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BRAMPTON WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION PLAYS KEY ROLE IN FOUR AWARDS

BRAMPTON – The City of Brampton's Works and Transportation Department has played a key role in the City's receipt of four awards recognizing excellence in heritage preservation, infrastructure, salt use and safe roads.

The Heritage Canada Foundation and the Brampton Chapter of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario has presented the City of Brampton with an Achievement Award for the Creditview Road Bowstring Arch Heritage Bridge Rehabilitation Project. The award, presented to City staff at Council on Feb. 28, recognizes the preservation of this heritage structure while meeting modern standards.

In addition, the Ready Mix Concrete Association of Ontario has recognized the Creditview Road Bowstring Arch Heritage Bridge Rehabilitation Project by awarding the City an Infrastructure Award. This award was presented to Works and Transportation staff at the Ontario Concrete Awards Ceremony held in Toronto in November.

For the third consecutive year, the Salt Institute has recognized the City of Brampton for Excellence in Salt Storage for handling salt material at the Sandalwood Yard of Works and Transportation. Every winter, the City of Brampton orders 19,000 tonnes of salt, storing it in large domes to protect it from the environment. This award was presented to the City of Brampton at the Snow Colloquium Conference held in Mississauga in November.

The Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) has recognized Brampton's Works and Transportation's Slurry Seal Project and its use to reduce vehicle collisions for its Better Practices Award in the Innovative Service Delivery Category. The award was presented to the City on Feb. 27, 2007.

"These awards demonstrate Works and Transportation's commitment to excellence in the delivery of City services," said Tom Mulligan, Commissioner of Works and Transportation. "We will continue to seek out new and innovative technologies, products and processes that enhance the quality of life for Brampton residents."

About Brampton- Brampton is among Canada's largest cities, third in the Greater Toronto Area. Home to more than 445,000 residents representing 62 distinct cultures, Brampton enjoys an unparalleled diversity of ideas, skills and innovation from its citizens and business community. Brampton has earned the name "Flower City" for having the most acres of greenhouse space in Canada. In 2006, Brampton won the Best Blooming Community in Canada Award in the National Communities in Bloom (CIB) Competition. For more information visit www.brampton.ca

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Ontario Good Roads Association Innovative Service Delivery Award

- The Ontario Good Roads Association is one of Canada's largest municipal associations and is the advocate for public works initiatives for the building and maintenance of road works and structures in the province.
- Brampton won the Innovative Service Delivery Award for 2006 for the preventative maintenance of roads by using a type II slurry seal sealant.
- The City of Brampton is now recognized as a best practice benchmark for the use of type II slurry seal in road works.
- Type II Slurry Seal is a highly skid resistant surface sealant treatment. It is applied to the surface of the road at high vehicle impact locations to reduce vehicle incidents.
- A three-year study undertaken after the road treatment showed that vehicle incidents were reduced by 13 per cent at locations that received the surface treatment.

Salt Institute Excellence in Storage Award

- The Salt Institute is the foremost authority on salt and as global non-profit association; it works on behalf of its members as well as sponsors research and innovation in the use of salt in all industries.
- Since 1972, the institute has been sponsoring an Excellence in Storage award. This award is a component of the Institute's Sensible Salting Program.
- The criteria of the award are outstanding storage facilities and operating procedures that are mindful of environmental, employee and community safety.
- Brampton's Sandalwood Yard has received this award since 2004.
- Five million tonnes of road salt are applied to Canadian highways every year.

Heritage Canada Foundation Achievement Award

- The Heritage Canada Foundation is a national, membership-based, non-profit organization with a mandate to promote the preservation of Canada's historic buildings and places.
- The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) group on behalf of the City of Brampton Works and Transportation Department submitted the nomination for the award to Heritage Canada.
- The Achievement Award is given for outstanding work in heritage advocacy and volunteerism, and for conservation projects that demonstrate a community's commitment to heritage conservation.
- The restoration plan for the bridge was created with heritage and conservation as a top priority.
- Before restoration on the bridge had begun, it was already designated a heritage landmark.

Ready Mixed Concrete Association of Ontario Infrastructure Award

- The Ready Mixed Concrete Association of Ontario was established in 1959. It is an alliance of 180 companies and aims to promote a better relationship between industry suppliers and customers.
- The association has recognized the Creditview Road Bowstring Arch Heritage Bridge Rehabilitation Project for its "Infrastructure Award" 2006.
- This award is for the utilization of concrete in infrastructure projects.
- The Bowstring Bridge is one of only two remaining bowstring truss style bridges in Brampton and is the only one that remains part of the public road system.
- To maintain the heritage look of the bridge while meeting modern safety standards, structural steel members were encased in concrete.
- The bridge has been designated a heritage landmark by the City of Brampton.