

# Hespeler Village

*A Marvel of History & Commercial Opportunities*



Hespeler Library



Hespeler Village combines the beauty of nature with a charming village setting. Located just 5 minutes from the 401 and only 15 minutes from Guelph, Kitchener and Waterloo, the Speed River, dam and 80 acre millpond enhances the Hespeler Village core. Queen St. hosts a variety of shops, restaurants and services with affordable opportunities for growth and new business. In the old town hall, the Hespeler Heritage Centre, crowns the village with its beautiful architectural presence. Next door, the award winning architecture of the renovated Hespeler Library demonstrates the old and the new coming together.

The newly renovated W.G Johnson Centre and pool serves as a community hub for the many young families who have chosen Hespeler Village as their home. Forbes Park, Little Riverside, Jacobs Landing and an extensive trail system provide green space along the river and through the downtown core. The blend of nature, charm and strong connections in the local community provides a truly unique experience in Hespeler Village.



The Java Garden Patio

Initially called Bergetown, then New Hope, the name of Hespeler changed several times from 1809 until 1859. In 1845 Jacob Hespeler purchased land on the west side of the Speed River near New Hope. He greatly enlarged the existing dam on the Speed, and within the next five years erected a gristmill, a sawmill, a cooperage, a distillery and stone houses for his workers. In 1857 he organized a census of New Hope with the aim of seeing it incorporated, and the settlement of New Hope was proclaimed the "Village of Hespeler" in his honour. He served as the first reeve of the village from 1859 to 1862.

The Hespeler Village Business Improvement Association (BIA) is a proactive organization of business and property owners dedicated to the promotion and beautification of the village core area. Fostering community spirit, event planning, web and media presence, business resource support and street decor amenities are among the services the (BIA) provides.





Indulge Ice Cream Shop

### **Dedicated to the Downtown...**

CARAC (Core Areas Revitalization Advisory Committee) is a committee of Cambridge City Council focused on the core area needs and the implementation of policies and programs enhancing revitalization opportunities.

### **New Developments**

- Newly renovated W.G. Johnson Centre community pool and facility
- Reconstruction or renovation of several properties along Queen St., including Ernie's Roadhouse, The Java Garden, and Jovany's Greek Bakery & Pizza
- The new Mattamy subdivision provides over 900 new family homes within walking distance of the village core
- The new Hespeler Mill Pond Trail linking downtown to the new subdivision

### **Future Developments**

- RiverBank Lofts. A conversion of the old stone factory buildings built by Jacob Hespeler on the banks of the Speed, into luxury commercial/residential development [www.riverbanklofts.ca](http://www.riverbanklofts.ca)
- The former old Hespeler Hotel, a heritage property, is being restored and renovated into a mixed-use complex of office space and high-end residential apartments with a live music venue on the main floor



Historical Hespeler City Hall

Other core areas include Preston Towne Centre and Galt on the Grand – providing a sense of identity, culture and history within the community. The Cambridge Core Areas Patrol Program heightens safety and policing presence in active summer months.

More images of Hespeler Village are available at [www.cambridge.ca/gallery.php](http://www.cambridge.ca/gallery.php)



Ernie's Roadhouse Restaurant

For City of Cambridge Financial Incentives including brochures outlining core area fee exemption, loan and grant programs available visit [www.cambridge.ca](http://www.cambridge.ca)



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A number of reports such as the Economic Analysis, Housing Stats, Business Update Newsletter, Core Areas Monitoring Report, Official Plan, Zoning Plan and Community Profile offer more information. Visit [www.cambridge.ca](http://www.cambridge.ca) for more info.