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Aspin Kemp & Associates Unveils Historical Display and Architectural Lighting at The Old Post Office

OWEN SOUND, ONTARIO, November 27, 2008 – Mayor Ruth Lovell-Stanners and Neale Kemp, Chief Operating Officer of Aspin Kemp & Associates, unveiled a permanent display honouring the history of the Old Post Office building at 299 Ninth Street East in Owen Sound. In further celebration, and in recognition of Owen Sound's Festival of Northern Lights, Mayor Lovell-Stanners also threw the switch for a permanent lighting display accentuating the architectural features of this fine old building

Mounted on what was once an entrance to the post office's lobby, the graphic presentation recounts the highlights of the area's postal service and the history of the grand old building that marked the Government of Canada's first official presence in the city. Construction began in 1907 with completion in 1910 at a cost of about \$90,000. The majestic three story building was designed by Canada's Chief Architects Branch in the General Department of Public Works, Ottawa under the direction of David Ewart. The local architectural firm of Forster & Clark, who also designed Owen Sound's library and the McKay building, was contracted to see the project through. The builder was Nagle & Mills of Ingersoll and the stone masons were Leslie & McNeil of St. Mary's.

The architecture was inspired by the Beaux-Arts design popular at the time and favouring harmony and balance. The positioning of windows, Ionic columns, pavilions and pediments present vertical and horizontal symmetry while shapes and materials echo across all three floors in pleasing proportion.

"My partner Jason Aspin and I are very proud of this building and its place in the history of Owen Sound" says owner Neale Kemp. "We are honoured to have had the opportunity to restore it and to present its story here to all passersby."

The architectural LED lighting was installed to accentuate the eight lovely pillars on the 2nd storey. In perfect synchronization, a revolving palette of colours will chase across the granite surfaces to highlight the size and shape of the classic columns.

About Aspin Kemp & Associates

Aspin Kemp & Associates ("AKA") is a systems integration company specializing in developing, applying, managing, supporting and maintaining engineering solutions primarily in the marine and offshore oil and gas industries. AKA is the developer and manufacturer of the world's first hybrid energy management system for tugboats. Established in 1996 with headquarters in Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada, AKA operates internationally with offices in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia; Stratford, Prince Edward Island; Houston, Texas and Singapore. Our highly skilled team is dedicated to developing and delivering leading edge technologies and cost-effective applications to our worldwide client base.

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