



Joyce Erskine (left) and Anne Drysdale take a look at some of the photos from the town hall's past and present.

Acton Town Hall Centre Re-Introduction

After decades of blood, sweat, tears and fundraising, the lovingly restored Acton Town Hall Centre was opened to the public on April 24. Dating back to 1883, the building was the administrative, cultural and social centre of the village for decades before falling into disrepair and being slated for demolition in the 1970s. A group of citizens banded together to buy the property and hosted dozens of different fundraisers to pay for the building's restoration. Decades of hard work later, the dedicated volunteers showed off the fruits of their labour with a huge ceremony and reception that included comedic interpretations of early town hall meetings, speeches and greetings from all levels of government, and a tour of the historic building.

Photos by Andrea Lefebvre



George Elliott shows off the town hall's original piano, which he had rescued, stored and lovingly restored over the years.



LEFT: Irene Birrell serves lemonade at the grand opening reception.

ABOVE RIGHT: Names from Acton's past are brought to life by Acton Town Hall Players (from left) Maureen Ryan (playing Maggie Kennedy), Meghan Van Asseldonk (Mrs. Robert Swan) and Evelyn Bedard (Elizabeth Beardmore).

RIGHT: Fran Morris (left) and Joyce Kendall check out the town hall's tiny little jail cells.



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