

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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