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New Firehall Opens

On Friday night, some 300 persons were in attendance to witness the official ribbon cutting ceremonies at the Saugeen Township Fire Hall.

Township Fire Hall.

Unfortunately, the opening was delayed by a traffic mishap and most of the firemen were called to the scene.

Reeve Alec Lamont gave a rundown on the cost and construction of the building and fire equipment.

The building itself is a wood frame construction with aluminium siding, both inside and out. It has a cement floor and houses a committee room also made of a wood frame and aluminium siding. It was felt that such a construction would be fireproof.

There will be tow trucks housed in the hall, a pumper and a tank truck. The tanker is still 50 per cent owned by Port Elgin. The pump truck and its basic equipment is from Sea-Laves of London and is valued at \$43,583.

At present fire calls are directed to the Port Elgin answering service and Kent Milroy (operator of the service) triggers the fire alarm from his own home.

At the sound of the alarm, firemen are expected to react instantly. At present there are 17 volunteer firemen on the force, all of which live within three-quarters of a mile from the hall.

It was explained that to date, counting the truck and the building and all the accessories, including gasoline and the estimated wages of the firemen, the cost was \$82,806.72.

The members of the volunteer fire department were commended on their efforts to get the building ready for the ribbon cutting as they had worked every night in their spare time for a week of completion of the walls.

After the ribbon cutting, there was a dance in the Saugeen Township Hall, with music being provided by Jim Paterson and his Country Gentlemen.

Members of the fire department include Peter Ens (Chief),

Jack Frazer, Rolfie Vaillancourt, Bill Jack, Frank Eagleson, Murray Thede, George Guyer, Ron Kuss, Doug McNaney, Karl Maas, Rick Aubin, Ron Schell, Larry Voight, Doug Scarf, Bruce Hunt, Ron Thede and Ken Webb.

The pumping unit is capable of pumping 625 gallons of water per minute where available supplies permit and the tanker carries a maximum load of 3,000 gallons.

It is estimated, through past records, that there is an average of nine major fires per year in the area to be covered by the department. At present, a portion of Saugeen township is under the protection of the Paisley fire department.



Saugeen Township firetruck



Saugeen Township opens new fire hall