# Town Of Crossfield History

Crossfield's history starts as far back as 1890, below is a brief outline of how the community came to be.

- 1890    Mrs. Hannington opened a stopping house on the Calgary - Edmonton Trail

- 1892    C and E Railway provided rail transportation between Calgary and Edmonton.

   A siding, 29 miles north of Calgary became identified as Crossfield, named for Mr. Crossfield, an    engineer with CPR surveyor crew.

- 1902    A blacksmith shop was built by Dave Gallagher, CPR section man

   Crossfield's first native son arrived, W. D. McCool

   W. D. Ramsay, a student minister, held church services in pioneer homes

- 1903    J. Sutherland opened a post office and became the first postmaster, followed by Mr. Wright

   J. McCool built and operated the first general store

   Mr. Collas opened a barbershop

   Mr. Hultgren built and opened a grocery store

   Bill Edwards opened a livery barn and a meat market

   A one-room school was built in the southwest part of town and Miss Mallory arrived as the first teacher

- 1904    Mr. Nichols arrived as first CPR agent

   Peter Patmore opened a real estate office

   Eph High brought the first threshing outfit to the district

   Merrick Thomas opened the first drugstore

   Dr. Bishop set up the first medical practice

   Henry Becker opened a bakeshop

   George Becker built the Albert Hotel

- 1905     CPR station house was built

    Methodist Church was built

- 1906     Bank of Commerce was built, Jim Cameron first Manager

    Alberta Pacific Elevator was built, with Tom Bills as agent

    School was moved to North end of Town and a second room was added

- 1907     Imperial Bank opened for business in a building on Hammond Avenue

    Crossfield became incorporated as a village with Dr. Bishop as mayor and Don McKay, secretary - treasurer

- 1908     Catholic Church was built

- 1909     Four-room brick school was built

- 1910     Alec Gordon opened a farm implement agency and became the first owner of an automobile

- 1913     Charles Smart opened the first garage

- 1924     January 4 the heart of the village was reduced to ashes and ruins, from a fire that was thought to have started in the hotel.  In November of the same year, the village was ravaged by another fire.

- 1928     Electricity was installed

- 1953     Water and sewer were connected

- 1956     Natural gas was connected

- 1967     Federal Grain took control

- 1968     a new grain elevator was built

- 1972     Alberta Wheat Pool bought out Federal Grain and made it the Alberta Wheat Pool #2

- 1977     The village was connected to the Mountain View Regional Water System

- 1980    Crossfield reached over 1,000 people and therefore the Village became incorporated as a town

For more detailed information on the Town's History please visit the Crossfield Municipal Library for the town's published history books:

- Prairie Sod on Golden Rod
- Crossfield and District Families, Friends, Neighbors
- Crossfield and District Communities