

10 of 50 facts about Peterborough, Ont., Canada

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The Peterborough Chamber of Commerce building, formerly the original C.P.R. train station, will be part of Doors Open Peterborough on May 7, 2016.

In preparation, President and CEO Stuart Harrison went hunting in the display cases of historical artifacts we have related to the Chamber and the building.

What he found was rather interesting. It's a small book produced by the Peterborough Board of Trade, a past incarnation of the Chamber of Commerce, titled "Fifty Facts about Peterborough, Ont., Canada".

While a publishing date is not on the document, it refers to the pending annexation of Ashburnham, which happened in 1903.

It's a very telling read of the culture, economy and status of Peterborough around the turn of the 20th century. As such, we thought why not take those fifty statements, starting with the first ten and compare them to the Peterborough of 2016.

From my own knowledge of Peterborough history, I was not surprised by number one.

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Peterborough, Ont., Canada, is the largest and most important town in the province of Ontario, in population, in area and industrial production.	Peterborough, ON, ranks 33rd in Canada for population per square kilometre, and 3rd in Canada for high-tech industries, according to the CMA (2011).
Population (with Ashburnham about to be annexed) is 12,600. During the last 10 years it has grown faster than any other town in Canada, and is still growing.	The population of Peterborough is 118,975 as of 2011. It has grown at a rate of 2.1% since the last census in 2006.
Banks, four of the principal chartered banks of Canada, have agencies in Peterborough.	Seven of the principal chartered banks of Canada are located in Peterborough, as well as five credit union locations.*
Railways, the C. P. R. and G. T. R. radiate from Peterborough in every direction, with miles of sliding and commodious warehouses.	The proposal by Shining Waters Railway would see improved freight and passenger travel from Havelock to mid-town Toronto. The original train station is currently the Greater Peterborough Chamber of Commerce and Chamber Business Centre.*
Market. Peterborough, situated in the midst of the Midland Counties of Ontario, is by far the best market for exchange of farm and forest produce. This market draws from a complete circle, having a radius of thirty miles by road and a much greater distance by rail and steamboat. The Market Hall is the most commodious and comfortable in Ontario.	The Peterborough Farmers' Market runs year round with over 100 local ventures selling produce and other products at the Morrow Building and has been in operation since 1826. The Market Hall is a performing arts centre and special events venue, becoming such in 1984.*
Beauty. Peterborough has long been known as the handsomest Town in Ontario, with its parks, public gardens, shady residential [sic] avenues, pretty lawns, glimpses of water, surrounding hills, suburban drives, and River Otonabee.	According to Money Sense, Peterborough ranks 72 nd in best places to live in Canada. Points of interest/beauty include the Riverview Park & Zoo, the Canadian Canoe Museum, Petroglyphs Provincial Park, Peterborough Lift Lock, Peterborough Museum & Archives, Lang Pioneer Village Museum, Trent Severn Waterway, Art Gallery of Peterborough, Peterborough Memorial Centre, and Serpent Mounds Park.*
Industrial Works of the largest types are in full operation here. The principal ones being: The Canadian General Electric Co's works, The Central Bridge and Engineering Co., The Wm. Hamilton Mfg. Co. Engines, etc., The Peter Hamilton Implement Manufacturing Co., The Peterborough Lock and Hardware Co., The Auburn Woolen Mills, The Peterborough Carbon and Porcelain Co., The Peterborough Milling Co's Mills and Factories, also four Saw Mills, three Planing [sic] Mills, four Furniture Manufacturing Cos., four Foundries, 1 wholesale Harness Manufacturing Co., three Pork Packing Houses, one Pottery and numerous other smaller establishments.	Peterborough has 6 major industry sectors, which are Aerospace (17 companies), Water Technologies (17 companies), Advanced Manufacturing (55 companies), Tourism, Agriculture, and Nuclear Energy (25 companies). A thriving arts and culture sector has also emerged with music, film, cultural, and other kinds of festivals, theatre, fine arts, and various sporting tournaments.*
School. There is a first-class collegiate institute, six public schools, two separate (R.C.) schools, one convent and one business college.	Peterborough has 46 schools, which include: 24 public elementary schools, 7 public secondary schools (3 of which are intermediate); 9 Catholic elementary schools and 2 Catholic secondary schools; 1 children's Montessori & Preparatory School; 1 university; 1 community college; 1 seminary college.*
Electric Light, arc and incandescent. Power generated by water power, giving the lowest rates in Canada. Good gas conveyed through the whole town and suburbs. Peterborough is the best lighted town in Ontario.	Electric light is provided by Peterborough Distribution Inc., while hydro is provided by Peterborough Utilities Commission. Natural Gas is provided by Enbridge Gas Distribution. Additionally, Peterborough also has a number of companies that provide solar power and heating oil.*
Electric Railway traversing the whole length and breadth of the town, and contemplated extensions will improve the suburbs. One now building the river below the town, where boating, boat houses and bathing beaches will be found.	Peterborough no longer has an electric railway system, which has been replaced with a public transit system. The city & county have a combined 108km of public trails, with the TransCanada Trail being the most known. The City of Peterborough recently purchased this trail and updated it to fill in the gap from Old Keene Rd. to behind Endicott Fuel at the intersection of Lansdowne St. and Ashburnham Dr.*

*See Chamber Member Directory



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Event Calendar



WEDNESDAY
March 16th, 2016
(Chamber & WBN members only)

Harness the Power of the Inbox

Chamber Boardroom
175 George Street North
12:00pm – 1:00pm

Speaker: Javed Khan, Empression Marketing
Cost: Free (bring your own lunch)
Sponsor: Bell
Note: Pre-registration is required



WEDNESDAY
March 16th, 2016

Patient Notetaking & Privacy

Chamber Boardroom
175 George Street North
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Speaker: Brenda Tapp, MD, Peterborough Centre for Naturopathic Medicine
Cost: Free



THURSDAY
March 17th, 2016

Meet Us @TheVenuePTBO

286 George Street North
5:30pm - 7:00pm*
Event: Join us for networking and a couple of special guests
Cost: Admission is free, courtesy of The Venue PTBO
Note: Pre-registration is preferred
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WEDNESDAY
March 30th, 2016

127th Annual General Meeting
Holiday Inn Peterborough Waterfront
Event: Join us as we recap 2015 for your Chamber of Commerce and look ahead to 2016
Cost: \$20 members/\$30 non-members

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Revolution IP is expanding into Peterborough

Congratulations to new member, Revolution IP, on their recent expansion into the Peterborough Area. They are planning to open an office in Peterborough, with Lawrence Kennette as their Account Manager. To celebrate this expansion, Revolution IP is offering Chamber members a discount on business internet and phone services which can be found in the Member to Member Discount section of the Chamber website.

For more information about their service, visit www.revolutionip.com

Walton Wood Farm auditioned for Dragons' Den on March 9th

Walton Wood Farm has announced they auditioned for Dragons' Den earlier this week! They were one of last year's local Bears' Lair competition winners, and they are hoping for similar success on the hit CBC show.

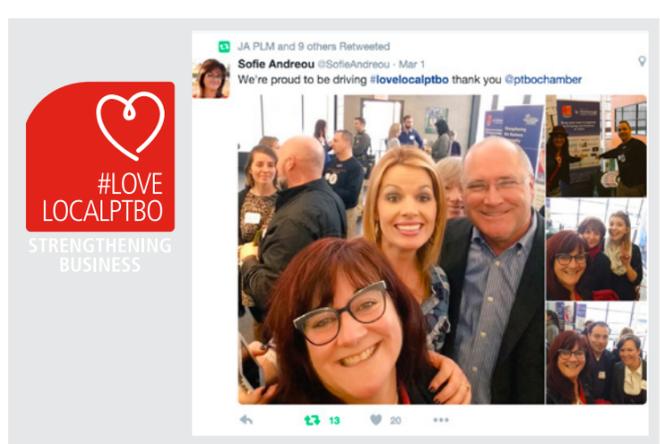
More information about their products can be found on their website: waltonwoodfarm.com

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Workforce Development Board awarded the Local Employment Planning Council Pilot Project contract by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities

This update is brought to you by Workforce Development Board

The Workforce Development Board (WDB) is pleased to announce that it was awarded the contract to deliver the Local Employment Planning Council (LEPC) Pilot project for the Northumberland, Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton region.

The LEPC pilot, which runs from December 2015 until May 2017, will provide expanded resources for coordinating integrated planning and implementation of employment and training services enhancements and initiatives, as well as helping employers, workers and job seekers to make informed training and career decisions.

Another key component of the LEPC pilot will be improving on local labour market information that will support more robust labour market development planning, including identifying labour and service delivery gaps and employment opportunities.

Local, relevant labour market information is a key deliverable for WDB, as demonstrated by its Labour Market Gateway launched in 2014, as we continue to research and develop the means to support our community partners with specialized reports and programming guidance.

For information about the Workforce Development Board, please visit our website anytime at wdb.ca or email us at workforce@wdb.ca.

