

improvements to this centre will help Burlington Transit lead the way to making Burlington an even more livable city.”

The construction was very timely because most of the building systems had reached the end of their lifespan. The Transit Operations Centre at 3332 Harvester Road was constructed in 1978. Systems from lighting to plumbing needed replacement to meet current workplace health and safety requirements.

Transit Operations Centre redevelopment included:

- Expanding the existing operations and administrative areas
- Expanding the indoor vehicle storage area to add two additional vehicle maintenance bays, and new vehicle hoists
- LEED Silver Certification to ensure the new facility is environmentally sensitive and energy efficient
- Upgrades to the electrical service and mechanical systems, security system, as well as new roofing, doors, windows, outdoor paving and updating indoor and outdoor lighting and work stations
- Added IT capacity to support customer service enhancements.

Staff returned to the facility in late fall, with the final touches on the project completed this month.

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Image 1989: Burlington Transit bus cuts ribbon at grand re-opening

Image 1993: Burlington mayor Rick Goldring with MPP Kevin Flynn and MP Mike Wallace

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Burlington Transit Operations Centre officially re-opens

BURLINGTON, ON – MP Mike Wallace, MPP Kevin Flynn and Burlington Mayor Rick Goldring official re-opened the recently expanded Burlington Transit Operations Centre today.

The revamped Transit Operations Centre was upgraded under the Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Program. Burlington benefited from more than \$42 million in infrastructure stimulus spending. The Transit Operations Centre investment totalled \$8.6 million split equally between the federal, provincial and municipal governments.

“The Transit Operations Centre stands out as a stellar project,” said Burlington MP Mike Wallace. “The existing centre was literally bursting at the seams. Now, a year later we have a state-of-the-art operation.”

The event also marked the 35th anniversary of Burlington Transit. “A lot of the systems were, frankly, well past needing replacement,” explained Scott Stewart, general manager of community services with the city. “This expansion has breathed new life into both the Operations Centre and into Burlington Transit itself.”

This renovation means Burlington Transit now has modernized facility that will help deliver better customer service and maintain and use its fleet more efficiently. The facility is central to all functions of Burlington Transit, including operations, vehicle maintenance and administration.

Oakville MPP Kevin Flynn praised the LEED Silver Certification of the new portion of the centre. “That tells me Burlington Transit is as serious about the environment as it is about efficiently moving people safely and securely across the city.”

Virtually every aspect of the project provides an improved customer experience; from new technology needed to make service information more accessible and faster, to an upgraded bus dispatch room, and added capacity to quickly clean and repair its fleet.

Making the system more user-friendly is key for Burlington mayor Rick Goldring. “I feel certain that the vast