



## **2011 Ontario Parks & Recreation Innovation Award – ‘Green Education Program’**

Brampton Clean City’s ‘Green Education Program’ was recognized as the *2011 Parks and Recreation Ontario Award Winner for Innovation*. This award recognizes individuals, groups, organizations, programs, activities and events which demonstrate exceptional innovation in design, presentation and implementation in the parks and recreation field in Ontario. It may be awarded for programs in: aquatics, volunteerism, affordable access to recreation, chronic disease prevention, accessibility, culture or parks endeavours or to recognize progressive or unique concepts in parks and recreation such as; energy conservation, creative financing plans, management techniques, promotional tools, use of technology, or other unusual innovations.

Brampton Clean City highlighted the Green ‘Education Program’ by focusing the nomination package on its vast format of school programs, public outreach, summer programs, registered programs and stewardship initiatives.

Brampton Clean City’s programs and stewardship include ...

### **School Programs and Workshops**

Brampton Clean City’s ‘Green Education’ programs and workshops have been developed for the entire education chain, from pre-schools through secondary schools to community groups and special interest organizations. They communicate the complex subject of environmentalism in a fun and interactive way and enable its integration into the curriculum.

In 2010, Brampton Clean City worked with **51,444** Brampton students in Kindergarten through grade 12 and set a precedent for the importance of environmental stewardship within the daily routine of the classroom. Students, teachers and principals were encouraged to take a hands-on approach and make every effort count.

### **Spring and Harvest Clean Up Events**

In 2010, Brampton Clean City worked with **122,419** dedicated and passionate residents, schools, business, community groups, families and individuals during both the Spring and Harvest Clean Up Campaigns. Combined efforts of participants during both campaigns, helped to remove litter and recycle waste by several thousand tons across the city.

## **Public Outreach**

Over the course of 2010, Brampton Clean City had the honour of educating and working with **64,118** passionate volunteer groups and individuals on various environmentally-focused community projects and stewardship initiatives affecting the City of Brampton. Everything from the Peel Children's Water Festival, the Region of Peel / Ontario Eco Schools – Eco Fest event, National Youth Week, school open houses and finally, various city events including Earth Day, Canada Day, Brampton Day, Winter Fest and more!

## **The Adopt-A-Park Program**

Brampton Clean City encourages families, neighborhoods, civic groups, businesses and even individuals to get involved in the preservation and enhancement of Brampton's parks system. The parks system and its facilities are enjoyed by many residents and appreciated by all.

## **The High School Green Club Council**

The Brampton High School Green Club Council (HSGCC ) is an initiative through Brampton Clean City and was formed in an effort to provide 'environmentally passionate' youth, in grades nine through 12, an outlet to express their 'green creativity' in a unique and interactive experience through community engagement.

## **Registered Programs**

Environmental education plays a critical role in addressing these concerns. Education in the form of youth and adult –based programming and workshops , promotes attitudes and values that influence environmentally ethical behaviour by developing understanding, skills and values that enable people to participate as active and informed citizens who can contribute to the development of an ecologically sustainable and socially just society.

Brampton Clean City has made a decisive contribution to promoting a stronger sense of responsibility among Brampton residents for the waste they produce, the natural resources they use and it has also made them more aware of their own environmental behaviour. Brampton Clean City invites everyone to join this path so that together, we can meet all requirements necessary to make Brampton's future really worth living in.

