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### **City Ratifies Agreements with Amalgamated Transit Union 1573**

BRAMPTON, ON: — Yesterday Brampton City Council approved a four-year collective agreement with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) 1573, which represents the City's full and part-time unionized transit employees.

The agreement, which is effective from July 1, 2011 and extends until June 30, 2015, was ratified by the union on September 28. Negotiations with the ATU focused on reaching a settlement that balanced the objectives and needs of employees, the Corporation and the residents we serve.

"Through these negotiations, our membership has achieved acceptable wage and benefit increases and many of our employment concerns have and will be further addressed during the life of the contract. The success of this process was due to the willingness of both sides to work towards a satisfactory agreement," said ATU 1573 President Larry Jodouin.

"This agreement allows the City of Brampton and the union 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 City Manager Deborah Dubenofsky.

"Council's approval of the ATU agreement recognizes the hard work and cooperation between City staff and ATU representatives," said Mayor Susan Fennell. "Both parties understood the need to come to an agreement without any disruption in service. I'd like to thank everyone involved on a successful outcome."

**About Brampton:** The 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.brampton.ca)

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