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History of Richmond at a glance

Community founded in 1818

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With the celebration of Heritage Day on Tuesday, Feb. 21, and the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the founding of Richmond in 2018, let's take a glance at the history of Richmond—from its founding in 1818 up to the present day.

- 1818 — Survey of Richmond and arrival of first settlers for the new military settlement.
1819 — Visit by the Duke of Richmond, the highest government official in Canada, followed by his untimely death just outside the village.
1819 — Alexander Macdonell, a former military chaplain who had been named episcopal vicar in charge of Upper Canada under the authority of the Bishop of Quebec, said the first Catholic mass in Richmond as St. Philip Parish began.
1820 — First school established in Richmond.
1821 — Establishment of the first grist mill in Carleton County by Captain Lyon on the Jock River.
1823 — Laying of the cornerstone of St. John the Baptist Anglican Church, the first Anglican Church in Carleton County.
1823 — First Methodist and Presbyterian church services held in Richmond.
1823 — Richmond ceases being a military settlement, but continues as the most prominent community in Carleton County.
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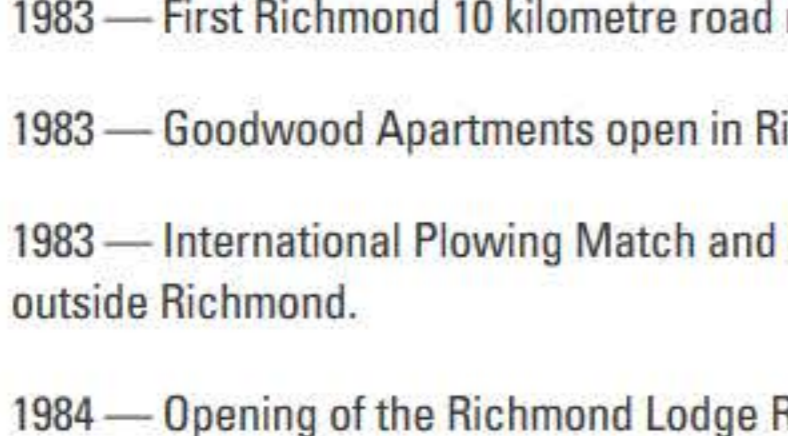
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