FROM THE PAST

This week's from the past is just 11 years old, but timely nonetheless. This is a picture of the first Saugeen Shores council, following its innaugural meeting, published in the Jan. 13, 1999 edition of The Beacon-Times. There have been a lot of changes in Saugeen Shores since this photo was taken, but three councillors, Doug Freiburger, Thead Seaman and Mike Smith have remained on council. All three were in close races for re-election yesterday, results of which were not available until after press time. Visit www.shorelienbeacon.com and pick up next week's issue for complete coverage. Pictured here is, from left to right, (rear): Bob Cammidge, Elgin Shular, Smith, Bill Motely, Freiburger, Seaman, Dennis Haggerty; (front): Molly McDowell, John VanBastelaar, Mark Kraemer, Christine Coulter-Whittaker and Ron Brown.



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This week's From the Past comes courtesy of Carman and Barbara Fullerton of Paisley. This arena was built in 1950. The left front door was used for the Legion, which was upstairs. The middle door was the way into the arena and the one on the right brought you to the curling club lounge. By 1953 it was all paid off. However this wasn't the first attempt at a memorial arena in Paisley. The arena before this one was officially opened Feb. 14, 1948; it burned to the ground Feb. 19. If anyone has a photo of that rink, please bring it to our office at 694 Goderich Street, Port Elgin.



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This week's From the Past is special because the subject is celebrating a birthday. On Monday the Port Elgin Library will turn 102 years old. It is incredible how little has changed to the exterior of the original portion of the library. The surrounding area has certainly seen some changes though. The intersection of Goderich and Elgin streets sow of course fully paved and there are certainly more houses along Elgin. Unfortunately the trees along the street today will soon be as bare as the ones in the photo. So drop by the library Monday to wish it a happy birthday (and while you're at it, enjoy the last of the fall colours). Thanks to Hether Deans for this post card.

