

****OUR PAST..***

Dundas Street, the main road through the Waterdown BIA has a long and historic place within the community and the district. John Grave Simcoe, the first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, conceived the idea that a roadway inland from the Great Lakes could serve both as a military road as well as encourage the future settlement of the area.

The first 20 mile section of the Dundas Road, running west, was completed in 1793. The eastern section, running towards York, now Toronto, was not begun until some 10 years later. Construction cost of this road segment was about \$90.00 per mile. The construction of the eastern segment, signalled an increased development and growth of the area.

The first Waterdown village plan was prepared in 1831 by Ebenezer Griffin. By 1841, the population numbered 165 and in 1878 Waterdown officially became a Village. With the current growth and development, (2011) it is projected that the area will have a population of some 30,000 by 2017.

The 'Kirk Hotel', now The Royal Coachman, at the corners of Dundas and Main Streets. (Circa 1905)
(Click the picture for an enlarged view)



By mid 1993 the street and the village had changed. It had matured and boasted the trappings of a vibrant and growing community. Today, the BIA looks somewhat the same, yet very different. We welcome you to the community and hope that the businesses within the BIA can serve your needs.

Dundas Street looking east at Main Street. (1993)



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