

Gloucester Timeline



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In the World

- 1975/04/30 – The **Vietnam War** ends.
- 1986/01/28 – **Space Shuttle Challenger** explosion kills 7 astronauts.
- 1989/04/15 to 1989/06/04 - **Tiananmen Square** Protests and Massacre in Beijing, China
- 1989/11/09 – The **Berlin Wall** is breached and torn down.

In Canada

- 1976/07/17 to 1976/08/01 – **Summer Olympics in Montreal.**
- 1980/05/20 – **First Quebec referendum** on independence.
- 1982/04/17 – The **Canadian Constitution is repatriated** and a **Charter of Rights and Freedoms** adopted.
- 1982/10/27 – Dominion Day (July 1st) is renamed **Canada Day.**
- 1988/02/13 to 1988/02/28 – **Winter Olympics in Calgary.**
- 1995/10/30 – **Second Quebec referendum** on independence narrowly defeated.
- 1997 – The last federally operated **Indian Residential School** is closed.
- 1999/04/01 – **Nunavut** becomes a separate territory.

In Ottawa

- 1975/03/08 – The **Billings Estate** is sold to the City of Ottawa for \$500,000.
- 1980/08/03 – **Ottawa General Hospital** opens on Smyth Road.
- 1980/10/31 – **Vanier Parkway** completed.
- 1983/03/16 – The **Rideau Centre** opens.
- 1988/05/21 – The **National Gallery of Canada** opens on Sussex Drive.
- 1988/06/17 – **Canada Aviation and Space Museum** opens in Rockcliffe.
- 1989/06/29 – **Canadian Museum of History** opens opposite to Parliament Hill in Gatineau.
- 1990/05/23 – **Regional Headquarters** open on Laurier Avenue. This became Ottawa City Hall after the 2001 amalgamation.
- 1992/10/08 – The modern **Ottawa Senators** play their first game at the Civic Centre.
- 1993/04/17 – **Ottawa Baseball Park** opens on Coventry Road with the Triple A Lynx, an Expos affiliate, playing.
- 1996/01/15 – **Canadian Tire Centre**, originally the Palladium, opens in Kanata as home for the Ottawa Senators.
- 1996/06 – The **St. Laurent Complex** opens.
- 1998/01/05 to 1998/01/09 – The **Great Ice Storm** affects Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec.

In Gloucester

- 1975/05/19 – **Gloucester Fair** opens next to the Earl Armstrong Arena. In its first year, it was the ‘Gloucester Festival of Spring’. It became the **Capital Fair** in 2014 and has been at Rideau-Carleton Raceway since 1997.
- 1975/05 – **J.B. Potvin Arena** opens in Beacon Hill.
- 1975/12/02 – **Highway 417** completed at ‘The Split’.
- 1979/08/28 – **Place d’Orléans Shopping Centre** opens.
- 1980/06/30 – **Terry Fox** and his Marathon of Hope runs across north Gloucester.
- 1980/09/14 – **Bob MacQuarrie Recreation Complex** opens in Orléans.
- 1981/01/01 – **Gloucester becomes a city.** Elizabeth Stewart is the first mayor.
- 1983/06/07 – **Space Shuttle Enterprise** arrives at Ottawa International Airport.
- 1983/09/24 – **Gloucester Flag** designed by Harold Diceman is first flown.
- 1987/01/05 – **Gloucester City Hall** relocates from Leitrim to 100 Blair Place.
- 1987/11/21 – The first **Gloucester Santa Claus Parade** runs on St. Joseph Boulevard. It becomes **Santa’s Parade of Lights** in 1998.
- 1988 – Mayor Harry Allen accepts the **Gloucester Chain of Office** designed by the Gloucester Chamber of Commerce.
- 1988/02/27 – Gloucester’s **Elizabeth Manley** wins a silver medal in Ladies’ Figure Skating at the Calgary Olympics.
- 1988/05/02 – **Gloucester ‘Splash’ Wave Pool** is fully operational on Ogilvie Road.
- 1988/06/13 – **Sir Georges-Etienne Cartier Parkway** opens to St. Joseph Boulevard.
- 1988/06/22 – **911** Emergency Telephone Service introduced.
- 1994/05/24 – Gloucester Council confirms **accented spelling of Orléans.**
- 1995/01/01 – **Gloucester Police amalgamates** with Nepean and Ottawa Police Services becoming the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service.
- 1996 – **Riverside South** development opens.
- 1997/01/02 – **Gloucester City Hall** relocates to 1595 Telesat Court.



Space Shuttle Enterprise at Ottawa International Airport, 1983



Gloucester Chain of Office



Gloucester Fair is later the Capital Fair



Gloucester Historical Society