# Revenue building opens its impressive doors

It was an inauspicious opening. A handful of local press people, clad in everything from blue jeans to three-piece suits, sipped coffee in the rather awesome lobby of Oshawa's brand new Ministry of Revenue building.

There was a noticeable lack of fanfare. No speeches nor politicians to mark the arrival of the first 200 employees, who moved in to the building on the weekend.

Inauspicious, perhaps. But the opening of the Revenue offices didn't go unnoticed by local merchants and downtown enterprises. In Oshawa, signs appeared in store windows welcoming the ministry staff.

With the influx of 1,600 ministry employees, to be completed in several stages by May, 1983, Durham Region hopes to reap the economic benefits of being the first region to house a provincial ministry head office.

To date, 300 permanent staff from Durham Region have been hired by the ministry. About 240 ministry staff have moved, or are in the process of moving their households to the region. This means they need houses, transportation, and day-to-day goods and services.

Much of the construction of the $27 million structure was contracted to local firms. A satellite personnel office has been in operation in Oshawa since February, 1981 to help local residents gain employment in the construction of the revenue building.

The opening of the revenue building, which will be official some time in May, marks the beginning of the Ontario government's plan to decentralize its head office operations.

"The government's decision to decentralize some of its head offices is designed to provide economic benefits outside of Toronto," says Arnold Bock, the man in charge of moving the Ministry of Revenue from Toronto to Oshawa.

The next head office to be moved will be the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP), which will be relocated in Kingston in the near future.

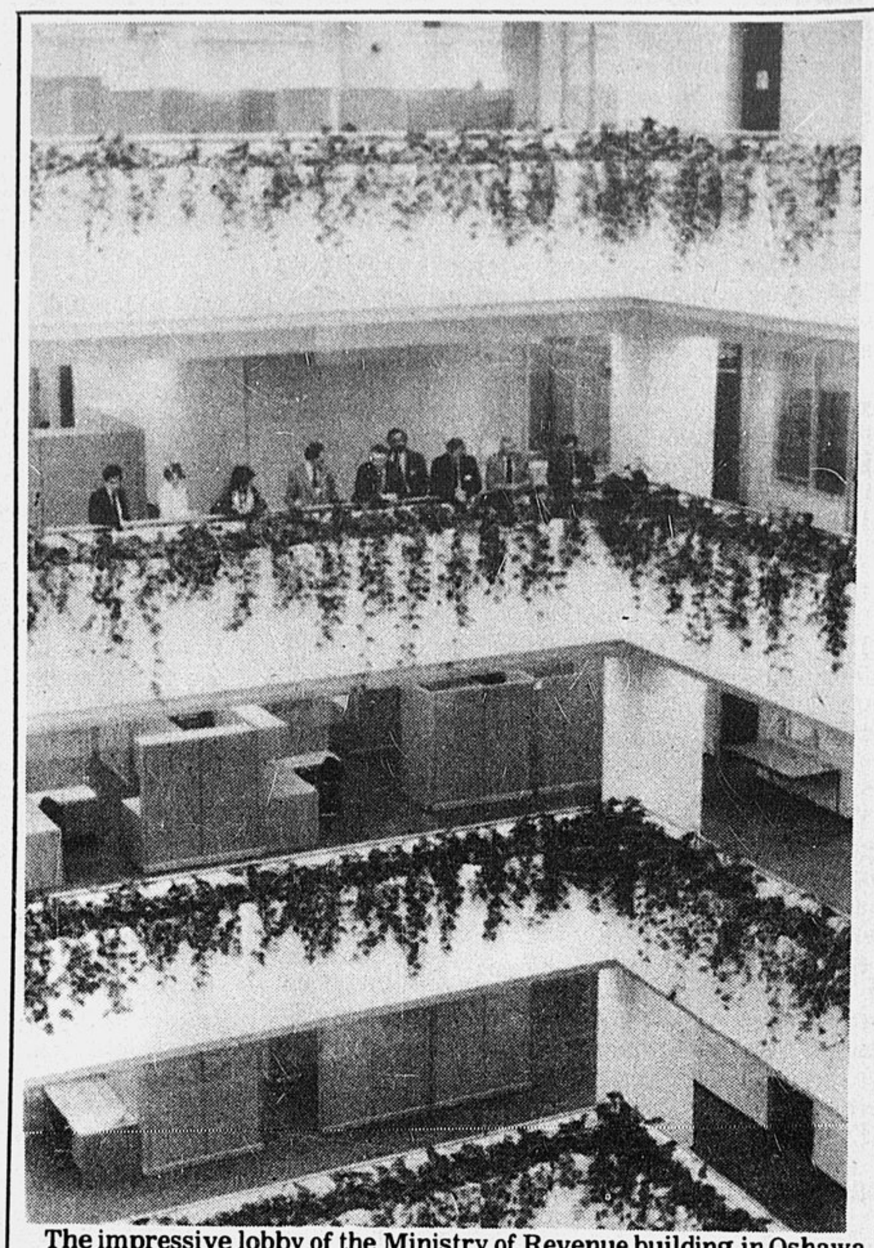
The seven-storey revenue building will officially open its doors six years after the first announcement of relocation in April of 1977. Originally scheduled to open in the fall of 1982, construction delays pushed the opening back about seven months.

The building itself is designed for maximum energy efficiency. To this end, huge storage tanks on the seventh floor collect all surplus heat generated in the building. The heat is stored in 50,000-gallon water tanks to be redistributed throughout the building. In the summer months, the water can also be used to cool the offices. The building is heated e tirely by convention energy sources, with solar heating appa tus.

Other impressive fe tures of the alm space-age structure clude computer bas telephone systems, computerized secur system complete w cameras in the co puter rooms, and a co ference room th allows ministry officia to hold meetings on te vision screens.

Hundreds of offic throughout the buildi are designed to be po able. Office partitio and furniture can si ply be moved as the fice needs change.

By far the most i pressive visual featu of the building is t seven-storey "atrium decked out with mo than 2,000 plant Project manager Pa Tranquada says th open-air design shou alleviate some of t claustrophobia of wor ing in small, closely kn offices.



The impressive lobby of the Ministry of Revenue building in Oshawa stretches seven storeys and is decked with more than 2,000 plants. The first wave of employees began working in the new offices last Monday.
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