

J.L. McCutcheon Motors Ltd.

Location: 625 Turnberry St. S, Brussels, Ontario
Year built: 1952

McCUTCHEON MOTORS WAS FIRST established in the 1930s by Harry McCutcheon. He started a repair service on his farm on Concession 6 Morris Township. During the days he farmed and in evenings repaired cars. In 1934, he was appointed a Canadian Tire dealer and for five years operated this business as well as the farm. McCutcheon drove to Toronto to buy cars which he then resold in the Brussels area. He later moved the business to the old woolen mill property in Brussels which had already been converted to a garage by W.A. Lowery. McCutcheon eventually bought the building. He continued in business until his death in 1946.



In 1949, George McCutcheon bought Riverside Motors, the business he was a partner in since 1946. In 1950, they had a direct franchise with General Motors of Canada as a Chev-Olds dealer in Brussels area.

The present building occupied by J.L. McCutcheon Motors Ltd. was built in 1952 (still with the name Riverside Motors until

1958). The former Massey-Ferguson building was bought in 1967 from Elmer Somers and is now the new truck lot.

John L. McCutcheon became president of the business in 1970. In 1976, the sales and service operation was sold to a new company registered as J.L. McCutcheon Motors Ltd. The dealership expanded to the west side of Turnberry Street in 1979 with the purchase of the land previously occupied by the Bridge Motors building. This shop was used for autobody and used car conditioning work. In 1988, the former East Huron Produce property was bought for use as a used car lot.

The property was sold and shares transferred in 1988 from John L. McCutcheon to Robert Richmond, president, and John Exel, vice-president. In 2004, the Auto Body Shop was sold to Charles Wick and is now operating as Brussels Auto Collision and Restoration.
