

# HISTORIC SITE

## Wenonah Motor Court

The Wenonah cabins, successors to the former tourist camps at Riverside and Inverlea Parks, were opened by Hobart and Leapha Sutherland early in World War 2 in response to the growing automobile traffic in the Kawarthas. Some 15 quaintly designed individual cabins were located among the cedars visible beyond this plaque. A wharf on the river served the cabins. A motel building of the current type with about 12 more units was then added much later. The Wenonah Motor Court closed in 1987 and the property was afterwards acquired by the city for an extension to the existing Riverview Park. The name Wenonah is apparently derived from that of Hiawatha's mother in the well-known poem The Song of Hiawatha by Henry Longfellow.

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