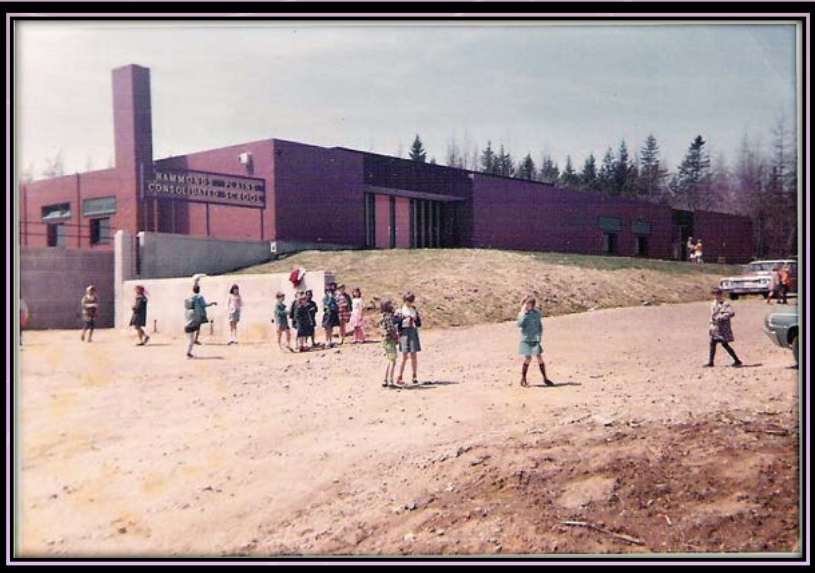




HAMMONDS PLAINS AND THE 1960'S

A DECADE OF HOPE & NEW
BEGINNINGS – FROM COUNTRY ROOTS
TO SUBURBAN LIFE

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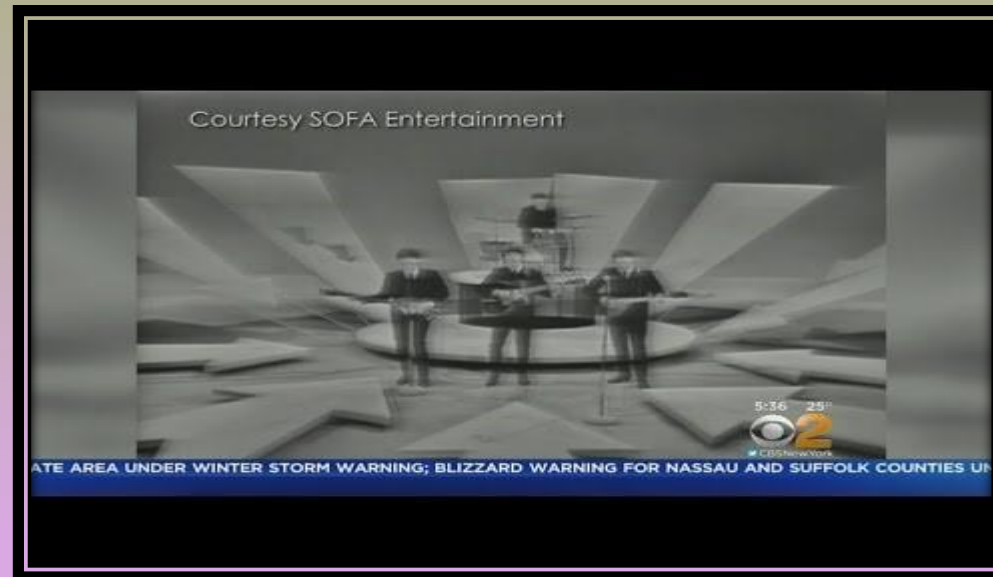
THE 60'S – DATES THAT DEFINE THE DECADE

- **November 22, 1963**
- **February 9, 1964**
- **July 20, 1969**

NOVEMBER 22, 1963 – WE INTERRUPT OUR REGULAR PROGRAMMING WITH A NEWS BULLETIN FROM DALLAS, TEXAS.



FEBRUARY 9, 1964 – THE YOUTH REVOLUTION TAKES OVER.



JULY 20, 1969 – THE TECHNOLOGY AGE TAKES SHAPE -
THE MOON LANDING.



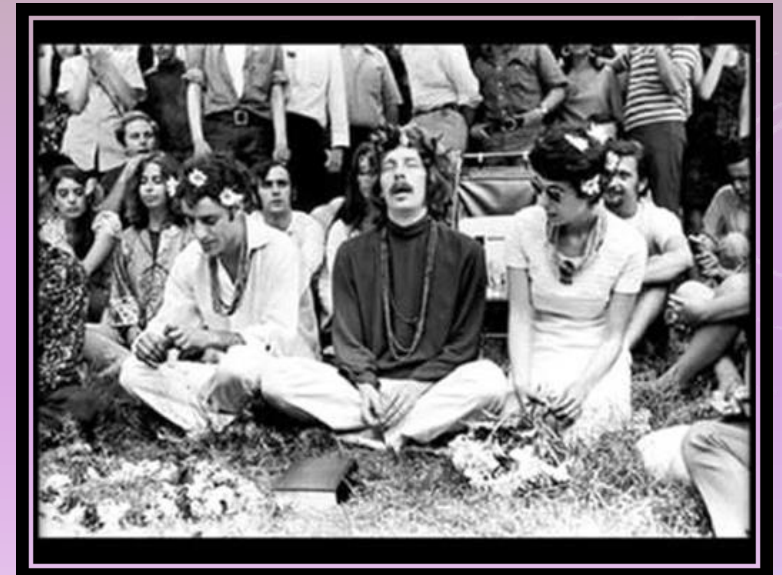
WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1960'S – THE WORLD

- 1960's - A Decade of Polar Opposites – **First Half vs Second Half** (Was it a decay or revolution of social norms?)
- The youth lead the social revolt against the conservative norms (status quo) of the establishment leading to new social norms for clothing, music, drugs, sexuality, formalities and schooling.



WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1960'S – **THE WORLD**

- The 60's were a transition to the desire for **Freedom of the Individual** - expressed in long hair, casual dress and loud rock and roll music, as opposed to rigid conservative solid norms. The youth involved in the movement become known as '**Hippies**'.



WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1960'S – **THE WORLD**

- **A relaxation of social taboos relating to racism and sexism. The leading nations turn to the political left, as civil rights, healthcare for the elderly, more freedom for women, the liberalism of the press become priorities. Martin Luther King becomes a major voice in the civil rights movement against racial discrimination, although civil resistance campaigns produce major conflict between government authorities and activists.**
- **Music & movies lead the social movement to break social taboos.**



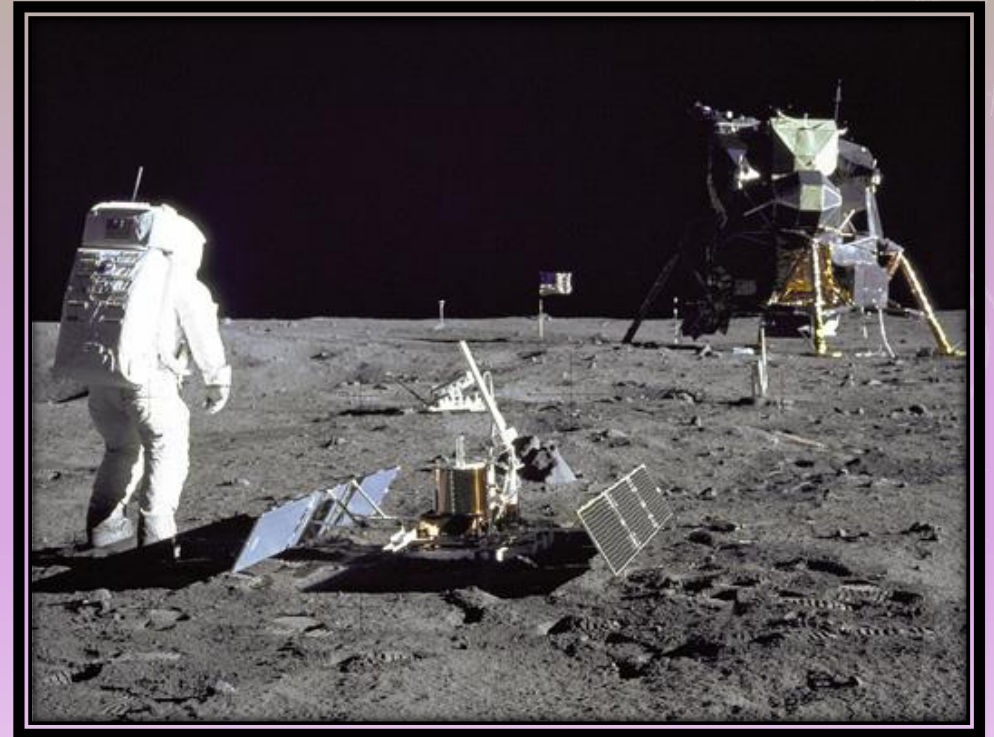
WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1960'S – THE WORLD

- **The confrontation between the US and Soviet Union dominates geopolitics. World War 3 almost breaks out through the Cuban Missile crisis. US and Soviet Union battle over control of the Third World. The Vietnam War leads to the anti war movement.**



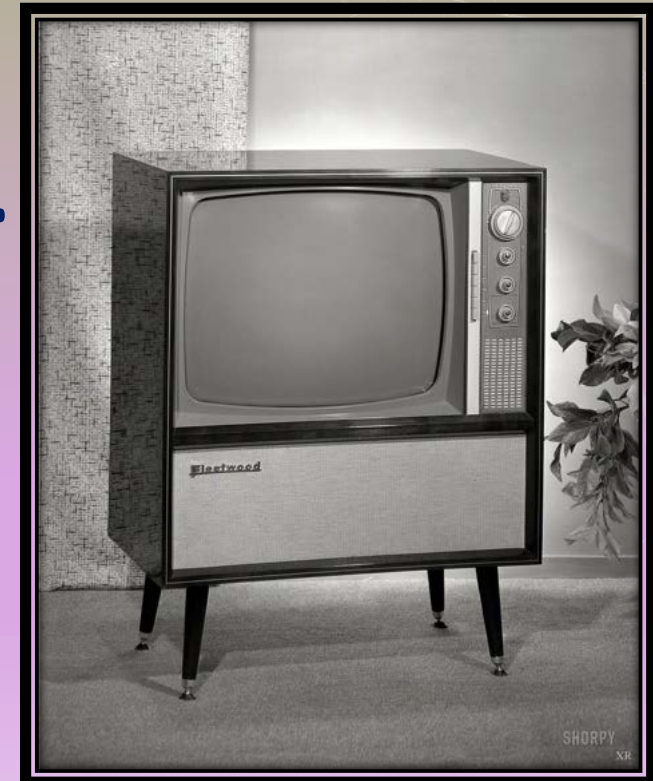
WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1960'S – **THE WORLD**

- **The space race dominates science, leading to the 1969 Apollo 11 landing on the moon.**
- **Drug use becomes socially accepted for the first time.**
- **Prosperity leads to a major expansion of the middle class.**



WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1960'S – **THE WORLD**

- **Domestic technology becomes main stream (Clothes Dryer, BBQ, Air Conditioner, Food Preparation).**
- **Decolonization and Independence becomes a movement in Africa, as 32 countries gain independence.**
- **Crime rates rise, especially in urban centers.**



WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1960'S – THE WORLD

- **Technology takes shape**– Touch tone telephones, computer video games (Spacewar!, the first), the hatchback, the 8-Track Tape, computer mouse all introduced in the 1960's.
- **Fashion trends** – Mop-top haircut, the beehive hairdo, the 'bikini', bell bottom jeans, tie-dye prints, mini skirt.
- **Pop culture is defined by people like Martin Luther King, The Beatles, Muhammad Ali, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, John Wayne, Julie Andrews**



WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1960'S – CANADA

- **New Canadian Flag is approved (1965).**
- **Decade of Social Change with the Canadian Bill of Rights being approved (1960), Social Insurance cards being issued (1964), Canada Pension Plan is established (1965), Socialized medicine is introduced in Saskatchewan (1962), Women's Rights is highlighted in reformed divorce laws, abortion**
- **People of First Nations given the right to vote (1960).**
- **The New Democratic Party is formed (1961).**



WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1960'S – CANADA

- Trans Canada Highway is opened (1962).
- The Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism leads to a bilingual civil service (1963).
- CBC introduces color broadcasting (1966).
- Expo 67 in Montreal becomes center of the world attention during Canada's Centennial celebrations (1967).
- Trudeaumania hits Canada in 1968 during the Federal Election.



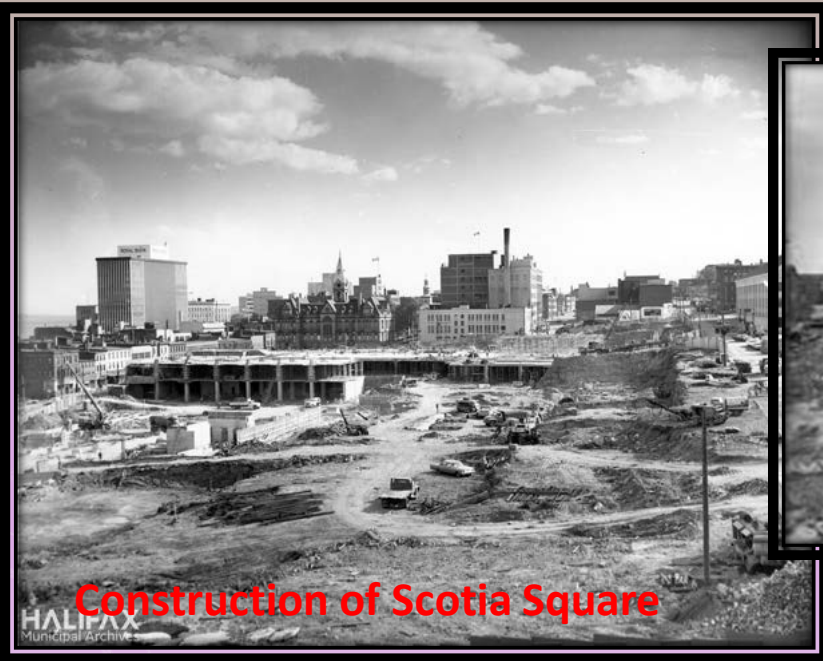
WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1960'S – NOVA SCOTIA

- Nova Scotia was governed by a Conservative government during the 1960's.
- Robert L. Stanfield served as premier during 1956–67, while G. I. Smith served from 1967-70. Under the Stanfield government new hospitals were built and programs were put in place to help citizens overcome poverty, ill-health, and discrimination, although taxes were raised to pay for such services.



WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1960'S – NOVA SCOTIA

- The 1960's are defined by 'Urban Renewal' in Halifax. Projects such as Scotia Square, Mulgrave Park and Uniacke Square Public Housing, Cogswell Street interchange and Historical Properties get built replacing old sections of the city.
- The most controversial project under the name of 'Urban Renewal' was the elimination of Africville. In October 1962, the City decided to eliminate Africville and relocate its residents elsewhere in Halifax. The process of relocating Africville residents began in 1964; the demolition of the community was largely completed by the end of 1967.



WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE 1960'S – NOVA SCOTIA

- Offshore drilling for oil and natural gas begins in the late 1960s.
- Traditional resource industries continue the post WW2 decline. Most notable were many fish plants, along with the Sydney Steel Mill (closing in 1967).
- Halifax hosts the first Canada Summer Games in 1969.



Sydney Steel



1969 Canada Games Logo

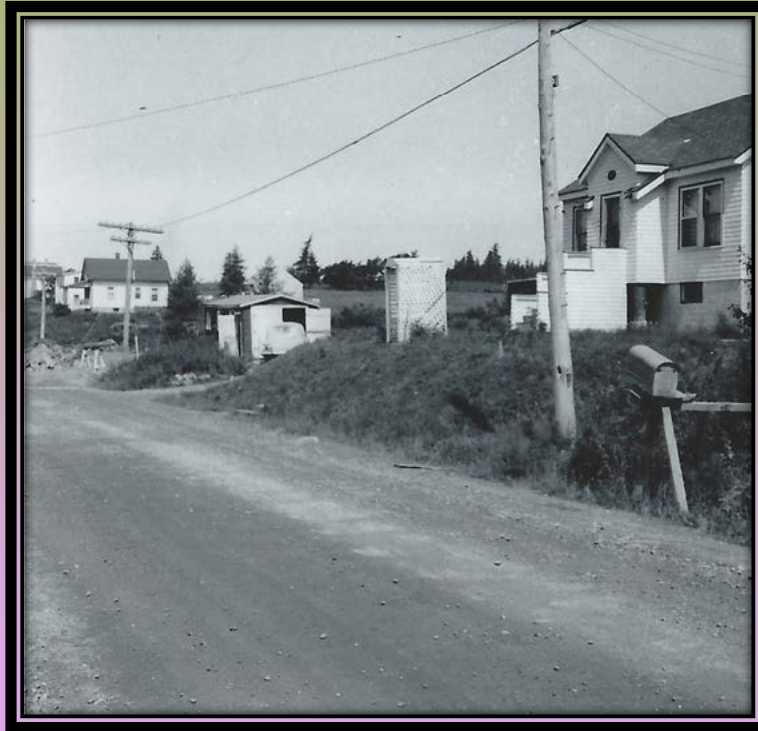
HAMMONDS PLAINS OF THE 1960'S



A Picture of Transition – the past meets the future

Hammonds Plains at the turn of the 1960's was still a small community centered along the Hammonds Plains Road, which had recently been upgraded and paved.

HAMMONDS PLAINS ENTERING THE 1960'S



THE BIG EVENTS IN HAMMONDS PLAINS DURING THE 1960'S

- 1. The Consolidation of our Schools**
- 2. The End of the Forestor's Community Hall**
- 3. Fire Departments emerge**
- 4. Subdivisions bring new neighbours**
- 5. The Pin Hi Golf Course opens**
- 6. The last days of the Hammonds Plains Mills**

THE SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION OF THE 1960'S

During the early 1960's, The Department of Education were making moves to improving the quality of education in N. S.

The Civil Rights Movement in the U. S. contributed to the DOE moving to inclusive schools as part of this improvement.

In Hammonds Plains, there were 2 schools that were beyond capacity and for the most part were segregated. In 1963, the decision was made to consolidate the 2 schools in Hammonds Plains into one.



THE SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION OF THE 1960'S



A transition plan was put in place to handle the consolidation, until the new building could be built. The new school, located next to the Irving Station, finally started construction in 1966.



THE SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION OF THE 1960'S

A major part of the transition plan was to mix students from both schools, starting in the 1966/67 school year.



Therefore, each building hosted specific grades for both schools until the new school was built.

THE SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION OF THE 1960'S

The new Consolidated School opened in January 1968, with 12 classrooms, a library, a gym and music room and an office.

Official Opening was on June 5, 1968



THE SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION OF THE 1960'S

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The Hammonds Plains Consolidated School is a twelve room Elementary School designed by Keith L. Graham & Associates, Architects, and constructed by Merlin Kerr Woodworkers Limited. This Consolidated School replaces older schools located at Hammonds Plains and Upper Hammonds Plains.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX



Formal Opening

HAMMONDS PLAINS
CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL

HAMMONDS PLAINS

Wednesday, June 5th., 1968

8:00 p.m.

Souvenir Program

Program for Official Opening

THE SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION OF THE 1960'S

HYMN

Faith of our fathers; living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy,
Where'er we hear that glorious word —

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! God's great power
Shall soon all nations win for thee;
And through the truth that comes from God
Mankind shall then be truly free.

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life.

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

PROGRAM

"O CANADA"

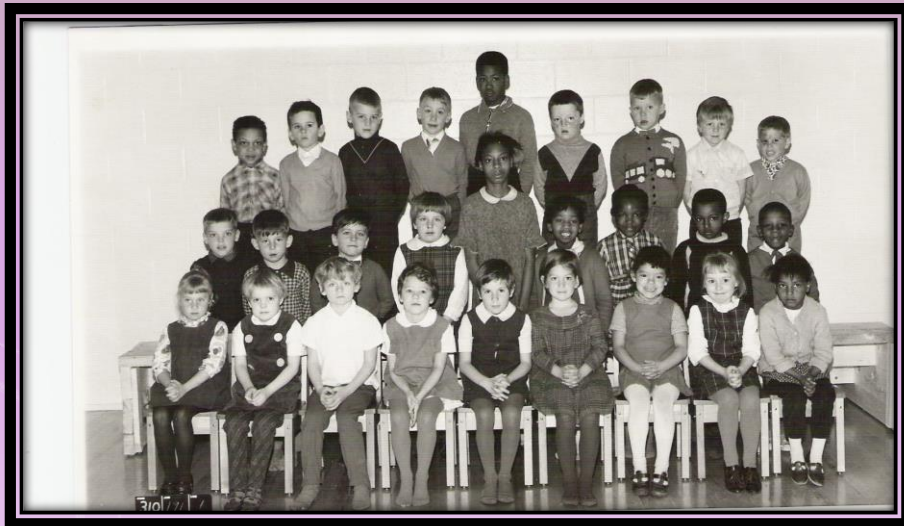
INVOCATION	REV. BERNARD ARMSTRONG
HYMN	"FAITH OF OUR FATHERS"
CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS AND WELCOME	MR. DONALD HAVERSTOCK CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SELECTION—PUPILS GRADES IV, V & VI	"NEAR THE FOUNTAIN" "WHISTLE A MERRY TUNE"
PRESENTATION OF KEYS	MR. MERLIN KERR MERLIN KERR WOODWORKERS LTD. TO MR. KEITH L. GRAHAM, ARCHITECT KEITH L. GRAHAM ASSOCIATES TO DEPUTY WARDEN C. W. NICHOLSON CHAIRMAN, CAPITAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO MRS. MONICA SCOTT CHAIRMAN, MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD TO MR. DONALD HAVERSTOCK CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO MRS. MILDRED NICHOLSON PRINCIPAL
PRESENTATION OF FLAG & PLAQUE	DEPUTY WARDEN G. W. NICHOLSON
PRESENTATION	MRS. V. BRADLEY, REGENT SYLVANUS A MORTON CHAPTER I.O.D.E.
SELECTION BY PUPILS	"OUR CANADA FROM SEA TO SEA"
INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER	COUNCILLOR C. EARL GILES
ADDRESS & FORMAL OPENING	DR. HAROLD M. NASON DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA
FORMAL THANKS	MR. DONALD BOUTILIER TRUSTEE
BENEDICTION	MR. FRANK QUINTA

"NATIONAL ANTHEM"

(Following "The Queen" guests are invited to inspect the school and enjoy the refreshments)

Program for Official Opening

CLASS PICTURES FROM 1967-68



NEW SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION - 1966



OLD H P SCHOOL BECOMES FIREMEN'S HALL - 1969



1960'S - THE END OF THE FORESTER'S COMMUNITY HALL



THE ONLY ALL BLACK FIRE DEPARTMENT IN CANADA IS CREATED IN 1966



THE HAMMONDS PLAINS FIRE DEPARTMENT TAKES SHAPE



1961 – First Fire Station is built – 2 Bays.

1962 – Second Hand Truck was purchased and a tanker was donated by Bedford Fire Department.

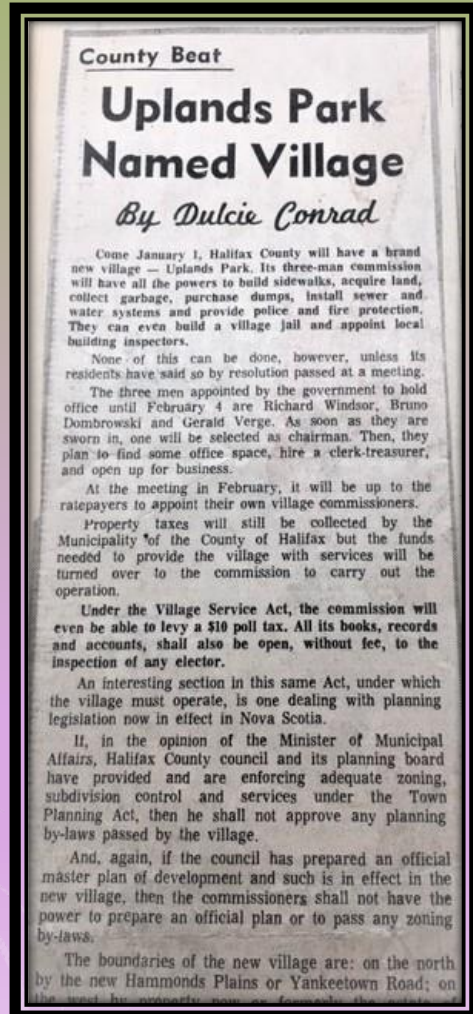
1963 – Firemen`s Association Formed.

1965 – New Tanker Truck Purchased.

1969 – Fire Department receive their own hats, coats and boots.



SUBDIVISIONS BRING NEW NEIGHBOURS



Uplands Park starts Development - 1962



HAMMONDS PLAINS GETS A GOLF COURSE

**Pin Hi Golf Course
opens in 1962**

**- Original operation
(Driving Range,
Mini Putt, Canteen)**



THE LAST DAYS OF THE HAMMONDS PLAINS MILLS



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THE BAPTIST CHURCH GETS A NEW HALL - 1962



1960'S HAMMONDS PLAINS GATHERING SPOTS



Shell Service Station



Irving Station

1960'S RECREATION



INTERESTING ASPECTS OF 1960'S LIFE IN HAMMONDS PLAINS

PLAINS

- Hammonds Plains considered a conservative, rural community through the 60's.
- Book Mobile visits community.
- Traffic increases significantly on Hammonds Plains Road.
- Most folks have a TV set and phone (with party lines).
- Community Suppers still a trademark of community.
- Major snowstorms of early 60's make winters memorable.



INTERESTING ASPECTS OF 1960'S LIFE IN HAMMONDS PLAINS

- Fire Department becomes the leading organization in community, replacing IODE.
- Kings Clothing Truck makes regular visits, along with peddlers.
- Students are presented with wider educational experiences.
- Save Easy and Green Gables Convenience Store leads the new style stores. Groceries supplied by Save-Easy, including home deliveries.
- Hammonds Plains has a Hockey Team in western Halifax County Hockey League.
- Hay is still made with horse drawn cutters and rakers.
- Community has air raid siren. Students conduct drills in school.



HAMMONDS PLAINS OF THE 1960'S

PRESENTED BY HAMMONDS PLAINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Baptist Sunday School Closing Picnic - 1969



The roadside lupins – 1967 – Where have they all gone?