The Royal Visit

On August 2nd, 1978, Bruderheim was honored with a ten-minute scheduled visit from the Queen of England. Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by Prince Philip, was making her tour by train to officially open the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton. In preparation for the occasion, Bruderheim"s CNR station site was developed into "Queen"s Park", and Main Street was renamed "Queen Street". Local singers and an Edmonton marching band entertained the crowd of over a thousand people gathered to see the Queen in person. She was greeted by Mayor Jim O"Hara and escorted along a red carpet to where the village Councilors and guests awaited introductions. The Royal couple signed the guest book and were presented with flowers and an over-sized handmade teddy-bear as a gift from the village.



The Royal Visit – Signing the guest book.

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