

A CAPSULE HISTORY OF
SCARBORO' BEACH PARK

- Oct. 1895 - Inherited by House of Providence from Thomas O'Connor as a farm
- Oct. 1905 - Proposed for purchase by City by Ald. Jones
- Sept. 27 1906 - Sold to Dominion Park Co. (President - Harry A Dorsey) of Montreal (owns parks in Montreal & Minneapolis)
- City (Forman) wanted to buy but Council decided against at \$160,000.
- Price given \$165,000. - 42 acres land (only half to be used; to sell as lots? Feb. /07) 24 acres water lots.
- T.R.C. denies any "direct" association
- Nov. 10 1906 - Named Toronto Park Co. 70 King St. West
- Feb. 11 1907 - Architects Connor, Clarke and Monds
- Mar. 30 1907 - Selected name Scarboro' Beach in contest (\$100 award) won by G. Turner, 1236 King St. West
- April 1907 - Estimated expenditure on Park is \$500,000.
- May 17 1907 - T.R.C. commences building loop in park (to loop back via Leuty Ave.) and terminating service to east, but is halted by City Engineer.
- T.R.C. is removing Munro Park loop, hence threatens to halt service at Woodbine Ave.
- May 20 1907 - Permission granted for loop (to loop on west side of Howard Ave.) but stub line to east not considered to be permanent by T.R.C. (since outside city limits).
- June 1, 1907 - Park opened by Mayor Coatsworth
- Sept. 2, 1909 - First aeroplane flight contracted for public exhibition held by Charles Foster Willard in his "Golden flyer". (Repeat flights on Sept. 7 & 11).

- 1910 - Toronto Park Company into liquidation.
- 1911 - T.R.C. takes over as Park owners under name of Scarboro' Securities.
- Dec.13,1912 - T.R.C. closes its streetcar operation east of Maclean Ave.
- Mar.1,1913 - T. & Y. RR operates "stub" section as extra fare service.
- Dec.14,1914 - "Stub line" rebuilt by City as double track in fall of 1914 and T.R.C. forced to extend through service.
- Sept.1920 - Car barn built at S.E. corner of Park
- July,1922 - Streetcar loop removed. Park acquisition rejected by T.T.C. **
- Sept.12,1925- (Saturday) - Park closed at end of day. Amusements sold.

Land sold for housing to the Provident Investment Company.
Earl and Leslie Price built duplexes.

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** Note: Sunnyside was opened on June 28, 1922 by the Toronto Harbour Commission.



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CONSTRUCTION DETAILS WOULD BE MOST WELCOME
TO ENHANCE & COMPLETE THIS HISTORY.

SCARBORO' BEACH PARK

Named: March 30, 1907

Opened: June 1, 1907

Closed: September 12, 1925

Demolished: 1925-26

MAJOR STRUCTURES

Entrance Gate	- same as Dominion Park in Montreal (c.1905)	Miniature Railway	- added June 11, 1912
Tower	- 150'(or 100') high, - 10,000 (?) lights - blown down in storm, c. 1919; replaced by smaller tower	Athletic Field	- with grandstand and two sets of bleachers - baseball and lacrosse field surrounded by cycle and sprint tracks (added 1911)
Shoot-The-Chutes	- into artificial lagoon (created from Glen Stewart creek)	Scarboro' Inn	- 300' x 100', 2 storey - cafe with open pavilion
Scenic Railway (Roller Coaster)	- 3/4 (?) mile long, in figure of 8 - 3 car trains - drops from 50' to 10' in 250' (16% grade)	Bandstand	- bandshell
Cascades (Tunnel of Love)	- boat ride in tunnel	Stage	- open
Circle Swings	- centrifugal chair ride	Bathing Pavilion	- at foot of Leuty Avenue
Bump-The-Bumps	- only free attraction	Boats	- for hire
Roller Rink	Alternative attractions in the same building	Boardwalk	- from McLean to Leuty Aves.
Temple of -----		Pier	- at foot of McLean Avenue
Whirl of Pleasure		Old Residence	- in NE quadrant of property
		Old House	- at SW corner of Queen & entrance road
		TRC Carhouse	- 4 track carbarn, plus 12 track yard, opened 1920

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Electroscope
Third Degree
Roulette Wheel

Alternative attractions
in the
same building

Johnstown Flood
(1889)
San Francisco
Earthquake
(1906)
Pompeii (79 AD)

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House of Nonsense
(Joyland)

House of Mirth
Laughing Gallery

Probably the same
attraction

Tickler Theatre
Globe of Death

- 2 bicycle riders
inside sphere

The Midway

- about 20 other
booths & attractions
& food

Old Plantation
Infant Incubators
Hobby Horses

present at
1907 opening, gone
prior to 1920



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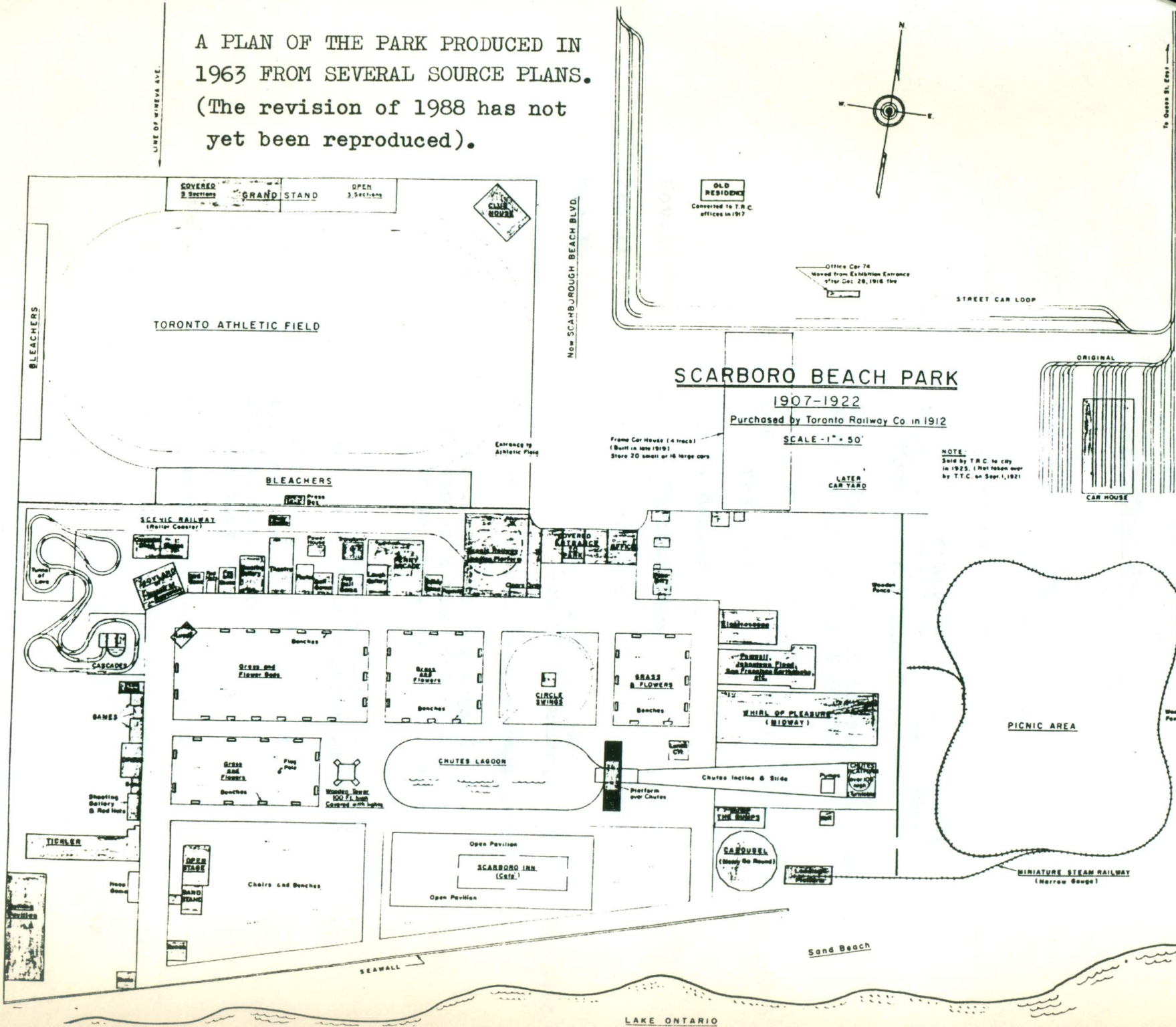
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A PLAN OF THE PARK PRODUCED IN 1963 FROM SEVERAL SOURCE PLANS.
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LINE OF WINDY AVE.

To Queen St. East

NOW SCARBOROUGH BEACH BLVD.

SCARBORO BEACH PARK

1907-1922

Purchased by Toronto Railway Co in 1912

SCALE - 1" = 50'

NOTE:
 Sold by T.R.C. to city
 in 1925. (Not taken over
 by T.T.C. on Sept. 1, 1921)

LATER
 CAR YARD

ORIGINAL

CAR HOUSE

Frame Car House (4 tracks)
 (Built in 1908/1910)
 Store 20 small or 16 large cars

Office Car 74
 Moved from Exhibition Entrance
 after Dec. 28, 1916 fire

STREET CAR LOOP

TORONTO ATHLETIC FIELD

BLEACHERS

SCENIC RAILWAY
 (Roller Coaster)

SCISSOR AND FLOWER BODS.

GRASS AND FLOWERS

CIRCLE SWINGS

GRASS & FLOWERS

CAROUSEL
 (Hoody Go Round)

WHIRL OF PLEASURE
 (MIDWAY)

CHUTES LAGOON

PICNIC AREA

GRASS AND FLOWERS

SCARBORO INN
 (SITE)

Sand Beach

LAKE ONTARIO