

A Look Back at Square One 40 Years Ago

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Square One Shopping Centre in Mississauga is over 40 years old and has always been growing and expanding. Let's look back though these incredible images of Square One when it was first built way back in 1973.

(Photography courtesy of Ron Duquette)



Raw land where the City Centre and Square One now stands with a sign announcing the new development in 1968.



Mississauga City Centre News

A construction report on Canada's largest shopping complex and surrounding commercial and residential development.

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Construction crews surge ahead for October 3rd opening of Canada's largest shopping centre. With its two levels of weather-controlled spacious shopping malls, theatres, open-air garden court, the \$44,000,000 complex will become the lively hub of Mississauga's new City Centre.

A promotional newsletter showing the early construction in the Mississauga City Centre and Square One. Note the caption under the image that states "weather controlled spacious shopping mall". I guess air-con was the new thing back then. (1971)



The front entrance of Square One and the three office buildings in the City Centre looking north. (1972)



Square One nears completion. (Looking south east in 1973)

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An aerial view of Square One nearing completion (looking south) and the other four offices structures occupying the City Centre at the time. Note the open air court in the centre that had an ice rink in the winter and a place to eat in the summer. (1973)

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The front entrance to Square One nearing completion. (1973)



Aerial view of Square One nearing completion (looking south) and the other four office buildings occupying the City Centre at the time. (1973)



The opening ceremonies on October 3rd, 1973.



One of the hallways at Square One in 1973. Look at the ash trays mounted on the garbage.



Front entrance to Square One. (1973)

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City Centre aerial view (1973)

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How it looks today. (This photo is courtesy of N.A. Photography)

The 1974 Square One Mall Directory



In 1974 the biggest mall in Canada at the time Square One in Mississauga opened its doors to 160 retailers.