

Saugeen officially opens new municipal build

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Reeve Alex Lamont was the proud master of ceremonies on Friday night, December 8th, for the Grand Opening of the new Office and Maintenance Building on the 6th of Saugeen. This building will house the Council Chambers and Clerk's office and Superintendent's office, as well as garage space for the road equipment.

Over 400 guests were in attendance for the ribbon cutting and stayed to enjoy the hospitality.

Reeve Lamont opened the ceremonies by asking all to join in the singing of O Canada. He then called on Councilman Clayton Doll for a few words. Jim Clazie of Saugeen Council spoke next, stating that the design for the new building had been chosen from many and he felt it was the best.

Councillor Peter Ens said, "this is a milestone in Saugeen Township, and is a reflection of the growth we are experiencing." He went on to say, "as a retiring member, I wish the new Council every success."

After a few words from Dale Chappell, Mr. Lamont called on former Reeve Archie McCulloch who said, "we have talked about building the new building for a number

of years, and the present Council has done a good job in getting it at last."

Former Reeve George Pollock congratulated the present administration for the fine new building and carrying out "what we planned for many years." He said the finalizing was "made possible through the co-operation of the Department of Transportation."

When Mr. Lamont called upon Saugeen Township Clerk, Mrs. Mildred Esplen, she said "I am very proud to be Clerk at this time of having the new building."

Alex Lamont announced the total cost of the new building is \$67,356 and the Township will receive a 60% subsidy from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for all but \$7,500, which is the portion for the Council Chambers and Clerk's Office.

The furnishings for the offices has been estimated at \$2,000.

Two neighboring Township Reeves spoke, Harold McArthur of Arran and Warden of Bruce County, Mr. Harvey Davis. In his address Mr. Davis said, "I will pay you the ultimate compliment, this building is just almost as good as the one we opened in Elderslie this past Spring." He went on to say, "George Guyer is held in



There was standing room only, for the very successful Grand Opening.

high regard by all, and he should be happy working in a building such as this."

Mr. Eddie Sargent the M.P.P. for Grey-Bruce brought the greetings of the Legislature.

Alex Lamont had the ladies who assisted in planning the evening stand and take a bow for the wonderful work they had done.

Last, but not least, Road Superintendent George Guyer reminisced when he recalled the first

building which was built in 1951 for a total cost of \$3,500. A second building was added when the Township moved a shed from Clarence Boettger's property. He did not say exactly when the third 'building' was placed on the property, but he did refer to it as the "two-holer", and said that if they were not already in the process of burning it down hoped it would be soon.

After a few words by Bill Mann-erow, the designer of the build-

ing and Mr. W. G. Ross of Galt, the contractor, Mr. Lamont called upon Mr. Don McDonald, of the Department of Transportation and Communication to cut the ribbon to officially pronounce the building opened.

While the visitors gathered at the buffet tables for refreshments, the excellent music of Gord Brown and His Country Gals from Paisley made our toes tingle to dance.



Assisting at the Ribbon Cutting, are, from left to right, George Guyer, Peter Ens, Jim Clazie, Reeve Lamont, Mr. Don McDonald from the Department of Transportation and Communication in Owen Sound, Mrs. Mildred Esplen, Clayton Doll and Dale Chappell.

(Times photo)



Refreshments and buffet enjoyed by visitors to the Opening of the new Saugeen Township Building. (Times photos)