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Throwback Thursday: Grafton's downtown



Shops and buildings remain from circa 1910

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Throwback Thursdays is a photo feature focusing on Northumberland's past. Every

other Thursday the Northumberland News will bring together two photos -- a historical picture combined with a snapshot from current times.

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ings on Old Danforth Road are seen today and circa 1910 in this photo.

The shop owner of 1812 Antiques, Patricia Poisson, provided the historic photo and she believes the man on the right is Reuben Lawless. The Lawless family owned the corner store, which was recently called The Lawless Gallery, and more property in Grafton including a farm, said Ms. Poisson. She met Reuben Lawless nearly 40 years ago when she purchased her shop. Old Danforth Road was called Church Street and at the time this historic photo was taken it was called Victoria Street.



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COBOURG -- Bill Thompson fed the waterfowl at Cobourg Harbour. Mr. Thompson said he will continue to feed the birds twice a day despite getting two tickets and breaking a municipal bylaw.

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Cobourg man defies bylaw, feeds waterfront birds

Harsh winter means waterfowl are dying, wildlife centre says, but resident scattering corn at harbour gets bylaw tickets

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COBOURG -- One man's quest to save the birds in Cobourg has led to tickets and a petition to Cobourg council.

When Bill Thompson learned waterfowl were dying in Carrying Place, likely from starvation, he couldn't sit back and let the same happen in Cobourg.

But his good intentions have come with consequences -- to his wallet, and possibly even to Mother Nature, according to a naturalist group.

The brutally cold, icy winter means Canada geese, mute swans and other waterfowl aren't able to get the food they have accessed in previous years because of snow and ice-covered farmers' fields, said Mr. Thompson, a Cobourg resident. When he noticed the waterfowl in Cobourg near the end of January, he returned to the beach twice a day with corn to feed them, afraid they would otherwise die.

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