold to date. They are on target to complete 60-70 sales in one year period. Mr. Bennett added that they have found that the single lot homes are selling much better than townhouses.



This westerly section of the Queen Street business district, taken in 1997, has changed quite a bit in the past decade. All the businesses located in this block no longer exist – Reg Cook's Quality Butcher, Old Port Bulk Foods, David's Hairstyling and Just B-Cuz.

# FACES of the 90<sup>s</sup>



**Samuel Cawker**  
*Public school principal*



**Bryce Philp**  
*Owner of car dealership*



**Ted Griffen**  
*Lumber merchant*



**Tom Bonano**  
*Scugog Library*



**Bill Beare**  
*Beare Motors owner*



**Carolyn Best**  
*Baseball organizer*



**Morley Bruce**  
*Real Estate sales*



**William Carnegie**  
*Real Estate sales*



**Ken Carruthers**  
*Merchant / Councillor*



**Mabel Cawker**  
*News correspondent*



**Fred Christie**  
*Farmer*



**Doug Hillier**  
*Restaurant owner*



**Yvonne Christie**  
*Scugog Councillor*



**Fred Churchill**  
*Men's clothing retailer*



**Lang Cope**  
*Retailer of fabrics*



**Earl Cuddie**  
*Scugog Township CEO*



**Dennis Anderson**  
*Car dealership*



**Bob Howsam**  
*Real Estate sales*



**Keith Elliott**  
*Veterinarian*



**Rod Foster**  
*Occupation*



**Edna Goss**  
*Nursing Home CEO*



**Roy Grierson**  
*Community volunteer*



**Glenn Taylor**  
*Central Seven CEO*



**Ken Jackson**  
*Food manufacturer*



**Jack Kane**  
*Museum volunteer*



**Harry Kiezebrink**  
*School principal*



**Richard Larocque**  
*Electrician*



**Marion Lee**  
*Community volunteer*



**Gord Lewis**  
*Automotive repair*



**Jim Marlow**  
*Farming sales*



A random selection of some of the many community leaders, business people, volunteers, politicians and residents, who during the 1990s, played a part in shaping the Scugog Township we know and love today.



**Judy McColl**  
*Scugog librarian*



**Debbie McGarry**  
*Hospital Foundation*



**Scott Anderson**  
*Port Perry Star editor*



**Armour McMillan**  
*Reach Councillor*



**Dr. Robert McNab**  
*Dentist*



**Carol Morrow**  
*Registered Nurse*



**Tom Mullen**  
*Royal Bank manager*



**Phil Orde**  
*Councillor*



**Les Parkes**  
*Artist*



**Dr. Ralph Price**  
*Medical physician*



**Albert Putsey**  
*Caesarea volunteer*



**Paul Saulnier**  
*Scout Leader*



**Don Steele**  
*Scugog Fire Chief*



**Craig Taylor**  
*Advertising sales*



**Glen Taylor**  
*Central Seven administrator*



**Merrill Van Camp**  
*Councillor*



**Marg Waite**  
*Travel consultant*



**Marg Wilbur**  
*NDP politician*



**Bill Henshall**  
*Scugog Bylaw Official*



**Charlie Bourgeois**  
*Sports enthusiast*



**Greg Heffering**  
*Men's clothing*



**Dr. Bill Cohoon**  
*Port Perry physician*



**Phil Goreski**  
*Marina/Park operator*



**Marilyn Pearce**  
*Scugog councillor*



**Ron Compton**  
*Cable TV operator*



**Ken Gadsden**  
*Scugog Councillor*



**Don Forder**  
*Insurance Agent*



**Michael Fowler**  
*Port Perry lawyer*



**John McClelland**  
*Port Perry Star editor*



**Dr. John Stewart**  
*Port Perry physician*



*The grandstand at Blackstock fairgrounds erupts in waves of flames on a Saturday night December 14, 1996. It is believed arson is the cause of the fire, which totally destroyed the structure, which was built on the property in the mid-1930s. The grandstand had suffered many times over the years at the hands of vandals. The picture was taken by Blackstock resident Fred Ford.*

## Arson suspected as fire claims grandstand

December 17, 1996

After years of suffering at the hands of vandals, the grandstand at the Blackstock fairgrounds came crashing down in flames last Saturday night.

Firefighters from Scugog Township's two halls responded to the call and were also assisted by the Uxbridge Fire Department.

The fire started shortly after 5:30 p.m. and although more than 20 firefighters battled the blaze, it wasn't fully extinguished until after 1:30 a.m.

The old grandstand, which dates back to the mid-1930s went up in a spectacular ball of flame that lit up the night sky, as a crowd gathered to watch the familiar landmark crumble into ashes.

Damage was estimated to be around \$80,000, but it is not known if the building will be rebuilt.

## Scugog Township's new alcohol policy comes into effect

December 3, 1996

More than a year in the making, a new Municipal Alcohol Policy became law December 1 in Scugog Township.

The policy spells out specific rules the public must follow when holding a function on township property where alcohol is served.

It affects any social function where a Special

Occasion Permit is required, such as community halls, Scugog Centre and baseball diamonds.

The policy is designed to ensure "responsible management practices are carried out at licensed functions.

As well, it is to help reduce or avoid alcohol related problems that could result in litigation directed towards the municipality or its staff.



*The offices of Ridge North Realty Ltd. were located in a building on the west side of Port Perry Plaza in 1996.*



# 1997



*S.A. Cawker Public School, 1997. The school was officially opened on May 10, 1990.*



*Port Perry's San-Man Motel, September 1997. The motel is located on Hwy. 12, just south of Manchester.*



The Medical Associates building located on Paxton Street, as it looked in 1997. Since then the building has been enlarged.



Scugog residents Ken and Carol Irvine resigned from operating their gas station, at the corner of Simcoe Street and Hwy. 7A, in January 1997 when they were offered what they considered an "unreasonable contract" by Sunoco. The Irvines operated an XL (Ultra-mar) station for 12 years and saw their station become a Sunoco affiliate last March after an inter-provincial swap by the two petroleum dealers.

January 7, 1997

Scugog council is considering a curfew to combat ever increasing cases of vandalism in its parks. The idea was raised as concern was expressed at a meeting, over vandalism in the parks, especially those along the Port Perry waterfront. No action was taken.

## Scugog grapples with announcements

January 21, 1997

Like municipal politicians all over Ontario, Scugog Mayor Howard Hall is grappling with the implications of the "mega-announcements" handed down by the provincial government last week.

In a series of moves unprecedented in the history of Ontario, the Mike Harris Conservative government has radically altered the way municipalities will do business starting in 1998.

At the centre of it, the government will take education costs off the property tax (about \$5.4 billion province-wide) and hand municipalities full responsibilities for funding a plethora of services including transit, libraries, public health, water and sewer treatment plants.

As well, municipalities will pick up the tab for 50 percent of the cost of welfare, day care, public housing and homes for the aged.

Mayor Howard Hall said, "I think this is going to end up costing everyone (local and regional municipalities) more money. There is no way it can't. There is no way it will be revenue neutral."

## Ice Palace won't open this year, vandals to blame

January 7, 1997

There won't be an Ice Palace on Lake Scugog this winter. Doreen Kendall, one of the people who helped establish the outdoor skating rink and shelter in Palmer Park several years ago, said vandals have caused so much damage that an opening isn't feasible this year.

Add to that the late formation of any quality ice, and the season is a write-off, said Mrs. Kendall.

"Mother Nature isn't cooperating and even if it

improved, the damage that's been done to the tables and everything is ridiculous," she said.

The Ice Palace has been plagued by vandals and thieves. First a dock worth \$800 was stolen, then the sound system was ripped off. An all terrain vehicle kept on the site for emergencies also disappeared.

The vandalism means no Ice Palace this season, and perhaps never again. "This is how a handful of hooligans repay a group of people who are trying to do something for the community," she said.



## Port Perry and Uxbridge police stations rumoured to be closing

January 28, 1997

Rumours of an impending closure of Port Perry's 26 Division police station are unfounded according to Scugog Mayor Howard Hall.

"They're station rumours. Strictly rumours. They are being generated by the cops and that doesn't look good on them," said Mayor Hall last week.

Talk has surfaced that the Port Perry and Uxbridge Durham Regional Police stations could be replaced by store-front offices, and that the substations could be merged into on divisional headquarters in Sunderland.

Mayor Hall said that right now the Police Services Board are sitting down and trying to decided what to do. "They are looking at restructuring in Durham. They're looking at ways to have better policing," he said.



Theresa Kwon and husband Peter were among the proud new Canadians who took their oath of citizenship during a special court session held February 10, 1997 in Port Perry. The Kwon's have become well-known over the years as they've greeted their customers at Kellett's Variety store on Perry Street. The Kwon's emigrated from Korea in 1991 and always had a dream of becoming Canadian citizens.

## Ontario set to licence 44 casinos

February 25, 1997

More competition doesn't frighten the folks at Scugog Island's gaming hall.

A total of 44 new charity casinos, like Scugog's Great Blue Heron, will soon be popping up in nearly every city across Ontario as the provincial government follows up on last year's budget promise of a charity gaming club initiative.

Locally, Durham Region could see two casinos that feature video lottery terminals, 40 gaming tables, stakes up to \$100 and seven days a week, 24 hour service.

Scugog Island's Great Blue Heron Casino could see some competition from the new casinos, but Perry Steiner, World Casino's Director of Marketing, says that the local facility will not lose any of its patrons.

February 25, 1997

**Craig Taylor was elected president of the Scugog Chamber of Commerce following the surprise resignation of Brenda McIntosh.**



The Railroad House Motor Hotel, located on Hwy. 7A was officially opened on August 7, 1975 and was torn down in April 2009. It is seen here in this picture during the spring of 1997.

## Merger of Port Perry and Uxbridge Hospitals approved

February 25, 1997

Board members voted unanimously in favour of the amalgamation of Community Memorial Hospital and Uxbridge Cottage Hospital at a meeting held on February 19, 1997.

The attendance in Port Perry, only 33 people, was in sharp contrast to a vote held a night earlier in Uxbridge when more than 600 people turned out to vote, with only 12 voting against the merger.

Hospital Board Chair, Jerry Taylor said there had been no negative response from the community, and the small turnout was just a vote of confidence in the action being taken by the local hospital board.

During the meeting, Mr Taylor said the merger, which will create the North Durham Hospital, was the only way to ensure continued service provision in both towns in an era of harsh government cutbacks that is seeing hospitals across Ontario closed or ordered to merge with other operations.

The new hospital will be governed by 20 directors from Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock Townships, and run by a single Chief Executive Officer, Guy Kirvan, who has already been hired.

### New hospital CEO inks deal

February 4, 1997

Guy Kirvan, currently the CEO at the County of Bruce General Hospital will take over the reins of the amalgamated board of Uxbridge and Port Perry Hospitals, when Port Perry's David Brown and Uxbridge's Randy Hoban step down from their posts.

Port Perry Chair Jerry Taylor said the committee was looking for someone with multi-site experience and they believe they have found him.

Mr. Kirvan, in his current position, is managing two hospital sites and is involved in a four hospital amalgamation.

### David Brown leaving Port Perry Hospital after 23 years as CEO



David Brown, CEO, Community Memorial Hospital

March 18, 1997

David Brown was hired as CEO at Community Memorial Hospital in February 1974, but his intentions were to only stay for a few years before moving on to manage a larger medical facility.

Now, after serving the local community for 23 years, he's retiring, at a time when drastic changes are taking place in the province's health care system.

During his time at the local hospital, Mr. Brown has worked with a total of 60 different board members, 11 board chairs and 10 different hospital auxiliary presidents.



Since the Port Perry and Uxbridge hospitals officially amalgamated on April 1, 1997, many changes have occurred over the past three weeks. Now known as the Port Perry site of the North Durham Health Services, the single corporation has one board. Standing beside the new CEO Guy Kirvan, right, is Board Chair Frank Pinguet, left and Vice-Chair Joan Ongley.

### New name adopted for new-look Port Perry community hospital

April 22, 1997

After going through many changes over the past three weeks, the hospital in Port Perry received a new name last week.

Known as Community Memorial Hospital for many years the name of the local hospital was changed to North Durham Hospital when it was officially amalgamated with Cottage Hospital in Uxbridge on April 1.

That interim name has now been changed to the Port Perry site of the North Durham Health Services.

The new board has selected Frank Pinguet as the new board chair and Joan Ongley as the vice-chair.

Also appointed at the April 17, 1997 meeting were Dr. Robert Allin as Medical Chief of Staff and Dr. Nathan Ek as President of the Medical Staff and Dr. Tony Brown as vice-president.





*Port Perry Dental Centre, Crafter's Showplace, Marlin Travel and Alex Shepherd Accounting along Queen Street during 1997.*

## **Bare breasts are legal in Scugog Township, rec chair admits**

*April 22, 1997*

Municipal officials say there is currently no policy in Scugog restricting women from going topless at public beaches, parks and the township swimming pool.

"I haven't given a lot of thought to this," said parks and recreation committee chairman Karen Puckrin when asked about the recent court ruling in Ontario which allows women to go topless in public.

Asked what might happen if women started

appearing topless this summer in Scugog's municipal lakeside parks and the township receives complaints, councillor Puckrin said council will have to cross that tricky bridge if it happens.

She said that women going topless in parks could be a concern to some people, and that council wants to keep public parks for family activities.

But she admitted that in light of the recent court rulings, there may not be too much the township can do about it.



*Pipes and drums echoed across the fairgrounds on Friday, July 25, 1997, when the Military Tattoo was held in Port Perry. The Tattoo, which helps kick off the Highlands of Durham Games, is popular for its pageantry and of course the sounds of hundreds of bagpipe players. This is the second year for the games, and it attracted numerous police pipe bands, including an entry from the New York Police Department.*



*Edna Goss, Administrator of Port Perry Community Nursing Home since 1974, was chosen as "Administrator of the Year" by the National Association for Activity Professionals in March 1997. The award is given to a person who oversees activities in nursing and retirement homes. This is the second time she has received the award.*

## Mickey McArthur jailed, brother Angus walks away as a free man

April 8, 1997

For victims of the October 20, 1994 shooting at the Bank of Montreal robbery in Port Perry, the guilty verdict handed down on April 3, 1997 in a Whitby courtroom brought a feeling of relief and closure.

Bank Manger Al Knight, realtor Debra-Ann Taylor, Durham Police Detective Paul Mooy and Constables Mark McConkey and Warren Ellis were all wounded in the span of a few minutes on that fateful evening that shattered the usual calm of Port Perry and shocked its citizens.

Detective Mooy and Constable McConkey were in the crowded courtroom Thursday when the jury of six men and six women found Mitchiel McArthur guilty on all 17 charges he faced, including four of attempted murder.

His half-brother Angus, 31, was acquitted on all 17 charges and walked out of the courtroom a free man after nearly 30 months in custody.

Mitchiel McArthur will be back at the Whitby courthouse on May 7 for the start of a sentencing hearing in front of Justice Harry LaForme, who presided over the lengthy trial that began in mid-January and heard more than 70 witnesses.

## Scugog ambulance service will join new company

May 27, 1997

Port Perry's ambulance service will soon become part of a large, American-owned company; but people here shouldn't feel threatened by that, say the owner.

Bob DeShane said his Lindsay Ambulance Service will soon join six other Ontario companies as part of

Rural/Metro Ambulance company, based in Scottsdale, Arizona, which provides service in 20 states in the U.S.

Mr. DeShane said the changes will improve the service because of the nature of Rural/Metro. He also stressed that as the transition occurs, the current level of service Scugog is accustomed to will remain and that improvements will be implemented over time.



*The Winchester Arms Pub and Restaurant on North Street in 1997. The building is now owned by optometrist, Dr. Darryl Workman.*





*Work on the three-storey West Shore Village complex came to a virtual halt during the winter of 1996-1997, due to delays by planners, engineers and a difficult winter. Developers said there were a lot of surprises encountered when putting in the hard services, such as sewer and water lines due to soil conditions. This photo, taken in March 1997, so the stalled construction site.*



**Gord Lewis packing it in after 35 years**

*After 35 years of repairing cars, pumping gas and selling auto parts in the Port Perry area, Gord Lewis announced in July 1997 that he is set to close up shop for good and retire. Mr. Lewis opened his first shop in 1962 under the name Gord Lewis Motor Sales and will close his doors for the last time on September 29, 1997.*

**Caesarea Regatta will fold after 67 years**

*Tuesday, May 6, 1997*

The Caesarea Regatta, the oldest continuous run event of its kind in Ontario, will not be held this coming summer.

A decision not to hold the event came suddenly April 4 during a meeting of an organizing committee.

The annual event, which has attracted area residents and tourists alike for 67 years, is plagued by differences among board members and a lack of volunteer support from local residents. Sunday's general meeting saw a decision to cancel the event this year, and very likely forever if community apathy towards planning the event continues.

When meeting chair Raymond Putsey asked for nominations to fill four executive positions, there were no takers among the sparse crowd of 12 who gathered at the Caesarea Hall.

Regatta vice-resident Linda Hughes said, "This is the third meeting in three weeks with little turn out. It's time to face reality."



The Scout Hall, constructed during 1950, had been renamed the "Kinsmen Hall" and was being operated by the Port Perry Kinsmen Club during the 1990s.

## Cureatz defeats Jones, will carry PC banner

May 13, 1997

An intense battle of words and wits between Scugog Point's Llewellyn Jones and Courtice's Sam Cureatz came to a conclusion Friday when a second nomination meeting was held, and Mr. Cureatz was voted to represent the Tories in Durham.

The two candidates and their supporters spent the past two months bickering among themselves, finding ways to unseat the other from the coveted position.

When the first vote was held on February 15 it ended in a tie; when the second ballots were not available, chairman Roger Wilson cast the deciding vote in favour of Mr. Cureatz.

Then Jones appealed the decision on the grounds that allowing Mr. Wilson, who was not a member of the riding association to cast the tie-breaking vote should not be allowed. The national PC party dictated that a second ballot should be held, and only those in attendance at the February 15 meeting could attend.

That prompted Mr. Cureatz to take the party to court for a judicial review of the process. A judge ruled that the local party would have to hold another nomination meeting, allowing those who were registered members by February 1, 1997 to attend.

Mr. Cureatz scored a solid win at that nomination meeting on Friday.



Ann Barrett retired from the post she held as animal control officer for Scugog and Uxbridge Townships for the past 28 years on June 30, 1997. Ann is seen here cuddling with one of the many animals she's dealt with for almost three decades. When she applied for the job back in 1969 she said she enjoyed working with people, loves animals and likes working outdoors.

April 15, 1997

**Ward 4 Councillor Joyce Kelly announced that the grandstand destroyed by fire at the Blackstock fairgrounds will be rebuilt. The new structure will cost about \$150,000 of which \$86,900 is covered by insurance.**



The Monte Carlo Hair Fashion building located on the northeast corner of Water Street and Hwy. 7A. This building, was removed in the fall of 1987, after completion of Michael Guido's new building. See next page.



## Developer defends West Shore Village development project on Perry Street

June 3, 1997

After months of delays by planners, engineers and a difficult winter, the West Shore development project is ready to move ahead.

Developers Gary Moore and Lance Ingleton say that the worst is now behind them and as summer approaches it won't be long before the first purchasers will be living in their new homes.

When completed West Shore Village will consist of a three storey residence containing 62 assisted living suites and 34 "independent living" units.

The developers said there were a lot of surprises encountered when putting in the hards services, such as sewer and water lines. "We were slowed down during difficult times this winter because of the soil conditions," said Mr. Moore.

Both Mr. Moore and Mr. Ingleton say they want to stop looking back on the problem winter, and look ahead to the completion of the project.

## Farmers' Market on the move to the Flea Market

June 3, 1997

The Port Perry Farmers' Market has started up again in town, but this time at a new location.

The popular market, which begins its ninth year, was formerly held at the fairgrounds, but will now be located at the Port Perry Flea Market on Hwy. 7A, across from Taylor Ford.

The Farmers' Market was started by Whitney Cohoon eight years ago at the fairgrounds, and she will continue selling at the new location.

Flea Market owner Bruce Kellett is pleased the farmers' market has joined them at the Port Perry Flea Market.



October 30, 1997

**On the move.** This old building located at the corner of Water Street and Hwy. 7A was moved from its long-time site in October 1997. The old house has been the location of Monte Carlo hair salon for the past few years, but are now located in the brand new building, right, constructed behind the aging structure this past summer. The house was moved to Oshawa.





Police check bikers as they arrive in Caesarea to attend a Canada Day party.

### Para-Dice Riders bikers detained at roadblock

July 1, 1997

Durham Regional Police tactical units, along with dog handlers and intelligence officers, were out in full force in Caesarea Saturday for the Para-Dice Riders motorcycle club's annual Canada Day run and party.

It was a replay of past confrontations between police and bikers, with officers setting up roadblocks to delay and in some cases, conduct thorough checks of club members arriving for the get-together.

The Para-Dice Riders once launched an unsuccessful court challenge to the searches, saying they infringed on members' rights.

Police say the measures are necessary to let the bikers know their activities are being closely watched.

"Whenever outlaw motorcycle clubs get together, there is a strong community concern," said Durham Police's Staff Sgt. Dietmar Schoenroch.

Police checked an estimated 100 bikers and laid a total of 20 charges during the weekend get-together.

### Barn fire causes \$500,000 damage, kills over 800 pigs

July 1, 1997

An early morning fire on Scugog Island caused an estimated \$500,000 damage and killed hundreds of pigs last week.

The initial blaze broke out just before 3:30 a.m. on June 26 in a barn belonging to Mike Fuller of Full Recovery Recyclers. According to Scugog Fire Department deputy chief Bill Harrison, more than 800 pigs perished in the fire.

Firefighters arriving on the scene found the entire barn engulfed in fire and could do little more than keep it from spreading to adjoining buildings. The firefighters battled the fire for 20 hours in total, as the fire smouldered in the basement, out of their reach.

The fire was described as one of the worst farm fires in recent years, and at the height of the blaze, flames from the inferno could be seen for miles.

### Former Murray House restaurant to re-open as Jester's Court Pub

July 8, 1997

Sam Chiusolo, the new owner of the historic old house opposite Port Perry IGA, told councillors Monday he is renovating the restaurant and will re-open it as the Jester's Court Pub, complete with licensed patio out front.

Councillors agreed that an outdoor patio in the downtown core would be most welcome, but ask that the new owner use plain cloth umbrellas, rather than the bright ones with beer company logos plastered all over them.

Mr. Chiusolo agreed to the request and told councillors, "this will not be a bar, it's a high class pub."

Mr. Chiusolo is also the owner of the Trader Sam's restaurant on Scugog Street, Port Perry.



There was a tasty celebration October 4, 1997 when the new Dairy Queen restaurant on Hwy. 7A in Port Perry marked its official opening. The store, which opened on September 1, 1997, has been enjoying a brisk business. Debbie and Jim McKnight, along with employee Dana McCullough, centre, are seen here with some of the delicious products. The restaurant employs 47 people.



## No objection to Sunday beer, liquor sales in Port Perry

July 22, 1997

Scugog Administrator Earl Cuddie says that the Tories' idea of trying out Sunday liquor and beer sales during the month of August has not been objected to by any of the local council members.

"Yes we're going to allow them to open here if they want to," Mr. Cuddie said. "They were open last year a couple of times and then during the month of December for Christmas, and so far, we've not had objections.

Jim Paradine, manager of the Port Perry Liquor

Store says he's in favour of an extra shopping day and is prepared for the extra hours.

But Ron Pollard, manager of the local Beer Store, is uncertain as to whether he will be opening his doors on Sundays.

"We have had no directions yet so we'll have to wait and see. It's not our choice," he said.

The decision to allow the opening of liquor and beer stores on Sunday is totally up to the individual communities, the province has declared. Some places, like Uxbridge, have opted out of the pilot project.

## Scugog teachers join colleagues in illegal picket

October 28, 1997

Teachers in Scugog Township joined their counterparts across Ontario Monday morning in the largest walkout by educators in the province's history.

Public and separate school teachers throughout the township, officially walked off the job to protest the Harris government's Bill 160. Talks between the two sides went on last week and continued into the weekend, to no avail.

Larry Doble, a Port Perry High School teacher and picket line captain, said teachers want to inform the public of their concerns over the proposed cuts and revisions in the provincial government Bill 160.

"We will be stopping people at the (picket) line and telling them why we're here," he said. "We'll ask them not to cross."

Several non-teaching staff members did cross the line, and according to Mr. Doble, at least one employee was escorted across by supervisory staff.

A few parents and students from Scugog's two high schools joined the local teachers in their fight against the government. More than 30 students picked up signs and showed their support at a rally at Durham-East MPP John O'Toole's office in Bowmanville.



Public and separate school teachers throughout Scugog Township, and the rest of Ontario, officially walked off the job on October 27, 1997 to protest the Harris government's Bill 160. Talks between the two sides went on last week and continued into the weekend to no avail. Locally, some of the illegal picketers found their way to work in frigid, snowy conditions shortly after 6 a.m. PPHS teachers held up employees at the school, stopping many from entering the school for up to 15 minutes.

## Police chief issues apology to Guy Paul Morin

August 6, 1997

Durham Regional Police chief Trevor McCagherty apologised to Guy Paul Morin and his family publicly last week.

And while he insisted his apology was not undertaken as a form of damage control, a representative of officers in uniform questioned the way in which the matter was being handled.

"Guy Paul Morin is an innocent man," Chief McCagherty said Thursday. "This is a sincere apology."

His address, delivered at a press conference in Toronto, was the first official admission that the Durham force erred when it targeted Morin as the killer in the murder of nine-year-old Christine Jessop. Mr. Morin and his family lived next door to the slain girl in Queensville. Her body was found near Sunderland on New Year's Eve, 1984.



*This picture of the three candidates running for Scugog Township's top political seat was taken a week before the November 10, 1997 election. Doug Moffatt, left, Howard Hall and John Wolters were in the running to become the mayor of Scugog, and when the ballots were all counted, Doug Moffatt was the surprise winner, defeating incumbent Mayor Howard Hall by a margin of about 500 votes.*

## **Moffatt Mayor: Loss takes Hall by surprise**

*November 11, 1997*

The people of Scugog township decided for change at the top Monday as Doug Moffatt defeated incumbent Mayor Howard Hall by a substantial margin of about 500 votes.

And John Wolters, the third man in the race for the mayor's chair polled very well, perhaps an indication of the level of desire for change this election.

After accepting congratulations from both Hall and Wolters, the newly elected mayor said the GTA is the major concern of the people in the township.

To address that concern, Moffatt said his new council must spend money for consultants to get "all the facts," then take the information to the people in the form of a town hall meeting, before any decisions are made.

As for his victory over Hall, who has been mayor of Scugog for the past nine years, Moffatt said, "we knew things were moving."

## **Scugog named in \$6 million class lawsuit**

*November 11, 1997*

Scugog Township has been named with a prominent home builder in a \$6 million lawsuit, filed by Port Perry homeowners who claim their houses were built with substandard materials and poorly inspected.

The class action suit was launched by Victorian Village home owner Dianne Bunn, on behalf of 96 residents in the subdivision.

The suit seeks \$5 million in compensatory damages and another \$1 million punitive or exemplary damages for the homeowners, who alleged that their homes, built between 1987 and 1993 are construed with defective material.

The township is included as a defendant because the suit claims the municipality didn't fulfill its responsibility to ensure the building practices and materials were up to the standards.

A group of homeowners have been trying since 1995 to have the builder and the township respond to their complaints, and take steps to fix what they say are leaking windows and siding, and rotting balustrades and railings on front porches.

In some cases water damage and rot has been so bad that sections of the siding, windows and exterior plywood have had to be replaced.

## **Judge remands bank robber Mickey for 60 day psychiatric exam**

*December 16, 1997*

Convicted bank robber Mitchiel "Mickey" McArthur has been remanded for 60 day psychiatric assessment, but whether he co-operates in the process is another question.

Justice Harry LaForme took under 10 minutes in handing down his decision to remand McArthur for the assessment, the first step in the process to have him declared a dangerous offender. The designation, being sought by the Crown, would see him jailed indefinitely.

But immediately after the judge made his ruling, McArthur's lawyer, Greg Lafontaine refused to say whether his client would cooperate in the assessment.

Lafontaine said what course of action he takes now will basically be up to McArthur, who was remanded to the Quinte Detention Centre near Kingston.

Only about 100 criminals in Canada have been declared dangerous offenders, a designation which sees them given an indeterminate sentence which comes up for review every three years.



# 1998



*The former St. Charles Hotel, was occupied by Re/Max and Peace of Earth during 1998.*



*The Great Blue Heron charitable casino, on Scugog Island, as it looked about October 1998.*



## The rise and fall of Icehenge

January 27, 1998

Icehenge, Bill Lishman's tribute to the magnificent Stonehenge in Great Britain, collapsed and became nothing more than a pile of frozen rubble over the weekend.

It was a disappointing turn of events for Mr. Lishman and his 20 or more volunteers, who toiled for three days to erect the 40 metric tonne structure at the lakefront on Lake Scugog.

Icehenge was a 60 percent scale of Stonehenge and the 40, three-quarter tonne vertical members, were put in place by sheer muscle power. They were cut out of the lake by chain saw, skidded out of the water onto a sled and hauled manually across the ice and tilted up into place.

Thirty five lintels, which weighed up to 40 kilos each, were raised with the help of Arnold Kerry from Utica Farm Supply with a front end loader.

Just at sunset, at the end of a glorious three days, a great cheer went up when the last lintel was lowered into place, the ice glinting like a jewel in the late afternoon sun.

Unfortunately Icehenge began crumbling over the weekend and on Sunday morning all that was left standing were 15 of the three-quarter ton slabs which made up the structure. And by mid-afternoon the entire structure had collapsed.

Mr. Lishman explained that the downfall of Icehenge was caused when someone drilled a hole in the ice near the perimeter. Water flooding onto the site caused a gradual deterioration of the ice where the heavy slabs stood.

## Fire destroys Victory Christian Centre

January 6, 1998

Local firefighters and emergency response crews were scrambling early yesterday when a building used by the Victory Christian Centre went up in flames.

Smoke from the building, located at 593 Alma Street, billowed high into the rainy sky over Port Perry as more than 20 firefighters fought to extinguish the blaze.

According to Bill Harrison, local firefighters were called to the blaze at 12:39 p.m. and were soon joined by Uxbridge firefighters.

The fire marshal was expected to survey the scene to investigate the fire and find the cause.

## Police divers recover two bodies of snowmobilers

January 20, 1998

Police divers completed their search for the bodies of two men who drowned in separate snowmobile accidents early Saturday afternoon when they recovered the body of a 31-year old Woodville man on Monday around 2:25 p.m.

Durham Regional Police report that sonar equipped divers found the body of a 20-year old snowmobiler from View Lake just after 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

The two separate incidents happened just off the shore near Sunrise Beach, on the east side of Scugog Island.





For more than 15 years, Bob Howsam has been deaf, the result of a freak injury to his head, sustained in a fall. On October 16, 1997 Mr. Howsam endured a four-hour operation. Then after a six week healing period he returned to the hospital and the first four words he heard was "Are you Robert Howsam." Mr. Howsam said he couldn't believe it when he heard his audiologist's voice. "I've never been one who believes in miracles, but I sure do now," he said.



Helen and David Chow were the guests of honour when the Scugog Chamber of Commerce and the BIA held a luncheon for them on February 28. The popular couple are retiring after operating their restaurant, David Chow's Chinese Food Restaurant, on Queen Street for the past 25 years. Unable to come to agreeable terms for a new lease with their landlord, the Chows decided to retire. Their last day in business in Port Perry was on February 16, 1998.

## No VLTs for Scugog Township licensed bars

February 17, 1998

Video lottery terminals (VLTs) are on their way to local bars and licensed premises in Ontario, but they won't be found in Scugog Township.

Mayor Doug Moffatt got the support of council this week for a motion that the lucrative machines will only be found in licensed casinos. In Scugog, that means the Great Blue Heron Charitable Casino on Scugog Island.

"If we pass a motion and later a bylaw confining VLTs to casinos, then we would hope the government will back us up as they have stated," the mayor said.

## Cops nab \$200,000 of marijuana in home near Utica

February 17, 1998

Durham Regional Police seized more than \$200,000 worth of drugs last Friday after they executed a search warrant on a Utica area home.

A lengthy investigation led to the raid around 3 p.m. on February 13. Officers arrested and charged a 29-year old man after seizing a large quantity of marijuana and cultivation equipment.

The man, who lived on Mast Road, later admitted to police that he had been active in the cultivation of marijuana for more than 10 years. Upon searching the home, police discovered three rooms which contained top-notch hydroponics equipment, according to Sgt. Ken Hudson of 26 Division in Port Perry.

Scugog resident, and Durham MP, Alex Shepherd moved from Oshawa into his new office on Water Street, Port Perry. Mr. Shepherd and his staff were busy over the weekend with the move and officially opened for business on Monday, March 30, 1998. Mr. Shepherd is seen here moving a box of office supplies into the new location at 116 Water Street.



# The way we looked in 1998



*These two former homes on Queen Street were occupied by George L. Smith, lawyer, and the Port Perry Clinic operated by Eva Mueller.*



*In 1998 this block of Queen Street buildings were occupied by the Little Harbour Clothing Company, Joy of Candles and the Brown Couch Coffee House.*

## No lights for 7A and Scugog Island Road

*February 17, 1998*

The province has again turned thumbs down to a request for traffic lights at Hwy. 7A and the Scugog Island Rd., claiming there is not enough traffic to warrant lights.

The ministry came to this conclusion after monitoring the intersection during an eight-hour period last June.



*Condominiums nestled along Lake Scugog near the boat launch in the fall of 1998.*



## Farmer's Market wants to move downtown

February 17, 1998

Whitney Cohoon, president of the Port Perry Fair Board, has asked council to allow the farmer's market to move into downtown Port Perry this summer.

She said the plan is to have the market operate one day each week - Fridays - in the Latham Centre parking area at the foot of Queen Street.

Mayor Moffatt asked Mrs. Cohoon if she would consider another location for the vendors, perhaps in the parking lot off Mary Street.



*The former Port Perry War Memorial Library, was occupied by the Scugog Chamber of Commerce and Port Perry BIA as a tourist information centre during 1998.*



*The new Scugog Memorial Library, located on Water Street, Port Perry during the summer of 1998.*



*The former Murray House restaurant was opened as the Jester's Court Pub, including an open air patio, in July 1997.*



Port Perry will soon have another pool, and an indoor one at that. Donna Kaye, Mike and Steve Cochrane broke ground in May 1998 for what they say will be a multi-use private gym complex on Old Simcoe Rd., next to the Durham Regional Police station. The owners say they hope to set up swim lessons and public swimming times, as well as a fitness centre. No date was given as to when the pool will open, or the name of the new complex.

## West Shore investors set to “pull the plug”

April 21, 1998

Investors in the West Shore Village development are close to pulling the plug, Scugog’s planning committee was told Monday.

The development on the east side of Simcoe Street, north of downtown has been plagued with problems over the past couple of years to the point of “significant financial loss that will not be recovered,” according to Neil Hunter, a Toronto consultant who last week was appointed interim president of the company.

Mr. Hunter is asking council for permission to increase the number of residential units in Phase 2 of the project from four to 12, and also to increase the units in the four-storey building from 62 to 70.

The project has already cost some \$12 million with another \$4 million needed to bring it to completion.

Scugog planning consultant Jim Dymont told council “it is in the public’s interest to get the project completed.”

“Sitting in its present condition does not make anyone very happy,” he said.

## Shortage of full-time nurses at hospital

April 28, 1998

A shortage of qualified personnel and the inability to draw potential candidates to North Durham is making it hard to fill nursing positions in Port Perry and Uxbridge, says Guy Kirvan, CEO for the North Durham Health Services.

“There’s definitely a shortage of nurses here, both specialist and critical care nurses. “Nurses most in demand are those who work in the intensive care units,” said Mr. Kirvan.

The CEO went on to say that patients are still receiving top-notch care here and people are adapting well.

He also said that there is a good relationship between the nurses and the physicians, in both Port Perry and Uxbridge.

## Police, staff moving from Sunderland station to office in Port Perry

March 3, 1998

Port Perry will become the hub for all police activity in North Durham by the time summer rolls around, confirmed Inspector Chuck Mercier this week.

After years of talk and studies, Inspector Mercier said that a decision was made Friday, February 27 to move administrative staff from 26 Division’s Sunderland station to the building located on Old Simcoe Street in Port Perry.

Expected to make the move to Scugog in the next 90 days will be Inspector Mercier, new Staff Sgt. Michael Ewles and the Divisional Clerk.

## Local wholesaler plans to build 40,000 sq. ft. warehouse and office

March 31, 1998

A Port Perry company unveiled plans for a major expansion of its warehouse facilities.

Old Port Marketing, owned by Tom and Daphne Mitchell, plan to build a 40,000 sq. ft. warehouse and office complex on land in the Success Industrial Park, on the north side of Scugog’s 6th Line. The industrial plant is owned by Old Port Marketing.

The two-storey warehouse will double the capacity of Old Port’s warehouse facilities and allow a division of the company known as Old Port of America to move to Scugog from Chicago where it currently operates.

Old Port Marketing distributes gift items such as candles, to retailers across Canada and the United States.

The Mitchell’s want to start construction of the new building immediately and have it completed by August of this year.





## Fire Destroys Catholic Church

*June 2, 1998*

Firefighters from three Durham halls fought in vain early Sunday morning May 31, as fire ravaged the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church in Port Perry.

The fire was first spotted by a passerby about 3:30 am., who alerted 911 and knocked on the adjacent door of the Parish Priest, Father Charles Faleiro, to warn him of the danger.

By the time firefighters arrived at the scene, flames were visible from the east windows and the roof. High winds fanned the flames.

More than 20 firefighters from Port Perry and Caesarea halls responded and a ladder truck from Oshawa battled the blaze, but the structure was fully involved by the time they arrived and the roof collapsed quickly.

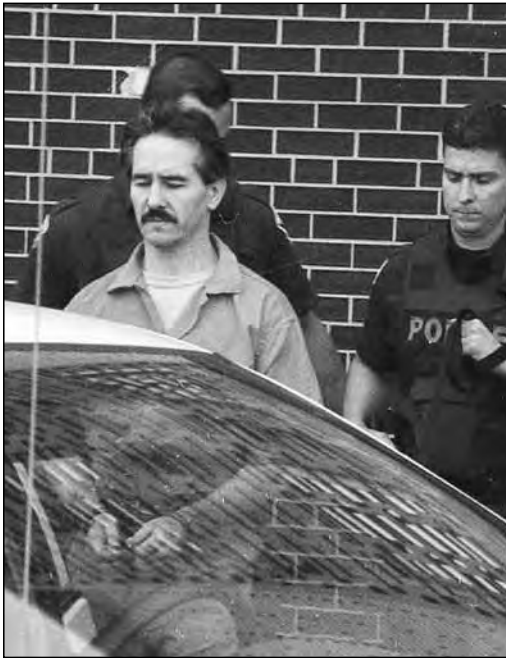
Fire Chief Richard Miller said, "It was fully involved when we arrived. Once the roof collapsed we just fought to contain the fire with the walls and to protect adjacent structures."

As daylight arrived, it was evident that the loss was almost total.

Father Charlie, as he is known to his parishioners, stood vigil, surveying the ruins of his church. "This is God's will," he said. "This is sent to us to make our congregation stronger and closer."

Members of the congregation slowly began to arrive, some of them dressed for mass, some with tears streaming down their faces while the walls still standing were knocked down by a backhoe.

Initial fire department reports put the damage to the building at \$2 million and insurance adjusters were on site Sunday morning to assess the damage.



Security was extremely tight when convicted bank robber "Mickey" McArthur made an appearance in court in Whitby in May 30, 1998. Officials are awaiting the release of a psychiatric report, which will be used to determine whether or not a dangerous offender designation against him can proceed. McArthur was convicted in 1994 robbery of the Bank of Montreal in Port Perry Plaza. Three police officers and two civilians were wounded during the robbery.

## North Durham hospitals still short of full-time nurses

July 7, 1998

The hospitals in Port Perry and Uxbridge are still suffering from a lack of qualified nurses, says an official.

Rae Robson, director of patient care for North Durham Health Services, said that even with about 80 nurses on the payroll, there's still a need for more.

"We're still short, we're still having to bring in more casual staff for both sites," she said.

"It's just a sign of the times, I guess. The staff are weary and we can't get any more to come in. We have a full complement of nurses here, but with some sick, and others on vacation, we're finding ourselves in a bit of a bind.

Of approximately 80 nurses on staff, close to 20 are full-time. She went on to say, "With a full-time nursing job there's is not a lot of flexibility, as there is with part-time. It took me four months to get someone to work full-time because no one wanted it."

## GM closes plant, 4,450 workers laid off

June 16, 1998

More than 4,450 GM employees in Oshawa have been sent home as a strike at a US parts plant enters its second week.

Stew Low, a spokesperson for GM Canada, confirmed yesterday morning that employee strikes in two Michigan plants have shut down both car plants and resulted in approximately 4,450 workers being laid off indefinitely.

Employees at a Flint, Michigan stamping plant and one in Delphi, Michigan, which produces a wide variety of electrical components, have walked off the job over labour talks. These strikes are affecting GM operations in Canada, where plants rely on their products.

## Victorian Village home owners unhappy with class action lawsuit

July 14, 1998

A group of homeowners in Victorian Village have voiced their objections to a class action lawsuit they say has affected all the residents of the Port Perry subdivision.

Pat O'Hearn, a long time resident, said a number of people want nothing to do with the lawsuit launched by Dianna Bunn on behalf of all owners of the development, past and present.

In the suit, Mrs. Bunn charges that homes have experienced deterioration caused by poor building methods and lax inspection by Scugog Township building inspectors.

The township and Ribcor Holdings Inc., which built the homes, have been named as defendants in the \$6 million suit.

Ms. O'Hearn said that a group of 10 people met to discuss their concerns over the suite and their common intention is to opt out of it.

The group feels they were dragged into this and resent the fact. "We are happy with our homes," said Ms. O'Hearn.



Community Nursing Home in Port Perry revealed the secret of its "Secret Garden" at a special ceremony on Friday, June 12, 1998. The garden, which was built with funds raised by residents of the home, their families, and local businesses was dedicated by Scugog Mayor Doug Moffatt as "Edna's Garden." Nursing home administrator Edna Goss was "overwhelmed" when she learned the home's secret garden had been named in her honour. Mrs. Goss, who has been at the home for almost 25 years, said she will never forget the gesture.





*Framer's Gallery, Wysterias' Ways women's clothing store and Petite Images were located along this section of Queen Street during October 1998.*



*This plaza, built by Don Forder, had four stores and four apartments. In 1998, occupying the stores are, from left, Don Forder Insurance, LJ's Hair & Tanning, Old Port Bulk & Deli and the newly opened Subway submarine shop.*



*This Water Street plaza, in 1998, had the following stores, Peer Pressure, Barber Rick's Stylists, Lisandra's Winerack, Color Your World paint and paper store and a Pub & Restaurant.*

# New Lakeridge Health Corporation launched

August 5, 1998

It's now official.

On Friday, July 31, 1998, the Lakeridge Health Corporation was launched following the amalgamation of five hospitals within Durham Region.

The Lakeridge Health Corp, one of the largest corporations of its kind in the province represented the amalgamation of Oshawa General, Whitby General, Memorial Hospital in Bowmanville, and the North Durham Health Services in Port Perry and Uxbridge.

This merger is the second for Port Perry in as many years, having merged with Cottage Hospital, Uxbridge on April 1, 1997 in an effort to cut costs.

On Friday, following an official ceremony at Trillium Trails, new board members William Eull, Katharine Jackson and Frank Pinguet, as well as CEO Guy Kirvan and Joan Ongley, unveiled



The new logo for Lakeridge Health Corporation was unveiled on July 31, 1998 at the Port Perry site of the North Durham Health Services. At the ceremony were new trustees of the board Frank Pinguet, left, Katharine Jackson, William Eull, past chair Joan Ongley and Guy Kirvan, CEO of North Durham Health Services.

for staff at the Port Perry site the new moniker and logo representing the amalgamation.

Both Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Eull said they were excited about the new health care in Durham Region.

"With ours being one of the largest hospital corporations in the province we'll have a better health care system, Mr. Eull said.

North Durham Health Services CEO Guy Kirvan said the creation of the giant amalgamation was an exciting process and it will provide more services in the north and rural areas.

The new hospital corporation will be governed by a single 26-member board of trustees.



The emergency entrance in the Stephen B. Roman Wing at Port Perry hospital in the fall of 1998



## Port high school teachers on strike

September 9, 1998

It was anything but business as usual when the beginning of the new school year arrived in Durham Region.

Public high school teachers in Port Perry joined their colleagues across the region on the picket lines as their strike, which began August 21 continued.

There were no classes at Port Perry High School and other high schools in Durham, which meant the summer holiday continues for some 21,000 students.

Talks with teachers have been hampered by disagreements over teaching time, salaries and benefits. A huge sticking point is the instructional time legislated by Bill 160, the province's controversial law which overhauled the education system.

High school teachers in Durham are being asked to teach more with a smaller staff, said Port Perry High School teacher Dave Robinson, who represents his colleagues at Local 13 of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation.

"Teachers have gone without salary increases since 1993, and are working under increasingly trying conditions," he says.

## Brian Lemon new CEO for Lakeridge Health

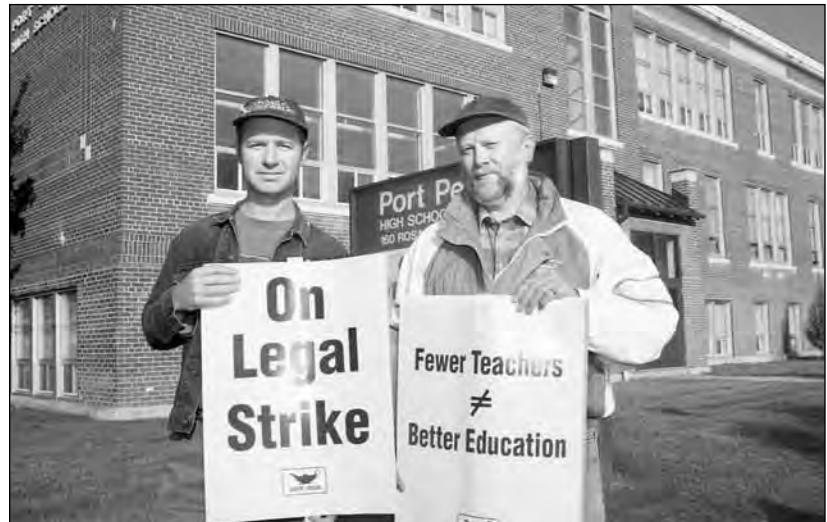
August 25, 1998

Brian Lemon has been named CEO of the newly formed Lakeridge Health Corporation.

Mr. Lemon was hired on August 19 and comes with 21 years of health care experience. Mr. Lemon will begin work on September 14, 1998.

July 1998

**More than \$1 million in stolen construction equipment was recovered by police in a massive raid which took place in 13 locations in Scugog Twp. and Durham Region.**



Gord Girvan, left and Charles White were just two of the teachers from Port Perry High School who joined their colleagues from the region on the picket line.

## Port Perry Guides celebrate half a century

September 22, 1998

The final preparations are being put in place as Scugog gets set to celebrate 50 years of Guiding in the community.

The celebration will be held from 1-4 p.m. at the Emmanuel Pentecostal Church on Reach Street.

During the ceremonies there will be a dedication to Joan Godley, who became the first Guide commissioner for the Port Perry area in 1954. History will also play a big part in the celebration, with scrap books laid out for viewing and displays of older uniforms and patches.

Judie Cooper, who has worked with the organization for 15 years said, "We are all looking forward to the weekend, to seeing all past and present Guides come out." She said they are expecting about 300 people to attend the Saturday event.



The Port Perry Girl Guides organization is having a party this weekend to celebrate their 50th anniversary. The event is expected to attract a large crowd, including present Guiding members, from left, Karen Dunkerley, Kayla Julott, Laura Thompson, Nicole Julott and Melanie Thompson.



*The former Port Perry Dairy building was the location of Pizza Delight in this 1998 photograph.*



*Just around the corner from Queen Street, on Perry Street, H&R Block and Hair Expressions.*



*In 1998 the Railroad House Motor Hotel was still located on this property, now occupied by Shopper's Drug Mart.*





*This Queen Street property was originally the location of a Chevrolet-Oldsmobile dealership. After closing, the old building was torn down and Big V Drug Store opened in the new building. It was later taken over by Shopper's Drug Mart, as seen in this 1998 picture.*



*Tucked in beside the Re/max Realty building on Water Street is the Pantry Shelf and Ives Florist in 1998.*



*A section of the south side of Queen Street, looking east along the street during the fall of 1998.*



Progress on the West Shore Village project along Perry Street, Port Perry slowed down again in October 1998, as one of the contractors pulled its workers from the site. The project has been plagued by delay after delay since first being proposed March 1995.

## West Shore Village contractor pulls his men off site

October 27, 1998

Work was slowed once more at the West Shore Village site last week, as a number of workers were pulled off the job.

Sonny Spadaforea, of Stoneport Construction Ltd., said that he had ordered all workers employed by his company off the Port Perry job site. "I pulled them out. All the general contractors and those we subcontract," he said.

While not giving any specific reason for the removal of

his workers, Mr. Spadaforea only said that he had to look after his company and that the matter will go before the courts.

Stoneport had been contracted to handle the installation of drywall and insulation as well as block and cement work at the seniors community project.

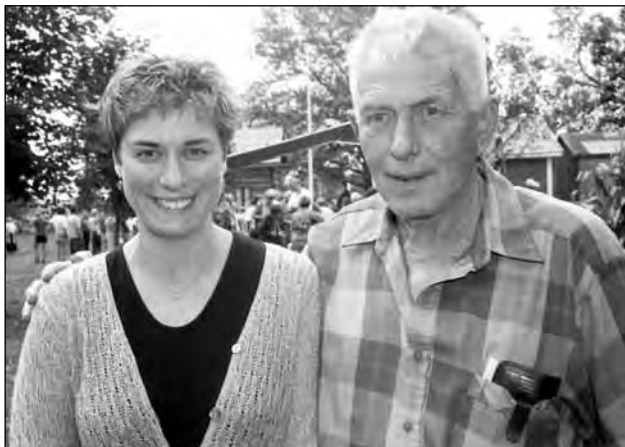
### Nothing we can do, says mayor

November 10, 1998

There's nothing the township can do to help the troubled West Shore Village projects, says Mayor Doug Moffatt.

Four contractors have filed liens against the development for a total of close to \$700,000 in the last three weeks, and construction has been slowed as a result.

"We're monitoring the situation closely, but there's nothing we can do," he said.



New curator Susan Neale was welcomed to Scugog Shores Museum on Sunday by volunteer Art Richardson. Mrs. Neale, is set to officially assume her role as curator of the Island museum on October 1. Prior to being hired for the local museum, Susan worked at the Lang Pioneer Village, Historic Fort York in Toronto and the Burnham House Museum near Cobourg.

### Fire detectors now mandatory

August 18, 1998

Homeowners found without an operating smoke detector in their residence could face a fine up to \$200.

That's the word from Scugog Fire Chief Richard Miller, who states that "Under the Ontario Fire Code, every home in Ontario is required to have working smoke alarm."





*The Settlement House Shops, operated by Tom and Daphne Mitchell, as it looked in the fall of 1998.*

## New owners for Island general store

August 5, 1998

After being closed for seven months, the former Aldred General Store on Scugog Island officially opened its doors again on Saturday, August 1.

Bon Yu and his wife Yung Hee are the new owners of the store, which had been operated as Aldred's since December 1970.

The new owners are looking forward to making a new home and life for themselves in Scugog Township.



*The Star Building, at 188 Mary Street, was home to the Port Perry Star, the Star Office Centre and North Durham Professional Counsellors during the summer of 1998.*



*This Petro-Canada garage was located along Hwy. 7A, near the corner of Wilbur Street, in 1998.*



Construction was well underway in October 1998 on a new subdivision, being developed by Alliance Homes, located south of Port Perry on the west side of Simcoe Street.



Chuck Dewhirst of the Port Perry Rotary Club, left, is congratulated by President Myles O'Riordan. Mr. Dewhirst, a charter member and the first president of the local club, has been named a recipient of the Paul Harris Medal, Rotary's highest honour.

### Gas station attendant wrestles pistol from bandit during botched robbery

October 20, 1998

An attendant at Sunny's gas station thwarted a thief's robbery plans when he wrestled a gun out of the robbers hands about 3:10 a.m. on Monday morning.

A lone man, wearing a black balaclava knocked on the booth window and demanded the attendant hand over all the money from the till. He produced a pillow case to put the cash into, but while the suspect was distracted, when opening the pillow case, the attendant grabbed his gun and tugged it away from the thief's grasp.

The suspect took off running east on Queen Street.



Don and Carol MacKinnon, the familiar faces at Port Cleaners at 255 Queen Street for more than 25 years, retired in November 1998. The dry cleaning business was established in 1968 after Mrs. MacKinnon's mother and step-father purchased the property from Joy Ballard. In 1973 the MacKinnons bought the business and have been operating from the same location for the past 25 years.

November 10, 1998

Almost one year after a blaze caused heavy damage to the Victory Christian Church, the Alma Street congregation is back on its feet and holding regular services. The church is now in the process of purchasing the building.





The Royal Bank of Canada anchored this corner in Port Perry during 1998. Also along this stretch is Hank's Pastries and Best of Things.

## McArthur gets 14 years for Port Perry bank robbery

December 15, 1998

An application to have Mitchiel "Mickey" McArthur declared a dangerous offender was thrown out of court.

McArthur, the man who left five people seriously injured by gunfire during a robbery at the Bank of Montreal in October 1994, could be back on the street in less than nine years if he gets parole.

The decision sent waves of shock and disbelief through the crowded courtroom.

Justice Harry LaForme sentenced McArthur to 23 years, but granted eight years off his sentence for the time spent in custody.

Crown Attorneys had asked for a life sentence if the dangerous offender application failed.



Three-storey building on Water Street was the location of National Traffic, Doris Shoes and Sutton Group Lifestyle Real Estate in this fall 1998 picture.



The Emmanuel Pentecostal Church, located on Reach Street across from Scugog Recreation Centre, in October 1998.



*In 1998, this section of buildings, on the south side of Queen Street, were occupied by Village Decor Shoppe, Lishman's, Country Heirlooms and Bob's Barber Shop.*



*This section of town was occupied by Imogene, Hank's Pastries and the Royal Bank.*



*A 1998 view looking west along Queen Street from the corner of Water Street.*





*The United Church, had installed a ramp leading into the church, when this 1998 picture was taken. The church sits on the busy corner of Queen and Simcoe Streets.*



*The Anglican Church of the Ascension, on North Street, in 1998.*



*St. John's Presbyterian Church, 1998, had installed an elevator for its parishioners near the front door.*



*The old grain elevator during the summer of 1999 had the following tenants - Port Perry Auto Supply, Lakeview Business Centre and Country Craft Supplies.*

1999



*Town Hall 1873, corner of Simcoe and Queen Street, 1999.*





*Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion was the guest speaker for the annual Scugog Chamber of Commerce business meeting, held at the Great Blue Heron Casino in January 1999. Politicians, business people and even newspapers were among the targets of "Hurricane Hazel", during her 30-minute talk to the full house who came to see Ontario's most famous mayor.*

## Fate of run down Scout, Kinsmen Hall unknown

February 9, 1999

The Port Perry Kinsmen Hall will need expensive improvements and repairs in the next couple of years, and the council is pondering whether to sink money into the 50-year old building, or replace it with a new one.

The building was constructed as a Scout Hall in 1946-47 on a limited budget and volunteer labour. There is limited insulation and the windows are of poor quality which attributes to the high heating costs.

A report to council from the Kinsmen Club, who now manage the building, says a minimum of \$30,000 will have to be spent on basic upgrades for such items as a new roof, gas furnace, air conditioning, windows, insulations and improvements to the washrooms.

Council agreed that the fate of the old structure will have to be decided in the not too distant future.

## GO transit begins service to North Durham

January 5, 1999

The green and white buses of GO Transit greeted Port Perry commuters on Saturday, January 2, 1999, as service began in Scugog Township.

GO Transit officially introduced the service to North Durham when the first bus made its way down Hwy. 12 from Beaverton and rolled into Port Perry shortly before 10 a.m.

Passengers can expect to be in downtown Toronto, at Union Station from Port Perry in as little as an hour and 20 minutes. The cost of a one-way ticket is \$7.55.

## Search begins for new police headquarters

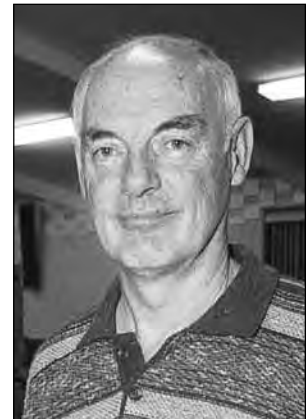
January 12, 1999

The Durham Region Police Services Board has called for proposals to construct a larger headquarters for 26 Division in North Durham.

While the current building in Port Perry, located on Old Simcoe Rd. is too small and the lease will expire on July 1, Inspector Chuck Mercier says development of the division's current digs remains a possibility.

Insp. Mercier said that proposals for a new administrative office will be accepted for a property anywhere within a 10 km radius of the intersection of Regional Rd. 8 (Reach Street) and Hwy. 12.

"Hopefully we'll get some good proposals and we can move as fast as possible on this," the Inspector said.



*Ken Hudson was quite relaxed just before handing in his badge in January 1999, retiring after 30 years of policing. Sgt. Hudson was the first Durham Regional Police officer to patrol the streets of Port Perry and Scugog Township when the region took over policing from the Ontario Provincial Police in December 1978.*



*Town Hall 1873 was packed to capacity as Paul Arculus launched his new book, *The Merchants of Old Port Perry* in March 1999. An estimated 250 people came out to purchase copies of the new historical book and have it signed by the author. Mr. Arculus is seen here with his son Bruce, left, wife Isabel and the congenial guest speaker for the evening, Mike Duffy of CTV.*



*North side of Queen Street, with the beautiful Victorian-style building owned by Settlement House, in summer 1999.*



*This view of Queen Street, taken from the top of the post office in 1999, shows some of the stores along this section of the street. From left Port Perry Pharmacy, Luke's Country Store, Victorian Card Shop and Children's Den.*



## Council gives nod to Phase II of Honey Heights subdivision

February 16, 1999

Scugog council endorsed 35 new estate-style lots in Phase Two of the Honey Heights subdivision.

Planning consultant Dana Anderson, working for developer Rick Rondeau, said that Mr. Rondeau has met with residents of Honey's Beach and has agreed to "guarantee" their wells by placing a letter of credit with the municipally.

She noted that Phase One of the Honey Heights development of 28 lots is 90 percent sold and there is considerable interest in lots in Phase Two.

## Durham Region to take over operation of ambulance service

March 2, 1999

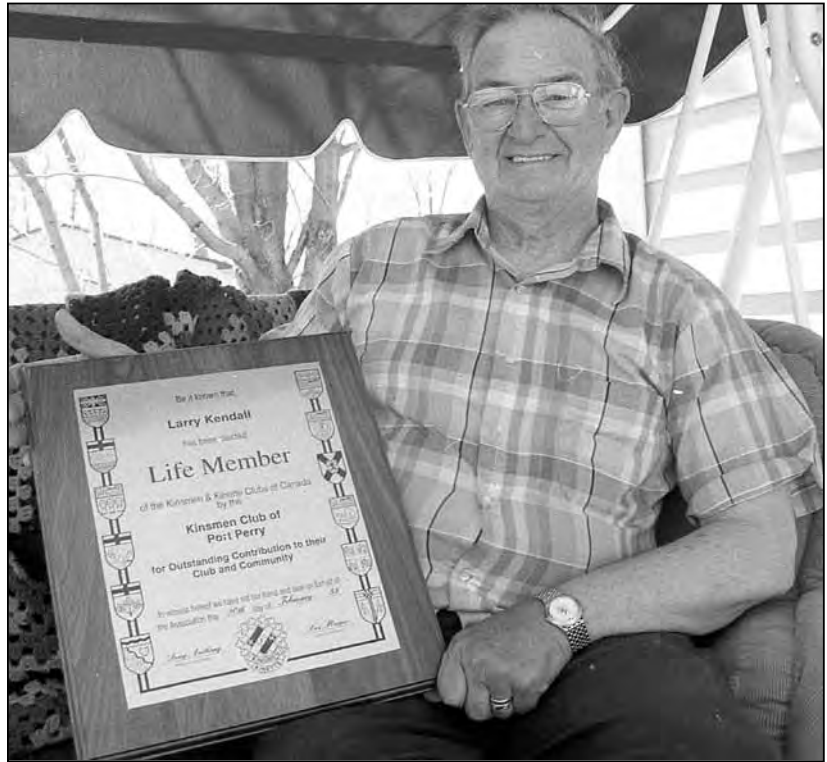
All land ambulance service in Durham Region will be operated by the regional government, starting January 1, 2000.

Durham council voted overwhelmingly (25-2) in favour of the move last week. It's estimated the service will cost upwards of \$10 million annually.

Ambulance service is one of the services down-loaded by the provincial government onto the back of municipalities, so the only choice councillors had was whether to create a new regional department, or form a partnership with private companies.

Bob DeShane, president of Rural/Metro Ontario ambulance service, which provides service to Scugog Township, was disappointed with the decision by regional council, but was not surprised.

Mr. DeShane said he will do whatever possible to help the transition to the region go smoothly. The private ambulance service was first started in Port Perry in 1953 by Charlie Brignall.



*In May 1999, almost 30 years after he played an important role in forming the Port Perry Kinsmen Club, Larry Kendall received the club's highest honour. Mr. Kendall is seen relaxed in his home with the Life Membership from the Kinsmen Club of Canada for his untiring work on behalf of the organization. The Port Perry Kinsmen received its charter on February 19, 1971 and Mr. Kendall has held every executive position in the club.*



*This building, the former Old Port Marketing premises at the corner of Reach Street and Old Simcoe Road was being considered by Scugog Township for a new municipal office in March 1999, but a consultant's report indicated the move would be too costly. Estimates ranged as high as \$2.5 million to acquire the property and do the renovations necessary to convert it into a municipal office.*

## Queen, Perry Streets to be a four way stop

March 30, 1999

Scugog Township's road committee have decided to designate the busy Perry and Queen Street intersection with four way stop signs.

Presently, only the north-south traffic on Perry Street is halted by stop signs.

Committee members feel that designating the intersection an "all-way-stop" will be safer for both motorists and pedestrians who try to cross Queen and Perry Streets.



*A view of downtown Port Perry taken from a boat on Lake Scugog during the summer of 1999.*



# Hundreds of volunteers join in search for boy lost in swamp



Rescue workers from police, fire and ambulance services descended upon a swampy area in the southwest corner of Brock Township the night of April 5, 1999, when nine-year-old Ethan Beattie got lost in the swampy bog. The young boy was found about five hours after he went missing, when searchers spotted the reflection from the eyes of his dog Elmo, who had stood by him through the ordeal. Above, a police officer from the canine unit searches through the bog with his dog, looking for the lost boy.

## 26 Division tight-lipped on charges laid against three police officers

April 6, 1999

Officers with Port Perry's detachment of the regional police service have remained tight-lipped over charges laid last week against three police officers involved in the fatal shooting of a Sunderland man.

At a press conference in Toronto, SIU director Peter Tinsley announced that three officers involved in the shooting of Tony Romagnuolo will face charges.

Inspector Chuck Mercier, the top officer in 26 Division, gave brief answers last week when asked about the charges facing the officers, two from York Region and one from Durham's 26 Division.

"We're not at liberty to discuss an SIU investigation or the results – it's totally in their hands," Inspector Mercier said.

The decision by the SIU is the first time the agency has recommended a murder charge in its nine-year history of investigating police actions. York Constable Randy Martin was charged with second-degree murder.

April 20, 1999

**Scugog Council agreed to squeeze an extra \$6,000 into the township's 1999 budget to ensure the Kinsmen Hall be outfitted with new windows and doors this year.**



A week after his rescue, Ethan Beattie, left front, his brother and dog, Elmo, dropped by the Port Perry fire hall to thank some of his rescuers. He's seen here with firemen, from left, Dale Lown, Stewart Houthuys and Dave Pierce.



*Turning circle in front of the main entrance to Community Memorial Hospital, Port Perry, November 1998.*



*Port Perry Community Nursing Home, north entrance, November 1998.*




*The Port Perry Villa, located beside the Port Perry Nursing Home, on Simcoe Street, November 1998.*





An aerial view of the Port Perry lakefront, including Water Street and the Port Perry Marina, about 1999.



*For the first time in history, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police honoured officers from other services. Among them was Inspector Chuck Mercier, left, commanding officer at the Durham Regional Police Service's 26 Division in Port Perry. During a special ceremony in April 1999, Inspector Mercier was presented the RCMP's highest honour, the Commissioner's Accommodation" which consists of a large pewter plaque and a special medal for his uniform.*

### Charles White named teacher of the year

May 18, 1999

Port Perry High School's Charles White hit a high note in his career last week when the music department head was named the "Teacher of the Year" by the *Toronto Sun* newspaper.

The good news spread quickly through the school last Wednesday, after vice-principal Barbara Farrow was contacted by *The Sun* and informed of the paper's decision to honour Mr. White.

Mr. White was nominated by members of the local school Community Council in March this year.

"I was aware I was nominated, but the announcement came as a bit of a surprise. This is for my whole career, not just one year," he said after learning of the honour.

### High school parking lot proposal abandoned

May 18, 1999

A proposal by Durham District School Board to build a parking lot on historically important green space at the local high school has been abandoned.

Several residents spoke out against the proposed parking lot on the south lawn of the school, saying it would destroy an attractive patch of green space fronting Queen Street at Rosa Street.

Local historian Paul Arculus, a former PPHS teacher, noted that the proposed parking lot is the site of the town's first high school, built in 1873 and destroyed by fire in 1926.

June 1, 1999

**A ground blessing officially dedicated the Ojibwa Heritage Interpretive Lands project at the Scugog Shores Museum. The plot of land is dedicated to recreating the landscape that sustained the First Nations inhabitants of the area.**



On June 15, 1999, Emiel and Kathy Kroonenberg sold their restaurant, Emiel's Place, and entered into retirement. The Kroonenbergs purchased the former Queensdale Restaurant in August 1970, then did extensive renovations and built the business into one of the most reputable in the town. The new owners of the restaurant are Elaine and Leo Niemunen.



Local lawyer, George Smith, celebrated 25 years of practicing real estate law in Port Perry in September 1999. Mr. Smith is a self described "local farm boy" who attended high school in Port Perry and went on to graduate from the Osgoode Hall law school.

## Sixty year old Birdseye pool closed for summer, future of pool unknown

May 18, 1999

Birdseye Pool, where countless youngsters have happily splashed away the heat of summer since 1939, will be closed this year, and chances of it re-opening again are slim.

The painful decision to close the pool was reached by the township's parks committee when it was learned that \$20,000 in repairs are necessary to bring it up to health department standards.

With no way to get the repairs done in time for the season opening, it made no sense to spend the money this year.

The committee agreed to take a long look at the problems and make a decision on the future of the pool by the end of the summer.



This picture of Birdseye Pool was taken in 1940, one year after the pool opened on Port Perry's lakefront, where the Scugog Library is located today. My how times have changed. Note the sign in the upper right corner which allows, "Gentiles Only" to use the pool.

## Police HQ decision delayed

June 22, 1999

The Durham Police Services Board have decided that the process for selecting a design for the new 26 Division station will start over again later this year.

Proposals received by the Board in February cost too much, and did not meet the needs of the Durham Regional Police, said Board Chairman Bob Boychyn.

A new request for a proposal tender will be drafted this summer and made public in the fall.

## Ann Wanninkhof is Scugog's 1999 Citizen of the Year

June 29, 1999

After years of volunteering her time to others in this community, Ann Wanninkhof has been named winner of the Citizen of the Year for 1999.

The proud mother of three children, Mrs. Wanninkhof has always found time to contribute to the community she now calls home.

"I do the charity work because I want to. It's part of my life. It's taken over my life now," she said.

Among her volunteer duties, she has been chairperson of Community Care, volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels, co-ordinator for Operation Scugog, organizer of the spring and fall food drives, volunteer with North Durham Hospice and Community Life convenor with her church.



# Hells Angels among 280 bikers to attend party at Caesarea

July 13, 1999

Police were out in force to greet bikers, including as many as 40 Hells Angels, as they arrived for the annual Para-Dice Riders' party in Caesarea over the weekend.

They were followed closely by members of the Quebec anti-biker task force, where the Hells Angels have been involved in a turf war with another powerful club, the Rock Machine.

Roadblocks were set up at the only two roads leading into Caesarea and police helicopters and canine units were also on hand throughout the weekend.

Police have long been concerned that the Hells Angels will make a move to expand into Ontario.

Staff Sergeant Mike Ewles said, "With the Angels here, and the presence of so many other clubs that don't normally socialize, we have to wonder, and we have to be ready for anything."

Attending the gathering at the Para-Dice owned property in Caesarea were a cross-section of what police call outlaw clubs from all over the province. The Last Chance, Lobos, Vagabonds, Devils Triangle, Rockers and Satan's Choice were all among the colours (club patches) seen as an estimated 280 bikers lined up to be checked by police.

Only a few bikers were detained for helmet infractions and only one person was charged for obstructing police.



*Bikers wait in columns at a police roadblock into Caesarea, as hundreds arrived for a party at the Para-Dice Riders' clubhouse.*

## Local waterskier off to Canadian Championship

August 4, 1999

Local waterski competitor Dave Mann returned over the weekend from Safari Lake near Milgrove, with the Eastern Canadian Waterski Championship under his belt.



Mr. Mann, a 26-year veteran of the Durham Regional Police force, has only been skiing competitively

for two years, but his latest victory qualifies him for the Canadian Championship in Abbotsford, British Columbia later this year.



*After more than 40 years in business, the Van Camp family officially retired from their excavating business, Van Camp Contracting Ltd., in July 1999. The family sold the majority of their heavy equipment to Brian Acton, who operated a similar business on Hwy. 47 called Harvey Acton Ltd. Taking part in a special key-passing event are, from left, Bill, Joel, Donna and Glenn Van Camp, with Brian Acton.*

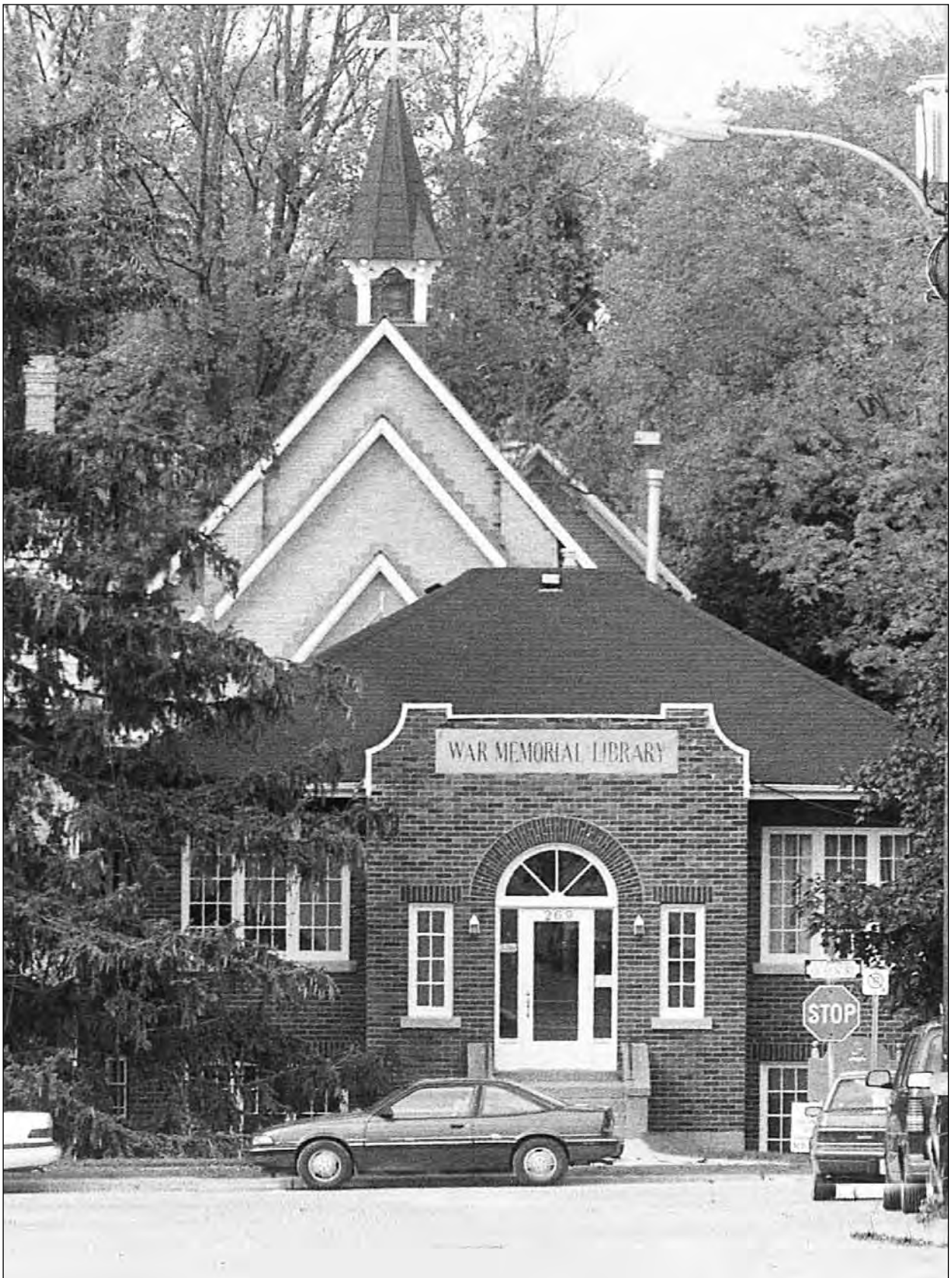


*This view of the south side of Queen Street during the summer of 1999, was taken from the rooftop on the north side of the street. The elevated view shows the post office, Imogene, Hank's Pastries and the Royal Bank buildings.*



*This unique view was taken in 1999 of Queen Street, facing west from a rooftop at the corner of Queen and Perry Streets. From left, the Port Perry Dental Centre building, and further along the IGA store. The United Church and Town Hall towers in the distance.*





*The former Port Perry War Memorial Library, built as a memorial to the local young men who died during World War I, was opened in 1935. In June 1982, the "Book of Remembrance" was moved to the new library at the lakefront and the building later became a Tourist Information Centre operated by the Scugog Chamber of Commerce and the Port Perry BIA. This view of the historic library was during the summer of 1999, and the Anglican Church roofline can be seen behind the library building.*



*Fishing from the town dock, in front of the Port Perry Marina during the summer of 1999.*

## Slots are in, Bingo out at Great Blue Heron Casino

*August 17, 1999*

The Great Blue Heron will close down its bingo operations tonight to make room for slot machines.

In a brief press release, the local gambling facility announced that it would cease to offer bingo to its patrons after the last game is called on August 17, 1999.

Renovations are scheduled to begin in the bingo hall shortly to convert the bingo hall to accommodate slot machines.

Perry Steiner, the marketing director for the local

casino would not comment on who granted the casino permission to operate slot terminals, or why.

He would also not comment whether the proceeds from the slots would be included in donations to charity or whether the cash would go directly into the pockets of the facility's owners.

It was just over a year ago that a Ministry spokesperson said that permitting the Great Blue Heron to operate slots was not a high priority and that it could be years before the local facility got the green light.







North side of Queen Street, 1999, with David's Hairstyling in the building at far left, and Henshall's Men's and Ladies Wear.

### Port Perry automotive plant to close down

August 31, 1999

The Customized Transportation Ltd. (CLT) plant south of Port Perry is shutting down just months after starting operation here.

The plant has a storied career, having been formerly operated as A.G. Simpson, Johnston Controls and Port Perry Metals, before the CLT took it over recently. Up to 60 employees, including management, were informed last Thursday that they will be affected by the closure.

The plant, which receives and delivers parts for General Motors Oshawa plants, will close down on Thanksgiving.



Scugog hired Yvonne de Wit, 39, to the post of Deputy Chief Administrator Officer for the township in November 1999. Ms. de Wit comes to Scugog with a broad skill set, having worked in Scarborough for 14 years prior to moving with her family to a home in the Marsh Hill area. She will report directly to CAO Earl Cuddie, and have a wide range of responsibilities.

### Rotary, township team up to fund waterfront park

October 26, 1999

Work is scheduled to begin on the Palmer Park project, an effort financed by the local Rotary Club and the township, to improve Port Perry's waterfront.

The Rotary club handed over a cheque for \$13,000 to the municipality to help cover the cost of the project, estimated at \$40,000 to complete. The total cost will be split between the township and Rotary Club.

The project includes repairs and decorative brick work for the dock, and a pathway along the edge of the water down to the beach area.

It is hoped that improvements to the dock will be completed in time for next year's Ontario Summer Games, which Durham Region will play host.



Formerly a two-storey building which was home for the manufacture of horse drawn carriages, and a farm implement dealership, this building at the corner of Mary and Perry Streets was the location of the LCBO's Liquor Store in 1997.

## More than \$60,000 worth of artifacts stolen from museum

November 2, 1999

Scugog Shores Museum was the target of one of the largest heists in recent memory, say Durham Regional Police.

Thieves broke into the old school house, at the corner of Island Rd. and Stephenson Point Rd., and made off with a list of items valued in excess of \$60,000.

Among the items stolen was a seven-foot high sectional wardrobe, two steamer trunks, twig table, buffet and mirror, an oak barber shop wall unit and five mahogany boxes containing 100 glass slides.

The building is used as an off-site storage site for the museum. Thieves gained entry through a basement window and then kicked out a door to remove the historic items.

## IGA gets council's okay to relocate

November 23, 1999

Scugog Township council has removed a significant hurdle standing in front of the Port Perry IGA's relocation to a new store on land on Hwy. 7A, just west of the community.

Councillors endorsed a bylaw which will allow IGA to open a new 35,000 sq. ft. store at what is known locally as the "Flea Market" property.

Quorum Development Corp., the developer, has indicated the new IGA store will be part of a retail plaza on Hwy. 7A.

Scugog Mayor Doug Moffatt told the meeting that he has been given the impression by IGA corporate officials that there is a real sense of urgency to move to a new and larger store.

In fact, he went so far say to say he was told that the IGA "will not survive in its present location," on Queen Street in downtown Port Perry.

IGA hopes to be in a new store at the Hwy. 7A location in about a year's time.

## Police station clears another hurdle

November 23, 1999

Durham Region council has approved a plan to build a new police station near Port Perry.

Councillors approved the construction of a new 10,000 sq. ft. station for 26 Division on Hwy. 12, just south of Reach Street, on property currently owned by John and Anthony Kersten. It will be the headquarters for policing in Scugog, Uxbridge and Brock Townships.

Jack McCorkell, director of operations for the region's work department hopes to begin construction in the spring and have the \$3 million project completed by fall.



This summer of 1999 view, looking north from the rooftop of a Queen Street building, shows some of the commercial buildings along North Street and the boat launch parking lot and Lake Scugog in the background.





*View of the back of Queen Street stores and the parking lot at the rear of the Port Perry post office, in June 1999.*

## Canadian Tire considering two locations for a new store

*November 23, 1999*

Canadian Tire continues to review opportunities to build a new store in Port Perry. The company is talking with two developers who have proposed commercial developments in the town.

CTC is talking with Quorum Development Corp., who has a plaza plan for Hwy. 7A west of town, which would include a new IGA store, and also Stockworth MBG which proposes to build a shopping centre south of town off Simcoe Street.

John Scharer, CTC real estate manager, says that

while Canadian Tire wants to build a new outlet, to replace its small, ageing store in the Port Perry Plaza, the company feels no sense of urgency and has set no deadlines for choosing a new site.

Quorum Development has proposed to build a 70,000 sq. ft. shopping centre on six acres of land now occupied by the Port Perry Flea Market.

CTC originally backed the Stockworth plan, which still requires a rezoning and official plan amendment to a portion of the former Johnston Controls property south of town on Simcoe Street.



*Midway in the parking lot, off Mary Street, during the annual Port Perry Festival Days celebrations. This picture, taken from the top of the post office roof, shows the entire parking lot filled with tents, rides and concessions for the three day event during 1998.*



*Intersection of Queen Street, looking north along John Street towards the Anglican Church, during the fall of 1999.*



*Queen Street, looking west from the corner of Water Street, summer 1999.*



# Halls, Churches & General Stores



# Greenbank

*Greenbank United Church, built in 1896, was 103 years old when this picture was taken during the summer of 1999.*



*Greenbank Variety Store and post office, which also provided an ESO gas bar and was home to the Greenbank Restaurant.*



*Greenbank Centennial Hall, the former St. Agnes Church opened in 1868, as it looked in June 1999.*





# Manchester

*This building, known as the Manchester Community Centre and meeting place for the Port Perry Rotary Club, was originally the town hall for Reach Township. The hall, built about 1854 at the corner of Rose Street and Hwy. 7A, was known as the Manchester Town Hall until sold about 2005.*



*The Manchester United Church as it looked in 1999. This church was built in 1866 and was known as the Primitive Methodist Church.*



# Utica

*The Utica Memory Hall, was constructed and opened in 1957 after the original building built in 1899 was destroyed by fire. It has served as the village community since that time.*



*Utica Memory Hall, 1999.*



*Utica General Store, 1999. This store has served the community since it was opened more than a century ago.*

# Prince Albert



*Prince Albert General Store in June 1999. This store was opened as the Prince Albert Shopping Centre in 1960 and operated a Carload Food Market and post office. The original one-storey building had the second storey added about 1970.*





*Wanamaker's General Store, on River Street, 1999. This store was opened in the 1870s and at this time was being operated by a second generation of the Wanamaker family.*



*The Seagrave United Church, 1999. This landmark building in Seagrave was constructed in 1906 and celebrated its centennial in 2016.*

## Seagrave



*The Ocean House hotel, with Wanamaker's General Store further down the street, 1999. The Ocean House was built in 1881.*



# Nestleton

*The Nestleton Country Store and bakery, located at 3990 Hwy 7A, Nestleton, 1999.*



*Ashburn General Store, summer 1999.*

# Ashburn

*The exact date of construction for this frame building is unknown, but it is thought to have served as the Ashburn General Store and Post Office from about 1852. The post office was removed in the 1980s, but it continues as a general store to this day.*



# 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



1939



1994



2016

**SWEETMAN'S RED & WHITE** - This Scugog Island store, located about half-way along Island Road was operated by the Sweetman family for many years during the 1930s and 1940s. The picture, left, shows the store about 1939 with a snowplough outside. The Sweetman's operated the Red & White store and also were dealers for Imperial gasoline at this location.

Originally a residential home, the building was expanded with a one storey addition to the south. There have been a number of owners over the years, and at one time was a Mac's Milk store.

Joel Aldred purchased the store from Mac's Milk in December 1974 and operated the business as Aldred's Corner for more than 22 years.

Mr. Aldred sold the store to Bon-Hyung Yu and Jung-Hee Yu in 1998. Four years later it was purchased by Jeff Gotthelf who operated Jeff's Centre Island Store for about 15 years before closing and selling the property in January 2017.

The present owner of this building and property is the Mississaugas First Nation of Scugog Island, and the building was demolished in 2017.





1929



1943

**ARCHER'S GARAGE** - This Queen Street building was the location of Harold Archer's Pontiac dealership in the 1920s, followed by Gord Sweetman's garage, before being sold to Ted Jackson, a local auctioneer who sold farm implements and home appliances.

Mr. Jackson owned the business until 1965, when he sold it to his son-in-law, Howard Hall. Mr. Hall changed the name of the business to House of Howard about 1970. He operated the business, expanding into furniture and a Radio Shack outlet until being elected mayor of Port Perry in 1989. To devote time to his duties as mayor, he retired from business in 1990.

Mr. Hall owned the building, renting it out to a number of small businesses, until finally selling the property to Jerry and Sandra Taylor in 2009.

The Taylors opened Taylor & Company, a home furnishing and decorating business a year later and the remainder of the building has been rented to other retailers.



1983



2016



# Then & Now

**JOSHUA CURTS RESIDENCE** - This impressive three-storey home was located on a large piece of property at the south end of Lake Scugog, near the corner of Hwy. 7A and Water Street.

The house was constructed by Joshua Curts about 1890 and the Curts family lived in the home for 30 years, before it was destroyed by fire in 1930.

It appears as if this large property was divided following the fire, with the parcel closest to Water Street being purchased by the Raines family. John Raines held the position of clerk-treasurer for Port Perry for 36 years before retiring in 1971. His brother Guy Raines was the local Fire Chief for 20 years before retiring in 1969.

The Raines property was sold in the early 1970s to Michael Guido. Mr. Guido operated Monte Carlo Hair Fashions from the former Raines home for a few years before constructing a modern, new strip-mall behind the ageing structure.

When the complex was completed in 1977, he removed the old structure from its foundation and it was taken away.

Monte Carlo Hair Fashions continues to work out of the south unit of the building, under the tower clock.



1887



1977



2017





1920

**THE WILLARD BLOCK** - William Willard erected this large block on the southeast corner of Queen and Perry Streets in 1886, where he operated his general store on the west corner, while there were two stores to the east, and a market building to the south along Perry Street.

Harold Archer purchased the Willard Block in 1928 and remodelled the building, creating a 50' frontage for his garage and a Pontiac dealership. He also sold White Rose gasoline from two "bowsers" (pumps) located on the sidewalk directly in front of the building.

In 1958, the Liquor Control Board of Ontario purchased and remodelled the building, opening an outlet there in June.

The LCBO operated from this central location until it relocated in 1976.

The historic downtown building was next purchased by Mary Hatsios who leased it to its present tenant the Royal Bank of Canada.



1945



1958



2017



# Then & Now

**CARNEGIE BROTHERS PROPANE** - After 40 years in the propane and hardware business, Gord Carnegie, right, and Harry Carnegie, with dog, decided to retire. Carnegie Brothers Propane operated from a lot on North Street and the business was sold in April 1987 to Blanchard's Supply company, operated by Ted and Joanne Blanchard.

The following year, the Blanchards decided to expand their business into pools, service and parts, so they



1987



1998



2017

constructed a new building on the lot to operate their business. In April 1990, they purchased the Radio Shack franchise from local businessman Howard Hall.

The Blanchard's sold the property about 1991 and moved their business to 239 Queen Street, where Radio Shack had been originally been located.

Rodger Chetwyn renovated the Blanchard building on North Street and opened a restaurant, pub called The Derbyshire Arms.

A few years later, the name of the restaurant was changed to the Winchester Arms Pub and Restaurant, after being purchased by John and Pauline Lee.

The Winchester Arms ceased business in September 1998 and the property was purchased by Dr. Darryl Workman, who after extensive renovations opened the North Durham Eye Clinic.





Circa 1880



1955

**SCUGOG TOWNSHIP OFFICE** - The Perry Street property, on which Scugog's new township office is located today, can be traced back to the 1870s, when about three small industrial buildings were located on the site. Later, after the great fire of 1884, it became the location of the town's Market Hall for many years.

The Tease Knitting Mill, (upper right) was built on this piece of land about 1951 by Norman Tease. He operated here for about seven years, manufacturing garments for the



1981



2005

fashion and sports industry.

In June 1958, the corporation of Port Perry purchased the Tease factory for \$11,000 and the building was renovated.

The new Port Perry municipal offices opened in the building in October 1960, providing a spacious court room, town office, police department and hydro office.

In 1989, with space running short, Scugog Township purchased a former residential home to the rear of the municipal office, into which the township administrator and staff moved.

Construction on the new township office took place throughout 2003, with the final section of the tower being installed on January 19, 2004. The modern new township office opened for business later that month.

Six months later, on July 1, 2004 a time capsule was buried in front of the new township office. It is scheduled to be opened in 2074 on the 100th anniversary of the formation of the Township of Scugog.



# Then & Now



1950s

**MANCHESTER GARAGE** - This building, located on the northeast corner of 7A and Hwy. 12 was operating as a Ford-Monarch garage and BA gas distributor when this picture was taken during the 1950s.

The property was purchased by Cy Wilson in early 1967, who opened Cy Wilson Ford Sales in February that year. He operated from this Manchester corner until April 1, 1974 when a devastating fire destroyed the entire building and dozens of cars during the early hours of the morning.

A few years later, in 1977, the property was purchased by Brian Perkins, who constructed a large new building on the property.



Cy Wilson Ford fire 1974

Mr. Perkins opened Manchester Trailer Sales here, and operated until 1981.

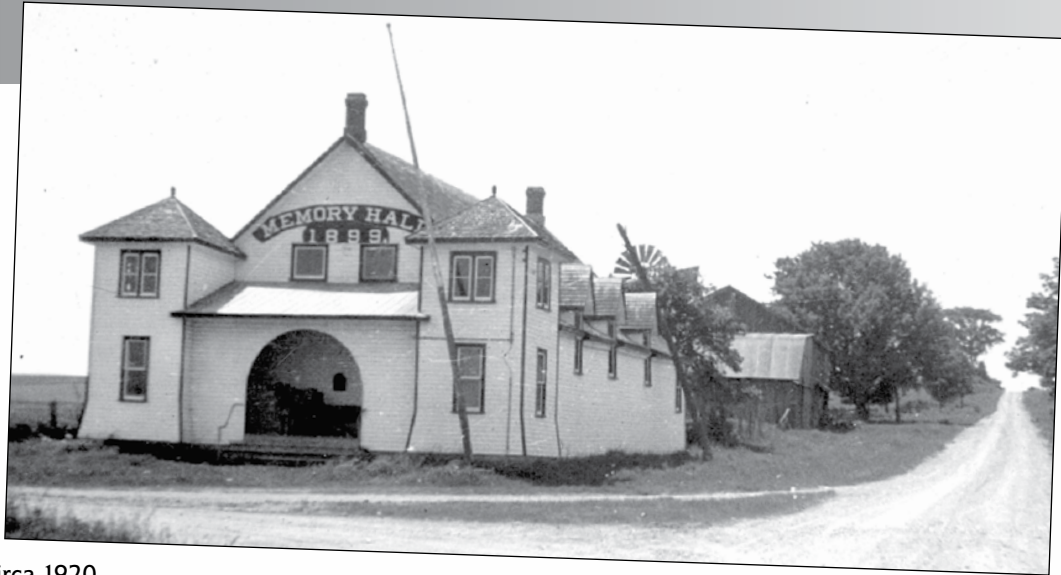
Mr. Perkins sold the property to local businessman Ron Deeth who moved his Windcrest Farms operation into the building and opened "The Feedlot" restaurant.

Mr. Deeth sold the corner property to Tom & Kay Nicolaou, owners of Haugen's Chicken BBQ, and since then the building has been leased for a number of uses, including a large donut shop, a 1950s themed restaurant, and most recently LakeView Marine.



2017





Circa 1920



1957 - Capacity crowd attend opening of new hall.



2016

**UTICA MEMORY HALL** - This hall was built by a successful Toronto lawyer and financier named Thomas W. Horn, who grew up and attended school in the village.

The hall was 38'x65', had a seating capacity for nearly 400 people and was designed in the Spanish renaissance style of architecture, with two towers.

Mr. Horn said he built the hall for the residents of Utica in remembrance of his youth while attending school in the village.

The hall, located on the southwest corner of the village, was officially opened on December 1, 1899.

On Saturday afternoon, April 9, 1955 Utica's Memory Hall was destroyed by fire. The fire was thought to have started by a spark from a nearby grass fire, and within a very short time the building was destroyed.

Two-and-half years after the historic Memory Hall in Utica was destroyed by fire, a new hall was officially opened. A capacity crowd came out on October 25, 1957 to attend the opening of the new building, which stands to this day on the southwest corner of the village.



# Then & Now



1971



1999



2006



2017

**MANCHESTER TOWN HALL** - This modest building, located at the corner of Hwy. 7A and Rose Street, was constructed in the village of Manchester in 1854 at a cost of about \$1,200.

The hall was built as a location for the general business of Reach Township, including holding meetings for taxpayers, conducting matters of elections and holding court sessions.

The hall was used continually until 1973 when the municipalities of Reach, Scugog, Cartwright and Port Perry amalgamated with the formation of the Region of Durham.

Following the amalgamation, the hall was used as a community centre for the residents of Manchester and was rented out for a time to the Lions Club of Port Perry, who helped maintain the building and used it for their meetings.

About 2004, the hall was purchased by Richelle VanDyke, who renovated and converted the 150 year old hall into a modern dance studio.





Circa 1920

**THE BLACKSTOCK ARMOURY** - was constructed by the federal government during 1913 and became a recruiting and training hub for local militia members. The Armoury building was officially opened in the fall that year by Lt. Col. Garnet Hughes, the son of Sir Sam Hughes, Canada's Minister of Militia, who was also MP for Lindsay.

The local landmark has undergone a number of renovations and uses over that past 100 years and in 1971 was converted into a Community Centre.

Years later, on July 24, 2014, an official opening took place following a major \$454,000 renovation. The project



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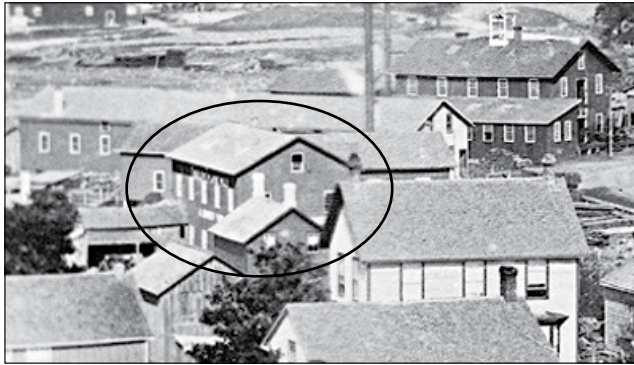
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transformed the facility into one of the township's most impressive public spaces, with a large bright grand hall, new kitchen facilities and meeting rooms.

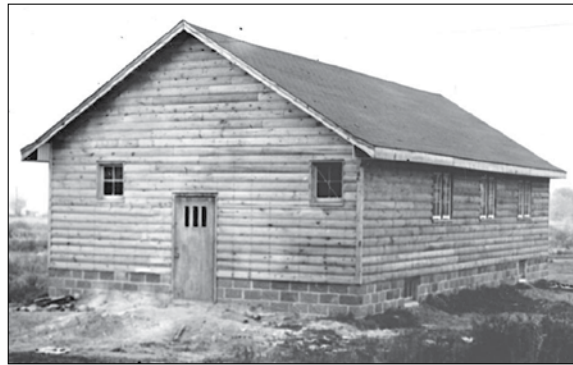
The expanded facility linked the hall to the hockey arena and today the residents of Blackstock and surrounding area use it for community and school events, receptions, celebrations, and the annual Blackstock Fair.



# Then & Now



1900



1950

**PORT PERRY SCOUT HALL** - As can be seen in the picture above, the property on which the Port Perry Scout Hall (circled) is located today, was a busy industrial part of town in the late 1880s and early 1900s.

In February 1950 Sam Griffen, of Lake Scugog Lumber presented council with plans to construct a log building to be used as a Scout Hall, on irregular shaped property at the corners of Perry, Paxton and Simcoe Streets. Estimated cost of the building would be between \$4,000 and \$5,000. A ceremony marking the start of construction took place on Thursday, June 15, 1950 with Mrs. George Lane turning the first sod.

Eight years later, during the summer of 1958 an addition was constructed on the northeast side of the scout hall building.

During the 1990s, care of the hall was taken over by the Kinsmen Club of Port Perry after the cost of operating it became too much for the Scout-Guide Association.

By 1999 the hall was in desperate need of major repairs, including a new roof, doors, windows, furnace, insulation and washrooms.

With the help of the township, volunteers and a generous \$72,000 Trillium Grant, the old hall was

completely renovated.

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association, who later partnered with the Scouts and moved their offices into the building, were among those present in November 2006 when the Port Perry Scout Hall celebrated a re-dedication and Grand Opening of the newly renovated building.



1968



2017



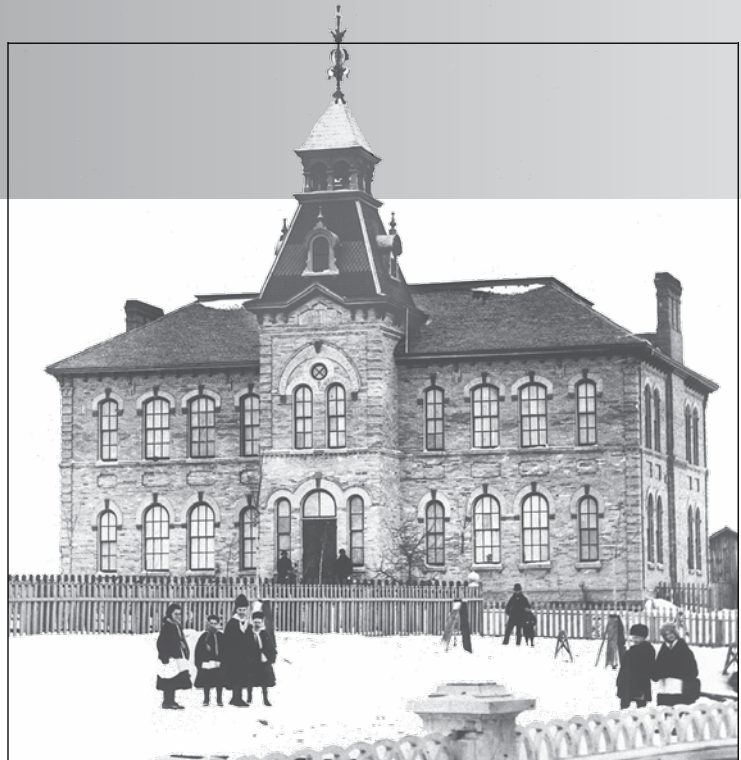
**PORT PERRY UNION SCHOOL** - The Port Perry Union School, named because it combined both a high and public schools, was located on the same property as the present high school. The imposing structure, visible high above the downtown, opened on March 6, 1874, and stood like a beacon for more than half a century.

Unfortunately, half a century later, the celebrated structure was ravaged by fire. The inferno raced through the school building during the evening of Wednesday, April 7, 1926, devouring the building and all its contents, reducing it to a pile of charred wood and brick.

Two years after the Port Perry Union School was destroyed, a modern new elementary/high school was constructed on the same property, north of the former Union School. The new school was officially opened on May 18, 1927.

A new wing was added to the existing building, which included a gymnasium/auditorium in 1961, and a second addition included a second smaller gymnasium, central offices, a cafeteria, classrooms and a full technical facility was built in 1967.

In 1998, a third expansion brought a modern music education facility and a bright new library. The most recent expansion took place beginning in 2012.



1890



1927



2015



# Then & Now

**CHURCH OF ST. AGNES** - This church in Greenbank was officially opened and held its first service on Sunday, Sept. 27 1868. Many were disappointed on their arrival to find the church filled to capacity, including the space in front of the Chancel, the aisles, the porch and even the vestry.

The frame building was 40'x28' with a 14'x14' chancel, and featured lancet-style windows with stained glass, pitched roof and a belfry. Cost to build the church was estimated to be approximately \$1,300.

By 1887 the congregation and attendance had declined so drastically that the church was closed. Ten years later, on Sunday, July 25, 1897, services resumed in St. Agnes Church for a short time before being closed again.

Another attempt to keep the church going took place in 1910, with it finally closing as a hall of worship about 1917.

It is believed that a short time after the St. Agnes Church ceased to operate, the bell tower (right), was removed and raised to the roof of the Port Perry Anglican Church of Ascension.

In June 1920, William Phoenix purchased the former St. Agnes church for \$250, to use as a community hall.

Reach Township refurbished the 100 year old hall as a Centennial Project in 1967, and the Honourable Dr. Matthew B. Dymond officially opened the Greenbank Centennial Hall on June 16, 1967.

Since that time the hall has served the Greenbank and surrounding communities as a community centre, being used for a variety of social and entertainment functions and the meeting place of the Greenbank Lions Club.



1870



Port Perry Anglican Church



1967



1999



**DAFOE HOUSE HOTEL** - Jacob Dafoe constructed a building at this site on the four corners of Utica in the early 1860s in which he opened the Dafoe House Hotel and a general store.

Mr. Dafoe was listed as the proprietor of the Dafoe House and general store in 1882, although reports suggest he had leased out his hotel and general store to a number of tenants. The building later became known as the Utica Hotel, but Mr. Dafoe retained ownership until at least 1897 when he was granted a license for the sale of beer and wine.

In April 1921, the original building was totally destroyed by a fire after being struck by lightning. It was replaced by the present building.

The store was owned by Charles W. Lakey in 1937, (top photo), who operated the Red & White store and pumped White Rose gasoline. As late as 1961 the Utica store was still owned by Mr. Lakey and a partner named MacGregor.

Since that time, the building has had several owners served as a general store until about a decade ago when it became an antique outlet. The property is currently owned by Laura Grey, who operates Coach House Studio from the familiar building.



1937



1999



2017



# Then & Now



1880



1905

**THE CURRIE BLOCK** - This building is located on one of the most visible and busy intersections in Port Perry, the corner of Queen and Perry Streets.

George Currie constructed the first brick structure on the corner about 1872, where he operated a general merchandise store. The structure was destroyed by fire 12 years later during the devastating fire of 1884.

Wasting no time, Mr. Currie rebuilt on the same site, renting the eastern portion to A.J. Davis for his Phoenix Drug Store. The eastern piece was occupied by T.J. Widden a grocer and general merchandise businessman.

In May 1909, Currie's building underwent its first exterior renovation, with a new brick facing being added. It's unknown if the building had

been damaged by fire or some other means, but when completed the roofline had changed from a triangular edifice to a shorter, rounded one.

This attractive building has been the location of a drug store for more than 130 years. A.J. Davis sold his business to Andrew M. Lawrence who operated Lawrence Pharmacy from 1930-1969; Gord Parkin operated Guardian Drugs from 1969-2010 and the current owners are Remedy Drugs.

During the late 1970 or early 1980s, the upper level windows were removed and replaced with wood inserts and small windows, destroying the architectural beauty of the building.

The building is currently owned by Guy Latreille, Brett Puckrin and Tanya Latreille, who have plans to restore the building to its former glory.



1971



2016





1957



1960

**PRINCE ALBERT GENERAL STORE -** James Doupe opened the Prince Albert General Store and Post Office in the above building about 1952 and operated from this location until 1960.

In August 1960 he and his wife opened up a modern new store and called it the Prince Albert Shopping Centre. Not long after opening, they became a member of the Carload Food Market group.

The Doupes sold the store to their daughter Marg and her husband Ross Sweetman in 1960 after operating the business for 15 years. The Sweetman added a second storey to accommodate an apartment.

Marg and Ross Sweetman sold the store a few years later to Don and Wendy Tran and it then became known as Tran's General Store. Since the Tran's left, the business changed ownership a number of times.



1971



1991



2017



# Then & Now

**DR. SAMUEL J. MELLOW** - This stately brick house was the home and medical office for Dr. Samuel J. Mellow during the early 1900s.

Dr. Mellow and his wife Bertha moved to Port Perry from Michigan in 1894 and built this large two and a half storey brick home on the north side of approximately 251 Queen Street, in 1902.

He built the family home set-back from the street, then added a one and a half storey medical office building to the east of the house, with its entrance close to the sidewalk.

Dr. Mellow passed away on March 2, 1925 at 65 years of age, and was buried at Pine Grove Cemetery.

Following his death his practice was taken over by other medical practitioners and underwent a number of ownership changes until the 1950s.

John Ballard purchased the property and turned the house into apartments, and the former medical hall was rented to a variety of commercial businesses.

About 1957 a two-storey, flat roofed addition was constructed on the front of the house extending out to the Queen Street sidewalk, with commercial stores at street level, and apartments on the second floor.

In 1972, Don and Carol MacKinnon purchased the property and established a dry cleaning store called Port Cleaners. They operated at this location until 1998 when they retired.

The property was next sold to Mike and Brandon Guido, who about four years later, constructed an addition to the front of the house, creating two new storefronts and apartments on the second floor.

The original Mellow house, located behind Herrington's (251 Queen St.), still remains, but it is only visible from the rear of the building.



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1968



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