

## INSIDE AURORA: There Once Was a Town ? Part II

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It's not quite the end of 2018, but let's take a moment to look back at some news items this year in Aurora through that well-known story telling device, the limerick.

January - The harsh winter  
This winter's relentless cold, snow and sleet  
Had us griping and admitting defeat  
But we knew based on our clime  
It'd only be a short time  
?Til we were complaining about the heat

February ? Discussion of splitting the Town into wards  
Some liked what a ward system provided  
While others thought that option misguided  
?At large', or new vision?  
There was no clear decision  
On this issue the Town was divided

March - Healthier  
food choices in Town  
Council voted that rather than treats  
Town vendors would sell healthier eats  
You can guess people's surprise  
When instead of chips and fries  
Their choices were broccoli or beets

April ? Wrong animal put on crossing signs  
Avoiding animals on roads this year  
Was putting Aurora drivers in fear  
But warning signs the Town raised  
Left all Aurorans amazed  
That giant Leatherback turtles lived here

May - Accessing Hydro Reserves  
Council, to pay for big Town projects to come  
Said ?the Hydro Reserves we'll take it from?  
But being no-one's fools  
They first changed the rules  
To make it easier to access this sum

June ? Niagara College obtains a long term lease on the Armory  
For Niagara College the stars did align  
Leasing the Armory would suit them just fine  
But the cost, some said clearly  
Would hit taxpayers dearly  
So it was the plans' foes who provided the whine

July ? Treatment of trees  
against Emerald Ash Borers  
When borers found our ash trees nutritious  
The Town waged a war most ambitious  
Staff were sure they would win  
If they used Tree-azin  
But the pests found the substance delicious

August - Why the  
Hallmark lands will have  
two baseball diamonds  
The Hallmark lands were meant to have one  
Field each for soccer and baseball fun  
But the soccer location's  
East-west orientation  
Would have meant playing while facing the sun

September - Municipal election  
This election should be quite a fray  
With debates, ads and sound bites each day  
It's a mind-numbing show  
But we've comfort to know  
That the next one is four years away

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