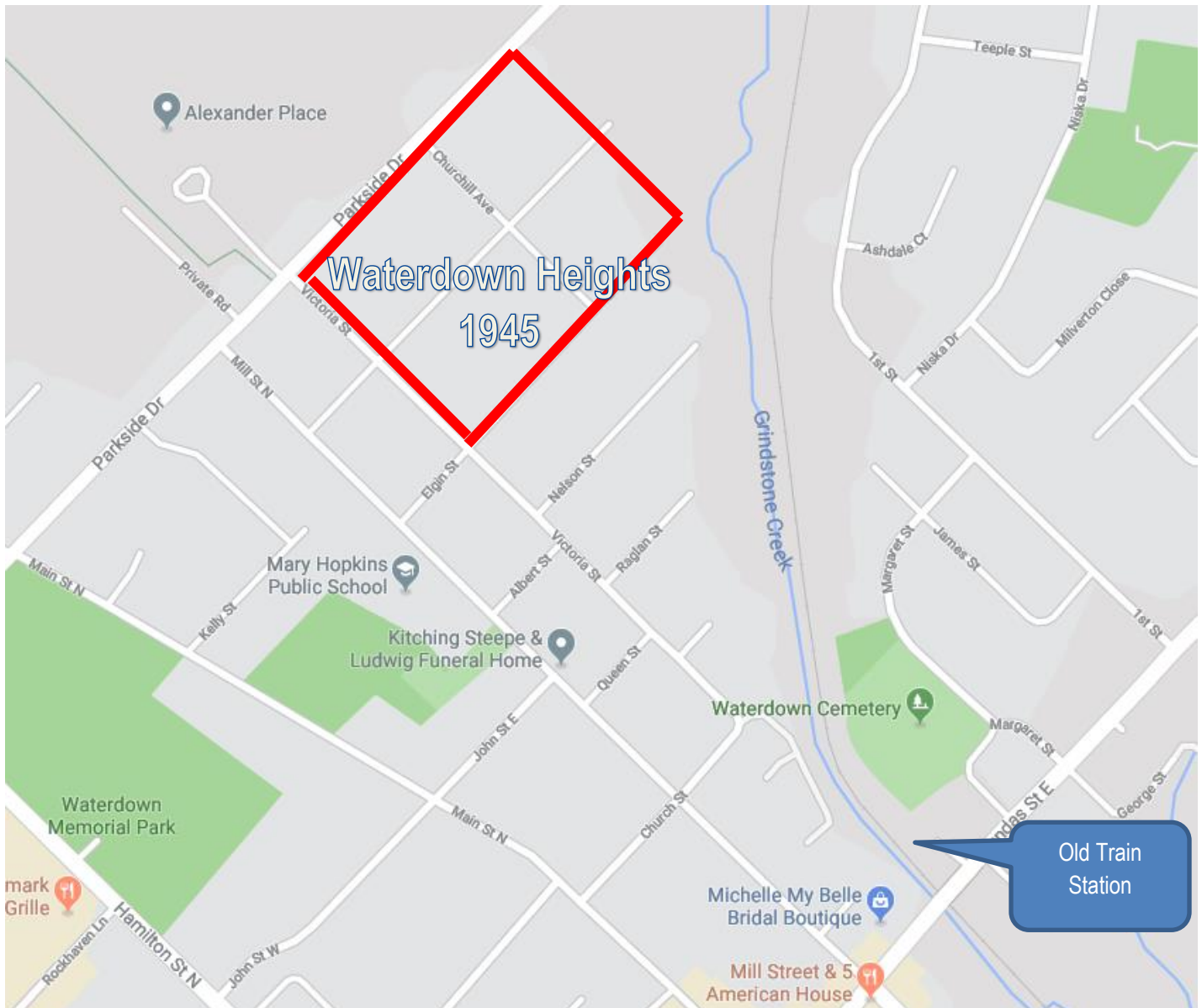


Waterdown Reinvented as a Suburb



- Regular train service to the Village ends in 1950 when trains no longer stop at the Waterdown Train Station (which formally closes in 1962 and burns to the ground in 1966).¹
- However the ascendance of the automobile in Canadian life (the first vehicle arrived in Waterdown during the mid-1920s) would transform the village following the Second World War.
 - The Queen Elizabeth Way is opened on June 7th by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (the highway's namesake) during the historic Royal Tour of 1939.

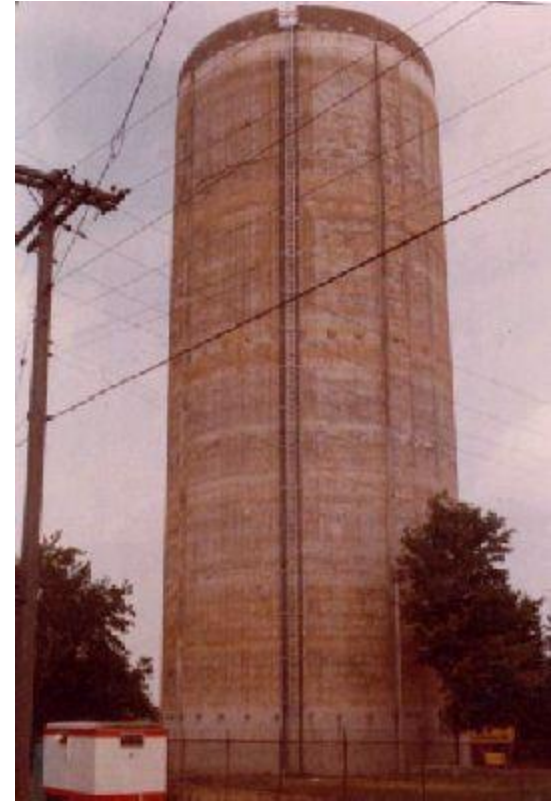


¹ *The Extraordinary History of Flamborough: East Flamborough, West Flamborough & Waterdown*, (Waterdown: WEFHS, 2017), 63.

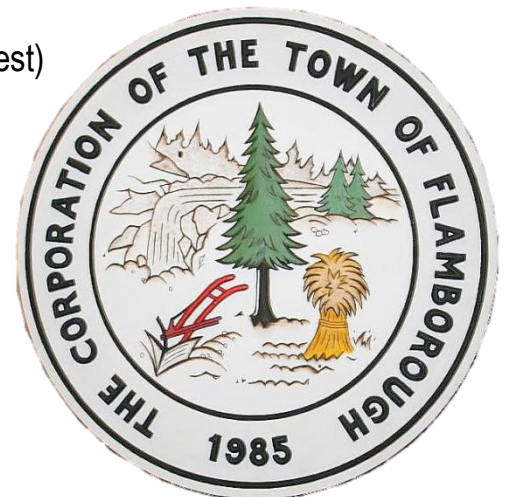
- Highway 403 (the highway that Waterdown Road connects with) is begun in 1960, with the portion connecting Highway Six to the QEW opening December 4, 1963.²
- In a few short decades Waterdown was completely transformed into a suburban hub as more and more surveys were added to every nook and cranny of the village. The common sight of open fields within the village boundaries vanished by the turn of the century.

Waterdown Suburban Development Timeline:³

- 1945** - Waterdown Heights (Wellington Street & Churchill Street)
- 1949** - Memorial Park is dedicated on August 18th
- 1951** – *St. Thomas the Apostle Creed Catholic School* is opened on Barton Street⁴
- 1952** – Highway Six is widened to accommodate more traffic
- 1952** - Hawksview Gardens Subdivision Registered (Howard Blvd & Orchard Drive)
- 1954** - Waterdown Gardens Survey Registered (James Street & Margaret Street)
- 1954** – Waterdown Public School on Mill Street is renamed *Mary Hopkins Public School*
- 1958** - Margaret Gardens Survey Registered (north James Street)
- 1958** – Aldershot is annexed by the City of Burlington
- 1959** - *Clappison Drive-In* opens on Parkside Drive, accommodating 930 cars⁵
- 1962** - Berry Hill Court Registered
- 1964** - Village Plaza (Hamilton Street - east side)
- 1964** - *Guy B. Brown Public School* is opened on Braeheid Avenue
- 1967** - Sewers installed in the village
- 1968** - First apartment building (*Waterdown Towers*, 100 John Street West) built on John Street (overlooking Memorial Park). Other apartment buildings will be built in 1972 (50 John Street West) and 1973 (75 John Street West)
- 1970** - Glenlea Survey Registered (Nancy Crescent)
- 1971** - Edith Court Registered
- 1971** - *Braeburn* apartment building built
- 1974** – The Village of Waterdown is amalgamated with the Townships of East Flamborough, West Flamborough and Beverly to become the Township of Flamborough.



Waterdown Standpipe, circa 1977. Water supply has always been an issue for the community.



² "Ontario Highway 403 History - The King's Highways of Ontario." The King's Highway 403. Accessed May 29, 2019. <http://www.thekingshighway.ca/Highway403.htm>.

³ Thanks to Alissa Golden, Heritage Project Specialist, City of Hamilton, for her work creating this list.

⁴ It will move to a new location on Skinner Street in 2012.

⁵ The theatre finally closed in 1985.

- 1975** - Buchan Court Survey Registered
- 1977** - Waterdown Standpipe constructed on Main Street North (replacing original water tower built in 1928)
- 1981** - Renwood Park Survey Registered (Flanders Drive)
- 1985** – The Township of Flamborough becomes the Town of Flamborough.
- 1988** - Waterdown Shopping Centre built at 255 Dundas St E
- 1993** – Newest campus of Waterdown District High School is opened at 215 Parkside Drive
- 1994** – The Flamborough Santa Claus Parade is begun by resident Mary Lamb
- 1990s** – Dundas Street is widened to accommodate the increase in traffic
- 2000** - Fortinos Plaza built at 115 Hamilton St N
- 2000** – Joe Sams Leisure Park is established
- 2000** – *Allan A. Greenleaf Public School* is opened on the WDHS Campus
- 2001** – Flamborough is annexed into the new City of Hamilton
- 2004** – *Guardian Angels Catholic Elementary School* is opened on Parkside Drive
- 2009** – Walmart opens in Waterdown
- 2011** – Residents declare a distinct Flamborough Coat of Arms and Flag⁶
- 2014** – Souharissen Natural Area is dedicated
- 2018** – Hamilton’s Ward 15 (the one you are in now) remains as the only, distinctly “Flamborough” political jurisdiction after Hamilton changes its ward boundaries.



⁶ Held in trust by The Waterdown-East Flamborough Heritage Society