



1998: Survey says trade centre needed

JIM QUANTRELL, AT A GLANCE

Published on May 29, 2008

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 May 1988

City council passed a bylaw prohibiting the use of heavy equipment in new subdivisions on Sundays. The bylaw was to apply to all new subdivisions, as well as three subdivisions that were then nearing completion. The primary reason for adopting the bylaw was to protect residents of houses bordering the new subdivisions from undue dust and noise for one day during the weekend. Members of council had been receiving an increasing number of complaints from subdivision neighbours concerning heavy construction equipment working on Sundays and disturbing the quiet enjoyment of their homes. In some cases, construction work started as early as 6 a.m.

EVENTS FROM 15 YEARS AGO

Fourth week of May 1983

The Waterloo County Board of Education was forced to make program cuts in an effort to deal with the loss of more than \$4 million in grants from the NDP provincial government. Trustees agreed to eliminate elementary summer school programs with the exception of remedial classes and classes for students with developmental challenges. In addition, driver training courses were scrapped. Other cost-cutting measures included the cancellation of partial-credit courses and parenting courses. The approved cuts would save the board about \$900,000.

Between 3,000 and 5,000 people were expected to turn out at Doon Heritage Crossroads to participate in the Firefighters' Picnic and Muster organized by the region's fire departments. The event, that was expected to draw up to 60 vintage fire trucks from across southern Ontario and upper New York State, grew out of the Cambridge Fire Department's 150th anniversary celebrations the previous year. That event had been so successful that local firefighters decided a similar event should happen again. This time, however, all the region's fire departments were involved in the organization of the event.

EVENTS FROM 10 YEARS AGO

Fourth week of May 1998

If the results of a city survey of local businesses were any indication it appeared that there was a definite need for a regional convention/trade centre in the city. The survey was conducted by the city's economic development department and drew 129 responses of which 104 affirmed the need for a convention facility. As to who should pay for the facility, 66 of the respondents were in favour of a joint venture involving both the city and the private sector while 42 felt the project should be built with private sector funding only. Another 17 felt that if the convention/trade centre was to be built it should be funded entirely by the city.

Jim Quantrell, archivist

City of Cambridge Archives

46 Dickson St. Cambridge

740-4680, ext. 4610

quantrellj@city.cambridge.on.ca

CAMBRIDGETIMES
.CA

<http://www.cambridgetimes.ca/news/article/130207>



© Copyright 2008 Metroland Media Group Ltd. All rights reserved. The reproduction, modification, distribution, transmission or republication of any material from this Metroland West Media Group website is strictly prohibited without the prior written permission of Metroland Media Group Ltd.

