



Our Guelph

OUR ST. GEORGE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Guelph was founded by John Galt on St. George's Day: April 23, 1827
- While planning the City, Galt believed that great cities had parks that were small, diverse "breathing spots"
- In 1909, Mayor of Guelph, George Hastings, appointed a Board of Parks Management, chaired by George Sleeman
- The Board of Parks Management purchased the 4 acres in 1909, now known as St. George's Park for \$4,000
- Amenities included: swings, a sand box, lighting, and a water fountain - in 1947 tennis courts - in 1954 a basketball backstop and a billboard stating, *"Horses and cattle found trespassing in the park will be impounded"*
- Today, there are two play sets, a sand box, swings, a washroom facility, 5 tennis courts (new lights, installed fall 2015) and a volunteer made and maintained outdoor ice rink in winter, when the weather permits!

Source: Guelph Civic Museum, "Guelph: Parks and Recreation, 1830- 1960"
Ross W. Irwin, Guelph Historical Society, 2002

Did you know that our St. George's Park Neighbourhood was once called "Mountaintown" ?