

Bradford Trivia Quiz

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How much do you know about Bradford? Organized by Councillor Sandy Hudson, and compiled with the aid of several Bradford experts, the following quiz should proved to be a real test.

1. Who served the longest term as Clerk of Bradford?
2. What was the nickname of Police Chief Walter Reeves?
3. What year did the Community Centre open?
4. Where were Goodes Elevators?
5. How did the Holland River get its name?
6. Where was the county seat of Simcoe County between 1821 and 1837?
7. What was the name of Bradford's first Reeve?
8. What is the origin of the name West Gwillimbury?
9. In what year did the railway reach Bradford/
10. What were some items in the cargo on the first railway train in Bradford?
11. Name two distinguished visitors to Bradford in 1860.
12. What was the name of Bradford's original newspaper?
13. A return trip from Bradford to Belle Ewart and back cost five shillings in 1856. What was the mode of transportation?
14. During the six man hockey team era, what Bradford family iced their own winning team?
15. Name the Bradford native who pitched baseball in the major leagues.
16. What is the origin of the name Hardee Farms?
17. Who won three firsts and two seconds at the Royal Winter Fair in the vegetable category?
18. What was the purpose of the flashing red light atop the traffic signal pole?
19. What year did John Diefenbaker visit Bradford and specifically the Scotch Settlement.
20. What's the real name and occupation of "Waldo von Seeburg"?
21. Who was the first Mayor of Bradford?
22. Name the members of council at the time of Bradford's incorporation as a Town.
23. Who sat on council in the year of Canada's Centennial?
24. Name the oldest member to ever sit on town council.
25. What national charity fund-raising event was born in Bradford?
26. What building today used to house the original post office?
27. Who is Uncle Joe?
28. Where were the village toll gates situated?
29. What year was Bradford incorporated?
30. What was the first crop from the Holland Marsh?
31. Who was responsible for draining the Holland Marsh?
32. What year did dial telephones come to Bradford?
33. What is the date on the Lions Club charter?
34. Name the surviving charter member of the Bradford Lions Club.
35. What Bradford organization is the same age as Bradford and formed on September 10, 1857?
36. Who was the first recipient of the Bradford Athlete of the Year award?
37. Who was the first ex-member of the Blues to play in the NHL?
38. What two teams played the first hockey game in Bradford's present arena?
39. omitted.
40. Who was the Bradford native who won the Canadian Junior Judo Heavyweight Championship in Montreal in 1976?
41. What was the last year Bradford won an Ontario Amateur Softball Association (OASA) championship?
42. What year did the Lions Pool open?
43. Who was the first aquatic director?
44. Bradford won the McCarthy Cup in 1932. What for?
45. Name two railway companies that came into Bradford?
46. Where is the memorial to Professor William Day?
47. Where was the library situated before its present home?
48. What year did St. Mary's Separate School open?
49. Who was St. Mary's School's first principal?
50. Where was Bradford's first car wash?
51. What vital farming operation was located where Leo and John now sell cars?
52. Where was the last movie theatre located in Bradford?

53. How many gallons of water does the Lions Pool hold?
54. In what year did Bradford's one and only bank robbery take place and who was the bank robber?
55. What was the year of Bradford's major fire?
56. What was the population of Bradford when it was incorporated as a village in 1857?
57. In 1892 two town papers merged. Name them.
58. What were the Enterprise and the Lola?
59. What name belonged to the OHA Junior Hockey champions of 1946-47?
60. Who was Harry Hulse?
61. What year did Bradford, West Gwillimbury and King Township join forces to drain the Holland Marsh?
62. Who was in charge of the Marsh Relief Program for West Gwillimbury after Hurricane Hazel?
63. Where was the mattress factory?
64. Where was the rifle range located in town?
65. Where was the previous fire hall located?
66. How many firemen are there on the Bradford Volunteer Fire Department?
67. How many tennis courts are there in Bradford?
68. The head of what animal is on the top of Bradford's town crest?
69. Where was Bradford's first enclosed ice arena located?
70. How many people are there on the present town council?
71. Name all of Bradford's mayors.
72. What is Bradford's elevation above sea level?
73. How many gallons of water does the water tower hold?
74. Sharon Sinclair is the town's current recreation director. Who was the first?
75. Where was the racetrack located?

Answers

1. Robert Stewart 1861 to 1914
2. Walter "Gunch" Reeves
3. 1956
4. At the railway station
5. Named for Major Holland, a surveyor
6. Holland Landing
7. Thomas Driffill, a blacksmith
8. Elizabeth Gwillim, wife of Lord Graves Simcoe
9. 1853
10. A chest of tea, a dozen brooms and a barrel of salt
11. The Prince of Wales (later Edward VII) and John A. MacDonald
12. Bradford Chronicle
13. Steamboat
14. The Evans Brothers - Charlie, Brock, Joe, Max, Fred and Graham
15. Mike Kilkenny
16. Hardee County, Florida
17. Lloyd Pettet
18. Bradford answering service summoning the police.
19. 1958
20. Wally Sieber of the Canal Road is a wrestler
21. Art Evans
22. Mayor Art Evans, Reeve Joe Magani, Deputy-Reeve Marg Fallis, Councillors Fred C. Cook, Bruce Stewart, John Vdovjak, Franklin (Bug) Gardner
23. Mayor Joe Magani, Reeve Bruce Stewart, Deputy-Reeve Fred C. Cook, Councillors Fred Dow, Ken Tupling, Tom Evans, Oswald Davey
24. Fred C. Cook
25. Snow-a-rama for Crippled Children, sponsored by the Lions Club.
26. Fenik and McClellan Law Office
27. Former Mayor Joe Magani
28. On the gravel road on the vicinity of the Church Well (Page-Arnold Marina)
29. 1857
30. Marsh hay was used by the mattress factory as the stuffing for the mattresses they manufactured
31. Professor William Henry Day
32. 1957
33. September 29, 1937
34. C.T.S. (Charlie) Evans
35. Masonic (Simcoe) Lodge
36. Doug Cook for Fastball
37. Ernie Godden

38. Brad's Fords vs Beeton
39. Celery Kings, Falcons, Vasey's Juniors, Blues
40. Harold Thompson
41. 1974
42. 1976
43. Mary Bateman
44. Lacrosse
45. Grand Trunk Railway and The Northern Railway Co.
46. A cairn located on the front lawn of the Bradford Town Hall
47. In the old town hall
48. 1951
49. Mother Bernice
50. On the property now housing the Bank of Nova Scotia
51. Alf Dennis' feed mill
52. In the building now housing Dee-Mac Furniture
53. 160,000 gallons
54. 1951 by the Boyd Gang
55. May 1871
56. 1000
57. South Simcoe News and the Witness
58. Lake Simcoe Boats
59. Celery Kings
60. In 1892, Harry Hulse broke the world's record for the 1/4 mile - skating
61. 1925
62. Ken Tupling
63. On the northwest corner of Holland St and Dissette St. on the Home Hardware site
64. Corner of Morris Road and Back Street
65. On the site of the present post office
66. 27
67. 6
68. A boar's head
69. On the property now used as a town parking lot between the IGA and the Brewers Warehouse
70. There are seven members of council - mayor reeve, deputy-reeve and 4 councillors
71. Art Evans, Joe Magani, Roy Gordon, Zyg Fenik
72. Bradford is 717 ft. to 909 ft. above sea level
73. 1,700,000 gallons in the water tower
74. Frank Tunney, Jr.
75. On the site of the present arena and curling club