

DID YOU KNOW?

- Aylmer was originally referred to as “Troy & Hodginson’s Corners” until 1835 when it was named after Lord Aylmer, the Governor in Chief of British North America.
- In 1874, two fires engulfed 40 buildings nearly destroying the entire village.
- Sir John A. MacDonalld, the first Prime Minister of Canada, spoke at the Old Town Hall.
- On October 9, 1891, a rabies epidemic swept across the nation, hitting Aylmer in particular.
- In 1909, Aylmer’s Electric Plant exploded plunging the town into darkness, cutting off the water supply, and taking the life of the plant engineer.
- Colonel Thomas Talbot named Malahide after the famous Malahide Castle in County Dublin, Ireland where he was born in 1771.
- 1810 was the year the Township was surveyed and 1815 was the first appearance of Council in Malahide Township.


Are you a HISTORY BUFF?

- Do you enjoy admiring heritage buildings?
- Learning about early settlements?
- Exploring museums?

If you said ‘yes’ then you most definitely *are* a history buff! Aylmer Ontario has a rich history dating back as early as 1800! Take a self-guided heritage tour and admire different types of architecture, visit one of our museums. Aylmer will be sure to fill your appetite for history!



HISTORY IN *Aylmer* & MALAHIDE



Maple Hurst, Aylmer Ontario
Home of David Marshall, MD Photo Courtesy of Bob Smith.

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HERITAGE TOUR

You can hike or bike your way through a self-guided tour of Aylmer's Heritage Buildings and places of interest. The tour highlights homes, businesses and places of worship that have been recognized by the Aylmer Heritage Committee. Pick up your Heritage tour map and booklet!



Aylmer Secondary School circa 1900

For a mere \$15,000, the Victorian edifice style highschool was built on site of the present high school in 1886. The original high school, built in 1873 became a part of McGregor Public School.

Where to find it

362 Talbot St. W, Aylmer, Ontario N5H 1K6
www.tvdsb.ca/EastElgin

AYLMER-MALAHIDE MUSEUM

The museum houses an interesting collection of 19th century Victorian art pieces, a glass gallery, containing examples of pressed, art, cut, and depression glass as well as a collection of business and private papers. There are special exhibits throughout the season, with Memorable Mondays, which are held on the second Monday of every month. Open March to late November.



The Museum *is* Heritage

The Aylmer-Malahide Museum is in one of Aylmer's historic buildings. This house is estimated to have been built in the 1940's with bricks from another home that was torn down at an earlier time.

Where to find it

14 East Street Aylmer, Ontario N5H 1W2
www.amtelecom.net/~aylmermuseum

GAY LEA DAIRY HERITAGE MUSEUM

View the fabulous exhibits showcasing the rich agricultural history of Southern Ontario. Kids and adults will love the displays highlighting former local dairies and dairy farms.



If that's not enough to keep the kids busy, let them check out the life-size animals, sleigh and vehicles, blacksmith and barrel-making corners and much, much more! Perfect for families, antique-lovers, and history buffs.

Where to find it

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