



1990: CMH plans to expand

Jim Quantrell, At a Glance

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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.

20 YEARS AGO: Third week of January 1990

The Cambridge Memorial Hospital announced that it would be spending more than \$10-million on renovations and expanded facilities over the next few years to meet the needs of a growing and aging population. The province was to contribute \$4.6-million to the \$10.6-million expansion project while the hospital itself would cover the remainder of the costs. New services and changes planned for the hospital included upgrading of the chronic care and obstetrics units, construction of a geriatric day hospital, relocating and renovating community mental health clinics, expanding day surgery and oncology, renovating the intensive care unit and emergency department and improving fire safety.

15 YEARS AGO: Third week of January 1995

The spring thaw seemed to have come two months early and officials at the Grand River Conservation Authority were warning people to stay away from local watercourses. Warm temperatures and heavy rainfall had combined to wipe away all the accumulated snow and ice and had filled area creeks, streams and rivers to capacity. Officials were claiming that they had not seen anything to compare with these conditions in over 20 years.

10 YEARS AGO: Third week of January 2000

Cambridge council was adamant and united in its rejection of the latest move by regional council to forge ahead on regional reorganization that included the creation of "one large city". One councillor claimed that the city's mayor, in supporting the regional initiative, "has sold us out but council is still fighting to save the city". One of council's tools in that fight was a \$250,000 study that would analyze four different options for restructuring in Waterloo Region.

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