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**Brampton continues to seek a negotiated settlement with transit staff**

BRAMPTON, ON: The City of Brampton today confirmed that a negotiated settlement remains the objective of bargaining with the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) 1573, which represents the City's unionized transit services staff. Despite an impasse last weekend after three days of discussions, the City continues to seek a solution that meets the needs of employees, the Corporation and the residents we serve.

The union is in a legal strike position at 12:01 am on Saturday, September 24, 2011; however, the union executive has indicated they will not initiate a labour disruption before Monday, September 26, 2011.

Lines of communication remain open and additional discussions are being scheduled for next week. The City is hopeful that a negotiated settlement can be achieved.

If the two parties are unable to reach a negotiated agreement closer to the legal strike date, the City will proactively communicate with the public about potential service disruptions.

**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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