

August 27, 2010

CITY OF BRAMPTON LABOUR DAY

Brampton City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 6 for Labour Day, affecting a number of services that will either be unavailable or will operate under reduced service levels.

Along with City Hall, the Small Business Enterprise Centre and the City's Parks and Recreation Office will be closed. Residents will not be able to apply in person for marriage licences, pay parking fines, apply for employment with the City of Brampton or apply for building permits during this time. For online options please visit www.brampton.ca

Several services will continue to operate at regular levels including: Fire and Emergency Services, City of Brampton works yards and By-law Enforcement.

For more information on all City of Brampton service changes and closures please call 311 or visit www.brampton.ca

Transit Service

Brampton Transit will provide Sunday/Holiday service on Monday, September 6, which will include the last run of Route 66 Express Service to Canada's Wonderland. However, the administration office and all Transit stores will be closed. Brampton Transit's Labour Day Weekend Service will be as follows:

- Friday, September 3: Regular Weekday Service
- Saturday, September 4: Regular Saturday Service
- Sunday, September 5: Regular Sunday Service
- Monday, September 6: Sunday/Holiday Service

Riders looking for information are encouraged to call 905.874.2999 or visit www.bramptontransit.com and use eRide, the online trip planner for detailed route and schedule information.

Parks and Recreation

City parks will be open all weekend. However, after Labour Day, all outdoor pools will be closed for the season. Some splash and spray pads will continue to be open, depending on the weather. Check with your local community centre to confirm which are open. Most recreation facilities are open on Labour Day Monday. Please phone your local recreation centre to confirm the program schedule.

Back to School

Tuesday, September 7, is the first day of school. City staff is reminding drivers to please use caution on the roads and to be extra careful in school zones and at crosswalks. Brampton Safe City and the Brampton Safety Council are working with a number of community groups on back-to-school safety initiatives:

- The Peel Children's Safety Village has recruited and trained 1,700 students as Bus Patrollers.
- The Brampton Safety Council will have 170 Crossing Guards active during the upcoming school term to help children at crosswalks.
- The 'Walking School Bus' will operate from a number of Brampton elementary schools. In this innovative project, children walk to school in organized groups to enhance their safety and visibility.
- Brampton Safe City Association staff and volunteers will be attending teacher-parent orientation events to promote pedestrian and cycling safety.
- Flashing 40 km speed zones at a number of schools will operate for the first two weeks of school. Following this, these zones will operate at the entry and dismissal times.
- Peel Regional Police will be stepping up traffic enforcement in school zones during the back-to-school period, as well as checking drivers and passengers for seatbelts.

The Brampton Safety Council has produced a DVD with safety tips for school zones. "*Staying Safe Around Your School*" is available for viewing at www.brampton.ca. The website also offers a Traffic Safety flyer in 12 languages, crossing guard times and locations and other safety information. More information about children's safety programs can be found at www.bramptonsafecity.ca