

## INSIDE AURORA: There once was a town...

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It's not quite the end of 2013, 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 - Aurora to be split into two Federal ridings  
When the town's split into two ridings was news  
Our Federal voice people feared we would loose  
But perhaps the worst blow  
And what we wanted to know  
Was which side of Wellington our MP would choose.

February - Petch House reconstruction nears completion  
Petch House's re-birth's been a real slog  
In approvals it's been in a fog  
But through work and repair  
It stands now proud and fair  
Just too bad you cannot see the logs.

March ? Ongoing budget discussions  
Reducing the budget, and how much to spend  
Required program cuts now, not when  
Council argued and debated  
But in the end simply stated  
?We'll just have to raise taxes again.?

April ? Cell tower built just west of Bathurst  
A cell tower appeared from the blue  
And caused a big hullabaloo  
Council sought legal advice  
But was told in a thrice  
There was nothing Aurora could do.

May ? Plans for the new Queen's Diamond Jubilee Park  
Park plans with debate have been fraught  
Should playground equipment be bought?  
Or shall soccer remain?  
When she heard the refrain  
The Queen said, ?Amused, we are not.?

June ? Youth Centre plans move ahead slowly  
The years of Youth Centre planning have flown  
By the time they place the last building stone  
The ones it was built for  
Will be children no more  
And, in fact, will have kids of their own.

July ? Residents protest tree cutting on nearby property

When tree cutting caused people to freak  
Local government's help they did seek  
The region pondered and mused  
But unlike saws that were used  
They found their bylaw's teeth were quite weak

August ? Concerns raised about the length of Council meetings  
Said a member ?the time that we spend  
That gets longer each meeting, must end.?  
So they discussed several ways  
To reduce the length of their stays  
But still adjourned past midnight, again.

September - Aurora's 4th Sesquicentennial event is held  
The last sesqui event was at hand  
The theme ?Culture across our fair land'  
But all events for that day  
The rain, alas, washed away  
So a make-up event will be planned.

October ? Fair increase planned for York Transit  
After last year's strike they decreed  
The next month no payment you'd need  
But it's now no surprise  
That bus fare's on the rise  
In the end, you know nothing is free.

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