



## 1987: Times publishes Sunday

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Cambridge archivist Jim Quantrell takes our readers back for a glance at events which occurred 10, 15 and 20 years ago.

### EVENTS FROM 20 YEARS AGO

#### *Second week of Nov. 1988*

City council awarded the contract to build the new Hespeler arena and adjacent sports field to Ariss Construction of Guelph. The company's bid of \$5,744,657 was the lowest submitted, but even that was \$483,455 over budget. A staff report indicated that \$144,857 could be saved by eliminating bleacher seating for the ball diamond along with flagpoles and pathway lighting throughout the park. Rather than compromise on items with long-term benefit potential, council voted to approve the original tender with all items intact. The contractor was expected to break ground at the Ellis Street site within three weeks.

The *Cambridge Times* published the first issue of the Sunday Times on November 6. Although the Times had produced a weekend paper for the previous year this was the first time the paper had been published on a Sunday.

### EVENTS FROM 15 YEARS AGO

#### *Second week of Nov. 1993*

Cambridge city council invited planning staff from the two area school boards to a public information session to clear the air on the issue of overcrowding in Cambridge schools. While the city was not responsible for building schools council had approved a number of subdivisions that had included sites for future schools. Unfortunately few of those schools had been built and the ones that were built were overcrowded as soon as they opened. Clemens Mill Public School, for instance, had opened the previous September with an enrolment of 830 students and school officials expected to have over 1,000 students attending the school the

next year. Unfortunately, the school had been designed to accommodate only 453 students. Part of the problem appeared to lay with provincial ministry requirements that permission to build new schools would not be provided until the local school boards could prove that there were sufficient students already in place to fill the school. In areas of rapid growth this meant that by the time the schools were ready for occupancy the number of students in the area far exceeded the school's capacity.

## EVENTS FROM 10 YEARS AGO

### *Second week of Nov. 1998*

Plans were in place at the Cambridge Memorial Hospital to provide at least a minimum level of service in the event of a possible strike by hospital support workers who included ambulance drivers, clerical workers, patient service workers, health aids, registered practical nurses, food services staff, dietary staff, housekeeping and maintenance staff. The hospital workers had been asked by a central bargaining committee representing hospital workers throughout the province to support the committee by signaling a readiness to go on strike if an agreement couldn't be reached in the committee's discussions with the Ontario Hospital Association for a new contract. The local workers had yet to determine a course of action.

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