



Oshawa
Celebrating 100+ Years

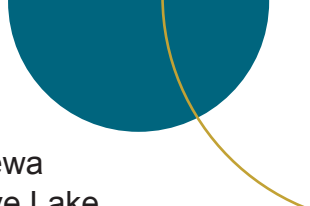
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1924-2024

Celebrating Our Centennial



King St. and Centre St. Parkette adorned with Every Child Matters shirts. This display shows support for Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, 2023.



The City of Oshawa is situated on lands within the Traditional and Treaty Territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg and the signatories of the Williams Treaties, which include the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Rama and Beausoleil First Nations.

We are grateful for the Anishinaabeg who have cared for the land and waters within this territory since time immemorial.

We recognize that Oshawa is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is now present day home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. We express gratitude for this diverse group of Indigenous Peoples who continue to care for the land and shape and strengthen our community.

As a municipality, we are committed to understanding the truth of our shared history, acknowledging our role in addressing the negative impacts that colonization continues to have on Indigenous Peoples, developing reciprocal relationships, and taking meaningful action toward reconciliation.

We are all Treaty People.

The City of Oshawa supports the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action (T.R.C. Calls to Action) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (U.N.D.R.I.P.).

The City of Oshawa is committed to working collaboratively with Indigenous communities to respond meaningfully to the T.R.C. Calls to Action and uphold U.N.D.R.I.P. We acknowledge that reconciliation will take time and intentional effort by all members of Council and City staff, and are working to develop a Reconciliation Strategy and Action Plan, utilizing the T.R.C. Calls to Action and the U.N.D.R.I.P. as the framework for reconciliation efforts.

The area we call "Oshawa" has a long history as the Traditional and Treaty Territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg. While the City of Oshawa's 100th anniversary of being incorporated as a city is an opportunity to reflect on the last 100 years, it is also an important opportunity to consider the impact and importance of the stewardship of the land's original inhabitants who have been the custodians of this territory for countless generations.

As we commemorate this milestone, let us draw wisdom from the Indigenous Peoples who have been safeguarding this land for time immemorial. We encourage all non-Indigenous residents and guests of Oshawa to learn more about the important contribution, history and vibrant present day culture of the many Indigenous People on this territory. We invite you to enjoy the work of Indigenous artists, artisans, performers and cultural carriers who will be featured throughout the year's events and activities. Together we can forge a path forward that celebrates our shared history and ensures a vibrant and thriving future for generations to come.

LETTER FROM The Mayor



On March 8, 2024, Oshawa celebrated its 100th anniversary as a city. I am so proud to be the Mayor at such a monumental time in the history of the great City of Oshawa. Some of the greatest milestones in Canadian history have come from Oshawa thanks to curious and innovative leaders – Colonel Robert Samuel McLaughlin, E.P. Taylor, Michael Starr and Ed Broadbent, to name a few.

We have so much to celebrate. Today, Oshawa is a vibrant and diverse city, home to three globally-recognized post-secondary institutions, state-of-the-art health care and research facilities, and amazing amenities. For as much as we are known for our economic strengths, we are also a destination and community of choice.

In celebration of our incredible journey, we have planned a series of commemorative projects and special events in 2024 – I hope you will join me at these celebrations.

While we are proud to recognize 2024 as Oshawa's 100th anniversary as a city, we also recognize that communities have gathered, cared for and prospered on this land for thousands of years. The deep connection of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people who have cared for the land and waters within this territory is woven into the very fabric of Oshawa, contributing important traditions, wisdom and a rich cultural heritage.

Let us celebrate 100+ years of success, and the people, leaders and partnerships that make our city great.

Sincerely,
Dan Carter, Mayor, City of Oshawa

LETTER FROM Community Centennial Committee

The Community Centennial Committee (C.C.C.) was formed in 2020, bringing together representatives from external agencies, educational institutions, community organizations, business representatives and residents. In partnership with City staff, the C.C.C. has worked collaboratively for the past several years to help plan an exciting line-up of commemorative events and activities.

In late 2021, we reached out to the wider Oshawa community to learn more about what types of celebration activities they thought would be exciting for our centennial year. The resulting centennial program is a direct reflection of this community feedback, offering a variety of activities, including festivals, arts and culture programming, heritage events, family-friendly programs, environmental activities and engaging historical content. We hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

City-offered events include Doors Open, the award-winning Peony Festival, Canada Day, Events in the Park, Kars on King, and Bright and Merry Market. The City will also be offering new events for the centennial year, including a March 8th anniversary event and an Indigenous Cultural Celebration on June 1. Oshawa is also proud to be home to an array of incredible community events offered by our many arts, culture and community organizations, including, but not limited to, Canadian Automotive Museum, The Ontario Regiment RCAC Museum, Oshawa Folk Arts Council, Oshawa Museum, Oshawa Public Libraries, Oshawa Senior Community Centres 55+, Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame, Parkwood National Historic Site and The Robert McLaughlin Gallery.

While the centennial year is an opportunity to celebrate our past and present, it is also an opportunity to collaborate, envision and actively participate in the creation of a future where our community thrives with enhanced connectivity, shared values and a deepened sense of unity.

Through this celebratory initiative, we hope to forge lasting bonds that will contribute to the continued growth and prosperity of our community, and we hope you will join us at many of this year's centennial events and activities.

For more information about all of the offerings throughout the year, visit the Community Events Calendar at Oshawa.ca/365.

Sincerely,
Community Centennial Committee

The Community Centennial Committee is a group of local leaders who supported the development and execution of centennial programming. The City of Oshawa thanks all past and present members of the C.C.C. for their valuable contribution. To learn more, visit Oshawa.ca/100.

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WHEN OSHAWA BECAME A CITY: March 8, 1924

“Villages long to become towns and towns long to become cities” – *The Oshawa Telegram Editorial, March 8, 1924*

On March 8, 1924, with a population of 15,545, Oshawa was elevated to city status by proclamation of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board. Oshawa became Ontario’s 25th city. The newest city was a well-established centre for industries, and residents were supported in their community with schools, libraries, clubs and other organizations.

Oshawa’s residents celebrated this milestone over the course of the day. Hundreds of people gathered at the decorated Town Hall at Simcoe St. and Richmond St. to hear speeches by Mayor W.J. Trick and other prominent community leaders for 30 minutes before noon.

At noon sharp, the new city was filled with the sound of a cheering crowd, the first long blast of a factory whistle and the toll of the bell at Town Hall. This was followed by a 25-gun salute. Following the salute, Rev. C.R. dePencier, rector of St. George’s Anglican Church asked for a blessing for the young city and Rev. A. M. Irwin, pastor of the King St. Methodist Church, offered a prayer.

A parade of two bands continued playing music throughout

the business section of the newly formed city from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The celebrations continued into the evening as a grand procession left the Armouries at 7:30 p.m. to parade the streets of downtown and then returned to the Armouries for additional speeches by members of Council and other public bodies. With the formalities concluded, community dances were held at the Armouries and Town Hall.



The official portrait of the first City Council after Oshawa became a city on March 8, 1924, including three City staff. Back row, left to right: F.E. Hare, City Clerk, W.C. Smith, City Engineer, Alderman O.R. Burns, P.A. Blackburn, Treasurer, Ald. H.P. Schell and Ald. E. Jackson. Centre row, left to right: Ald. O.M. Alger, R.C. Henry, G. Hart, J.L. Whattam, R.D. Preston, T.J. Sheridan and A.J. Graves. Front row, left to right: Ald. John Stacey, Ald. E.L. Vickery, Mayor W.J. Trick, Ald. G.T. Morris and D.F. Johnston. Image courtesy of The Thomas Bouckley Collection at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (detail).

WHEN OSHAWA TURNED 100: March 8, 2024

To commemorate its 100th anniversary, the City of Oshawa hosted a special ceremony on March 8, 2024 at the Regent Theatre. The community-focused celebration included formal remarks, highlights of Oshawa's rich history and engaging performances from local arts and culture organizations.

Political representatives, such as current and former members of City Council, First Nations and Métis representatives and federal and provincial representatives were invited to attend the event. Representatives from local businesses, community organizations and groups were also invited along with residents and community members.

The City also offered free public skating and swimming for all City residents to enjoy, sponsored by Oshawa Power.



1. East-side of Town Hall, 1924, located on the south-east corner of Simcoe St. N. and Richmond St. decorated in bunting and flags, possibly for the "Oshawa Becoming a City" celebrations. Image courtesy of The Thomas Bouckley Collection at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (detail).

2. View looking east along Richmond St. towards Town Hall at Simcoe St. The occasion for the parade of decorated vehicles seen in this photograph was Oshawa's incorporation as a city, March 8, 1924. Image courtesy of The Thomas Bouckley Collection at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (detail).

HISTORY OF OSHAWA PRE AND POST 1924



Indigenous Peoples have inhabited the north shore of Lake Ontario and the rivers and creeks that flow into it since time immemorial. The Mississaugas (Michi Saagiig) are known as “the people of the big river mouths” and were known as the “Salmon People” who occupied and fished the north shore of Lake Ontario. The Michi Saagiig and other Indigenous groups paid special reverence to the mouth of Oshawa and Harmony Creeks, which led to a marshy inlet where the rivers and creeks emptied into Lake Ontario.

Oshawa’s location has long been a place for transportation and trade, dating back to when the Michi Saagiig used what is known today as the Scugog Carrying Place Trail. The southern terminus of this trail was located near today’s Second Marsh.

As highly mobile people who travelled vast distances to secure food, clothing and shelter for their people, this important footpath connected the shore of Lake Ontario to the shore of Lake Scugog and was used by the Michi Saagiig for seasonal migration and communication; it is likely that the Haudenosaunee and ancestral Huron-Wendat also used the trail. Groups would congregate at the mouth of the creeks in spring and fall to fish.

When American and European settlers/colonists began to flood into the lands occupied by the Indigenous Peoples, this trail would have been one of the few footpaths through the forest and influenced the settlement patterns of immigrants to the area now known as Oshawa.

1795 – Arrival of European and United States Colonists

Arriving in the decade before 1800, the colonial settlers moved north from the United States after the American Revolution. In Oshawa, settlement followed the Oshawa Creek north of Kingston Road, now King St. or Highway 2. For many years, the settlement was called Kerr’s Creek. The name of the village changed around 1830 when John Kerr left the area.

In the 1830s, one local merchant, Edward Skae, opened a

popular general store at the corner of Simcoe St. and King St., and the hamlet became known as Skae’s Corners. Around 1842, it was the pursuit of a post office that led to a name change for the growing village. The name Oshawa was chosen to represent the settlement; it originates from the Ojibwe term “aazhawe” which translates to “the point at the crossing of the stream where the canoe was exchanged for the trail” or simply “a crossing place.”

Late 1800s

The mid- to late-1800s saw Oshawa evolve from an agricultural-based community to one that saw great economic gains through the arrival of various industries. The first industries in Oshawa were related to agriculture in the form of mills, tanneries and foundries. Constructed around 1837, J.B. Warren's flour and grist mill was reported as the largest operation of its type in the area. Businesses such as the A.S. Whiting Manufacturing Company, founded in 1852, and the Joseph Hall Works, founded in 1857, produced a wide variety of equipment from hand tools to large-scale water turbines.

As technology changed so did the local industries. Foundries such as Ontario Malleable Iron and Fittings Ltd. began manufacturing sheet metal, machine castings and pipe fittings. Another foundry, Pedlar People Ltd., would grow to become the largest sheet metal factory in the British Empire. Pedlar People Ltd. had warehouses across Canada and even internationally in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

The Oshawa Railway arrived in the 1890s. By 1911, the railway offered both passenger and freight services and linked local industries to the Canadian National and Pacific Railways. This was a significant factor in industry growth for the area.



Fittings Ltd., date unknown.
Image courtesy of Oshawa Museum,
Archival Collection.

Pre 1924 – The Boom Years

In 1907, the McLaughlin Motor Car Company was formed and operated alongside the McLaughlin Carriage Company (founded by Robert McLaughlin in 1867). Soon, the horseless carriage, otherwise known as the automobile, became the preferred mode of transportation.

In 1918, General Motors of Canada Ltd. was created through the merger of the McLaughlin Motor Car Company and Chevrolet Motor Car Company.

In 1922, George W. McLaughlin, one of Robert McLaughlin's sons, acquired 30 acres of the Oshawa Union Cemetery, which had been officially established in 1837. He donated the cemetery to the then Town of Oshawa along with \$500 to help bury deceased First World War soldiers in the Veterans' section. The Mausoleum, referred to as being "as impressive as it is beautiful" when built, was added to the property in 1924 and granted to the City in 1926.

The Oshawa Union Cemetery is the final resting place of many of the area's early residents, their families and other notable figures including Col. Robert Samuel (R.S.) McLaughlin, Premier Gordon Daniel Conant, Dr. Robert Thornton and artists Alexandra Luke, Isabel McLaughlin and Florence McGillivray.

In 1922, the Ontario Municipal Board approved the annexation of Cedar Dale to Oshawa; Oshawa gained frontage on Lake Ontario and increased its population to 15,545. Oshawa's park system featured over 100 acres of parkland, including Alexandra Park, Lakeview Park, Memorial Park and Cowan Park.

Pre 1924 (cont'd)

Memorial Park was constructed in 1924 to commemorate the citizens of Oshawa who sacrificed their lives in war. It is home to the Cenotaph, which incorporates stones from every allied nation from the First World War, and the McLaughlin Bandshell, both of which are still used today in moments of remembrance and celebration. The Bandshell regularly hosts performances by the Oshawa Civic Band, whose formation dates back to 1870 as the band of the 34th Ontario Regiment.

Throughout this period in time, a variety of service clubs were established, including Rotary Club of Oshawa, Branch 43 of the Royal Canadian Legion, Oshawa Kinsmen Club, and Oshawa Kiwanis Club. These groups are dedicated to volunteerism and supporting the Oshawa community and still extend their services to this day.

When Canada celebrated its 60th birthday in 1927, the City of Oshawa honoured this memorable occasion with the creation of a new dance pavilion, the Jubilee Pavilion. Known by many as the 'Jube,' this building stands today in Lakeview Park as



Oshawa's Cenotaph, circa 1925. Image courtesy of Oshawa Museum, Archival Collection.



The community gathers for an event at the McLaughlin Bandshell, Memorial Park, date unknown. Image courtesy of Oshawa Museum, Saywell Collection.

one of the few remaining dance pavilions in Ontario. Some of the popular bands to perform at the Jube during the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s included Ozzie Williams, Stan Williams and his Blue Marines, Pat Riccio, Jack Denton and Art Hallman.

Another cultural asset, Oshawa Little Theatre, began entertaining the community in 1928. Their first play, "The Private Secretary," was performed in the auditorium of the Oshawa High School, known today as O'Neill Collegiate and Vocational Institute.

1930s – The Depression

Unemployment in the city, and across the nation, was quickly rising in the 1930s due to the Depression.

The first Public Utilities Commission was elected from a population of 25,000 and their new headquarters was erected at 100 Simcoe St. S. in 1931. This move came two years after City Council passed a by-law to authorize a vote on establishing a public utilities commission, which is known today as Oshawa Power and Utilities Corporation.

The General Motors Strike occurred from April 8 to 23, 1937, when 4,000 workers walked off the job. Their requests were simple: an eight-hour day, better wages and working conditions, a seniority system and recognition of their union, the new United Automobile Workers. The strike marked the birth of industrial unionism in Canada.

1940s – Second World War

The Ontario Regiment (RCAC) was officially mobilized for active service at the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939. In 1941, the No. 20 Elementary Flying Training School Royal Canadian Air Force Station Oshawa was established. Student flyers used Tiger Moth aircrafts and were trained by civilian instructors from the Oshawa, Kingston and Brant-Norfolk flying clubs. Due to the success of the air training school, the Oshawa Airport was established and continues to operate today as an executive-level regional airport.

Oshawa residents and businesses were committed to the war efforts. Many residents from Oshawa served overseas, while prominent businesses such as General Motors, Pedlar People Ltd., Duplate, Robson Leather and Houdaille made parts for boots, shells, ammunition, armoured vehicles, the Mosquito bomber fuselage and other Canadian Forces military parts.



Duke of Kent's visit to General Motors; R.S. McLaughlin can be seen walking behind, August 23, 1941. Image courtesy of Oshawa Museum, Archival Collection.

In 1942, the Honorable Gordon Daniel Conant, born in Cedar Dale, became Premier of Ontario. In 1945, victory was achieved, the war was over, and the Ontario Regiment (RCAC) was welcomed home with a parade and celebration in downtown Oshawa.



Ontario Regiment (RCAC) returning to Oshawa on November 19, 1945. The crowd is gathered in Memorial Park with Centre Street School (now EA Lovell) in the background. Image courtesy of Oshawa Museum, Archival Collection.

1950s – Construction and Expansion

The 1950s were a decade of growth and expansion for the city as it annexed 10,000 acres of East Whitby, increasing its borders. To better serve this growing population, R.S. McLaughlin donated the McLaughlin Public Library to Oshawa in 1954. The following year a shopping plaza, the Oshawa Centre, opened with 29 tenants.

1950s (cont'd)

In 1957, the Oshawa Historical Society was formed and established the Henry House Museum. Henry House was built circa 1840 as the family home of Thomas Henry, a local minister, veteran of the War of 1812 and active participant in the development of the Port of Oshawa.



Opening of the 11th Oshawa Wolf Cubs Parade, 1953. Image courtesy of Oshawa Museum, Archival Collection.



Oshawa Centre, 1956. Image courtesy of Oshawa Museum, Archival Collection.

1960s – An Eventful Decade

The 1960s were marked with numerous milestones and continuous growth. Christine Thomas became Oshawa's first female mayor in 1961, General Motors initiated the expansion of its south plant in 1963 and on May 11, 1963, a grand celebration marking the removal of downtown Oshawa's railway tracks was attended by over 50,000 people.

Oshawa's sports scene thrived with Bobby Orr joining the Ontario Hockey League's Oshawa Generals and the team's relocation to the new Oshawa Civic Auditorium. Since then, the Oshawa Generals have won 13 Ontario Hockey League Championships and five Memorial Cup Championships.

The city achieved international acclaim in 1964 as Oshawa's own Northern Dancer won both the prestigious Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes. Northern Dancer was a racehorse bred at Windfields Farm, a full-service boarding and breeding farm owned by E.P. Taylor. A world record 48 champions and 360 stake winners were bred in the



Parade and celebration to mark the removal of the railway tracks on King St., Oshawa, 1963. Image courtesy of Oshawa Museum, Archival Collection.

name of E.P. Taylor and/or Windfields Farm.

The 1960s brought changes in Canadian immigration policies, leading to a steady increase in immigrants from Caribbean countries. Oshawa saw the formation of a vibrant community of Caribbean newcomers, culminating in the establishment of Club Carib in 1966. The Oshawa Folk Arts Council was established a few years prior, in 1961, to aid in sustaining and celebrating the cultural diversity and multicultural communities of Oshawa.

The Canadian Automotive Museum opened in 1963 as a community project of the Oshawa Chamber of Commerce to promote the history of the automotive industry. The Museum is home to the world's most significant collection of Canadian automobiles and is located in a former 1920s car dealership.

In 1967, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery was established by Ewart McLaughlin and Margaret Alexandra Luke, founding member of Painters Eleven, a group of abstract artists associated with the Abstract Expressionist movement. Today, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery is the largest public art gallery in Durham Region with more than 4,700 artworks in their permanent collection.

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s, Oshawa had a thriving music scene, full of creative and passionate musicians performing at venues including the Jube and GET (Get Together Club). Oshawa was home to musicians Mars Bonfire of Steppenwolf and Andy Gondek of The Strollers, Moses, Headstone and Inner City Band. Oshawa bands at this time included the JUNO nominated pop group Wednesday and rock group Reign Ghost.



Northern Dancer ridden by Bill Hartack (right) hits the finish wire a neck ahead of Hill Rise ridden by Willie Shoemaker, winning the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs, May 2, 1964. Image courtesy of Getty Images.

1970s to 1990s – Evolving

Grief struck the community when R.S. McLaughlin passed away on January 6, 1972 in his 101st year. The immense contributions of his philanthropy continue to be recognized throughout Oshawa and across Canada. In Oshawa, Parkwood National Historic Site, a 55-room estate once home to R.S. McLaughlin and his family, stands with the Oshawa Public Libraries McLaughlin Branch and Camp Samac as a lasting tribute to his memory and philanthropy.

In 1972, the first week-long celebration of international cuisine and culture was held with the establishment of Fiesta Week, presented by the Oshawa Folk Arts Council. Fiesta Week is an important community event that continues to this day and is one of Canada's oldest, organized cultural festivals.

1970s to 1990s (cont'd)



Oshawa and District Historical Society (O.D.H.S.) float in the Fiesta Parade, circa 1994. Image courtesy of Oshawa Museum, Archival Collection.

In 1973, Oshawa amalgamated with the remaining portions of East Whitby Township and took on its present boundaries, which include the outlying villages of Columbus, Raglan and Kedron. The following year, in 1974, the Region of Durham was officially established under *The Regional Municipality of Durham Act, 1973*. The new bill introduced a regional level of municipal government, which would include eight area municipalities, now known as the cities of Oshawa and Pickering, the towns of Ajax and Whitby, the Municipality of Clarington, and the townships of Brock, Scugog and Uxbridge.

Durham Shoestring Performers, a community theatre in Oshawa, was established in 1974 and have presented all of their 159 productions to date at the Arts Resource Centre, located beside City Hall. Also in 1974, the Oshawa Horticultural Society, originally formed in 1910, changed its name to the Oshawa Garden Club. The club promotes local interest in horticulture, agriculture, environmental responsibility and a communal enjoyment of green space.

During the 1980s, significant changes came to Lakeview Park. The last residential tenants moved out of the Lakeview Park cottages. Guy House was saved from destruction and restored by the Oshawa Historical Society. In 1982, the Henry House and Robinson House Museums began operating as the Sydenham Museum, and Guy House became the third building in the complex when it opened in 1985. Known today as the Oshawa Museum, it has been preserving and actively promoting Oshawa's rich and diverse history for over 65 years.

The Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame, which recognizes and honours Oshawa's achievements in sport, opened at the Civic Auditorium on May 1, 1986. Today, the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame is located on the concourse level of the Tribute Communities Centre. Owned by the City, the Tribute Communities Centre opened in 2006 in the heart of downtown Oshawa. This premier sport and entertainment facility is also home to the Oshawa Generals.

In 1990, General Motors of Canada Ltd. took on the task of preserving a large quantity of land close to its headquarters on Colonel Sam Dr., and in 2019 announced that it would donate a large parcel of parkland to the City, including the Lake Ontario waterfront McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve. The McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve, and the adjacent Second Marsh, support almost 600 species of plants, approximately 265 species of birds, 29 mammal species and numerous species of fish, reptiles and amphibians. Second Marsh is the largest remaining urban wetland in the Greater Toronto Area.

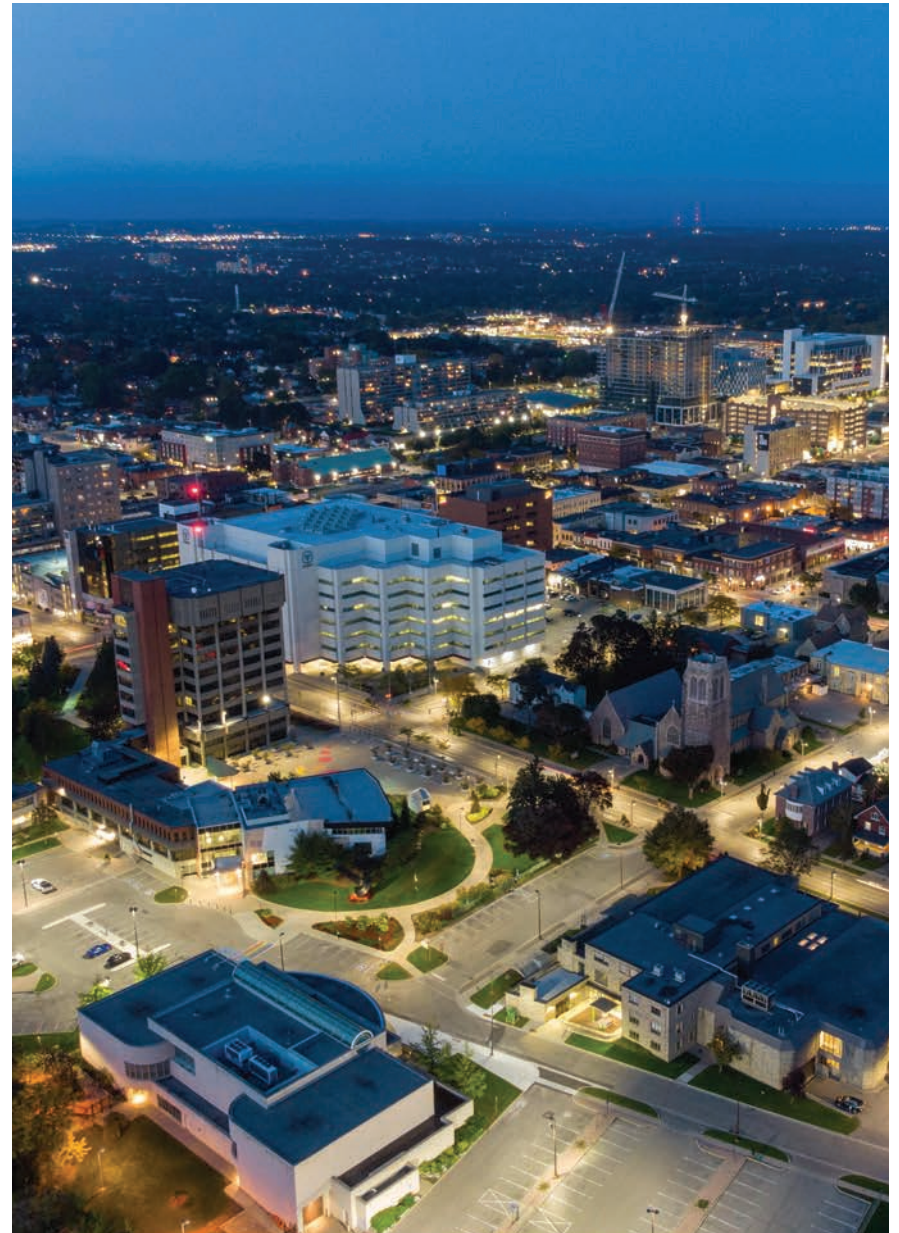
2000s – A New Age

Today, Oshawa is one of the fastest growing cities in Canada and the largest municipality in Durham Region. The city continues to establish momentum as an economic hub, one that residents and companies are gravitating to as an incredible place to live, learn, work and invest.

Over the last decade, Oshawa has witnessed the transformation of its local economy. Today, Oshawa is a centre of excellence in healthcare, which represents its largest economic sector, and a regional hub for education, training and clinical research. Oshawa is home to three globally recognized post-secondary institutions: Durham College (founded in 1967), Ontario Tech University (opened in 2003) and Trent University Durham GTA (has delivered courses in Oshawa since 1975 and opened a distinct campus location in 2010). Queen's University, in partnership with Lakeridge Health, offers the MD Family Medicine Program.

Oshawa's future economy continues to be shaped by innovation in the fields of energy, healthcare, education and transportation, as well as emerging technologies such as AI, cyber security and electric and autonomous vehicles. As the city continues to evolve into a thriving economic centre, this growth is not just measured in numbers but reflects the collective strength of a community that values progress, embraces diversity and resilience and fosters a sense of belonging for all.

Aerial view of downtown Oshawa, including City Hall, the Michael Starr Building, Oshawa Public Libraries – McLaughlin Branch and The Robert McLaughlin Gallery, 2021.



GENTENNIAL BANNERS

Take a walk down memory lane with banners featuring 12 historical images from Oshawa Museum's Archival Collection, Oshawa Public Libraries' Local History Collection and The Robert McLaughlin Gallery's Thomas Bouckley Collection.



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1. A section of the The McLaughlin Carriage Company in 1908 and a neighbouring house on Ontario Street. Image courtesy of The Thomas Bouckley Collection at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (detail).
2. Passengers boarding a streetcar in 1911 on Simcoe Street South at the Four Corners. Image courtesy of The Thomas Bouckley Collection at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (detail).
3. The "Ocean Wave" carnival ride at the lake in 1912. Image courtesy of The Thomas Bouckley Collection at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (detail).

The six photos featured here are courtesy of The Thomas Bouckley Collection at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery.



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4. Parade celebrating the opening of the Armouries in 1914. Image courtesy of The Thomas Bouckley Collection at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (detail).

5. Wild Rice Bed or Manoomin, Oshawa Creek, 1922. Manoomin has been vital to the Anishinaabeg people for thousands of years providing essential nutrition and food sovereignty. Image courtesy of The Thomas Bouckley Collection at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (detail).

6. The Jubilee Pavilion opened in Lakeview Park on July 1, 1927. Date of image: 1927. Image courtesy of The Thomas Bouckley Collection at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (detail).

Send Flowers, Oshawa's Commemorative Enamel Pin

The City of Oshawa commissioned a local artist to design an official enamel pin to commemorate and celebrate the City of Oshawa's 100th anniversary. The selected design, *Send Flowers* from local artist Chrrie, brings together two unexpectedly iconic Oshawa elements: the peony and the stamp.

Before adopting the name "Oshawa," the settlement surrounding King and Simcoe streets was originally called Skae's Corners, after Edward Skae, the local general store owner. When Skae applied to run an official post office in 1842 he was told a new name would be needed for the location, which spurred the name change to Oshawa. The name "Oshawa" stems from an Anishinaabemowin (Ojibwe language) word meaning "a crossing place" and has further translation as "the point at the crossing of the stream where the canoe was exchanged for the trail."

Peonies, though native to Asia, Europe and Western North America, have come to be a symbol that represents the city as Oshawa hosts the annual, award-winning Peony Festival which draws thousands of people from across the country to Oshawa to celebrate their beauty.

This enamel pin is a keepsake that residents and community members can wear proudly to mark this significant milestone.



Centennial Commemorative Enamel Pin, *Send Flowers*, designed by Chrrie.

Oshawa artists Alexandra Luke and Isabel McLaughlin were instrumental to the history and development of The Robert McLaughlin Gallery. Luke was an important artist linked to the beginnings of abstract painting in Canada and a founding member of Painters Eleven, Ontario's first abstract painting group. McLaughlin was invited to exhibit her work alongside members of the Group of Seven and was the first female president of the Canadian Group of Painters. Both were patrons and supporters of the arts, providing financial support and gifts of significant works of art to The Robert McLaughlin Gallery.



Alexandra Luke in her Greenbriar Studio painting *Interior with Relics*, 1950. Image courtesy of The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (detail).



Isabel McLaughlin painting in the conservatory at Parkwood Estate, 1948. Image courtesy of The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (detail).

PUBLIC ART

The City of Oshawa is excited to commission new public artwork as part of our centennial celebrations! These projects support our vision for a community where public art is innovative, diverse and accessible to create vibrant public spaces and meaningful connections.

Ed Broadbent Waterfront Park Public Artwork

The City is working with Indigenous artists and community members on the development of a new permanent public artwork for Ed Broadbent Waterfront Park. We are thankful to the working group for their ongoing support and guidance of this initiative.



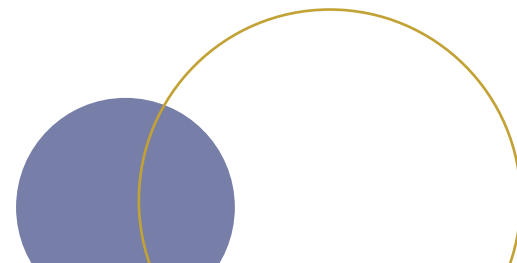
Garden of Human Rights in Ed Broadbent Waterfront Park, 2023.

Downtown Oshawa Urban Square Public Artwork

Through a national call to artists and a community-engaged selection process, the City will commission a new permanent public artwork for the forthcoming Downtown Oshawa Urban Square at Bond St. E. and Simcoe St. N.

Future Public Art Projects

The City is working on additional public art and community arts projects that will be launched throughout the year. To learn more, visit Oshawa.ca/CultureCounts.



TeachingCity CENTENNIAL PROJECTS

What is TeachingCity?

TeachingCity brings together the City of Oshawa and its education and research partners – Durham College, Ontario Tech University, Trent University Durham GTA and the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering. The partners address Oshawa’s urban issues through innovation, collaboration, applied research and shared experiential learning opportunities with the aim to position Oshawa as a local, national and global community of urban research and learning. To learn more about TeachingCity, visit TeachingCityOshawa.ca.



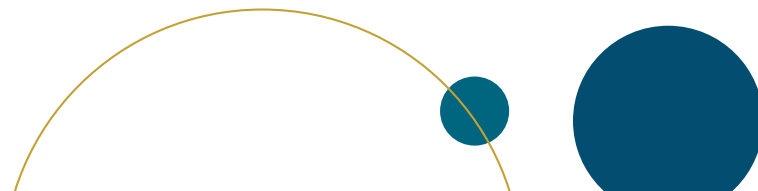
TeachingCity
Oshawa

TeachingCity Centennial Public Art Project

Fine Arts students from Durham College’s Community Collaborations course were invited to submit proposals for a temporary public art project commemorating Oshawa’s centennial. This visual celebration of Oshawa’s history asked students to consider activities, local landmarks and the local landscape as inspiration for their designs. Artworks will be reproduced on the windows of 1 Mary St. N. in downtown Oshawa.

Trailblazing Women Storymap

Durham College Journalism students celebrated International Women’s Day on March 8, 2024 by writing about trailblazing women from Oshawa’s past and present. Students researched and wrote articles highlighting the achievements of these trailblazing women. View the stories online at TeachingCityOshawa.ca.



LEGACY PROJECT

Rotary Park Redevelopment

Conceived in the 1920s, Rotary Park is located in the southern area of Oshawa's downtown and plays an important role in serving the outdoor recreation needs of, and providing open space to, residents living in the surrounding neighbourhoods. The park provides a connection to the Joseph Kolodzie Trail and close access to other downtown destinations such as City Hall, Oshawa Public Library, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery, the Arts Resource Centre, Oshawa Senior Community Centres 55+'s John Street Branch and Memorial Park.

In September 2022, and then reaffirmed in October 2023, Rotary Park was selected as Oshawa's centennial year legacy project by City Council. The project, which involved demolishing the existing facility, will now implement a new design that incorporates a new zero entry leisure pool, a major splash pad and a destination playground equipped with designated areas for various age groups. Other amenities included within the site redevelopment are accessible pathways and site furniture. Construction for Rotary Park will begin in 2024.

1. Postcard of the Rotary Park swimming pool, circa 1930s. Image courtesy of Oshawa Museum, Archival Collection.
2. Concept image for the redevelopment of Rotary Park, produced by Stantec Consulting Ltd., 2022-2024.



The City of Oshawa offers a variety of events throughout the year for residents and visitors to enjoy. In celebration of our centennial, new events have been developed and recurring community favourites have been enhanced.

We invite you to join us in celebrating our centennial with a year-long series of free events for everyone to enjoy.

For event details visit [Oshawa.ca/Events](https://www.oshawa.ca/Events) and find upcoming community events at [Oshawa.ca/365](https://www.oshawa.ca/365).

APRIL

COMMUNITIES WITH BROOMS

April 23
City Hall

Lend a hand at the Communities with Brooms event. Participate and help contribute to sprucing up downtown Oshawa's green spaces, parks and neighbourhood streets.

MAY

DOORS OPEN OSHAWA

May 4
Various locations throughout Oshawa

Doors Open Oshawa is a fascinating opportunity to explore extraordinary spaces and places in Oshawa! Celebrate the rich history and architecture of Oshawa by visiting unique buildings and sites across the city. Discover and learn more about places that shaped Oshawa's history and culture. This year, in honour of the centennial, this event will feature additional sites to highlight Oshawa's history and a variety of local artists and performers.

THE MAYOR'S CLEAN UP

May 25, June 22 and September 7
Various locations

Join the Mayor's Clean Up events in Oshawa and help beautify your community. Volunteer your time and make a difference in local parks, green spaces, trails and schoolyards.



Oshawa Civic Band perform at Memorial Park during Doors Open Oshawa, 2023.

MAY

PUBLIC ART IN OSHAWA

May 25

Location to be announced

Join us for an exciting day to celebrate and explore public art in Oshawa. This event will feature artist talks that inspire community engagement while spotlighting local artists. Explore the intersection of creativity and community as we showcase the diverse talents that contribute to public art in our city.



1.

JUNE

INDIGENOUS CULTURAL CELEBRATION

June 1

Ed Broadbent Waterfront Park

Celebrate Indigenous culture and arts at the recently opened Ed Broadbent Waterfront Park on June 1. Showcasing Indigenous stories and narratives, this event features traditional dance, music, visual arts and storytelling, celebrating the diversity of Indigenous cultures. This event takes place on the first day of National Indigenous History Month and is open to everyone.



2.

PEONY FESTIVAL

June 8 and 9

Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens and Children's Arena

In 2024, the Peony Festival celebrates its 20th anniversary. This highly anticipated annual event is recognized as one of Ontario's Top 100 Festivals and Events. During the award-winning festival, visitors admire Canada's largest contemporary peony collection in bloom in the garden and hundreds of cut blooms are on display at the juried Canadian Peony Society Peony Show inside the arena.



3.

1. *Upstart II* (1968/1987) by Clement Meadmore, located outside Oshawa City Hall, 2013. Collection of The Robert McLaughlin Gallery.
2. Nimkii Osawamick, Anishinaabe Hoop Dancer at an event hosted at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery, *Odibaadodaan: Celebrating First Nation, Inuit and Métis Storytellers*, 2023. Image courtesy of Laurie Woo.
3. Peony Festival, 2023. Image courtesy of Oh Canada Creative.

JULY

CANADA DAY

July 1
Lakeview Park

Come and join in the City of Oshawa's Canada Day celebration! This event offers a wide variety of entertainment, including performances by local artists, cultural partners and other talented entertainers. Enjoy live music, children's activities, midway rides, beach activities, community displays, food vendors and a dazzling fireworks display. This year, to celebrate the centennial, there will be additional entertainment and an enhanced fireworks display.

EVENTS IN THE PARK

July to September
Various locations

Celebrate the centennial year with additional events taking place throughout Oshawa. Enjoy live music, theatre and cinema in the great outdoors during Events in the Park.

AUGUST

KARS ON KING

August 23
Downtown Oshawa

Kars on King is an annual event that attracts car enthusiasts from around the country to see classic vehicles from 1991 or older. The streets of downtown Oshawa are lined with various makes and models of all kinds for visitors to enjoy. This fantastic event includes live entertainment, local vendors, children's activities, vehicle displays and much more. This year's festival will showcase Oshawa-made vehicles, connecting the City's automotive history with new audiences.



Kars on King, 2023. Image courtesy of Oh Canada Creative.

SEPTEMBER

ART PROGRAMMING AT CONVERGENCE

September 21
Downtown Oshawa

Now in its second year, Convergence is an exciting music and arts festival, organized by Oshawa Tourism, that calls people to downtown Oshawa to experience its vibrant music and art scene.

New for the centennial year, the City of Oshawa will collaborate with The Robert McLaughlin Gallery to deliver the art programming for Convergence 2024. The visual and public art components will offer memorable and impactful experiences for festivalgoers and showcase a range of art disciplines.



Convergence Festival, 2023. Image courtesy of Oshawa Tourism.

OCTOBER

CULTURE DAYS

October 5
Various locations

Culture Days is a national celebration of arts and culture. Every fall, millions of people attend thousands of free participatory arts and culture events both in-person and online. In Oshawa, Culture Days programs invite the public to get hands-on and behind-the-scenes to highlight the importance of arts and culture in our communities.



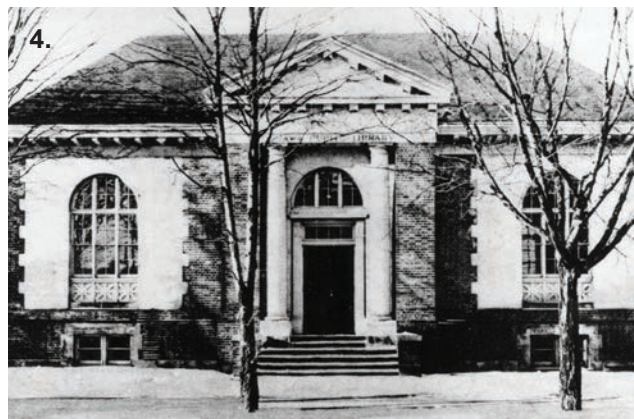
1. Peony Art Creation workshop with Ting Chen during Culture Days, 2023.
2. Annual tree lighting at Memorial Park as part of Bright and Merry Market, 2023.
3. Stilt walkers strolling at Delpark Homes Centre for Oshawa Celebrates, 2023.
4. Entrance to the Oshawa Public Library at Simcoe St. S. and Athol St. W. The library opened in 1909. Image courtesy of Oshawa Museum, Archival Collection.

NOVEMBER

BRIGHT AND MERRY MARKET

November 15
Downtown Oshawa

Kick off the holiday season with Oshawa's Bright and Merry Market! It's a block party inspired celebration that will fill you with the holiday spirit, featuring live entertainment, food vendors, hands-on activities, crafts and the tree lighting.



DECEMBER

OSHAWA CELEBRATES

December 31
Delpark Homes Centre

Join us for Oshawa Celebrates, a family-friendly New Year's Eve event featuring skating, swimming, crafts and live entertainment to wrap up the year-long centennial celebration.



In the early days of library service in Oshawa, the loan period for each book checked out depended on its length. The loan period was one week for every 100 pages.

Centennial Community Grant Fund

The City of Oshawa introduced a one-time Centennial Community Grant Fund as part of our annual Oshawa Community Grant program. This grant is designed to support the development and delivery of events and activities that celebrate the people, places and milestones that connect to Oshawa, past, present and future.

Centennial Post-Secondary Award

The City of Oshawa is excited to offer the 2024 Centennial Post-Secondary Award program in partnership with Durham College, Ontario Tech University and Trent University Durham GTA. This program supports the academic pursuits of students by providing one-time awards to two students at each of the partnering institutions. The program is exclusively available to students who live in Oshawa and have completed their high school education in Oshawa.

Animal Services' 100th Adoption

To mark Oshawa's centennial anniversary, Oshawa Animal Services will sponsor the 100th adoption of 2024, which will be an exciting surprise for the adopter!

This milestone highlights the collective effort of our community, volunteers, fosters, partners and supporters, who share our commitment to finding loving homes for pets in need. The journey to 100 adoptions in 2024 is a testament to our dedication to animal welfare and the belief that every adoption represents a transformative story.



Piggy the dog and Kat the cat were adopted as a bonded pair and are still happily living with their forever family, 2021. Image courtesy of Kayleigh McGovern.

Environmental Projects

The City of Oshawa is committed to environmental protection initiatives and is proud to present this slate of events focused on appreciating, enhancing and restoring the world around us.

For event details and registration information visit [Oshawa.ca/Events](https://www.oshawa.ca/Events).

GARDENING IN A NEW SUBDIVISION

March 21
Online

Join the Durham Master Gardeners for an informative workshop on *Gardening in a New Subdivision: What to Do and What to Avoid*. The workshop will cover standard gardening situations as well as some additional challenges that homeowners may face.

GARDENING FOR POLLINATORS

April 27
Arts Resource Centre

Durham Master Gardeners will lead an in-person workshop that focuses on the importance of native pollinators that can support the survival and growth of bee populations against the threat of habitat loss.

POLLINATOR PLANTING

May 4
Gold Point Wildlife Reserve

Join us in the planting of native pollinator species at Gold Point Wildlife Reserve, located within the Gold Point Coastal Provincially Significant Wetland, to support pollinator health and biodiversity. Help create a sustainable ecosystem for generations to come.

RAISING MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

May 23
Arts Resource Centre

Join the Durham Master Gardeners as they present “Raising Monarch Butterflies.” Monarch populations have been on the rise thanks to homeowners and gardeners planting milkweed to encourage their development. Learn what to do when you find those caterpillars on your milkweed.



Environmental Projects (cont'd)

TREE TOUR: OSHAWA VALLEY BOTANICAL GARDENS

July 13

Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens

Explore the beauty of the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens and enhance your tree identification skills with a guided walk. Join LEAF, a non-profit organization, for a free tree tour of the Gardens. After the tour, use our self-guided activity sheet to explore further.

CENTENNIAL TREE PLANTING

September 29

Gold Point Wildlife Reserve

Join us in our efforts to expand the City's tree canopy and support the restoration of Gold Point Wildlife Reserve. Our restoration plantings aim to improve and expand the migratory butterfly stopover and preserve significant wildlife habitat.

1. Memory Garden at the Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens, 2023.
Image courtesy of Mark Denee.

2. Gold Point Wildlife Reserve, 1221 Philip Murray Ave., 2023.



GARDENS

The City is planting centennial anniversary gardens in four of the City's garden beds. The gardens were designed using the colour purple. The designs include various purple-flowered plants such as ageratum, Mexican heather, several types of salvia, Sunpatiens and Zinnia Zesty Purple.

Don't miss the centennial-themed flower beds in 2024!

They are worth checking out and are located at:

- City Hall – planters along Centre St.
- Delpark Homes Centre – south entrance
- King St. W. at Bond St. W.
- Ritson Rd. N. at Rossland Rd. E.

TREE PLANTINGS

In honour of the centennial, the City will plant more trees this year, including large caliper trees at Delpark Homes Centre.

TREE GIVEAWAY AND FILM SCREENING

The Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee has some exciting plans in the works for this year, including a tree giveaway and film screening. Both events will take place in the fall of 2024.



1. Community tree planting event at Russett Park, 2023.

2. The City of Oshawa Greenhouse, 919 Farewell St., 2019.



To celebrate the centennial year, the City of Oshawa planted approximately 67,000 bulbs in the fall of 2023, which will bloom in the spring of 2024. Approximately 40,000 tulips as well as daffodils, crocuses, hyacinths and others were planted throughout the city's garden beds, including at City Hall, Oshawa Valley Botanical Gardens, Hospital Court, Lakeview Park, Ed Broadbent Waterfront Park, Delpark Homes Centre and the intersections at King St. and Bond St. and King St. and Harmony Rd.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

We invite you to explore all that the community has to offer. Check out this collection of events, offered by community groups and organizations for you to enjoy.

Please note, some events may have specific timing or pricing and may be subject to change. For up-to-date information, please visit the event's website.

For additional community event details visit the Community Calendar at Oshawa.ca/365.

CANADIAN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM

canadianautomotivemuseum.com

MARCH BREAK AT THE CANADIAN AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM

March 11 to 15

THIRD THURSDAY TALK: THE SCIENCE OF FOSSIL FUELS

March 21

THIRD THURSDAY TALK: FORD FACTORIES ACROSS CANADA

April 18

THIRD THURSDAY TALK: EXIT THE HORSE - THE EARLY YEARS OF CANADIAN MOTORING

May 16

SUMMER KIDS' DAY

July 20 & August 17

THE ONTARIO REGIMENT RCAC MUSEUM

ontrmuseum.ca

MARCH BREAK TANK SCHOOL

March 11 to 15

TANK SATURDAY: EVOLUTION

May 11

TANK SATURDAY: NORMANDY

JUNE 8

AQUINO TANK WEEKEND

July 26 to 28

TANK SATURDAY: AFGHANISTAN

September 15

TANK SATURDAY: ARMAGEDDON

October 19

OSHAWA MUSEUM

oshawamuseum.org

WALKING TOUR: UNION CEMETERY

May 11

TEA & WORKSHOP

May 12

WALKING TOUR: DOWNTOWN OSHAWA

June 8

WALKING TOUR: LAKEVIEW PARK HISTORY

July 13

GRANDPA HENRY'S PICNIC

July 14

MCLAUGHLIN DAY – CARRIED AWAY WITH CARRIAGES

August 5

OSHAWA MUSEUM (cont'd)

**WALKING TOUR:
HISTORY OF THE HOLLOWS**
August 10

SCENES FROM THE CEMETERY
September 21 to 22

WALKING TOUR
October 5

TEA & TALK: OSHAWA AT 100
October 20

HALLOWEEN AT THE HARBOUR
October 26

AN EVENING OF LAMPLIGHT
December 7



Image courtesy of the Canadian Automotive Museum.

OSHAWA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

oshawalibrary.ca

1920s READING CHALLENGE
January 1 to March 31

OSHAWA'S BIRTHDAY PARTY
March 9

LOCAL HISTORY SPEAKER SERIES
March 19

LOCAL HISTORY SPEAKER SERIES
April 16

**LOCAL HISTORY SPEAKER SERIES:
OSHAWA NURSING SCHOOL**
May 21

**TRAVELLING STAGE: DANCING
THROUGH THE DECADES**
May 29

**LOCAL HISTORY SPEAKER SERIES:
OSHAWA'S UNWRITTEN HISTORIES
BOOK LAUNCH**
November 19

OSHAWA SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTRES 55+

oscc.ca

**SENIORBRATION:
CELEBRATING SENIOR'S MONTH**
June 6

OSCC55+ OPEN HOUSE
September 5

OSHAWA TOURISM

BOUJEE BITES
June 5
oshawatourism.com

CONVERGENCE
September 21
convergenceoshawa.com

HALLOWEEN PARADE
October 19
oshawatourism.com

SANTA CLAUS PARADE OF LIGHTS
November 16
oshawasantaclausparade.org

PARKWOOD NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

parkwoodestate.com

MOVIE TOURS

March 13 to 17

EASTER TEA

March 23

TEACUPS AND TIARAS

April 6

PRIVATE SPACES TEA

April 13

WINE AND CHOCOLATE

May 22

PRIVATE SPACES TOURS

April 18 to 21

MOTHER'S DAY TEA AND VENDOR POPUP

May 4

SPRING FEST VENDOR MARKET

June 1

LAVENDER PICNIC

July 7

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

July 12

BEER FEST

July 20

BASEMENT TOURS

July 27 to August 5

SOLDIERS' PLOTS, UNION CEMETERY TOUR, PRESENTED WITH OSHAWA MUSEUM

September 14

FALL FEST VENDOR MARKET

October 5

SERVANTS TOURS

October 17 to 20 and October 24 to 27

WWII TOURS

November 6 to 10

WINTER FEST AND FRIENDS AND FAMILY SALE

November 23 to 24

CHRISTMAS TOURS

November 27 to December 30

GRINCH READING

November 29 to 30

CHRISTMAS TEAS

December 5 to 8

THE ROBERT MCLAUGHLIN GALLERY

rmg.on.ca

OSHAWA: 100 YEARS EXHIBITION

January 2024 to January 2025

RMG FRIDAYS: THE BIG HAT

April 5

REFLECT: SENIORS ART COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION 2024

August 17 to September 29

OPG SUNDAY: CELEBRATING CENTENNIAL

September 8

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

March 8 to 10, March 13 to 17,
March 23 to 24 and April 6 to 7
CLOCA - Purple Woods
Conservation Area
cloca.com

FAIRY/TORCH WALK

April 5
CLOCA - Purple Woods
Conservation Area
cloca.com

OSHAWA MUSIC WEEK

April 2 to 6
Durham College
oshawamusicweek.ca

BIG DRUM SOCIAL

April 20
Durham Region Community Health
Centre - Donevan Recreation Complex
careachc.ca

DURHAM CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

May 11 & October 5
Durham Craft Beer Festival -
Children's Arena
durhamcraftbeer.ca

FIESTA CONCERT AND STREET FESTIVAL

June 16
Oshawa Folk Arts Council - Memorial
Park and Centre St.
oshawafiestaweek.ca

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FIESTA WEEK

June 17 to 22
Oshawa Folk Arts Council - Multiple
Locations
oshawafiestaweek.ca

OSHAWA FIRE FIT

August 10 to 11
Firefit of Canada -
Delpark Homes Centre
firefit.com

RIBFEST

August 16 to 18
Rotary Club of Oshawa - Lakeview Park
oshawaribfest.com

DURHAM FILIPINO FEST

September 7
Durham Filipino Fest - Memorial Park
durhamfilipinofest.org

DURHAM BLUES FESTIVAL

September 13 to 15
Durham Blues Festival -
Regent Theatre
durhambluesfestival.ca

THE OSHAWA MUSIC AWARDS

September 22
The O.M.A.s - Regent Theatre
theomas.ca

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

September 30
Various
Oshawa.ca/365

OSHAWA GENERALS SEASON STARTING

End of September/October
Tribute Communities Centre
oshawagenerals.com

CIBC RUN FOR THE CURE

October 6
Canadian Cancer Society -
Lakeview Park
cancer.ca

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY EVENTS (cont'd)

2024 U SPORTS MEN'S SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

November 7 to 10

Ontario Tech University - Vaso's Field
goridgebacks.com

REMEMBRANCE DAY

November 11

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 43 -
Memorial Park
rclbr43.com

TRIBUTE COMMUNITIES CENTRE

Various events and dates

Tribute Communities Centre
tributecommunitiescentre.com



The Oshawa School of Nursing was founded in 1910 at the newly opened Oshawa Hospital and was in operation there until 1973 when the nursing program moved to Durham College.

1. Having fun during a Sleigh Party, 1910.
Image courtesy of The Thomas Bouckley Collection at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery.
2. Oshawa General Hospital School of Nursing students at Alexandra Park, 1923.
Image courtesy of Oshawa Museum, Archival Collection.

History of Oshawa General Hospital

In a time when communities lacked hospitals, dedicated doctors, nurses, and midwives traversed neighbourhoods, tending to patients one home at a time. A group of women from Oshawa, led by Adelaide McLaughlin, spearheaded the quest for a proper hospital in Oshawa.

Starting with door-to-door campaigns in 1906, the Oshawa Hospital Women's Auxiliary rallied the community, resulting in the grand opening of the Oshawa General Hospital in August 1910, laying the foundation for decades of growth and expansion. Three expansions in its first 15 years, including the Pedlar Surgical Wing and McLaughlin Maternity Wing, solidified its role as a vital community institution.



Oshawa General Hospital, 1910.
Image courtesy of Lakeridge Health Foundation.

Formation of Lakeridge Health

In 1998, the Oshawa General Hospital joined forces with various health services in Durham Region, giving rise to what we now know as Lakeridge Health. This merger paved the way for a health system committed to enhancing the well-being of one of Ontario's fastest-growing regions. Today, boasting five hospitals, four Emergency Departments, over 20 community healthcare hubs and a devoted team comprising 5,400 employees, 760 physicians and 1,500 volunteers, Lakeridge Health stands as a beacon of comprehensive healthcare excellence.

Lakeridge Health Oshawa is also home to Lakeridge Health Education and Research Network (L.H.E.A.R.N.). L.H.E.A.R.N. is a hub for advanced training, education and research serving Durham Region and Ontario. Health care providers within Lakeridge Health and throughout the province can stay up-to-date with the latest advances in clinical care through L.H.E.A.R.N.'s continuing education opportunities.



Photo of Lakeridge Health, Oshawa Hospital, 2021.
Image courtesy of Metroland, Ryan Pfeiffer.

About the 100+ Branding

The design of the 100+ branding, including the wordmark, colour palette, type fonts and background graphics, has been provided by Aftershock Creative, a longstanding fixture in the Oshawa business community.

The design, which is showcased in this publication as well as other key centennial marketing communications, is infused with a sense of celebration and excitement.

The 100+ logo has been thoughtfully designed. The plus symbol acknowledges the long history of human activity in the area we call “Oshawa,” predating the formal incorporation of the region as the “City of Oshawa.” This land is the Traditional and Treaty Territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg and the signatories of the Williams Treaties.



On November 7, 1953 General Motors Oshawa Car Assembly started producing vehicles at the current location at Park Road South and Wentworth Street. Although Oshawa had been building automobiles since 1907, this was the beginning of a massive expansion in southern Oshawa that is still producing vehicles today.

Aerial view, looking north-east, of downtown Oshawa in 1920, including the General Motors plant from south of Athol St. and west of Simcoe St. S. Image courtesy of The Thomas Bouckley Collection at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (detail).

Oshawa's Coat of Arms

The proposal for a new Coat of Arms for the City of Oshawa was made by Mr. T.K. Creighton, Q.C. to City Council on April 30, 1951, and immediately received the support of City Council and local organizations.

The design, which was prepared by Joan M. Brook of Pickering, Ontario, was formally adopted by City Council on May 5, 1952 as the official Coat of Arms, or Crest of the City of Oshawa, and incorporated in the seal of the Corporation.

A proposal to add the beaver at the top of the City's Crest to symbolize Canada was formally adopted by City Council on June 19, 1967. The proposal resulted in the beaver being placed at the top of the City's Crest and on medals which were awarded to champions for several years.



City of Oshawa Mayors from 1924 to Present Day

TERM	MAYOR	TERM	MAYOR	TERM	MAYOR
1924	W.J. Trick	1940-1941	J.C. Anderson	1967-1968	Ernest Marks
1925	Herbert Schell	1942-1943	W.H. Gifford	1969	Hayward Murdoch
1926-1928	Robert Preston	1944	A.G. Davis	1970	Bruce Mackey
1929-1930	T.B. Mitchell	1945	W.H. Gifford	1971-1973	Edward McNeely
1931	Ernest Marks	1946-1948	Frank McCallum	1973-1981	James Potticary
1932	P.A. Macdonald	1949-1952	Michael Starr	1981-1990	Allan Pilkey
1932	Thomas Hawkes	1953-1954	John Naylor	1990-1991	Allan J. Mason
1933-1935	W.E.N. Sinclair	1955	Norman Down	1991-2003	Nancy Diamond
1936	John Stacey	1956-1957	John Naylor	2003-2010	John Gray
1937	Alex Hall	1958-1960	Lyman Gifford	2010-2018	John Henry
1938	Alex McLeese	1961-1962	Christine Thomas	2018-Present	Dan Carter
1939	J.A. Coleman	1963-1966	Lyman Gifford		

Thank You

The City of Oshawa would like to extend thanks to our centennial sponsors for their generous support. Community partnerships such as these build stronger communities and we are grateful for your participation in this year's celebration.

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Announcer at Oshawa High School Field Day, 1913. Image courtesy of The Thomas Bouckley Collection at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (detail).

Content Disclaimer

Oshawa is a vibrant city comprised of many significant individuals, organizations, cultures and communities. Our city has a rich and diverse history and culture that cannot be fully captured within this publication, and we acknowledge that many important and meaningful memories and histories may have been unintentionally omitted.

Disclaimer

This publication includes many events happening in 2024 throughout the city. Please note that some information is subject to change. Please check the website listed under each event for the most accurate information.

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Streetview of King St. W. at Prince St. looking east, 1910. Image courtesy of The Thomas Bouckley Collection at The Robert McLaughlin Gallery.

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