

## History of Oliver

- 10000-9000 BC First people arrive in the area.
- 1400's European settlement of North America begins.
- 1700's Horse comes to Okanagan.
- 1811 First European people in the Osoyoos area, David Stuart with Pacific Fur Company.
- 1846 Agreement of the 49<sup>th</sup> parallel as the western between Canada and U.S.A.
- 1851 John Carmichael Haynes was appointed by Colonial government as Custom Collector and Gold Commissioner in "Sooyoos".
- 1864 First Custom's house built at "Sooyoos".
- 1883 Small-pox epidemic kills one in every three Aboriginal people.
- 1886 Indian Reserves were formed.
- 1887 Stemwinder Claim staked – Fairview.
- 1888 Cariboo Mine (Camp McKinney) – first lodge mining camp in the province to pay a dividend.  
Judge Haynes dies.
- 1897 First school in Fairview.
- 1899 Typhoid fever epidemic.
- 1914-18 WWI
- 1918 Puttullo Dam completed (below McIntyre Bluff).
- 1921 Initial sale of lots for farming in Oliver and District.  
Oliver Town site established.
- 1923 Oliver's first school.  
First train arrives in Oliver (May 24)
- 1924 Concrete canals, flumes and wood stave syphons completed to the Canada/US border.

- 1925 First packing house – Oliver Co-operative Growers.
- 1929 Oliver school (on present Elementary site).
- 1930 Oliver Sawmills Ltd. is established (started in 1923 by Harry Fairweather).
- 1937 Oliver Airport opens (Labour Day).
- 1939-45 WWII.
- 1942 St. Martin's Hospital opens.
- 1947 South Okanagan Secondary School completed (officially opened in 1949).
- 1948 BC Aboriginal people receive the right to vote in Provincial election.
- 1960 Aboriginal people receive the right to vote in Federal election.
- 1967 Oliver Sawmill closes.
- 1973 South Okanagan General Hospital Opens (St. Martin's closes).
- 1976 Tuc-el-Nuit Elementary opened.