

Munro Ltd Expands Manufacturing and Office Space to Meet Growing Customer Demand

You wouldn't know there was an economic slowdown if you drove by the Munro manufacturing and office site on Simcoe County Road 56, west of Barrie. The 290,000 sq ft facility is undergoing an additional 60,000 ft expansion and a 16,000 ft office space expansion.

Construction of the office and plant expansion started in September 2010. Munro is handling the general contractor's duties themselves with Dan Haggerty representing Munro. Project management services are provided by Howard Black. Ted Handy and Associates Inc

are the architects.

The new office space was just opened in February and is home to Munro's growing team of engineers and technologists. The new manufacturing facility will be commissioned at the end of March.

The manufacturing expansion is extending the production facilities on the

engineered precast structures in a controlled environment. Munro will begin the manufacture of prestressed precast bridge components like bridge girders, decks and abutments that span the 400 series of highways to enable the accelerated construction of bridges. The new

manufacturing space will house the first Autocor machine in North America, a mobile concrete pump on rails so that the concrete can automatically be delivered to the forms placed inside the plant.

Munro made extensive use of local companies where possible to provide construction services, and in many cases called on those companies who had provided services for past plant expansions. Local companies and members of the Barrie Construction Association involved include, Abercrombie Electrical, Associate Interiors, B & J Excavating, Barrie Metro Glass & Glazing, Can-Barr Mechanical, C&H Sheet Metal, Chalmers, Classic Roofing, D & J Peat Roofing, Dome Concrete, Eplett and Worobec Surveying, Grand Flooring, Irvine Carpet, Linesteel, Missed A Spot, and Wallwin Electric.

Munro employs 250 people and this is the company's fourth manufacturing expansion since they located in the Barrie area.



Munro Plant Expansion Under Construction in September 2010