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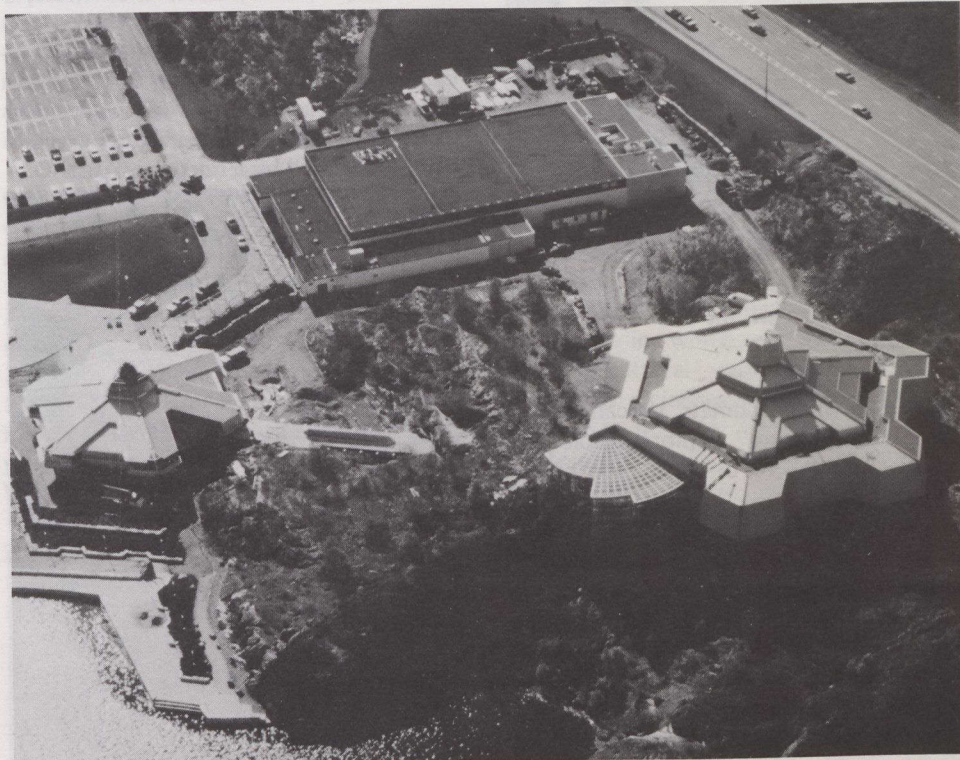
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Science North: unique exhibition is a new approach to science



The larger snowflake building (right) houses three exhibit floors and a rock cavern theatre.

Science North, an exciting new project described as "a place for discovery and exploration" will open next June near the northern Ontario town of Sudbury.

The centre is located on a rocky outcrop at the west end of Lake Ramsey, two kilometres south of Sudbury. It is designed "to encourage the discovery of the dynamics and humanity of science through the process of science".

First proposed by Tuzo Wilson, director of Toronto's Ontario Science Centre, the concept was immediately picked up by regional politicians and local industry. When it opens in June, Science North will be about 7 000 square metres or half the size of Toronto's Science Centre.

Architects chose the snowflake design to reflect one of the centre's main themes: the North.

"It ties in with the glaciation that has shaped northern Ontario. And one of

our themes is northern survival, the ability of animals and man to adapt to the cold conditions," said media relations officer Cynthia Thompson.

Visitors will enter the three-storey building through the Rock Cavern Theatre, an underground tunnel which shows 3-D films and illustrates directly what the region's underground features look like.

Then they will have a "hands-on" chance to explore several areas of science.

Exhibits are built around themes with five "object theatres" providing an overview of science and an understanding of its broad concepts. "E-MC²" deals with energy, matter and man's changing view of the universe. Another, "Survival in the Far North", explores physiological and behavioural adaptations of life to the Arctic, together with adventures of early Arctic explorers. "Language and Communications" investigates communications from speech to fibre optics, satellites and

Late news

Prime Minister Trudeau announced his resignation on February 29. He has been in office for 16 years, except for seven months in 1979. The resignation will take effect after a leadership convention chooses a successor. Details will appear in next week's issue.



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