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## **OPG's St. Lawrence Power Development Visitor Centre Opens Its Doors** ***"Jewel of the St. Lawrence" is important addition to local attractions***

**[Cornwall]:** What's been called the "Jewel of the St. Lawrence" has opened its doors to the public.

Community leaders and officials from Ontario Power Generation (OPG) today cut the ribbon on the St. Lawrence Power Development Visitor Centre near the R.H Saunders dam in Cornwall.

The new Visitor Centre offers people a chance to explore the history of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project, and the story of the communities that were moved in the 1950s to make way for the construction. The Centre also includes displays by the Mohawks of Akwesasne.

The 13,000 square foot centre will be an important addition for tourism in Cornwall and the surrounding area. Admission is free.

The Centre is located at 2500 Second Street West, on the bank of the St. Lawrence River just east of the Robert H. Saunders Generating Station. Signs pointing the way to the site are located on two major roadways.

Starting August 16, the Centre will be open to the public on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., and at other times by special arrangement.

### **Quotes:**

**Stormont Dundas and South Glengarry MPP, Jim Brownell** said: "The project had a profound effect on this part of eastern Ontario and its story should be told as part of our heritage. I am very pleased the historical associations have been consulted about the design of the Visitor Centre from the outset."

**Mayor of Cornwall, Bob Kilger** said "This new facility is an important addition to the City's mix of cultural and educational amenities. We have a very interesting story to tell, and this state-of-the art facility is sure to be popular with both residents and visitors alike."

**OPG's Executive VP Hydro, John Murphy** said: "OPG is very proud of the Visitor Centre. We've worked with the community to provide a facility that not only tells the story of clean, renewable power, but will serve as a venue for local community events."