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HALTON POLICE'S NEW \$65-MILLION FACILITY OFFICIALLY OPENS TO THE PUBLIC SEPT. 24

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Halton police cut the ribbon on their new state-of-the-art police headquarters during a commissioning ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 13.

Officers raised the Canadian, Ontario and Halton police flags outside the \$65-million facility as a crowd of current and former members of the Halton Regional Police Service, and others, looked on.

The new structure, located on the same regional property at 1151 Bronte Rd., broke ground in October 2015.

It will officially open its doors to the public on Monday, Sept. 24.

"It is such an unbelievable honour to stand here finally today," said Halton Police Chief Stephen Tanner during a speech outside the new headquarters.

"It has been a few years in the planning and a couple years in the making and while this facility does stand as a symbol of justice and of policing in Canada, what it is really here for is to serve the men and women who work here, sworn and civilian, and to serve every citizen of Halton."

Halton police are moving their headquarters from their current two-storey, 86,000-square-foot facility to the new four-storey, 235,000-square-foot structure.

The previous headquarters were built in 1991 and Tanner has previously stated the police service has outgrown it.

"It served us well, but I am glad to be leaving it," he said.

The new building is expected to house the Halton police headquarters for the next 25 years.

It features a 50-metre 10-lane firing range, which can accommodate more officers and vehicles so officers can train for those instances when shooting from inside a vehicle becomes necessary.

Halton Regional Police Chief Stephen Tanner out front the services new headquarters on North Service Road, set to open late September.

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