

*The Corporation
of the
Town of Fort Erie*



FORT ERIE CIVIC CENTRE

OFFICIAL OPENING

In the presence of The Honourable

HENRY N.R. JACKMAN, C.M., K.St.J., LL.D.

Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

June 26, 1995

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF FORT ERIE



John T. Teal
Mayor

JOHN T. TEAL, B.A., LL.B.
Mayor



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Today, marks a very special milestone in the journey of our community on a path of progress which we and those before us have travelled for many years. The building which we dedicate today will physically project the image of our community not only to those who live here but to all who visit us today and into the distant future. On behalf of the people of Fort Erie I would like to thank all of those whose time, effort and commitment have made this building a reality. A new civic building such as this is an indicator of our community's faith in itself.

We hope and we believe that it will be a focal point of community pride and that all who serve us from within its walls will project and reflect the special community spirit that is Fort Erie. It is that community spirit that has sustained us through the generations and has propelled us to the place in which we stand today.

For our generation and those that follow us this new facility will be the place from which we will look to the future, welcome progress and manage change, retaining what is good, hoping for what is better and working for what is best for the people of Fort Erie.

John T. Teal
Mayor



PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

It is with pleasure that I offer my warmest greetings and congratulations to everyone attending the opening of Fort Erie's new Civic Centre.

This celebration reflects the spirit of community and cooperation which exists among the citizens of Fort Erie. By working together, you have made an investment in the future of your town and contributed to the strength and vitality of your area. I commend you for your initiative and vision, which set a shining example for other Canadian communities.

Please accept my best wishes for the success of this worthwhile endeavour.

OTTAWA
1995



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*The Right Honourable
Jean Chrétien
Prime Minister of Canada*



On behalf of the federal government, I would like to extend my best wishes to the Town of Fort Erie on this historic milestone of opening the new Civic Centre. This project is demonstrative of the effort and partnership generated in the community that created a facility very capable and most worthy of taking our citizens forward into the 21st century.

John D. Maloney, M.P. (Erie)



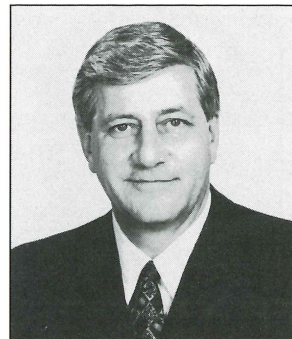
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Erie Riding*



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*Mike Harris
Premier of Ontario*

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As the representative of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the province of Ontario, it gives me great pleasure to extend greetings on the occasion of the official opening of The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie's new Civic Centre, on June 26, 1995.

A dedicated group of individuals has worked diligently to bring this project to fruition, and I congratulate you for your fine efforts. This new civic complex should serve the community of Fort Erie well.

With best wishes for a successful future,

Henry N.R. Jackman
Lieutenant Governor

Fort Erie
June 1995



June 12, 1995

K. P. Zurby
Chief Administrative Officer
The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
200 Jarvis Street
Fort Erie, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Zurby;

I regret that my new duties will prevent me from attending the opening ceremony for the new Fort Erie Civic Centre. However, I would like to thank you for your kind invitation, and take this opportunity to express my best wishes to Mayor Teal, the Municipal Council and the residents of Fort Erie.

In anticipation of my new role as Premier, I would like to assure you that the provincial government will be working with your municipality to make the provision of local services even more efficient, to give the people and government of Fort Erie more control over local decisions, and to hold the line on property taxes.

I hope that I will be able to visit your beautiful community again soon, and I'm sure your new Civic Centre will be a highlight of the tour!

Yours sincerely,

Mike Harris
Premier



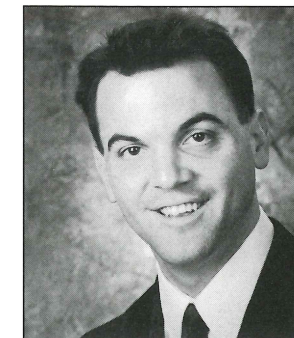
To the Mayor, John T. Teal, LL.B.,
Members of the Municipal Council,
Residents of the Town of Fort Erie,
and the Civic Centre Associates:

As the Member of Provincial Parliament for Niagara South and as a lifelong resident of the Town of Fort Erie, I would like to formally extend my congratulations and best wishes on the opening of the new Civic Centre. Government, whether provincial, federal or municipal, will be facing increasingly difficult challenges through the latter half of the 1990s and into the 21st century.

I expect that the new Civic Centre will enable the hard working staff, Mayor and Council to continue providing improved service and representation to the residents of the Town of Fort Erie. In fact, I think that the scope of the Civic Centre reaches beyond government. It is my hope that access to this facility by residents, and not just staff, will greatly enhance the quality of life and community spirit in the Town of Fort Erie.

Again, Congratulations and Best Wishes,

Tim Hudak, MPP Niagara South



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*Tim Hudak
M.P.P., Niagara South*

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May 18, 1995

Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie
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Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council:

Congratulations on completing this magnificent building!

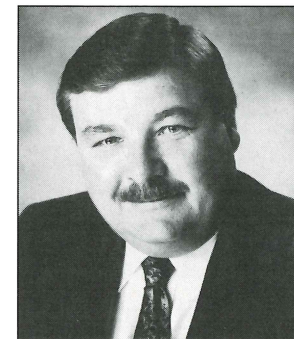
The new Fort Erie Civic Centre is a focal point that will symbolize co-operation, unity and pride in the community, well into the "21st Century". It also provides the setting for increased effectiveness and improved efficiencies that your municipal administration is striving to achieve.

The long and arduous journey to this day, clearly was worth the effort. Every citizen of Fort Erie can be justifiably proud of this accomplishment.

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Council of The Regional Municipality of Niagara, to salute this important occasion.

Sincerely,

Brian E. Merrett
Regional Chair



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Regional Chair*

TOWN OF FORT ERIE CIVIC CENTRE

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONIES

3:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 1995

PROGRAMME

ENTERTAINMENT BY *Fort Erie Secondary School Jazz Band*

PROCESSION OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY *Pipers*

INTRODUCTION AND OPENING REMARKS *Tom Mather*

PRESENTATION TO MR. E.J. FREELAND AND THE Y.M.C.A. *by Anne Kline,
Town employee of 47 years*

PRESENTATION TO MAYOR TEAL *by John Lopinski, Chairman,
Buffalo-Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority*

CHAIRMAN OF BUILDING COMMITTEE *Richard Gorham*

WELCOME *Mayor John T. Teal, LL.B.*

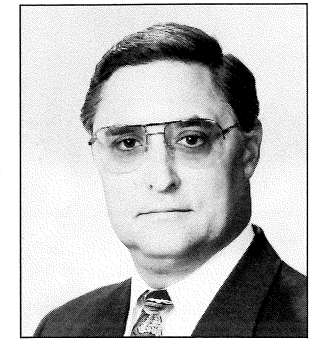
REMARKS *The Honourable Henry N.R. Jackman, C.M., K.St.J., LL.D.,
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario*

O'CANADA *Beverley Noble*

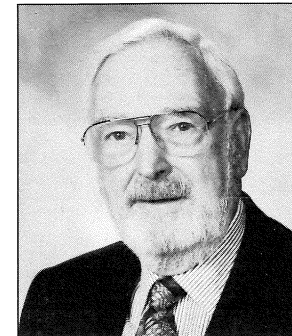
DEDICATION BY *Father English*

RIBBON CUTTING

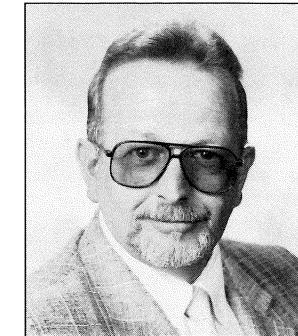
MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF FORT ERIE



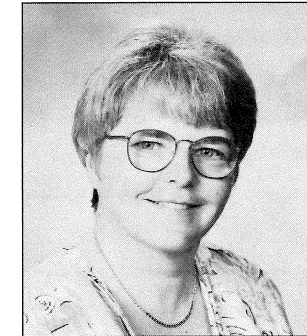
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Mayor



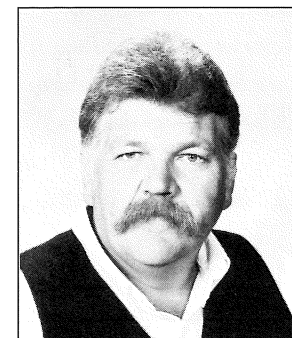
Don Glenny
Ward 1



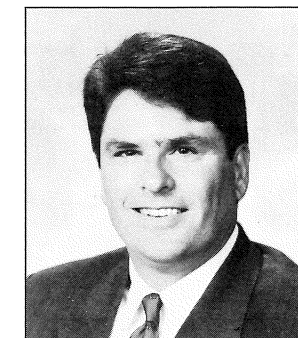
Richard Gorham
Ward 1



Lynda Traves
Ward 1



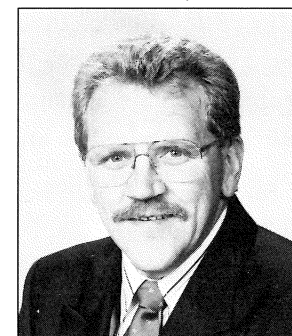
Richard Berry
Ward 2



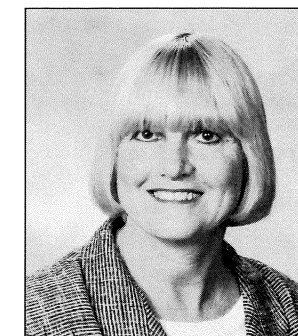
Bruce Cummings
Ward 2



Darlene Hazlett
Ward 2



Tim Haggerty
Ward 3



Anne Marie Hudak
Ward 4



Winston Sims
Regional Councillor

GREETINGS FROM AREA MAYORS

"On behalf of City Council and the citizens of Niagara Falls, I appreciate this opportunity to join you in commemorating the opening of the Town of Fort Erie's new Civic Centre.

For over 20 years, you have been working towards centralizing the Town's operations and it is finally coming to fruition. I am confident you will soon notice a difference and wonder how the town functioned with its separate locations.

Congratulations!"

- Mayor Wayne Thomson
City of Niagara Falls

"The citizens of The City of St. Catharines are proud indeed to salute the Council and residents in our neighbouring community, the great Town of Fort Erie, on the very important occasion of the Official Opening of your new Civic Centre on June 26, 1995.

Certainly the expertise of the creators of this dynamic structure reflects most appropriately the high ideals and standards of excellence with which the citizens of St. Catharines have come to associate not only the council and staff but, also, the residents of Fort Erie. And that is as it should be. Congratulations one and all!"

- Mayor Alan Unwin
City of St. Catharines

"On behalf of the Town of Grimsby, I would like to extend to your Council and residents of Fort Erie our sincere congratulations on completion of your new Civic Centre. It is an attractive structure which will enhance your community's streetscape for many years to come."

- Mayor Nicholas B. Andreychuk
Town of Grimsby

"As a community currently preparing for our own new City Hall I can appreciate the excitement being felt by municipal staff in Fort Erie. Your new building will send a positive message to all that you are prepared for whatever the next century throws your way. On behalf of your neighbours to the west I congratulate you on your design and creative, community effort to achieve a wonderful new facility."

- Mayor Neal Schoen
City of Port Colborne

"On behalf of the Members of Council and residents of the City of Thorold, I wish to extend congratulations on the official opening of the Fort Erie Civic Centre.

I am sure the new Civic Centre will be enjoyed by not only the residents of the Town, but, the surrounding areas as well."

- Mayor Malcolm A. Woodhouse
City of Thorold

"On behalf of Welland City Council and the people of our great City, I am very pleased and honoured to extend congratulations to your community for the completion of the new Fort Erie Civic Centre. The people of Fort Erie will have many years of use and enjoyment from this facility.

Again, congratulations and best wishes to our neighbours from the south!"

- Mayor Jon Richard Reuter
City of Welland

GREETINGS FROM AREA MAYORS

"The Town of Lincoln Council and its citizens heartily congratulate the Town of Fort Erie on this very special occasion.

The celebration of the opening of your new Civic Centre on June 26th, 1995, exhibits the positive growth and change occurring in Fort Erie. We know that the new complex will serve your citizens for many years to come.

Congratulations again to the Mayor and Council and all the citizens of Fort Erie from the Town of Lincoln."

- Mayor Ray A. Konkle
Town of Lincoln

"On behalf of Council and citizens of the Town of Pelham, I congratulate the Council and residents of the Town of Fort Erie for their hard work, dedication and long hours of planning for the construction and now the opening of the Fort Erie Civic Centre.

My congratulations and best wishes to all!"

- Mayor Ralph Beamer
Town of Pelham

"Congratulations!

Wainfleet Council and the folk of the Township they represent join with our sister municipality, the Town of Fort Erie on the occasion of the dedication of their beautiful and functional Civic Centre.

May Council, staff and public have many rewarding years supplying and receiving the multiplicity of services, new and continuing, that consolidation on this site will provide.

Best Wishes and Good Luck."

- Mayor Stan Pettit
Township of Wainfleet

"On behalf of the Council and Citizens of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, I would like to extend warm congratulations from the First Capital of Upper Canada on this very momentous occasion of the opening of your new Fort Erie Civic Centre.

As a municipality that has also undergone extensive reorganization culminating in a new and improved location, we are well aware of the demands on both your staff and resources while going through the process.

Your new location is a tribute not only to the architects and builders who built it but also to your dedicated staff and the citizens who helped guide the project to completion."

- Lord Mayor Michael M. Dietsch
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

"On behalf of myself and the Council of the Township of West Lincoln, I would like to congratulate you on the construction of your new Civic Centre.

After approximately twenty five years of planning and many hours devoted to this project, I am sure the Town of Fort Erie is proud to finally celebrate the opening of this new facility. You should all be proud of this accomplishment and I hope you will enjoy the benefits which this new facility will bring to the community.

Again, congratulations on your very momentous achievement."

- Mayor Lorne K. Nelson
Township of West Lincoln

FORT ERIE CIVIC CENTRE HISTORY

Size: 35,500 square feet
Financial Investment: \$4,677,793.00

Costs:

Architect Fees	268,790
Construction	3,796,000
Furnishings	300,000
Site Development	177,000
Interest	22,123
G.S.T. net of rebate	113,880

Funding:

Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works (COIW)	660,000
Land & Building Reserve	1,569,884
Development Charges Reserve	85,933
Development Charges Revenue	117,000
Net Bingo Proceeds	1,470,976
Municipal Land Sales	580,000
Net Sale of Existing Town Hall	150,000
Interest Income	30,000
1994 Budget Allocation	114,000

Return on Investment:

- Construction generated an estimated 100 person years of employment
- Improved work environment resulting in annual productivity gains estimated at 15 to 17% of payroll (\$275,000 to \$310,000)
- Operational and financial efficiencies of consolidated human resources, office equipment, supplies and records from four sites to one
- Net savings of 10 to 15% in heating/air conditioning and energy costs
- Barrier-free accessibility for physically challenged, elderly and bulk deliveries; improved staff and customer parking
- Corporate-wide access to Information Management System, using property-based Geographic Information System
- On-site Council Chamber (Council previously met at Library)
- Outward appearance projecting a vibrant, progressive image of Fort Erie

SPECIAL THANKS

The plaques located in the Council Chambers are dedicated to those individuals who assisted in the building of the Civic Centre from conception through to its completion including:

Municipal Council (1991 - 1994)	Jackson Ryder Architects Inc.
Municipal Council (1994 - 1997)	Merit Contractors of Niagara
Mr. E.J. Freeland	Sandwell Inc.
Young Men's Christian Association (Y.M.C.A.)	Town Hall Building Committee

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL 1991 - 1994

Mayor John T. Teal

Leslie Brady	Bruce Moore
John Gibson	Wayne Redekop
Darlene Hazlett	Henry Rempel
Anne Marie Hudak	Russ Wilson
Doug Martin	Horst Wolff

TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mayor Teal
Councillor Don Glenny
Councillor Richard Gorham
Councillor Darlene Hazlett
Carolyn Booth, Town Clerk
Max Gross, Engineering Division Manager
Carrie Honey, Acting Clerk
Margaret Neubauer, Director of Finance
Ron Rienas, Director of Planning
Michael Tataryn, Director of Public Works
Kenneth P. Zurby, Chief Administrative Officer

FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

The mission of the Town of Fort Erie contained in our Corporate Strategic Plan is to deliver an equitable balance of essential services, development opportunities and lifestyle amenities to the Community of Fort Erie. The Civic Centre has come into fruition because of the success of Council's Corporate Strategic Planning efforts.

With the completion of our new Municipal Administration Facilities, Council can now focus on improvements to municipal infrastructure as we approach the 21st Century.

It is with great pride that we celebrate the opening of our new Civic Centre and await the completion of our new Leisureplex facility...reflecting the foresight of past residents, the determination and hard work of present residents and a brighter tomorrow for future residents.

