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BRAMPTON NEWCOMERS INVITED TO GET ON THE BUS

Winterlights Bus Tour for Newcomers

BRAMPTON, ON: The City of Brampton, in collaboration with community partners Brampton Transit, Brampton Recreation and Brampton Library, is once again offering “City Tours” for newcomers to Brampton. Both fun and educational, these FREE tours go a long way to making Brampton a more receptive place for newcomers. A newcomer can be a new immigrant to Canada who is settling in Brampton, or any new resident to the City.

Included in the tours are:

- an educational presentation from Brampton Transit, which includes a hands-on tutorial on how to use transit maps, bus tickets, transfers, and electronic payments
- a guided tour of Loafer’s Lake Recreation Centre to highlight programs and services available at the City’s Community Recreation Centres, including hands-on instruction on using the Fall-Winter Recreation Guide
- a guided tour of the Chinguacousy Branch of Brampton Library highlighting no-cost family resources, including multilingual collections and resources and an opportunity to get a library card on the spot

The first in a series of tours starts in the month of December with a theme of “winter lights.” Dates for the tours are:

- December 6, 7, 8
- December 9 (specifically for staff of human service agencies who work with newcomers)

All tours run from 6 to 9 pm, starting at the Chinguacousy Branch of the Brampton Library. Space is limited. To register for December 6, 8, or 9 call the Brampton Library at 905.793.4636. For December 7, call the Newcomer Information Center at 905.595.0722 Ext. 4000

“Coming to a new city can be confusing and these bus trips go a long way to making Brampton a more receptive place for newcomers,” says Mayor Susan Fennell. “Through our bus tours, newcomers can become a little more familiar with our community and learn how welcoming the City of Brampton truly is.”

Additional tours in the series will be offered quarterly, including in:

- February, with the theme of “family fun”
- June, with the theme of “recreation month”
- August, with the theme of “flower city”

For more information on the newcomer bus tours, visit www.brampton.ca

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's, reflecting its successful economy and debt-free position. Brampton celebrates its diverse population that represents people from more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak more than 70 different languages. Offering more than 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being known as the Flower City of Canada. Brampton has been designated as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization. For more information visit www.brampton.ca

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