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Garden Square Fountain honours former City Councillor

BRAMPTON, ON: Visitors to Garden Square in downtown Brampton will notice that the Square's fountain has been given a new name – the Lorna Bissell Fountain.

At a ceremony today, family, friends and City Council members attended the dedication. Mayor Susan Fennell and Councillors Elaine Moore and Grant Gibson paid tribute to Bissell, a former City Councillor, who passed away last September after a five-year battle with breast cancer.

"Today's dedication is a fitting tribute to a great lady," said Mayor Fennell. "Lorna truly cared about her community and dedicated herself to making Brampton a better place to live."

Across the sides of the Fountain are four words - creativity, vision, passion and honesty – carefully selected words that describe the former Councillor.

About Lorna Bissell

Born in Montreal, Lorna Bissell moved to Brampton in 1972 where her career began as a florist. She was a member of the Brampton Safety Council before entering politics in 1985. After that, her career focused on working for the community, first as an alderman and later as the Regional Councillor for Wards 1 and 5.

Lorna was a champion for downtown revitalization, so it is fitting that the downtown Garden Square Fountain has been named in her honour.

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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