

History Timeline for Hilton Township Hall

Date	Event
1851-08-02	An Act was passed in the Legislature in Toronto creating Brighton Township. It was to take effect January 1, 1852.
1852-01-01	Brighton Township was created out of the western part of Murray and the eastern part of Cramahe Townships, plus Presqu'île.
1852-04-21	"The Breakaway" disaster occurred when a small lake north of Hilton broke through the gravel bank killing two men and damaging The Old Percy Road.
1852-06	The first election for Brighton Township was held.
1853–1856	The Brighton and Seymour Gravel Road was built from Presqu'île Bay to Mallory's Corners, replacing The Old Percy Road.
1858-06-05	A motion was presented at Brighton Township Council to incorporate the Village of Brighton.
1859-03-15	A resolution was passed to divide the outstanding debt to Northumberland County proportionally between the new Brighton Village and Brighton Township.
1859-11-15	Brighton Township Council purchased a small wedge of land from Robert Rogers for a Township Hall, at Hilton on the Gravel Road.
1859-12-10	Brighton Township Council passed a Bylaw for an agreement with Joseph Adams, a stone mason, to build a Township Meeting Hall.
1860-11-07	A. A. Becker, Clerk for Brighton Township, presented a bill in the amount of \$14.75 for chairs, tables and other fixtures for the Township Meeting Hall.
1860-12-22	A. A. Becker was paid \$1.25 for 1 ¼ cords of wood to heat the Brighton Township Meeting Hall.
1971	Major renovations saw the interior of the hall modernized, including installation of panelling. An addition was constructed at the north end of the Hall by Dudley Brothers of Warkworth including washrooms, a vault and a furnace room. Much care was taken to keeping a consistent exterior appearance.
1982	A new Municipal building was constructed on Alice Street in Brighton, housing municipal and community services as well as the Provincial Court.
2001-01-01	Brighton Village and Brighton Township amalgamated to form The Municipality of Brighton.
2010-10	Major renovations were completed to upgrade the roof, windows and eaves. Much of the original stone work was refreshed.
2012-01-01	The Municipality of Brighton celebrated its 160 th Birthday.
2013-11	The Hilton Hall Heritage Centre was created with The Friends of Hilton Hall responsible for programming.
2014-05	A WI Meeting, a Tea and a presentation of The Dr. King Story were the first events held at The Hilton Hall Heritage Centre.
2014-05-30	A sign was installed identifying "The Hilton Hall Heritage Centre".
2014-06-07	The Hilton Hall Heritage Centre participated in <i>Doors Open</i> for the first time.