



Brampton

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City of Brampton reaches new deal with firefighters

BRAMPTON, ON: — The City of Brampton has signed a two-year collective agreement with the Brampton Professional Firefighters' Association (BPFPA), Local 1068.

The agreement, which is effective January 1, 2009 and extends until December 31, 2010, was ratified by the Association on April 27, and approved by City Council on April 29. Negotiations with the BPFPA focused on reaching a settlement that balanced the objectives and needs of both the City and the Association.

“Through these negotiations, our membership has achieved fair wage and benefit increases in a difficult economic environment. The success of this process was due to the willingness of both sides to work towards a satisfactory agreement,” said Richard Murdoch, President, BPFPA.

“This agreement allows the City of Brampton and the Association to build on their relationship within a stable collective agreement. It also represents the City’s dedication to maintaining labour and management relations with its employees,” said Helen Ferreira, Director of Human Resources, City of Brampton.

“Brampton Fire is working on a number of significant and innovative initiatives, including our Automatic Vehicle Locator and Mobile Data System and joint labour/management projects like our Career Path Committee. The excellent labour relations we enjoy enable us to concentrate on these, and other initiatives, that helps us to keep improving on the level of service we provide to our customers, the citizens of Brampton,” commented Fire Chief Andy MacDonald, Brampton Fire and Emergency Services.

Brampton Fire and Emergency Services is a medium sized, modern and progressive fire department serving the residents of Brampton with a combined full-time staff of 378 personnel. The department’s eleven full-time fire stations, and two volunteer stations serve a 265 sq. km. area consisting of residential, commercial, industrial, high-rise, parkland, rural areas along with two major highways.

About Brampton: The 11th largest city in Canada, Brampton has a successful, well-diversified economy and is home to more than 8,000 businesses. The City continues to retain a Triple ‘A’ credit rating by Standard & Poor for the third consecutive year, reflecting its debt-free position, exceptional liquidity levels and excellent economy. The City’s 2009 operating budget is \$400.8 million and approved funding for its overall capital program stands at \$700 million. Brampton celebrates its diverse population that represents people from more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak over 70 different languages. Offering more than 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being the Flower City of Canada and won the 2008 International Communities in Bloom competition. It is also the first city in the GTA and one of only 10 in North America to have been designated as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization. For more information visit www.brampton.ca

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