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President's Message



I hope that this message finds everyone in good health and in good spirits. I have to admit, the last few years have been difficult, however, there seems to be a return to a new sense of normalcy - and higher prices for about everything. This pandemic is determined to get you one way or the other.

As for the IPA, more and more countries seem to be opening up to visitors and more events are being organized for members. As for Region 6, we are happy to have started our monthly brunches and it has been really nice to see familiar members again. Each month, we try to have a brunch in a different geographical area to entice local members to come out. If you haven't attended a brunch yet, grab the family and join us. Friends are also welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who voted on Resolutions prior to the 2021 National AGM. Even though only 60% of the membership voted, Region 6 did have a higher percentage than all the other Regions. Unfortunately, as Resolutions were submitted without a seconder, a requirement in our National Bylaws, all Resolutions had to be rejected. While this was embarrassing to the National Executive Board, it was only one of a series of errors and omissions made leading up to the AGM. When the Statutes were written, they were written for in-person meetings so voting in advance of the AGM and not having a seconder caused the Resolutions to be rejected. The Board of Directors and the National Executive Board have signed a retainer with a highly regarded legal firm who specialize in the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act and it is expected that the PA Canada Statutes will be modified to correct the above and other deficiencies found in the Statutes.

As you may be aware, Teresa Holmes, our Regional Secretary, has stepped down from her role as Editor-at-large and no one has volunteered to take her place. Teresa's assistance in creating the Newsletter was invaluable so I am sad to say, **this may be our last Newsletter**. If anyone is interested in filling her position, please contact me. For those that might be interested, the primary responsibility of the position is to collect articles that we can publish for a newsletter that is released in the Spring and Fall.

On a positive note, after my message went out for member articles, Bob Pyefinch, a long time IPA member and Region 6 member, provided Region 6 permission to republish short histories of various police services in Ontario. Bob operates the Canadian Police Insignia Collectors Association (<https://cpica.ca/>).

Here's looking to a safe and happy 2022.



The Act of Remembrance

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.
We will remember them.*

FREE BBQ FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

On Friday, 24 September 2021, IPA Region 6 hosted a free BBQ for members of Law Enforcement in Ottawa. Thanks to the Ottawa Police Association, we were permitted to setup in their parking lot directly across from the OPA building on Catherine Street.

Well before the 11:00 a.m. start time, Region 6 members quickly got to work setting up and grilling hot dogs and hamburgers. Chips and pop were added to make an excellent combo. With a little bit of help from the wind... actually a lot of wind, the savouring smells hot off the grill wafted throughout the city and soon attracted one Policeman, followed by another, and another, and another.

It was not long before the word got out and the parking lot quickly filled up with numerous police vehicles and hungry officers, along with Ottawa Police Communications Centre personnel and plain clothes officers. Eating their fill, they were astonished and very grateful for our show of gratitude. Working day and night throughout the extended Covid-19 restrictions, having to deal with the increased mental health and violence calls, any show of support is much appreciated. Mouth-watering grilled burgers and dogs sure hit the spot and made their day!



policeman's day. Initially there was a province wide Covid-19 lockdown which extended to the month of July 2021. Following that, there were consistent threats of a fourth Covid-19 lockdown. Planning was a supreme challenge, however, the EC members were determined to see the BBQ event through to completion. Finding a location was yet another challenge. Wanting to be central and accessible to members of Law Enforcement, we finally achieved success when the Ottawa Police Association offered us the use of their parking lot. Huge thanks to them for their support. The EC members then had to set up and ensure the food was handled and presented to the attendants in compliance with Covid-19 restrictions.

Len MacPherson, our Region 6 President was busy greeting visitors, providing them with information about the IPA Association and handing out Region 6 brochures. Len expressed surprise when all attendees indicated they had not heard of the IPA, but certainly all expressed interest, especially with the international travel.

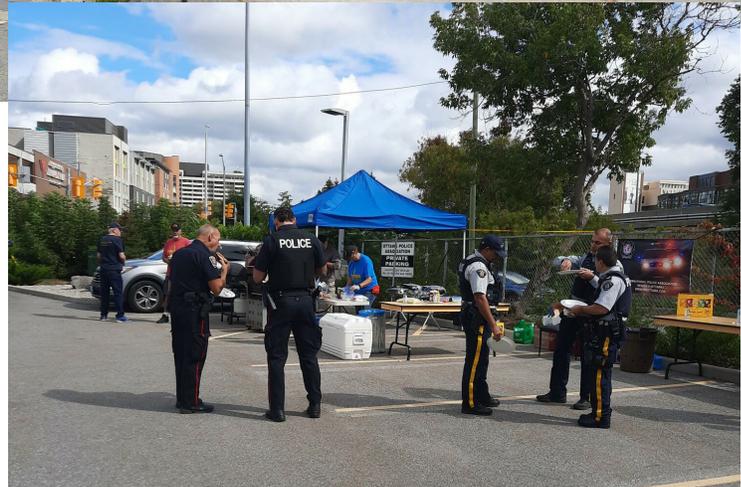
Planning this BBQ for Law Enforcement was many, many months in the making. Members of the Region 6 Executive Committee (EC) expressed a desire back in early spring 2021 as a way of passing on a much needed thanks and trying to brighten up a



Our BBQ cooks were Region 6 EC Travel and Supply coordinator, Bill Murrell, along with his lovely wife Anne and Region 6 member Jeff Pinhey. Region 6 Secretary Teresa Holmes and the Region 6 President's lovely wife, Pat dished out the condiments on the burgers and dogs in order to ensure there was no potential for contamination. Visits and support by other Region 6 members was appreciated and were beneficial in conversing with police personnel.

All in all, the first free BBQ for Appreciation to Law Enforcement was considered a huge success. The First responder turnout was very good and all

leftover food was taken to the Ottawa Mission, who were equally surprised and appreciative.



Written by Teresa Holmes

Honeymooners from Germany Visit Ottawa



Time Bartholme and his new bride Constanze visited Ottawa during their honeymoon in Canada.

Time is a K9 Sergeant with the Bavarian State Police working in Munich and Constanze is a civilian member of the Federal Police, also working in Munich. Constanze is also the head of IPA Munich. In advance of the arrival, they requested a meeting with a local police agency.

Bill Murrell, our R6 Travel Coordinator and former OPS Sergeant made arrangements for a 4 hour visit with OPA Sgt. Paul Smith and three constables that were training to be OPS K9 officers. The first segment of the visit involved watching the dogs and their handlers complete the obstacle course and then it was off to Kanata to watch simulated tracking.



After leaving Ottawa, the new couple had plans to visit Mont Tremblant, Quebec City, Montreal, possibly Kingston and then back to Toronto. As they missed seeing bears in Algonquin Park, Bill recommended that they stop at Parc Omega on their way to Mont Tremblant.

Upon their return to Germany, Constanze sent Bill an email in which she stated “we had a fantastic time in Canada and enjoyed each day. Thank you again for your recommendation with Parc Omega. Before we left Ottawa, we bought the carrots. On the way to Mont Tremblant we visited Parc Omega. It was amazing.”

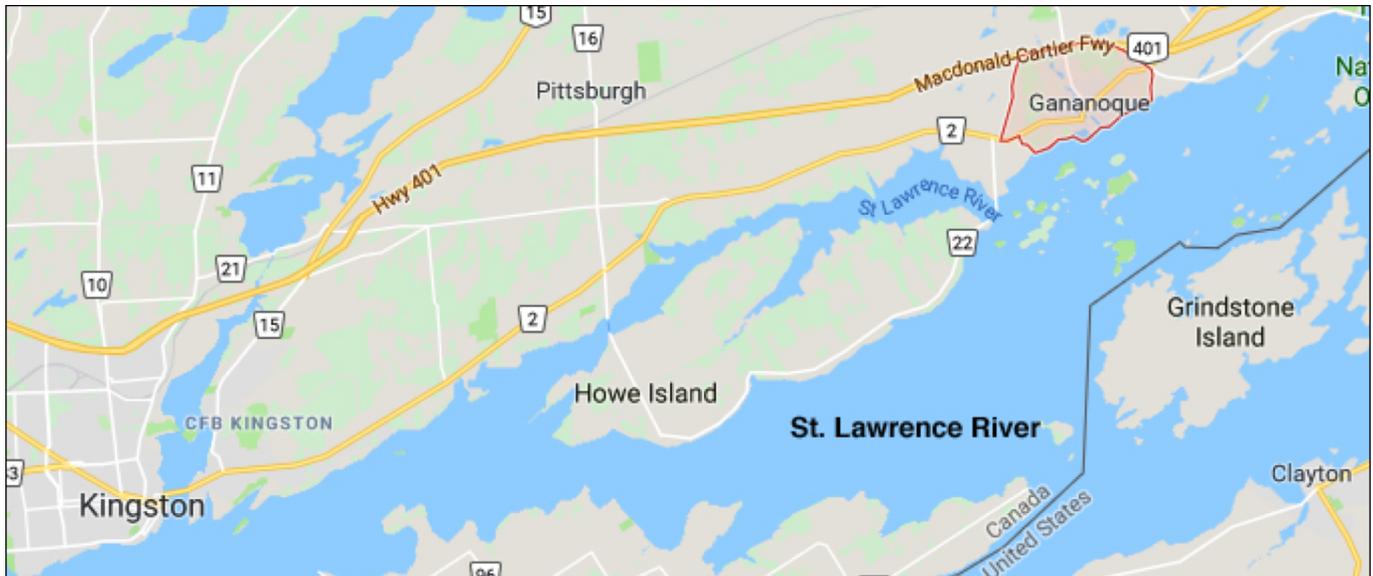
Thanks go out to Bill and the OPS Dog Squad for making their trip to the Ottawa area such a success.



Gananoque, Ontario

Gananoque is located along the St. Lawrence River, mid-way between Toronto and Montreal and 29 km east of Kingston, along Highway #2.

It was initially settled in 1793 and continued to grow with numerous water-powered mills established on both sides of the Gananoque River. By the early 19th century, a tannery, a tool manufacturing plant and a harness and carriage factory were thriving industries.



According to the article, *“The History of the Gananoque Police Service”*, policing in this community began on December 31st 1863, when John H. Smith was hired for \$20 a year. (fees for service were likely extra income). In 1875, the town appointed Naussa Acton as their Chief Constable. He stayed on the job for twelve years before handing in his resignation.

On February 12, 1887, Edward J. Ryan, an iron worker by trade, was hired as Chief Constable at a salary of \$450.00 per year.

As was the custom at the time, Chief Ryan was given added responsibilities such as Sanitary Inspector, Truant Officer, and even Inspector of Noxious Weeds. He usually had a staff of two other constables, with other special constables available when required for occasions such as Canada Day and Halloween.

The present day Gananoque police web site indicates that Chief Ryan was well respected and referred to as "Eddie" as much as he was called "Chief". A newspaper article, reporting a trial held in Kingston in which Chief Ryan was a witness, referred to him as the *“pride of Gananoque”* and *“a polished athlete, tall, straight, broad shouldered, intelligent and dressed in a neat fitting uniform.”*

Ryan worked through a time of many changes in the community. He saw its inauguration as a Town in January of 1890, which earned him the title, Gananoque's first Police Chief. He would also witness the introduction of electricity and electric street lights, telephones, and automobiles.



While these were impressive innovations for the time, Chief Ryan found that the town officials were not keen on spending tax dollars to update the police office and the department's equipment. His requests for funding would go on for several years before Council finally granted his improvements.

Eddie Ryan, shown at the left, led the Gananoque Police until June 8th, 1918. On that night, Chief Ryan had single handily outwitted and captured two escapees who were at large from the Fort Henry Jail in Kingston.

Returning home, he complained to wife about pain in his side. Eddie Ryan passed away in his sleep in the early hours of the next morning at the age of fifty-seven.

He left behind his two sons, and

a career he enjoyed for thirty-one years. His body laid in state in the Council Chambers and out of respect, factories and businesses closed during the hours of the funeral.

During Chief Ryan's tenure, Constable James Shine was hired in April of 1912. Unfortunately, after struggling with an arrestee and managing to bring his prisoner to the jail, he collapsed and died.

Believing Shine to have been in poor health previous to accepting the position, Gananoque town council decreed that all future applicants must provide "*a certificate of physical condition from the medical officer of health*".

William Chevis, shown at the right, replaced Eddie Ryan and served as chief from 1918 until 1936.





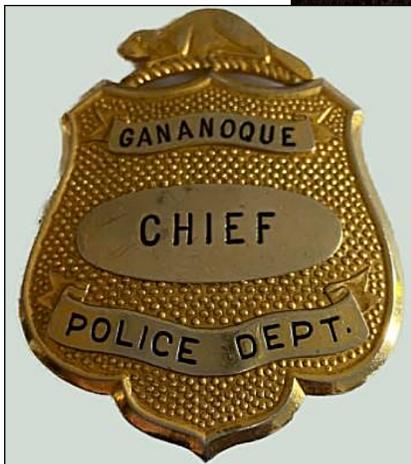
Reginald Morrison, shown at the left, took over in 1936 and led the force until 1950.

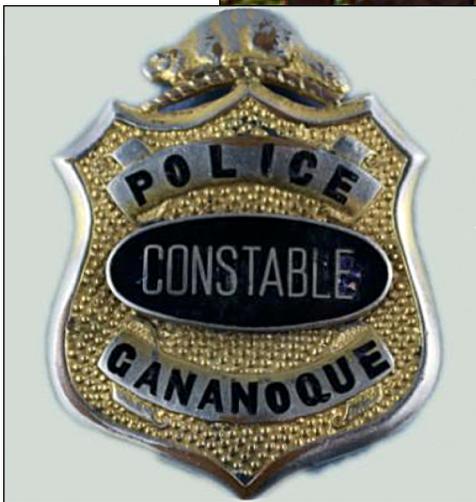
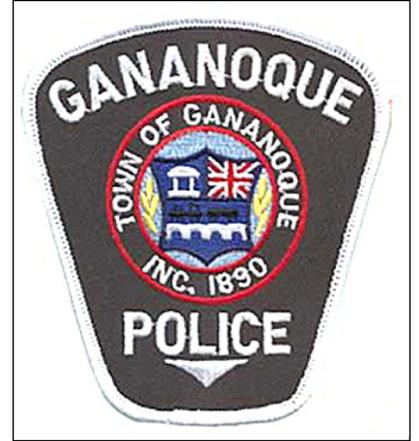
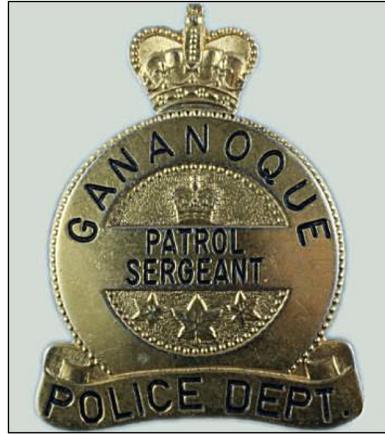
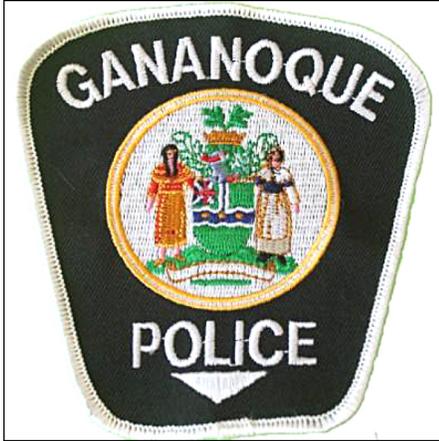
Morely M. Durnford, a veteran of twenty-four years with the OPP (Sergeant upon retirement) succeeded Chief Morrison. Unfortunately, he died in September of 1951 at the age of forty-eight.

In May of 1959, Chief Edward Lancaster was in charge and asking the Town Council for funds to send his officers to the Ontario Police College in Aylmer for seven weeks of training after one full year of service. It was during his tenure that Gananoque's first set of traffic lights were installed at the corner of King and Charles Streets.

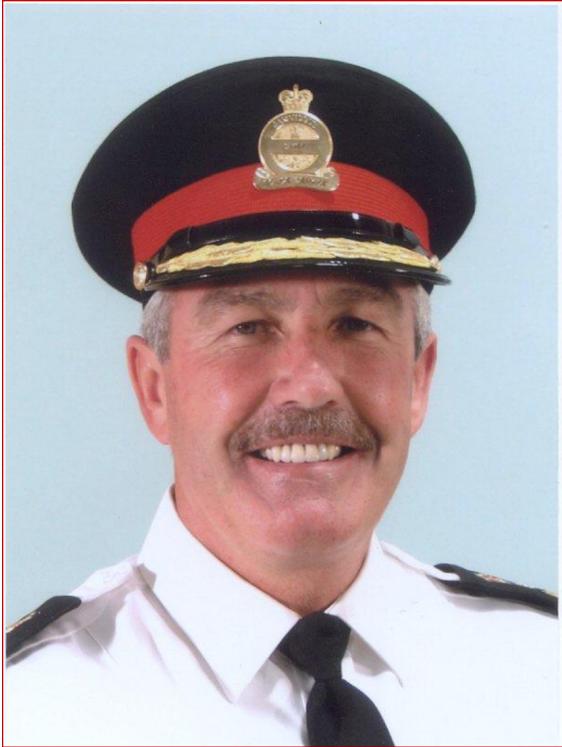
Chief Lancaster is shown seated on the right.

Standing left to right are:
Constable Ken Huntley, Corporal Frank Eaton, Constable Clarence Boucher, Constable Howard Dorey and Constable Bruce Leakey. c. mid 1950s





This group photo was taken in 1977.



Gananoque native Robert Parrish, shown at the left, joined his home town's police force in 1981. At the time he died in 2008, he was still serving as the town's police chief and only a year away from retirement.

After his unexpected death at age fifty-three, Sergeant Rhonda Sherboneau took over as acting chief.

Sherboneau speaking of Parrish: *"He was a great boss."* she said. *"He was my friend first and my boss second. You're going to hear that a lot when you talk to people, he was so easy going."*



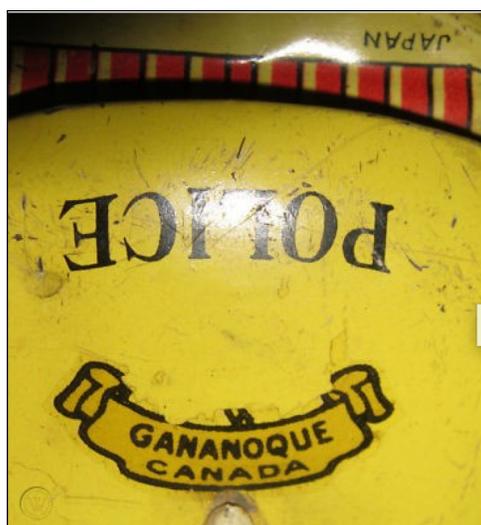
Kai Liu, shown at the left, was the first Asian officer hired by the city of Ottawa. He left that force with the rank of inspector to lead the Gananoque police from August 2008 to September 2012.

Liu went to serve in the same capacity for Coburg and the Treaty Three Police Service.

After a lengthy search, Gary Hull, shown at the right replaced Kai Liu in April of 2013.

Hull was formerly the deputy chief of the Port Hope Police Services before he retired on Feb. 28, ending a 28-year career with that force.

In 2020, Chief Hull leads a force of four Sergeants, and nine Police Constables. The Police Service employs an Administrative Assistant, three Special Constables, and three Auxiliary Officers.



A whimsical end to this report involves this vintage, early 1950s tin toy patrol car that has "Gananoque, Canada" on the roof.

Like many tin cars of era, the word "JAPAN" appears inside the back windshield opening. It was probably a souvenir intended for sale to the many tourists who passed through the "Gateway to the Thousand Islands" seventy years ago.

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Region 6 Activity Challenge

IPA Region 6 created a Fitness Challenge back in June 2021 to motivate regional members in keeping physically active during our prolonged COVID-19 pandemic. With municipal, regional and provincial lockdown after lockdown, and yet again, some more lockdowns, it became not only problematic to maintain a basic fitness routine, but down right gruelling to preserve a positive attitude and endeavour to overcome the “couch potato” syndrome.

The challenge thrown out to members was to navigate our approximate regional circumference of 719 kms within one year (01 June 2021 to 31 May 2022). Members were invited to walk, hike, run, rollerblade, row, paddle, swim, bike, snowshoe, and ski, etc, keeping track of their distance and submitting to the regional secretary on a regular basis. Even indoor fitness machines counted.

Region 6 began with 9 members and as the stories and pictures began to appear on our various social media platforms, interest attracted a few more members. To date we have 15 participants, some partnering up with their loved ones and dogs. More members are always welcome to join us and the challenge is continuing until end of May 2022. Lots of time to log some kilometers. While we enjoyed Ontario’s typical beautiful sunny and hot summer days, we are getting rewarded with our hard work by relishing the astounding above season temperatures extending into November and the magnificent scenery of autumn days slowly changing into the inevitable winter months. Some of our regional members are clever and resourceful, taking advantage of international travel and the recent opening of the American borders to head South and Mexico, etc. These snowbirds have indicated they will continue to carry on with the Fitness Challenge following the warmth of the sun. To us hard pressed die-hards, snowshoeing and skiing appears to be somewhat around the corner...

Bragging rights are awarded to our current top three highest fitness tracking scores:

Louis Chaisson was our FIRST member to complete the circumference in two mere months. Louis cycled the majority of the kilometers and a more detailed story is included in this newsletter. Congratulations Louis! What a machine! The intense summer heat waves never deterred Louis and he consistently attacked the circumference until the big win! Louis is continuing on for the year, having trekked a mere 2,153kms in 5 months! He has only 5,407kms to achieve the kilometre width of Canada, from coast to coast.

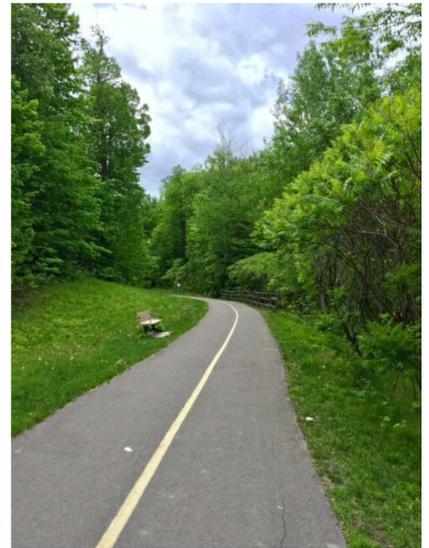
Brian Sullivan came in second, having walked and cycled our regional circumference way down in Equator! You can check out Brian’s routes on our Region 6 Facebook page.

Bill Murrell, our executive committee member rowed the majority of his kilometers to third place finish. Bill competes in dragon boat races with the Ottawa Police Services.

An excellent start for all so far and we encourage you all to keep going. You don’t have to stop at the 719kms, as most have decided to keep going for the remainder of the year. After five months of the Fitness Challenge, 8 members have finished, most choosing to carry on and to date all have navigated 11,737kms! The width of Canada, coast to coast is 7,560 kms. We have surpassed that and now making our way across Europe to China!

To register for the IPA Region 6 Fitness Challenge please send an email to ipar6challenge@gmail.com The Fitness Challenge coordinator is Teresa Holmes, the Regional Secretary. She will respond back within a short period of time. An Excel spreadsheet has been created to track kilometers (kms) and names. Participants are requested to submit their kms on a weekly or monthly basis.

IPA Region 6 has 130+ members. We encourage all to join in on the commitment to navigate our region. Strive for progress, not perfection. Whether it takes a few months or twelve months to complete the 719 kms distance, make a priority for yourself and join in on some regional fun and comradeship.





Region 6 Activity Challenge

Louis Chiasson – First to complete Regional Circumference

Further to our Regional Fitness Challenge, it took only a mere six weeks for Mr Louis Chiasson to traverse the 719kms! No easy feat, Louis indicated he signed up for the challenge just for the fun and to kick him out of the house in the morning. Louis has not stopped and to date, five months into the challenge he has logged over 2,000 kms.

Louis Chiasson retired from the RCMP in 2013 after 30 years of service, currently working the occasional RCMP contract job. He joined IPA Region 7 after his retirement and transferred this year, 2021 to Region 6.

Louis has completed the majority of his kms by cycling, usually 45+kms a day. He cycles with friends or with a small group and his main goal is admiring the scenery and wonders of the earth. He finds cycling with friends provides a greater incentive than cycling alone. Although Ottawa does offer a developed network of beautiful, safe and fun trails, Quebec City, Lévis, and the Quebec South shore region as well as the Eastern Townships are his favorite. Niagara on the Lake with its many wineries and the Trois-Rivières region also have lots of bike paths and roads to explore. Louis has also cycled in les Îles de la Madeleine and Prince Edward Island. In all actuality, every bike ride brings new discoveries. The countryside he finds the most challenging is the Champlain Lookout in the Gatineau Park, which is considered a notorious challenge amongst cyclists.



His current bicycle is a Trek Domane SL5 2021, which he finds offers fantastic performance for its price range. When queried about his preference tire size, Louis responded “I would not say skinny but it is a road bike tire size 32 hard shell which is almost a gravel bike type tire which is a little bigger and offer more grip and traction. Mine, although it does not have the same grip as a gravel bike tire, its larger size offers more stability for all sort of terrains”. His favorite type of bicycle is a road bike rather than a mountain bike.

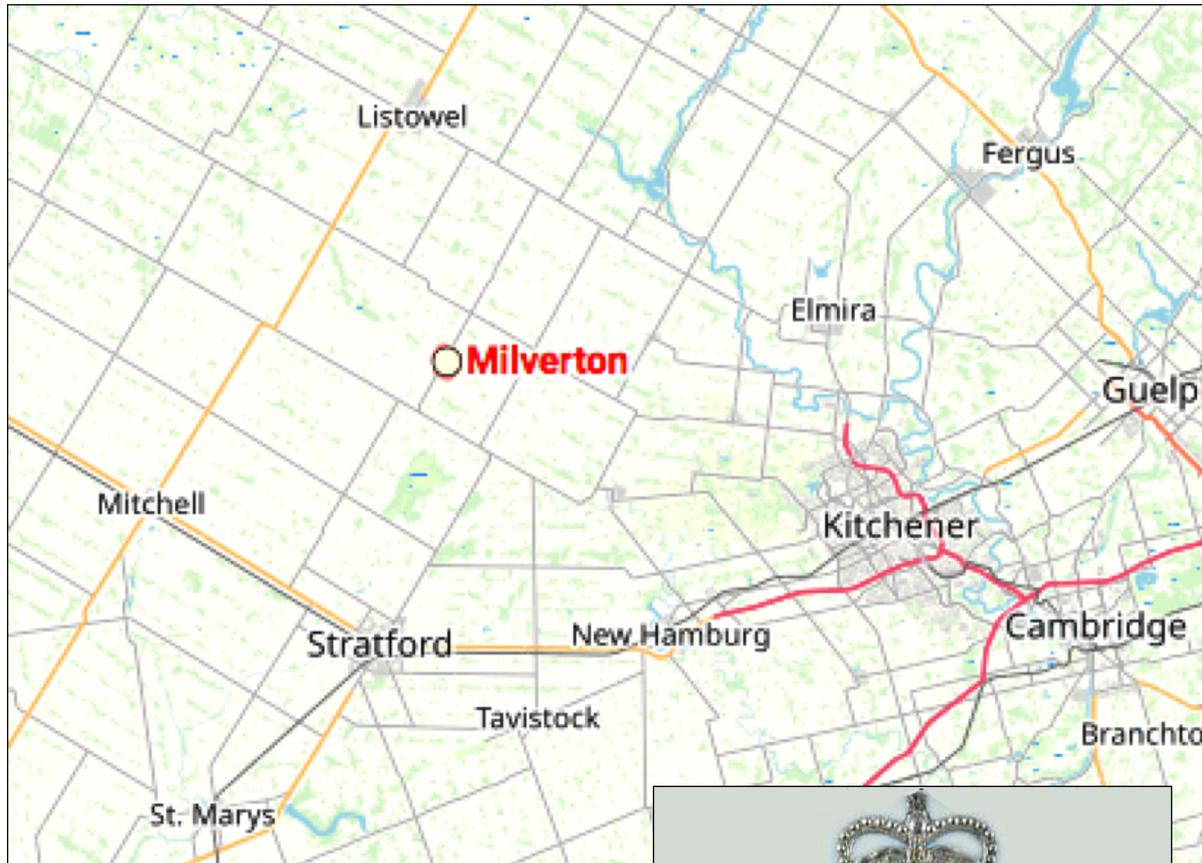
His best advice for a beginner cyclist is no Canadian Tire type of bicycle, rather purchase from a reputable merchant and try to get a good quality-price hybrid bike. Conduct online research before buying as there is a lot of information out there about name brands and bike types, quality ratings, and technical attributes. For anticipated long distances a comfortable saddle, not too hard, not too soft, with good gel like cushioning component would work best. He wears riding clothing with a good “shammy” (cushion bottom in your riding shorts or bib) and a good breathing material top. Louis always finds it a good idea to cycle with a small kit to change a flat tire with a spare tube and a quick tire inflation kit.

In all his numerous kilometers and hours of cycling his worst ever experience was having to change three flat tires when riding with a group on the same ride, and some close calls with vehicular traffic. His best cycling experience is achieved every day he is out there taking in the fresh air and sharing time with friends, which amounts to a great day and a bonus to my earthly stay.

Milverton Village, Ontario (Township of Perth East)

The Township of Perth East, a municipality in Perth County, Ontario is situated north of Stratford. It was created in 1998 when the Ontario government amalgamated the village of Milverton with the surrounding former townships of Ellice, Mornington, North Easthope and South Easthope.

Milverton is the largest community of the township (about 12,500), and home to the municipal administration.



The first settler in Milverton Village was an American named Andrew West. A shoemaker by trade, he also farmed and ran a hotel in the early 1850s. Other businesses soon followed and the hamlet, called West's Corners, began to expand.

The first Post Office was established in 1854 and by 1864, the settlement contained a sawmill, a tannery, two churches and some 200 residents. Sometime around 1871, the name of the village was changed to Milverton, after a town in Somerset, England.



The Stratford and Huron Railway reached this area in 1877, making it easy to market the area's agricultural products. As a result, the population increased and effective January 1, 1881, Milverton was incorporated as a village - its population at that time was 550.

Public records of police activity in Milverton, appear rather lean. A report from June 4, 1914 indicates that the town was policed by Chief Hartmeir. That month, he received instructions to: "...enforce the curfew law which requires that children under the age of 16 must not be found upon the streets or in any public place except in the company of a parent or guardian after the hour of 9 o'clock p.m."

The news reporter added his own opinion that: "*The council should strengthen the Chief's hand by giving him enthusiastic support in the enforcement of the law.*"

Lep Shauber was a Milverton constable in the 1950s, but it is not clear if he was the Chief constable or a part time officer.

From the book, "*Hold the Torch High*" by Vera McNichole, we know that Milverton's Police Chief in the early 1960s was Russ Thibideau. He is shown at the right, standing beside a mid-sixties Ford Galaxie,

Lavern Harloff had signed on in 1966 as a part-time constable to step in when Thibideau wasn't on duty. He worked with the Chief for two years before Paul Jeppson was hired as his new boss.



Chief Jeppson left in 1966 and Harloff was promoted as his replacement.

Chief Harloff had many memories of his service in Milverton. One involved two men who broke into the local drug store by smashing the front window. When challenged by Harloff, the pair produced a glass container of clear liquid and claimed it was an explosive called nitrocylerine. Threatening to blow up the chief unless he backed-off and let them go, Harloff decided that this was highly unlikely and arrested the pairs and seized the "Nitro".

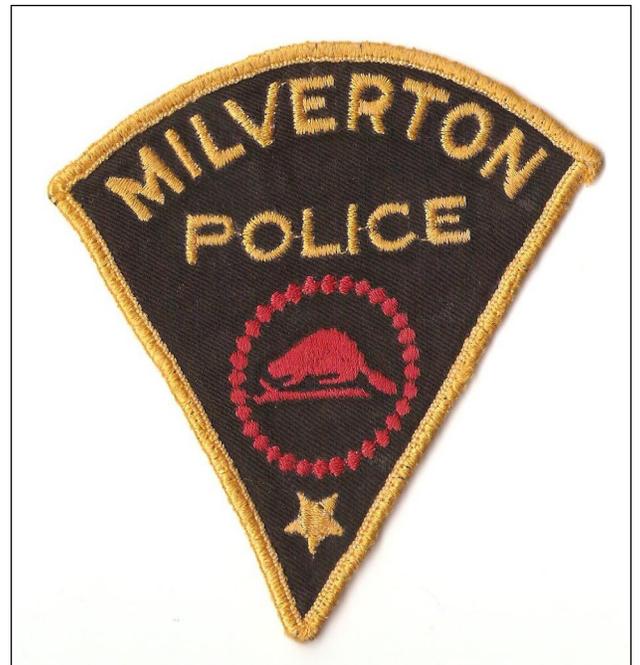
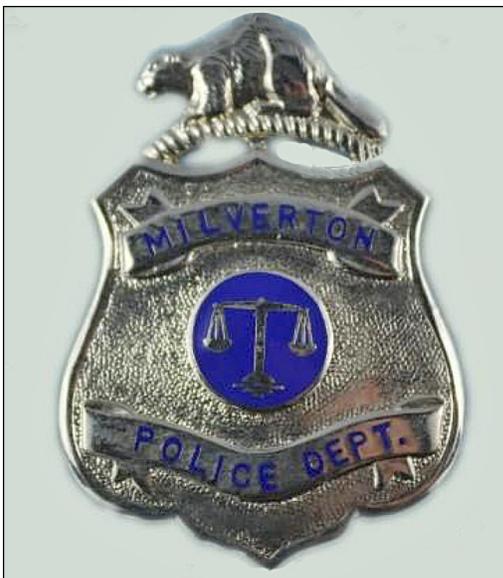
The chief's hunch was right – Milverton's water was just not that dangerous and the two were last seen headed for Stratford Jail.



On occasion, an OPP officer stationed at Listowel would assist the Milverton Chief. Constable Stinson was serving at the detachment when another pair of thugs decided to drop by Harloff's residence and beat up the town's police car.

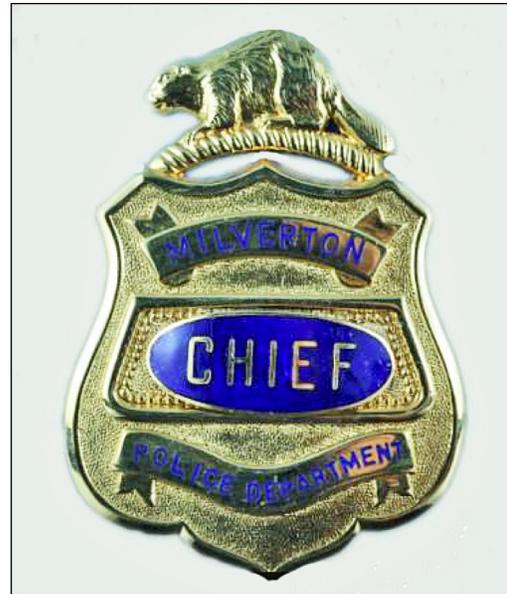
After smashing the windshield and the side windows, they returned to Main Street and began breaking the windows of several Milverton businesses. Without the use of his cruiser, Harloff called in Constable Stinson however, the two were nowhere to be found.

While the glass breakers would eventually be arrested in Mitchell, Milverton's town council was stuck with the bill for the cruiser's window's repairs – likely a considerable expense for a small, one-officer, town. Lavern Harloff is shown above left.





The 1988 photo and caption on the left, announcing the presentation of the Police Exemplary Service Medal to Chief Harloff is from the Milverton Sun newspaper.



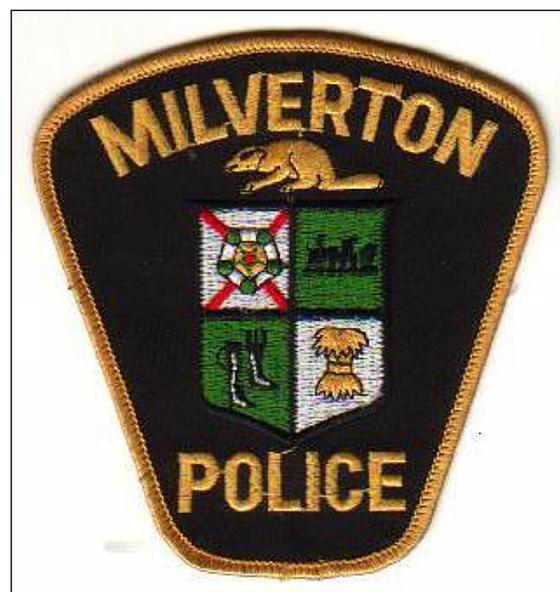
Since he was born in 1925, he would have been sixty-three years of age at that time and likely either retired or near retirement.

From an arbitration hearing in 1988, regarding the St. Mary's Force, we find that Milverton still only had one constable on strength at that time – there was no mention of any administrative staff.

On December 31st, 1992, the Milverton Police Force was disbanded in favour of a contract with the Ontario Provincial Police.

Today, Milverton is part of The Township of Perth East, created in 1998 when the Ontario government amalgamated the village of Milverton with the surrounding former townships of Ellice, Mornington, North Easthope and South Easthope.

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