

# City of Brampton SUMMER 2024 MAYOR NEWSLETTER



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## BRAMPTON'S ECONOMY IS BOOMING



### BRAMPTON'S DCM PRODUCES US POSTAL STAMPS

Did you know that any US stamp that is sold in a vending machine in the US is produced here in Brampton? DATA Communications Management Corp. (DCM) is an innovative company based in Brampton and they are thriving! They are a leading provider of marketing and business communication solutions to companies across North America. From their Canadian head office here in Brampton, DCM provides highly specialized printing and marketing solutions, including the production of stamps for the US Postal Service.

### LACTALIS CANADA

With 140 years of brand heritage, Lactalis Canada – the world's #1 dairy group – recently invested \$10 million to update processing equipment and processes at its facility in Brampton. With three shifts operating seven days a week, Lactalis employs approximately 200 people producing nutritious and great tasting dairy products for iconic brands such as Cracker Barrel, Black Diamond and Cheestrings.



### MURO NORTH AMERICA INC

Muro was established in January of 1991 and their head office and Canadian factory is located right here in Brampton. Boasting a recent \$2.5M renovation to its 60k sq ft facility and employing nearly 20 employees, Muro provides full service, manufacturing, distribution, engineering, product development and support functions. They continue to be the leader in the auto-feed screwdriving industry by engineering the highest quality, most efficient and innovative fastener solutions.



### PET VALU'S LARGEST CANADIAN DISTRIBUTION CENTRE OPENS IN BRAMPTON

At 670,000 sq ft, Pet Valu's new state-of-the-art facility in Brampton is not only their largest specialty distribution centre in Canada, but it also features the largest retail AutoStore robotics automation in the entire country. Pet Valu is a great Canadian success story and this investment brings up to 500 skilled jobs to our city, bringing new opportunities to our community. Opened in September 2023, their new facility in Brampton is at the heart of their transformative investment in next generation logistics technology.





## MEDTECH TASK FORCE

We are committed to advancing medical innovation in Brampton. I had the opportunity recently to meet with Medilix Midlands, a major medtech hub in the UK, to promote our health technology sector. Meanwhile, our MedTech Task Force is driving innovation and growth in the City's Health and Life Sciences sector. With new and established life sciences companies calling Brampton home and the recent announcement of Toronto Metropolitan University's new medical school, Brampton's health and life sciences sector is in an exciting phase of growth.



## ALECTRA OPENS ENVIRONMENTALLY ADVANCED OPERATIONS CENTRE IN BRAMPTON

Alectra opened a new 200,000 sq ft LEED-certified Operations Centre on Kennedy Road in November 2023. Serving as the consolidated operations centre for more than 400 Alectra employees from Mississauga and Brampton, the facility generates 500KW from its rooftop solar panels; has 25 EV chargers on its 20-acre site; is comprised of 100,000 sq ft of office space and 100,000 sq ft of industrial space over two storeys. For the second consecutive year, Alectra was named a Top Employer in the Greater Toronto Area in 2023 by Mediacorp Canada Inc.

## HANDI FOODS

Handi Foods has invested \$25 million into their first Brampton manufacturing facility at 15 Newkirk Ct in Ward 2 that will employ 175 people. With over 160 varieties of pita chips, Handi Foods holds a 90% market share in North America for its private labels.

This facility is a significant investment in the City of Brampton's thriving food processing industry, further strengthening our robust food and beverage sector.



## PACKAGING LEADER AXIUM BRINGS 250 JOBS TO BRAMPTON

Set to open in July 2024, Axiom Packaging's new \$80M manufacturing facility near Dixie/Hwy407 is bringing 250 jobs to our community. With 20 plants across the United States, Canada and Mexico, Axiom is a leader in design engineering and tool building for packaging needs such as plastic containers, tubes, caps and high-end decorating services. In line with Brampton's climate goals, Axiom prioritizes eco-friendly initiatives in every aspect of their business. This investment by Axiom Packaging further solidifies their commitment to Brampton and Ontario's growth.



# CELEBRATING BRAMPTON BUSINESS ANNIVERSARIES



## SEW-EURODRIVE

SEW-Eurodrive employs 140 full time employees and is a leader in drive technology manufacturing and automation. This family owned company originally began in Bruchsal, Germany and has since grown to a network of 17 production plants and 81 Drive Technology Centres in 52 countries around the world! Congratulations on this significant milestone of 50 years!



## AMAZON FULFILLMENT CENTRE

The Amazon Fulfillment Centre opened in August 2014, and recently celebrated its 10-year anniversary in Brampton. The site currently employs 600 people, including a group that has been there since the beginning. Did you know that 30% of all Amazon packages shipped through Canada pass through Brampton!



## TARO PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD.

Taro Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. is a research-based, international, specialty pharmaceutical company that develops, manufactures and markets prescription and over-the-counter pharmaceutical products. With more than 700 employees and a 245k sq ft manufacturing facility in Brampton, we were proud to attend their 40th anniversary celebration!



## ALMAG ALUMINUM

Almag Aluminum has grown leaps and bounds since their humble beginnings 50 years ago and now spans across 5 buildings on Finley Rd making up over 350,000 square feet of manufacturing space and employing more than 400 people! Congratulations on this significant milestone of 50 years!



## MAGNA PLASTCOAT

Magna Plastcoat employs 400 full time workers in Brampton and is at the forefront of the EV revolution, building ultra-lightweight products in a world-class facility with a reputation as one of the only plants in the Magna family with this level of expertise. We were proud to attend their 30th anniversary celebration in June!



## ZOCHEM

Since opening its doors in 1974, Zochem has been a driver of innovation in Brampton and is the largest dedicated producer of zinc oxide in North America. Spanning 80k sq ft and employing 35 FTE, Zochem manufactures zinc oxide for a variety of applications – from tires and rubber to pharmaceuticals and alternative batteries. Congratulations on this significant milestone of 50 years!



## ONTARIO'S ONLY GLASS MANUFACTURING FACILITY GROWS IN BRAMPTON

The historic Owens Illinois (OI) facility in Brampton, also known as Ontario's only glass manufacturing plant since 1969, employs 348 people. From jam to juice to beer, chances are there is Brampton-made glass in your cupboards. In the last two years, a significant investment was made at this site so that it now produces all the bottles for Corona's Canadian market, right here in Brampton. This facility benefits from access to rail, proximity to an extensive network of highways and a large workforce. This is another example of how our Economic Development Business Retention & Expansion team works to help our companies thrive.



"More than any other city that I've encountered in my time in Canada, Brampton is zoned in on startups and that's hugely important. Most new job creation is driven by young, early-stage companies."

- Paddy Cosgrove, Founder, Web Summit



## STELLANTIS OPENS \$25M FACILITY ON EDGEWARE ROAD

Stellantis's new Mopar Parts Distribution Centre (PDC) is a critical distribution hub for one of the world's largest mobility companies, supporting the needs of nearly 300 Stellantis dealers and their customers in Eastern Canada. Using advanced robotics, their new 500,000 sq ft facility increases the speed, precision and reliability of parts procurement while also reducing the floorspace. This investment will employ more than 200 staff in Brampton.



## ROSHEL INVESTMENT BRINGS 500 JOBS TO BRAMPTON

One of North America's largest manufacturers of smart armoured vehicles, Roshel is investing more than \$65 million in a new global headquarters and production facility in Brampton bringing an additional 280 advanced manufacturing jobs to the city. The 140,000 sq ft facility will house painting, welding and mechanical work as well as the company's research and development division.

## A SHOWCASE OF INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION

Collision is a global tech conference with some 36,000 attendees from more than 118 countries around the world – startups, investors, industry leaders, entrepreneurs and innovation organizations. The week started with 'The Gathering' with 200 startups from around the world, with keynotes, panels and activations in Garden Square. As the first North American city to host "The Gathering," our team – along with 24 local startups -- showcased Brampton's vibrant tech community, local businesses and our commitment to spurring innovation in our Innovation District. Hosting such a prestigious event speaks to our city's growing influence across the global technology and innovation landscape.



## MDA BILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT

Congratulations to MDA Space on securing a remarkable \$1 billion contract from the Canadian Space Agency | Agence spatiale canadienne. This contract will enable MDA Space to design and deliver the state-of-the-art Canadarm3 Flight System, a pivotal component of the lunar Gateway program. For the 1,000 employees at their Brampton headquarters, this achievement underscores Canada's leadership in space robotics and innovation.

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