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## 1993: School fees

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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

#### Fourth week of March 1988

Twenty-seven months after Toyota announced that the company would be building its Canadian car assembly plant in Cambridge the servicing agreements on the 400-acre site, and another 400-acre site adjoining the Toyota property, were finally completed.

The lion's share of the \$30.56-million agreement was to be borne by provincial authorities that were to be responsible for \$24.63 million of the costs.

Cambridge's costs under the agreement amounted to \$5.3 million, but since the province was to pay lot levies at a rate of \$8,160 per acre to the city the net share for the city was \$2.1 million.

### EVENTS FROM 15 YEARS AGO

#### Fourth week of March 1993

Parents who paid school taxes to the Waterloo County Board of Education but sent their children to Catholic schools were about to receive a hefty increase in the tuition fees they paid to the Catholic board. The move to increase the fees from \$740 a year to \$1,767 a year would bring the fees in line with the fees charged by other boards.

The new fee would also reflect the amount the board should have been charging under the grant regulations. When the number of fee-paying students was relatively small the lower fees charged was not a major issue. However, with the number of students paying tuition fees increasing each year, the board was losing significant revenues at a time when there was considerable pressure to reduce costs.

### EVENTS FROM 10 YEARS AGO

#### Fourth week of March 1998

Officials at the Babcock and Wilcox plant announced the company was recalling 100 laid-off workers and was then going hunting for an additional 250 new employees. The move resulted from a decision by Babcock and Wilcox's parent company to close another plant in Texas and bring more stable work to Cambridge. As a result work at the local plant promised to be less cyclical.

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