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COMMUNITY BUS TOURS OFFERED FOR NEWCOMERS

*Multilingual bus tours highlight Brampton's rich heritage
and teach newcomers about City facilities and services*

BRAMPTON, ON: The City of Brampton, in partnership with a number of businesses and community organizations, is once again offering a series of **free city tours** for newcomers to Brampton. A newcomer can be a new immigrant to Canada, who is settling in Brampton, or any new resident to the city.

As both a fun, family-friendly event and an educational tool, these tours help introduce newcomers to their local government and their new community. During the tours, on-board interpretation will be available in Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi and Gujarati.

"Moving to a new city can be a daunting experience, so that's why we've made it a priority to provide newcomers with an opportunity to see the city and learn more about the programs and services their local government provides," said Mayor Susan Fennell. "Brampton is one of the most diverse and cosmopolitan cities in the country, and these bus tours go a long way to helping our newcomers feel comfortable in their new home."

With the help of Brampton Transit, Brampton Recreation and the Brampton Library, the tours will highlight both Brampton's floral history and gardens, and feature stops at key community facilities.

Tours will take place on August 15, 18, 22 and 25. All tours run from 10 am to approximately 1 pm. Tours begin and end at the Chinguacousy Branch of the Brampton Library. Space is limited and interested participants are asked to register by calling the Brampton Library at 905.793.4636.

Tour Highlights include:

- A guided tour of the Chinguacousy Branch of the Brampton Library, with an emphasis on no-cost family resources, including multilingual collections, plus the opportunity to get a library card on the spot
- 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

For more information on 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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