

and fears of ground contamination halted development on the land.

The 1938 survey concluded the "possibility of gas leakage is continually present during the process."

Throughout 1994, the City of Belleville conducted an environmental assessment on the land and discovered that unless the ground is disturbed, there is no cause for concern, explained Belleville's Chief Administrative Officer, Cliff Belch. Even then, the ground can be disturbed if Ministry of Environment guidelines are followed.

Ethier thinks back to growing up on the end of Pinnacle Street, the gateway to the bay.

"A lot of that land was all dump and marsh."

But, it was a fantastic playground for the kids of Foster Ward who fought heroic battles with cattails and hunted for rabbits.

Now, Ethier notices the irony history has created with respect to south Pinnacle Street.

"When we were down there, everybody was fighting to get off there. Now, they're all fighting to get on."

Corn climbs in dry '21

The summer of 1921 was hot and dry — so dry some farmers complained to Ald. Sam Treverton "there were many fields of oats on which rain had not fallen from the day of sowing until the harvest."

The Weekly Ontario reported on the weather predicament on 21 July, 1921.

At the expense of grains, the dry weather was a boon to corn.

"The corn crop is extra fine," Treverton was quoted as saying.

"It stands four to five feet high, acres and acres of it. With recent rains, there will be an enormous corn crop, for it has six weeks yet to grow. There will be no shortage of fodder in Prince Edward, thanks to the corn crop," the paper reports.