
1993: New bus terminal open for business

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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

Third week of April 1988

Waterloo Region initiated an automatic external defibrillation program designed to save heart attack victims as part of the region's health care system. Cambridge Memorial Hospital was chosen as the base hospital to direct and monitor the program. The hospital took delivery of three of the defibrillators while the Kitchener-Waterloo area received seven machines. Fifty-four ambulance care attendants had been trained and certified to operate the defibrillators.

It was reported that there was a steady stream of people coming into the region from all over the country looking for work. While finding work wasn't all that difficult, finding a place to live at an affordable price was a much larger problem. Statistics Canada was reporting that the vacancy rate for the region as a whole was about four per cent. In Cambridge, it sat at 0.2 per cent which meant that there were only two vacancies in the city for every 1,000 people.

EVENTS FROM 15 YEARS AGO

Third week of April 1993

The city's new \$4.3 million bus terminal was officially opened. Built on the site of the former Newlands Inc. textile mill in downtown Cambridge the new bus terminal was to be home to the city's bus fleet as well as accommodating seven inter-city carriers.

EVENTS FROM 10 YEARS AGO

Third week of April 1998

Final testing had begun on Cambridge radio station AM96's new FM signal. The conversion to an FM single had been a long and drawn out affair for CIAM96. New equipment had been installed at the station, a new antenna had been installed atop the Freeport water tower and station officials had "waded through a swamp of federal red tape". One of the key concerns of the ongoing testing was to ensure that the new FM signal did not interfere with emergency radio transmissions or aircraft radio transmissions. Broadcasting for Cambridge's new FM station was scheduled to begin some time in the summer.

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