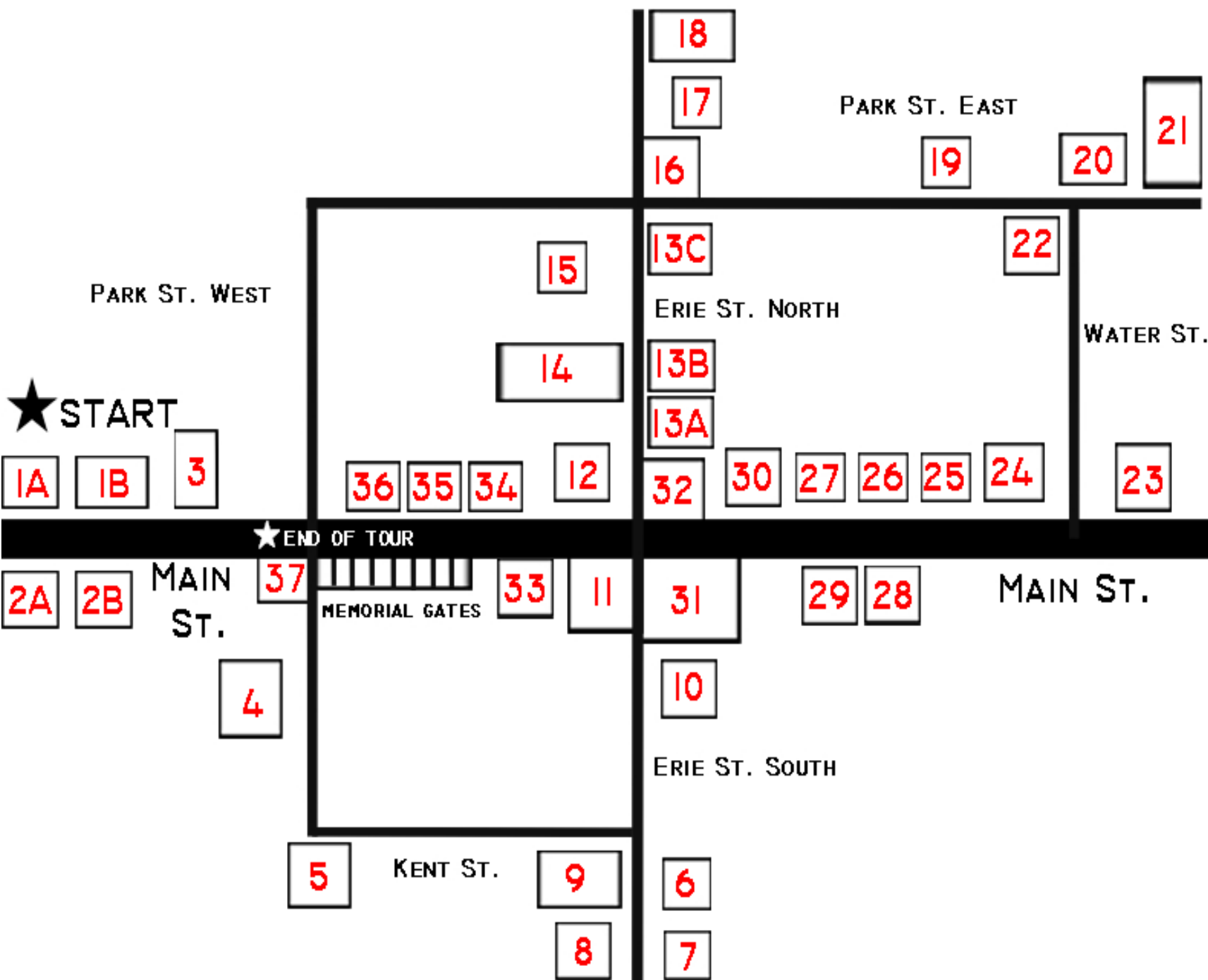
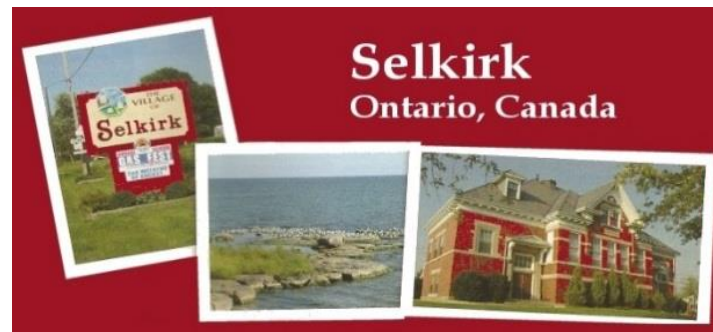


# Map of Selkirk



**Please...**

- Stay on the side walks
- Use caution when crossing the road
- Follow the map for directions
- Respect those living in the buildings
- Obey all road signs
- Have fun!



**SELKIRK** is the oldest village in Walpole Township. In 1800, David Hoover purchased two thousand acres of land from Captain Dochstader. In 1827 he sold a portion of this land to William Steele who thought the area was ideal for a village. Steele sold several lots and founded the village of Williamsville. The first person to set up business in Williamsville was a carpenter named Robert Stillwell. The town expanded in 1833 when a weekly mail service was established between Dunnville and Port Dover. David Evans opened the first general store in 1834. The first post office in Walpole Township opened in 1844 under postmaster William Mudie. There were many names attributed to the village; apart from the town being called Williamsville, the post office was part of Walpole Township, and the region was Stoney Creek. In 1855, an official meeting was held to collectively name the village and the post office. The name chosen was Selkirk. The village became a hub of activity and in 1875 it became home of a grist mill, carding mill, tailor shop, cobbler's shop, and a thirty-two piece brass band. The village grew with the addition of its own photographer, a saw mill, two cream factories, and an egg grading station. In 1904, the first natural gas well was planted in Selkirk, further bolstering the community and its economy. Selkirk has maintained its community charm making it the village it is today!



### 1A) Fire Hall

Third location built in 1978.

### 1B) Selkirk Centennial Hall



Selkirk Centennial Hall, 34 Main W.: Opened 1918 as a 3 room Public school, 4th school. From 1922-1949 operated as continuation School. 1967 became a Community Centre and Library. Library had several previous locations in town.

### 2a) Westend Garage

37 Main W.: Built in 1946 by Russell Dennis and Ross Hoover as a White Rose Gas Station. Later as a Sign Paint Shop and Restaurant.

### 2b) Muirheads,

33 Main W.: Built in the 1960's as a Farm Implement Dealership by George Pridmore, later a gas station.

### 3) Faith Centennial Church



28 Main W: originally a Methodist Church built in 1851. 1892 sold to Evangelical Church. 1964 - Churches from Rainham Centre and Stony Creek joined to build Faith Centennial.

Turn right onto Kent Street behind the ball diamond, which leads to Erie St. South

### 4) Selkirk Baptist Church



19 Main W.: Baptist Ministers in Area since 1826. Originally built 1867. New Church built in 1982 with addition in 1998 . Note stone work on the houses east w& west. (3rd School located at 20 Park W. (demolished))

### 5) Pavilion



17 Main W, in the park: 2nd School located at road east of church until 1878, then used as a hall. Garden Party Stage and 2nd Hall located in park. Demolished to build Pavilion.

### 6) 3 old Houses

19 Erie S.: Office of Dr. Jarrett Dentist. 23 Erie S.: Shaver House built 1883.

25 Erie S.: Miller House built 1877.

### 7) Cooper Fess House



27 Erie S.: Built 1870. Large transportation co. in 1930's to supply gas pipe to drilling industry.

### 8) McFarlanes



14 Erie S.: This site is where the McFarlane Brothers had a blacksmith shop and carriage works. 16 Erie S.: Woodworking Shop.

### 9) Bell Canada



12 Erie S.: Former Apple Drying Factory. Apples from local orchards where cut, dried and shipped to England. Telegraph and telephone had many locations, this building built in 1960 for 'new' automated switching system.

Walk back toward Main St.

### 10) Fire Hall

3 Erie S.: 2nd location built 1946 housed 1st old truck from Hagersville then army truck, these replaced pull ladder and chemical wagons. Also a location of the Library

### 11) Sunflower Café



1 Main W.: Former Creamery and butter factory. The basement was used for cold storage. It also housed a bake shop & billiard hall. Westside lean-to (demolished) housed drug store, post office and barber shop.

Follow Erie St. North

### 12) Bank



2 Main W.: Location of First School (log construction). Original building at back (General Store, Post Office & Telegraph Office) was moved to 7 Park W. Bank & House at 4 Main W. (demolished) built 1875. Originally a private bank owned by R.J. Winyard. In 1906, it was taken over by the Bank of Hamilton, then CIBC.

### 13A) P.W. Armstrong

6 Erie N.: Butcher Shop, Grocery Store, Feed & Grist Mill. Building moved to farm east of town.

### 13B) I.O.O.F. Hall



8 Erie N.: moved from Main St. W. at one time telephone, library, P.O., Barber shop, Pool Hall. Demolished.

### 13C) Blacksmiths Shop

S.E. Corner of Erie & Park.: James Nunn, burnt down.

### 14) Furniture Store



11 Erie N.: Owned by Monroe Hoover and served as a furniture shop and an undertaking parlour. Was also an egg grading Station here during the 1950's and 1960's that was owned by the Mowat family.

### 15) Dr. Harrison's Office



9 Erie N.: This house was originally Dr. Harrison's home and office in 1854. It was originally located on the edge of the road and has since been moved back.

### 16) Garage



14 Erie N.: Martin Bros, 1930. Ernie Hoover owned later. House on NE corner was a Grocery Store owned by P.W. Armstrong. House later moved to South of town.

### 17) Church of Christ



20 Erie N.: the original part of this church was built in 1896, though the congregation dates back to 1851. Later, two additions were added. The congregation was originally part of the Selkirk Church of Christ, located at the east edge of town, at the Cemetery. Note: Garage behind 23 Erie N. was a Blacksmith Shop.

### 18) Dominion Gas



30 Erie N.: Dominion Gas Co. served natural gas industry. Yard closed in 1958. Lot next (38 north) was Creamery.

Turn left onto Park St. East

\* 12 Park E.: Note building construction.

### 19) Justice of the Peace

13 Park E.: This house is where Elias Hoover, Justice of the Peace, once lived. Elias Hoover also served as game warden. Note original stained glass window.

### 20) Jim Mattice Co.



19 Park E.: Former location Sutor Bros Saw Mill and Water Tower. Vic and Bob Hare Started Construction Co. in 1959. Building to West had car wash, pizza parlour, laundry mat, was formed E.U.B. Church. Moved from Main Street West.

### 21) Lumber, Grist and Planning Mill

28 Park E.: Sutor Bros, 1850's. Grover Fess, 1913.

### 22) Candy Shop

5 Water St.: Taffy Tom, famous for soft taffy.

Walk down Water Street toward Main St.

### 23) Barber Shop

29 Main E.: Location of print shop and barber shop. Located at the edge of the sidewalk. (Demolished). Offered Hot Baths for drillers

### 24) Legion Hall / Dr. Office

21 Main.: 1950's.

### 25) Millers



19 Main E.: Early General Store, Hoovers, Antique Shop

### 26) Derby Store

15 Main E.: M.F. Derby General and Drug Store here. Later cold storage and restaurant. The upstairs was a hall and was later changed into apartments in 1945. Note Derby House next door, 17 Main E.

\* 13 Main E.: Vacant Lot: Former drug store and post office, building was moved to the lake.

### 27) Bake Shop

11 Main E.: Established mid 1800's. 1922 Eastbury's, 1970's Pizza Shop. Bunt in late 1900's.

### 28) Kent's

12 Main E.: This was the first brick building in the village. James Kent operated a general store until 1916. House watchmaker, library, billiards, restaurant & barber shop.

### 29) Beams

10 Main E.: Furniture and Undertakers, large saw mill to rear off Kent St.

\* 9 Main E.: House was a Bell Telephone exchange, barber shop, layers and doctors office.

### 30) Winger's Hardware

7 Main E.: Originally a Tin Shop since late 1800s. 5 Main E. Siples Grocery and Meats.

### 31) Town & Country



2 Main E.: Built 1800's by Philips, General Store, Hilburn's, Kibler's & Laidlaw's.

### 32) Union Hotel

1 Main E.: Built in 1800's. Burnt 1906. Rebuilt and burnt again in 1990's.

### 33) Garage



3 Main W.: Built 1916 by J.W. Holmes. Earl Shier, car dealership. Glenn Rushton Garage.

### 34) Post Office



16 Main W.: The Selkirk post office was the first post office in Walpole Township when it was opened in 1844 by Postmaster William Mudie. Operated from many location in town.

### 35) Blacksmith

8 Main W.: Operated by Henry Smelser and James Nunn.

\*10-1/2 Main W.: Manufactures Gas Office, stables at back, moved to Erie St. N

### 36) Upper Hotel



12 Main W.: The Upper Hotel was purchased in the 1905 by Wm Rohrbach. In later 1905 Sam Sternaman took the Upper Hotel and Wm Rohrbach the Union Hotel. In later years the Upper Hotel became a private residence.

### 37) Memorial Gates

17 Main W.: Built 1926 by the Women's Institute