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Market Hall Reveal

Local dignitaries and Market Hall donors gathered today to celebrate the completion of the Market Hall Restoration Project.

The scope of the project included the rehabilitation of the original brick façade; repair and replacement of exterior cornice work; replacement the roof; restoration of the west, south and east windows and doors; replacement of the 30-year old HVAC system; upgrade to the sprinkler system; installation of a freight elevator; upgrade of the electrical system; floor stabilization and soundproofing; and retrofit of the theatre including comfortable new seating with perfect sightlines. The project has improved accessibility with an elevator, barrier free seating area, accessible washrooms, improved way finding and signage.

Built in 1890, the facility is now one of the City's leading cultural and performing arts venues, notable for its strong partnerships with arts and community groups and possessing a diverse audience base.

Market Hall is unique in the continuum of facilities in the region with a flexible seating capacity of 80 to 325, and will retain those features that allow it to function as both an incubator for the arts as well as an intimate performance space.

Said Peterborough Mayor Daryl Bennett, "This day has been 121 years in the making. On behalf of City Council, I thank all those who have played a part in returning Market Hall to its rightful place as an abiding symbol of the role that the arts, culture and heritage play in our community."

The two storey Market Hall, together with the Clock Tower, is a remarkable example of late Victorian commercial architecture. Dr. T.H.B. Symons, former Chair of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, described it as one of the most historic commercial buildings in all of Canada. It remains one of the best surviving examples of market buildings in the country. As the most imposing landmark in Peterborough's downtown core, it has become a symbol for the downtown area.

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