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CITY RATFIES AGREEMENTS WITH CUPE LOCAL 831

Brampton, ON: Today, Brampton City Council ratified two-year collective agreements with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 831.

CUPE Local 831 is comprised of an Outside and Office unit and a Professional and Technical unit.

There are 317 Outside employees who are responsible for maintaining the City's roads, fleet, parks, recreation centres, theatres, buildings as well as animal services. The 190 Office employees provide clerical support to all City departments.

The 323 employees in the Professional and Technical unit provide technical and specialized skills in areas such as information technology, by-law enforcement, planning, inspections, construction and engineering.

The new agreements, which are effective from April 1, 2009 until March 31, 2011, were ratified by the Union Membership on Thursday, December 17, 2009. The agreements provide for a 2.5% wage increase for each contract year, with modest benefit increases that take effect April 1, 2010.

Quotes:

"Negotiations with CUPE Local 831 focused on reaching a settlement that balanced the objectives and needs of both the City and the Union," says Mayor Susan Fennell. "Most importantly, the settlement ensures value for money to the taxpayer in the provision of City services."

"Congratulations to the negotiating teams on their commitment to reach fair and positive agreements, which benefit all parties," says City Manager Deborah Dubenofsky. "We are pleased that these settlements allow the City of Brampton and the Union to build on their relationship with stable collective agreements."

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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