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THOROLD

The earliest communities in what is now Thorold emerged at Beaverdams, DeCew Falls and St. Johns but, after the opening of the First Welland Canal in 1829, they were superseded by the new canal villages of Thorold, Allanburg and Port Robinson. Thorold, located on the brow of the Niagara Escarpment, soon became dominant and was incorporated as a village in 1850 and as a town in 1870. When the Regional Municipality of Niagara was formed in 1970, the Town of Thorold expanded to include the former Thorold Township. In 1975 the town became incorporated as the City of Thorold.

Thorold is also the location of the War of 1812 battle site, Beaverdams, where, on June 25, 1813, Colonel Charles Boerstler and his American troops were defeated by a force of 80 British regulars and 300 Caughnawaga Mohawks.

The city includes the neighbourhoods of Allanburg, Beaverdams, Confederation Heights, Port Robinson, St. Johns, Rolling Meadows, Thorold South and Turner's Corners.

St. Johns was one of the first areas in the interior of Niagara Peninsula to be settled by Europeans. The first Europeans settled in the area about 1792, when a sawmill was built on St. Johns Creek, a tributary of the Twelve Mile Creek. It was one of only two mills in Niagara at the time. In 1804, St. Johns became home to the first free school in Upper Canada, housed in a single-room, wooden schoolhouse. By the time a post office was established in 1831, the community included a woollen factory, a tannery, a foundry, stores, and a number of mills. Eventually, the hydro power offered by the site became less of a commodity. As industry in surrounding towns grew, St. Johns' affluence declined.

.....from Wikipedia



The Thorold tourist attractions include historical sites, nature trails, parks and playgrounds. The Welland Canal, which passes through the city is a paved recreational trail that attracts tourists from different parts of the country. Some of the important historical sites in the region are Decew House, The Old Fire Hall, Chestnut Hall, St. Johns School House, Maplehurst, Welland Mills and Beaverdams Old Methodist Church. If you are with your kids and family, visit the Mel Swart Lake Gibson Park. Moving westward on DeCew Road you will find Lake Moodie, Morningstar Mill and Decew House. Hiking, fishing, mountain biking and horse riding are your interest, go to Short Hills Provincial Park.

At the centre part of Thorold around downtown you have the Battle of Beaverdams Park, is a park with historical displays and walking paths and swings. For sports enthusiasts McMillan Sports Park with Baseball diamond is located at the Carlton street. At the corner of Elgin and Sydenham Streets, you have Sullivan Sports Park with baseball, playground, and splash pad facilities. The other parks of the city are Hutt Park on McDonagh Crescent, Confederation Park on Confederation Avenue, C.E. Grosse Park on McMann Drive, and at the south of Thorold on Ontario Street you have McAdam Park.

The Regional Municipality of Niagara is located in Thorold. The City of Thorold include the longest underwater tunnel in Ontario known as Thorold Tunnel, is constructed late 1960s enabling thousands of vehicles to cross the Welland Canal. The Thorold Tunnel is 840 metres long and has two separate tubes. Photosensors are integrated with the tunnel for proper lighting and the air in the tunnel is frequently checked for safety.

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Front Street, Thorold, Ont., Canada (showing the first electric car line in Canada)



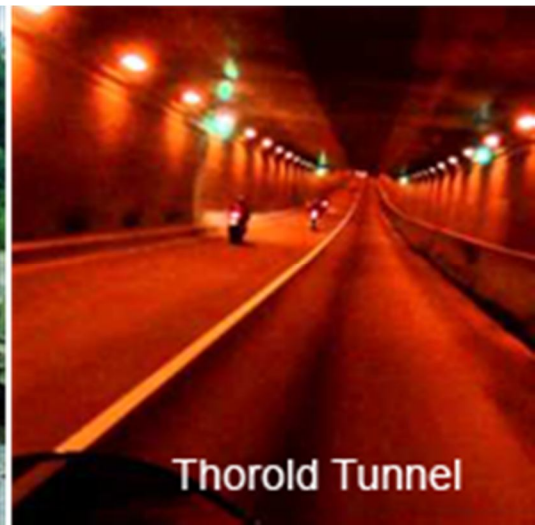
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Decew House



Beaverdams Park



Thorold Tunnel

