

History of the Grain Terminals:

- Collingwood's industrial history is a foundational pillar for its strong present. The Grain Terminals facilitated Collingwood's evolving role in the shipping and transportation of goods throughout the Great Lakes and beyond.
- Shipbuilding was one of the biggest industries that operated in the harbour for 103 years (1883 –1986) and employed over 1,000 people at its height.
- The pier was constructed as a gateway to the Great Lakes with the Ontario, Simcoe, and Huron Union Railway Company (inc. 1853) building a railway that connected Toronto with the Great Lakes. It was the first of its kind to carry both passenger and freight traffic.
- The Terminals silos were built over 30 consecutive days beginning May 25, 1929, with concrete being continuously poured for 24 hours/day. A total of 40 men built the Terminals at a cost of \$800,000, with the marine tower and warehouse tower completed after the silos were poured.
- The completed terminals had 126 silos with a capacity of 2,000,000 bushels of grain.
- The first ship to unload at the terminals was the steamer Minesing from Chicago with 275,000 bushels of corn in September 1929 (nine months after construction began)
- The last rail cars were filled for shipment from the Terminals in 1986.
- Between 1986-1997, the Terminals were privately owned by Frank and Fred Hamilton.
- The Town of Collingwood purchased the Terminals in 1997
- In 2000, Millennium Park was created on the north side of the Terminals building