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On December 7, 1851, the town founder Joseph and his son William Walker purchased 40 acres along with the land they secured the waterpower rights on the part of the Saugeen River flowing across the property.

In the summer of 1852 Joseph erected a sawmill and built a dam across the river. A gristmill was erected in 1853 and a woolen mill in 1862. All three mills drew their power from the river and were the main industries in Walkerton for many years.

The sawmill, gristmill and lands were eventually sold to Reuben E. Truax in 1878 and the sawmill was renamed the Truax Dam in honour of Reuben E. Truax. For more than 40 years the company operated logging camps and the mass production of lumber across Canada.

The gristmill was still operation when it was torn down in 2005 to build the existing Tim Horton's.

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In the center of the Saugeen River just above the concrete dam are three log timber cribs with stone. These cribs were hewn with an axe and not sawn, the corners were built using the notch corner joining design used in the 1870 and earlier. Originally built to direct logs into the sawmills race canal. They stopped using the Saugeen as a logging route about the same time the new concrete dam was built, so the cribs are the only surviving evidence of Walkerton's early logging industry.

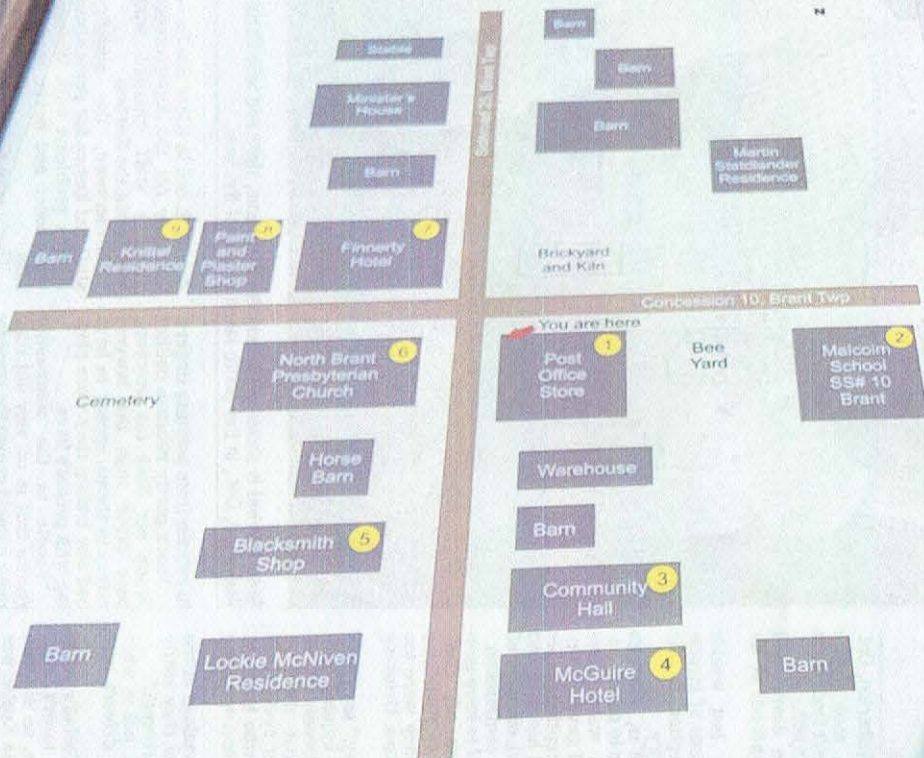
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In 2016, public consultation was held with the Lake Huron Fishing Club to discuss proposed removal of the Truax Dam. The Lake Huron Fishing Club received full funding from Bruce Power to complete the partial removal. After extensive public consultation, the Truax Dam was partially removed between August-September 2019. On October 15, 2019, the Municipality of Brockton held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the project's completion. The partial removal rehabilitated the dam to a more natural state, improved river access and public use at the site, allowed free fish migration to pass through the area and improved water quality, creating a healthier ecosystem.

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Before and after ariel pictures of the Truax Dam.

Hamlet of Malcolm Circa 1875



- 1 Post Office Store
Postmasters:
Daniel Sullivan 1869 - 1905
John Miller 1905 - 1913
- 2 Malcolm School - SS# 10 - Brant
1872 - 1967
First Teacher John Kleib
- 3 Community Hall - In 1872 John and Barbara Miller
converted it to a wagon repair and paint shop until 1915
when it was sold to The Farmer's Buying Club
- 4 McGuire Hotel - owned and operated by James
McGuire
- 5 Blacksmith Shop - Owned and operated by Lachlan
(Lockie) McNiven
- 6 North Brant Presbyterian Church - 1859 - 1939
Rev. Moffatt, Rev. Daniel Duff, Rev. Alexander Leslie,
Rev. Girard Graham, Rev. G. Steele
- 7 Finnerly Hotel - Owned and operated by John Finnerly
- 8 Paint and Plaster Shop - Owned and Operated by James
Gibson
- 9 Home of Veronica and George Knittel - Carpenter

The Village of Malcolm's prosperity and
prominence changed drastically when the
railroad bypassed Malcolm and many of the
lots were then added to adjacent farms.

This map was created in 2014 by the Members of the Malcolm Branch
of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario.

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