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ARENA RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The Six Nations Sports and Cultural Memorial Centre was officially opened on May 21, 1973 in Ohsweken. Syd Henhawk, chairman of the Arena Committee gave a welcome speech and Chief Richard Isaac cut the ribbon. A prayer was said in English by Rev. George Ferris and Hubert Buck followed with an Indian prayer. A brass band from Delhi played O Canada and the Army, Navy and Air Force Legion lead the procession into the arena.

Special guest speakers were; Mr. Wm McKim, Director Technical Services Branch, Dept. of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; Chief Richard Isaac, Six Nations Council; Russ Moses, Communications division, Dept. of Indian Affairs; James Naish, Past President of the Ontario Lacrosse Association; and Roy Beechey, Ontario Minor Hockey Association Representative.

All speakers congratulated the Arena Committee on a job well done and the people of the Six Nations had every reason to be proud of an arena that they can call their very own.

Other speakers on the agenda for the day were Larry John Hill, President, Six Nations Minor Lacrosse; Joe Montour, President, Six Nations Minor Hockey Assoc.; Morley Sandy, Team Manganer of the Six Nations Chiefs; Cec Davis,

Arena Manager; and Stan Jonathan, Junior "A" Peterborough Petes.

Other speakers were Bill Montour of the Board of Directors of the Arena from District #5; Paul Lickers Construction Supervisor; M.A.M.A.'s and Mothers Auxiliary #1 were given acknowledgement for their contributions to the arena.

In closing, Syd Henhawk presented to Ron Montour the Key to the arena, symbolizing the removal of power from the Committee to the Board of Directors.

Two lacrosse games were played following the speeches. In the Six Nations House League, the Tyké Braves scored 6 while the Tyké Chiefs had 3 goals. In the second game, the Novice division, the Braves beat the Chiefs 6-4.

The winner of the mini-bike was Jesse Green of R. R. # 2, Ohsweken and to complete the day the Arena Committee sponsored a dance for fund raising purposes. The music was provided by Sam Martin and His Country Braves.

The Board of Directors for the Arena are; District # 1, Ed Poodry, Syd Henhawk, Dist. #2, Ross Powless, Walter Green, Dist. #3, Bill White, Joe Montour, Dist. #4, John Burnham, Vera Styres, Dist. #5 Ron Monture, (Chairman), Bill Montour, Dist. # 6 Charlie Thomas and Hubert Skye