



The railroad began servicing Sunderland in 1871 and continued on for nearly a century. The building was later wrecked by vandals.

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school now exists.

In 1871 the railroad was built through the town. When train traffic ceased in the early 1960's vandals attacked the station, which was later removed.

Sunderland now houses the Brock Community Centre where hockey players and figure skaters practice and compete.

But in the early days, recalls Ross Thompson, hockey was played on an outdoor rink. The teams would occasionally gather in Oakwood for hockey tournaments. Oakwood had one of the few outdoor rinks at the time and seating capacity rarely allowed enough space for all the spectators.

In the summer time, soccer

was a popular sport in Sunderland. Cresswell, the area team, brought home the cup one year.

Summertime in Sunderland sees a lot of transient traffic. County Road 10 leading from highways 12 and 7 to Regional Road 23, goes through the village. It is travelled often by city dwellers heading out to cottages, campgrounds and weekend outings. Apart from some shopping at the general store, Sunderland doesn't gain from the increased traffic.



A grease fire in Clay's restaurant Jan. 6, 1949 spread to wipe out buildings on the entire block. For the most part, the buildings were never replaced.