

## PROGRAM

1. Opening remarks - Chairman
2. Introduce guests
3. Introduce Hon. Mr. Runciman, M.P.P. for Leeds and Grenville - Solicitor General of Ontario
4. Introduce Mr. Jim Jordan, M.P. for Leeds and Grenville.
5. Introduce Mr. Vanschie, Reeve of Augusta Township.
6. Introduce any others who wish to say a few words.
7. Invite Mr. Jordan to raise the National Flag.
8. Invite The Hon. Mr. Runciman to raise the Provincial Flag.
9. Invite Mrs. Violet Edwards to ring the old school bell
10. Invite The hon. Mr. Runciman, Mr. Jim Jordan, Mr. Vanschie, Mrs. Maloney and myself to cut the "Ribbon"
11. Invite the Public to view the Library and partake of refreshments in the "Old School room".
12. Ask all to sign the Guest Book.

Chairman's Opening Remarks

THE HON.ROBERT RUNCIMAN,MR. JIM JORDAN, MR.ADRIAN VANSCHIE,  
HONOURED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND CHILDREN -

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME ALL TO THIS GRAND  
CELEBRATION TO-DAY. MANY THOUGHT THIS DAY WOULD NEVER HAPPEN  
AND AT TIMES I WAS ONE OF THEM - BUT HERE WE ARE AT LAST  
GATHERED AROUND TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE AUGUSTA  
TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RICHARD STEELE CONSTRUCTION BUILT THIS BUILDING AND WE THANK  
THEM FOR THEIR PATIENCE AND TOLERANCE FOR THE MANY ADDITIONS  
AND CHANGES WE MADE DURING THE CONSTRUCTION - THANK YOU  
RICHARD, ANDREW TURNER AND <sup>MIKE</sup>~~BEN~~ - YOU BUILT A BEAUTIFUL LIBRARY  
AND WE ARE PLEASED WITH IT.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PREVIOUS LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS FOR  
ALL THE GROUND WORK THAT WAS INVOLVED TO GET THE LIBRARY BUILDING  
STARTED AND THEN OF COURSE THANK THE PRESENT LIBRARY BOARD  
MEMBERS FOR "PICKING UP THE TORCH" AND SEEING THE PROJECT ~~COMPLET~~  
COMPLETED.

THE BOARD THANKS THE MANY PEOPLE OF AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP FOR THEIR  
INPUT AND GUIDANCE GIVEN TO HAVE A BUILDING BUILT TO THEIR  
WISHES AND WITHIN BUDGET COSTS.

WE THANK THE MANY VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRIBUTORS FROM ACROSS THE  
TOWNSHIP WHO GAVE OF THEIR TIME AND MONIES TO HELP TO PRODUCE  
SUCH A DISTINGUISHED EDIFICE.

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THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS GRANTED \$200,000 TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING FROM THE CANADA/ONTARIO INFRA-STRUCTURE WORKS GRANT - FOR WHICH THE BOARD IS GRATEFULLY THANKFUL.

THE LIBRARY IS BUILT AROUND THE OLD ALGONQUIN ONE ROOM STONE SCHOOL HOUSE, KNOWN AS S.S.#11. THE SCHOOL WAS BUILT IN 1833. AND WAS IN CONTINUOUS USE AS A ONE ROOM SCHOOL FOR 130 YEARS. THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE WAS USED OFF AND ON FOR MEETINGS AND OTHER OCCASIONS. NOW IT IS AGAINN BACK IN USE FOR THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN AND ADULTS.

I ALWAYS HESITATE TO MENTION NAMES AS SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE DONE SUCH WONDERFUL THINGS TOWARDS BUILDING THE LIBRARY - BUT I WOULD DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FLAG STAFF FLOWER STAND. IT WAS DESIGN DESIGNED AND BUILT BY, MR. TOM BURNS, A LOCAL RESIDENT OF THIS AREA. HE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTALLING THE OLD POST OFFICE WICKET FROM THE POST OFFICE IN NORTH AGUSTA. THE RESTORATION OF THE WICKET WAS DONE BY, MRS. LAURIE SYMONS - THANK YOU, TOM AND LAURIE FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

WHEN YOU ENTER THE LIBRARY THE LARGE SEMI-CIRCULAR DESK AND ALL THE SHEVING WAS BUILT AND INSTALLED BY THE BOYS FROM THE RIDEAU CORRECTIONAL CENTRE, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF, MR. DAVE KNAPP. THEY SPENT OVER 2000 HOURS ON THE PROJECT.

WE GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO SPENT 47 MAN HOURS AND SPRAYED 18 TANK LOADS OF WATER ON THE TURF - THOSE VOLUNTEERS ARE;- GREG WATTS, GEORGE SLATER, MAYNARD VANDERVELDE, JOHN BAKER, LINDSAY PENNY, TIM GOCZOWSKI, HIRAM WOODS, RAYMOND HARTE, DANNY KIRKLAND, SYLVAIN

LEFERBRE AND DON HAISTE. WITHOUT THEIR HELP WE WOULD NEVER HAVE THE BEAUTIFUL GREEN LAWNS WE HAVE TODAY. THANKS FELLOWS.

THE FLAG POLES WERE DONATED BY, MR. TED ROSS AND HENDERSON BARWICK AND ERECTED WITH THE HELP OF, MR. ED COONS AND DUPONT OF CANADA, MAITLAND WORKS.

THANKS TO THE 15 SOD LAYERS, WHO WORKED SO HARD AND FAST DURING THE TERRIBLE HEAT WAVE AT THAT TIME.

IN CLOSING, I EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ALL AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS, WHO ARE NOT ALREADY MEMBERS, TO JOIN OUR LIBRARY AND MAKE USE OF IT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. THERE IS NO CHARGE TO AUGUSTA RESIDENTS.

THANK YOU FOR COMING - I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE OUR GUESTS;-

THE HON. ROBERT RUNCIMAN, MINISTER OF THE SOLICITOR GENERAL AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, AND LEEDS-GRENVILLE MPP

MR. JIM JORDAN, LEEDS-GRENVILLE MP

MR. ADRAIN VANSCHIE, REEVE OF AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP

MRS. VIOLET EDWARDS, WHO WILL TOLL THE OLD SCHOOL BELL.

MRS. MARGARET SCRATCH, SMALL LIBRARIES CONSULTANT FOR THE SOUTHERN ONTARIO LIBRARY SERVICES.

SUPERINTENDENT OF RIDEAU CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

MR. FRANK SABADKA

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MR. DAVE KNAPP, RIDEAU CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

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PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS

MR. MARK DARROCH, CHAIRMAN

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HON. ROBERT RUNCIMAN

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FLAG RAISING

BELL TOLLING

RIBBON CUTTING

INVITE THE PUBLIC TO VIEW THE LIBRARY AND PARTAKE OF REFRESHMENTS  
IN THE "OLD SCHOOL ROOM"

ASK ALL TO SIGN THE GUEST BOOK.

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# News Release

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Release: August 26, 1995

## FIRST PERMANENT LIBRARY OPENS IN AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP

Augusta Township Library was officially opened today by the Honorable Robert Runciman, Solicitor General, Minister of Correctional Services and MPP for Leeds-Grenville, Jim Jordan, MP for Leeds-Grenville and Adrian VanSchie, Reeve of the Township of Augusta.

The \$368,823 project is the first permanent library built in the Township of Augusta. The building incorporates a restored stone schoolhouse, is wheelchair accessible and will provide a computer-linkage to a network of libraries.

"The province believes in supporting projects that provide a valuable service to the entire community," said Runciman. "We are pleased the program was able to provide funding to help build this library."

"This project reflects our commitment to creating the best learning, recreational and environmental conditions for area residents. The infrastructure works program is a unique partnership between three levels of government," said Jordan.

"The infrastructure program created a unique opportunity for the Township of Augusta to participate in the cultural, educational and recreational enhancements for our community," said VanSchie. "The library provides a needed service to our residents."

Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works is a \$2.1 billion shared-cost program designed to improve local infrastructure, and is expected to create approximately 40,000 direct and indirect jobs.

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