

SCARBOROUGH:

A dynamic city celebrates 200 years

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Hometown of comedians Mike Myers and Jim Carrey, racer Paul Tracy and rock group Barenaked Ladies, Scarborough is Canada's seventh largest city — and growing.

Scarborough is celebrating its 200th birthday and residents have reason to be proud. The city has undergone a remarkable transformation from a small agricultural community of grist mills and blacksmith shops into a major urban centre of almost 550,000. And with the change, the city has maintained the best of both small community and big city.

"Scarborough is richly blessed with dedicated, community-minded citizens who have made our city great," says Fred Johnson, Ward 7 Councillor.

Places to go, things to buy

The people of Scarborough keep on the move. And no wonder – TTC, Voyageur and GO buses and the LRT constantly roll into Scarborough City Centre. The LRT connects to Kennedy subway station and downtown Toronto. GO and VIA Rail trains pull into Guildwood Station and, from there, the nation.

"No matter where I have to travel, it's easy to get there from here," says Shirley Brooks, who lives in the McCowan-Sheppard

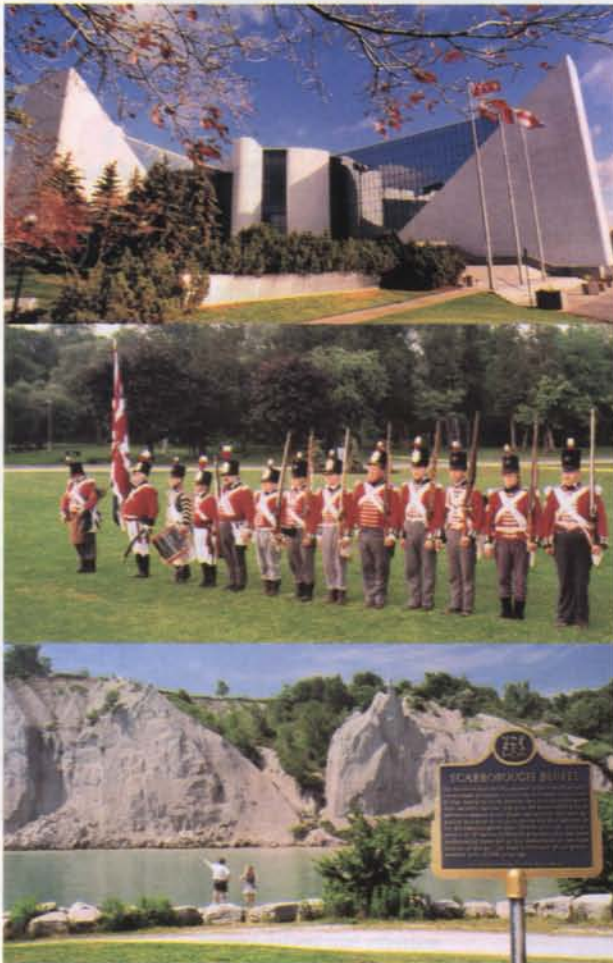


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Top: The architecturally stunning Scarborough Civic Centre; middle: early nineteenth century soldiery in Thomson Park; bottom: the beautiful Scarborough Bluffs from Bluffers Park.

SCARBOROUGH'S Growing Numbers:



people

545,000



restaurants

855



hotel/motel rooms

2,300



retail stores

4,000



public parks

262



indoor ice rinks

19



community recreation centres

22



public/private golf courses

6



area. "I'm just 10 minutes from the Don Valley Parkway."

With over 4,000 shops, there's no need to leave Scarborough to find cosmopolitan flair. Centrally located, the Scarborough Town Centre's 220 stores, restaurants, cinemas and services cater to every taste with style and fun.

Eats and arts

When it comes to dining out, Scarborough has over 850 restaurants — from elegant continental and casual family restaurants to lively cafés, sports bars, steak and seafood places, pubs and buffets. There's Chinese, Italian, Japanese, Greek, Thai, German, Swiss, Caribbean, East Indian, Hungarian — a reflection of Scarborough's diverse community. After dinner, check out a dance and karaoke club, or enjoy a delectable dessert at the trendy Coffee, Tea or Me café.

If the arts are your passion, there's plenty to see and do in Scarborough. The city has two symphony orchestras, plus live theatre groups, museums, choirs, and multicultural and arts festivals. The icing on the cake will be the main theatre, art centre and library planned for the City Centre.

Scarborough outdoors – a world renowned zoo and the famous bluffs

The Metropolitan Toronto Zoo is rated one of the best in the world. It has over 710 acres of parkland and over 5,000 animals in their natural habitats.



Left: Scenic Tam O'Shanter golf course; middle: a ruin that's romantic makes a lovely spot for an open air concert at the Guild Inn; right: the marina at Bluffers Park.

Rouge Park, a leader in environmental protection, boasts 5,400 acres of conservation wilderness and is the largest park within a North American city. On a sunny weekend, what could be more peaceful than exploring nature trails or going fishing in the valley? A brief escape for body and soul.

Another beautiful spot for a summer picnic, a quiet stroll or a bike ride is Thomson Memorial Park. While you're there, visit their on-site historical museum and catch the re-enactments of daily life in the 1800s. Scarborough has 262 public parks, 19 outdoor ice rinks, 22 recreational centres. Lots to see and do.

Don't forget to visit the world-famous Scarborough Bluffs. These majestic cliffs rise above Lake Ontario. Bluffers Park, with its picturesque beach, is a perfect spot for family picnics, sailing, swimming, walks along the water's edge or relaxing with a book.

Corporate Scarborough – an urban success story

Many corporate movers and shakers chose Scarborough for their headquarters, among them: Bell Canada, Honda Canada, Novopharm Limited, Philips Electronics Ltd., CFTO-TV and Teledyne Waterpik Canada.

Tridel Corporation is another corporate success story. "Scarborough has given Tridel the unprecedented opportunity to help build a city from the ground floor up," says Leo

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- Scarborough celebrities: Mike Myers and Jim Carrey, actor/comedians; Paul Tracy, race car driver; Barenaked Ladies, musical group
- Scarborough's official tree: the sugar maple
- Scarborough's first permanent settlers, in 1799: David and Mary Thomson and family
- Kingston Road was the first planked road in North America
- Canada's 7th largest city
- Scarborough's flag and crest depict Scarborough Bluffs
- Mayor of the City of Scarborough: Frank Faubert

DelZotto, executive vice president. According to DelZotto, the City is one of the most vibrant and varied places to live in Canada.

Scarborough has grown from rural town to Canada's seventh largest city — a city of cultural diversity, cosmopolitan flair and active lifestyle. This is an urban success story. Happy birthday Scarborough!