



## 1990: CT-scan patients go to Brantford

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

#### Fifth week of June 1990

Cambridge residents requiring a CT-scan could find themselves visiting a hospital in Brantford for the service if a plan by Cambridge Memorial Hospital (CMH) officials to improve the availability of the service was implemented. If negotiations were successful, Cambridge residents would have access to the Brantford CT-scanner for approximately eight hours per week, rather than the half-day per week access then available at the K-W Hospital. At the time, the CT-scanner in Kitchener was the only one in the region and it had to serve the residents of Kitchener, Waterloo, Guelph, Stratford and Cambridge. As a result, demand for the machine was high and patients often had to endure long waits for treatment. At the time, 250 to 300 inpatients at CMH received CT-scan treatments in Kitchener, while 500 to 800 outpatients used the service annually. The local hospital didn't have its own CT-scanner because it couldn't afford the \$1.6-million price tag.

It looked as if the Cambridge Family Crisis Shelter might be moving into a brand new building as early as the following spring after it received a \$900,000 grant from the provincial Ministry of Community and Social Services. Staff at the shelter for abused women and their children had been lobbying for the grant for two years since a study showed the shelter suffered from chronic overcrowding. The new shelter would accommodate 18 to 20 abused women and their children, and would cover 6,000 to 7,000 square feet, compared to the 2,500 square feet occupied by the shelter then in use. The site for the new building has not yet been chosen.

### 15 YEARS AGO

#### Fifth week of June 1995

Almost a year to the day that the Cambridge YMCA and Cambridge Rotary Children's Centre announced that they would share a new \$7.5-million facility on Hespeler Road, officials from both organizations joined local dignitaries for a formal ground breaking ceremony at the building site. The new 61,000-square-foot facility was to feature two pools, a gymnasium, an indoor track, squash and racquetball courts, an aerobics studio, a fitness centre, five change rooms and a youth centre. The Rotary Centre that served 275 city and area children with physical disabilities and communications difficulties was to lease 2,500 square feet from the YMCA and was to have access to all the Y's facilities. At the time, the YMCA had 6,300 members and had outgrown its Queen's Square building. The new YMCA would be able to accommodate 10,000 members.

A new city roundtable was given the long and arduous task of implementing Cambridge's economic strategy as laid out by the city's Our Common Future task force. The new panel included the mayor, the chairpersons of the city's three standing committees, senior city staff and a dozen members of the public. During the following months, the roundtable was to prioritize the economic plan determining what could be done now and what would have to wait. For the sake of simplicity, the strategic plan had been boiled down to seven major principles that focused on improving the local economy, protecting the environment, maintaining the community's quality of life, promoting volunteerism and leadership, strengthening social services, creating community partnerships and maintaining the city's infrastructure.

### 10 YEARS AGO

#### Fifth week of June 2000

Heavy rains across the entire Grand River watershed resulted in a flood warning. A spokesperson for the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) noted that not only was there a large amount of rain in a short period, but the ground was already saturated and couldn't absorb much more. Rainfall in the north end of the watershed measured 50 to 100 millimetres (two to four inches) in a two- to three-hour period. In the southern section, about 30 mm fell. It was expected that water levels would remain high for a few days. Campers using riverbank campgrounds were advised to move to higher ground, and canoeists, anglers and other river users were advised

to stay away from the river and its tributaries.

Officials at the Cambridge Self-Help Food Bank appeared before city council to work out a deal on their new building at 54 ½ Ainslie St. S. The food bank had expected to move into the new facility months previously, but a series of problems cropped up that seriously delayed the project. The building had apparently been built in several stages, the oldest of which had used post and beam construction. When the floor was removed, the contractors found a number of rotten posts that had to be replaced. At some point in its history, the building had also been involved in a fire that had weakened it. In addition, the roof beams of the older structure were not in alignment with the newer section. Given these discoveries and the need to address them, the price of renovations had risen to \$705,000 from the original \$600,000 estimate.

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