Welcome to the charming community of Strathroy-Caradoc.

We invite you to explore the pleasant streets of downtown Strathroy; admire the stunning architecture of the 1889 Post Office & Customs House, enjoy the late Victorian atmosphere of our enchanting brick sidewalk streetscapes, and take advantage of the quiet serenity offered by the banks of the Sydenham River.

The splendor of historic Strathroy, Ontario awaits you!
1. **MARKET SQUARE**  
52 Frank Street

In 1861, land was acquired for a Market Square by the Town of Strathroy from landowners John Frank and William Hazelton at a cost of $125. As a condition of sale, Frank and Hazelton stipulated that the property must always be used for market purposes. To accommodate the expansion of commercial activity at the Market, sheds were constructed on the site in 1881. The sheds provided an area for wagons to be parked with a walkway built between them, offering patrons greater accessibility to the products for sale.

2. **STRATHROY TOWN HALL**  
52 Frank Street

The current town hall is the fourth for the Town of Strathroy, with its most recent rebuilding taking place in 1928 at a cost of $34,323. As the capstone on the facade indicates, the building was designed by Watt & Blackwell Architects. At the time of its construction the architectural style was described as combining beauty and utility, reminiscent of a New England style of architecture not found elsewhere in the province.

3. **POST OFFICE/CUSTOMS HOUSE**  
71 Frank Street

The Post Office & Customs House was built by renowned Canadian architect Thomas Fuller, the same man responsible for drafting the plans for our Canadian Parliament Buildings in Ottawa. The structure was built in 1889, however; the distinctive bell tower was not completed until 1901. The entire project cost just over $5,000.

4. **LYCEUM THEATRE**  
79-87 Frank Street

Situated above the current stores occupying the east side of Frank Street next to the old Post Office, the Lyceum Opera House was an impressive theatre. The spacious auditorium was designed with a seating capacity of 600 people: 400 on the floor and 200 in the balcony. The ceilings and walls were decorated with beautiful frescoes, and the theatre was even equipped with box seats. The Lyceum opened in 1891 under the ownership of H. Rapley, a local resident and private banker.

5. **MOVING PICTURE THEATRE**  
82 Front Street

This structure has served many different functions over its history, most notably as a moving picture theatre during the first half of the twentieth century. Erected in 1927 as the 'Regent Theatre', the building had an impressive 575-seat capacity. Although it has experienced a number of alterations to the exterior, this building stands today as a testament to the unique architectural style that emerged during the 1920s.

6. **LIVERY STABLE**  
79 Thomas Street

Various livery stables were erected throughout Strathroy during the age of the horse. This row of shops once served as a Livery, where horses were kept for their owners in return for payment, or from which horses could be rented at a fee. The structure was built around 1880. The arched brick stable doors are still visible on the current facade.

7. **BANK OF COMMERCE**  
51 Front Street West

The Bank of Commerce building was constructed in 1883 at the heart of Strathroy's commercial district on the corner of Front and Frank Streets. The building's unique architecture features a Corinthian inspired front with strong and distinctive vertical pillars, reminiscent of the Classical Greek style. Subsequently used as the municipal police headquarters, the interior has recently been restored to its former character to compliment its current use.

8. **WATERWORKS**  
137 Frank Street

This facility was built in 1902 on property purchased from the Methodist church by the Citizens' Water, Gas and Electric Co. The location for the new station was ideal: the existing electric power house and Sydenham River complemented the new pumping station and provided necessary water and electricity to a growing downtown. The building was recently converted into a Seniors' Centre, with the architect carefully incorporating elements of the building's historic past into its contemporary role.

9. **DRUG STORE**  
35 Front Street West

Although ownership has changed hands through the years, this site has continued to serve its intended purpose as a drug store since the 1880s. Initially owned and operated by Menno Springer under the name 'Springer Drugs', the building has also served as the home of 'Stepler Drugs' and 'Bossons Pharmacy', accommodating a unique business tradition in the downtown commercial district.