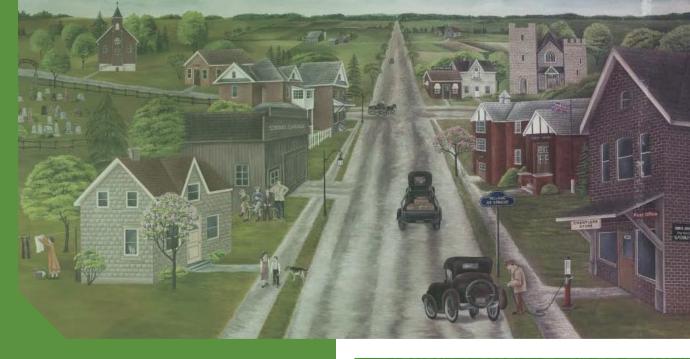## Village of Stroud

The Village of Stroud was founded in 1825 when settlers began building homes at the crossroads at 10th Line and Yonge Street. In its earliest days, Stroud was known as Meyer's Corners due to a popular establishment built by David Meyers in 1833. As the hamlet grew, the name was changed to Victoria in honour of the Queen and then once more to Stroud, in honour of Stroud, England, the hometown of W.C Little, Member of Parliament for South Simcoe. Early businesses included a grist mill, two hotels, blacksmith shops, and fabric and flower shops.

Heritage Committee

The Innisfil Heritage Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations to Council on local heritage matters relating to the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Members also promote awareness of local heritage, review and identify potential heritage properties, and advise Council on potential heritage designations.

The Heritage Walk is an initiative to encourage people to explore the town's history, connect with their neighbours, and learn about the stories and people that have shaped the Innisfil of today.

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1 St. James Cemetery

2225 Victoria Street

Though the cemetery's origins are unclear, marked graves date back to 1842. It was used by Methodists from northern Innisfil and continues to serve the community. The site now includes over 2,500 graves and a columbarium wall added in 1994.

2 St. James United Church

2230 Victoria Street

Methodist (now United) Church ministry has served the area since the 1830s. After earlier churches were lost to fire, the current building was constructed in 1906 with 150,000 bricks from Charles Chantler's Craigvale factory. Electricity was added in 1933, plumbing in 1959, and flush toilets in 1961. The church remains a community focal point.

3 The 'Four Corners'

10th Line and Yonge Street

The crossroads at 10th Line and Yonge Street are central to Stroud's history, shaping much of its commercial core. The locally known 'Corner Store' (circa 1870s) once housed the post office, and other remaining historic buildings are the former Chantler's Store and Shering's Garage.

4 Stroud School (S.S. #10)

10th Line and Yonge Street

Stroud's first school opened in 1838 in a log building. It was replaced several times with larger structures until 1928, when a two-storey brick school was built for the growing student population. Though this building was eventually demolished, its bell is visible today.

5 Stroud Presbyterian Church

2180 Victoria Street

The present church was built in 1909 to replace a smaller church in Craigvale (circa 1865). Architect James Thompson modeled it after a church on New York City's 5th Avenue, and its acoustics are said to be among the best in Simcoe County. The church remains a visually impressive and important landmark within the village.
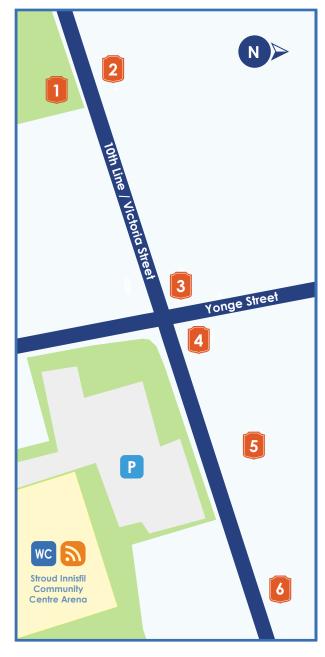
6 Minerva Lodge No. 304, AF & AM

2156 Victoria Street

Minerva Lodge No. 304 was established in 1873 and remains one of the oldest active organizations in Innisfil. Its current brick building, constructed in 1923, is noted for its distinctive design and long association with the village. Interestingly, the windows of the building were bricked in to keep out draughts.

Discover more by exploring Innisfil's Municipal Heritage Register at innisfil.ca/heritage.

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10th Line / Victoria Street

Yonge Street

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Stroud Innisfil Community Centre Arena

Map Legend

1 Tour Highlight

WC Public Washrooms

P Tour Parking

📶 Public Wi-Fi