

KINCARDINE CENTRE FOR THE ARTS GRAND OPENING



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The new wood floors gleamed, yet unmarked by shoe prints or scuffs, the windows sparkled and the smell of fresh paint wafted through the air during the grand opening of the new Kincardine Arts Centre “Today we’re celebrating the culmination of a capital phase resulting in this project which will make Kincardine a great place to live and play,” said councillor and recreation policy chair Ken Craig to a crowd of several dozen residents. The grand opening of the Kincardine Centre for the Arts, completed early this summer, which cost approximately \$1 million and was partially funded by the Building Canada Fund.

“If you look at these projects here and then look back to 2008 and see where we were with the economy and the recession, you see these projects brought investment back into the community and put people back to work ,” said Huron- Bruce MP Ben Lobb, who attended the grand opening. The architect of the Centre for the Arts restoration, Paul Sapounzi, also had some comments for attendees and presented Mayor Larry Kraemer with a golden key in commemoration of the face lift. “I like to learn the history



of the buildings we work on,” said Sapounzi, “This building is a product of the battle between you and Walkerton to be the seat of the county. It was built for just \$8,000 in 1872 and is just barely a pre-confederation building.” According to Sapounzi the building began leaking just two years after it was originally built, a problem tenants in the building still have today.

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