

HISTORIC SITE

The Streetcar Era

The Peterborough and Ashburnham Street Railway Company introduced streetcar service to this city in 1893 and operated it until about 1898. In 1904 it was reinstated by the newly formed Peterborough Radial Railway Co. The Auburn dam, near this point, supplied the railway with electric power for most of its lifetime. The main line's northern terminus was north of here near Langton Street, and it ran south on Water, George and Lock Streets as far as the Otonabee River. A western line, south from Jackson Park and linked at Charlotte Street, served parts of Park Street, and Monaghan Road as far south as Romaine Street. By 1924 the eleven-kilometre system was attracting 1.2 million riders annually, but in 1927 it ceased operations permanently and was replaced by a bus service.

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