

2025 Brampton Urban Design Awards

“Density with Purpose”

Submission Application

Application Info

CELEBRATING DESIGN EXCELLENCE

Urban design plays a significant role in enhancing the quality of life in Canadian communities. The City of Brampton is calling for submissions for the 2025 Brampton Urban Design Awards.

The Brampton Urban Design Awards is a biennial awards program that celebrates urban design excellence in the city of Brampton and acknowledge significant contributions made by city-builders, urban designers, architects, planners, landscape architects, artists and design students. These awards promote and celebrate innovation, creativity, and design excellence in the delivery of high-quality, sustainable, and inclusive urban-built environments in Brampton.

This year’s Urban Design Awards theme, ‘**Density with Purpose**’, highlights the need for intentional and future-focused urban growth. As cities like Brampton navigate unlocking more housing, simply building more isn’t enough— growth needs to be shaped by thoughtful planning and strong urban design that can enhance livability and long-term sustainability.

Thoughtful density, when planned with intention, can create high-quality, well-connected spaces that provide diverse housing options and cultivate vibrant neighborhoods, seamlessly integrating green spaces, public amenities, and resilient infrastructure. Urban design plays a key role in driving future development to be not only adaptable and resilient but also purposeful, ensuring growth is intentional and sustainable for generations to come.

Categories

Submissions are being sought in the following categories (refer to **Appendix 1** for details)

- A. Vision, Master Plans, and Large Places Design
- B. Building Design
- C. Heritage Restoration Design
- D. Public Realm, Public Space, Elements and Landscape Design
- E. Student Design Project

Types of Awards

The Brampton Urban Design Awards recognize three awards of distinction:

- **Awards of Excellence**, given to projects that demonstrate excellence across all judging criteria.
- **Awards of Merit**, given to projects that demonstrate excellence across multiple judging criteria.
- **Healthy by Design**, given to projects that exemplify the six Healthy Development Core Elements.

Note: The jury reserves the right not to present awards in every category. In addition the jury reserves the right to reallocate submissions into categories which they deem to be most appropriate.

Two projects will be selected from the entire body of submissions for special recognition in the following areas:

- **People's Choice Award**, as selected by the residents of Brampton.
- **Best Overall Project**, for the best overall design project in advancing Brampton's Vision.

Eligibility Criteria

- Projects must be located within the municipal boundary of the City of Brampton.
 - Projects must be substantially implemented or built at the time of submission with the exception of Student, and Visions, Master Plans & Large Places design.
- Projects must have been substantially completed between 2023-2025.
- Previous winning entries of the Brampton Urban Design Awards are not eligible.
 - Projects must exhibit design excellence and demonstrate a significant contribution to the public realm.
 - Projects must demonstrate comprehensive and innovative approach to achieving inclusive, high-quality, sustainable, urban-built environment.

Judging criteria

The primary criteria for assessing the merit of all entries will include:

- Complete Community**
Design that thoughtfully integrates density and provides equal access to needed services and ensures that all opportunities which make urban life liveable, healthy, and enjoyable are available to all.
- Sustainability**
Design that demonstrates a significant contribution to the sustainable performance of new developments and application of the Sustainable New Communities Program.
- Execution**
Project that skillfully moves designs into reality and demonstrates high quality of construction methods and materials.
- Innovation**
Design that responds creatively to program requirements and sets precedent for projects of its type.
- Integration**
Design that successfully integrates with existing and planned surrounding urban fabric and respects the area's character.
- Inclusivity**
Design that enables people of all backgrounds and abilities while addresses accessibility, age, economic situation, race, and more.
- Citywide Significance**
Design that realises the City's Brampton Plan Vision and contributes to the city's image, visual identity, vistas, skyline and streetscapes.

Awards and Recognition

The Awards will consist of an award presentation at a ceremonial event in October 2025. Further recognition includes press releases, exhibition, and publicity on the City's website: www.brampton.ca

Projects of Excellence will be submitted by the City to participate in the National RAIC Urban Design Awards.

Jury

The Jury will include design industry experts from across Canada.

Entry Fee

An entry fee of \$150 CAD is required per submission per category. There is no fee for student project submissions. Application to additional categories will require a separate application form and fee. Refer to **Appendix 2** for further information on the submission process.

Important Dates

Monday, June 09th, 2025, 11:59 p.m. EST
Submission Deadline

July 2025
Evaluation Period Begins

October 2025
Announcement at City-Building Gala

Submission

All projects are to be submitted online at www.brampton.ca/budawards
Please refer to **Appendix 2** for a full list of submission requirements and procedure.

For more information

Email: urbandesignaward@brampton.ca

Web: www.brampton.ca/budawards

Phone: 905-874-5589

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Appendix 1

Each submission is limited to one category. Application to additional categories for the same project/submission will require a separate application form and fee.

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A. Visions, Masterplans, and Large Places Design

Unexecuted visions – including studies, community design guidelines, tertiary plans and masterplans for large parks or area plans, neighbourhood plans, subdivisions, etc. that contribute to Brampton’s Vision and objectives.

B. Building Design

Precedent-setting design of individual or composition of buildings of all scales that demonstrates contributions to place-making, urban life and activity, including but not limited to residential, commercial, educational, recreational, cultural, civic and mixed-use buildings.

D. Heritage Restoration Design

Innovative design in the restoration, conservation, or reuse of built heritage.

E. Public Realm, Public Space, Elements and Landscape Design

Engaging design that elevates the dialogue among place, people and landscape. Elements Design can include small-scale installation that contributes to place making, such as the design of stand-alone objects, art installations, site furniture, entryways, temporary activations, fences.

G. Student Design Project

Design project by students from universities, colleges, high schools or similar educational institutions.

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Appendix 2

APPENDIX 2

Please prepare the following information to submit online:

Project information

Submission category: (One category per submission)

Project name:

Project location/address:

Project Owner/Developer/Client:

Project Description/Summary: Provide a brief description, in a maximum of 500 words, the project’s key aspects focusing on the City’s design objectives in reference to the judging criteria.

Project Team

Applicant Name/Main Contact:

Organization:

Phone:

Email:

Address:

Project team: Provide information on the additional team members of the project team including lead designer(s), organization of planners, engineers, contractors, etc.

Please provide all team member information as a single file (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt) in the following format per individual/team:

First Name :

Last Name :

Organization :

Discipline:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Additional Information (Credential, etc..)

Documents/Images

Submit up to 20 documents/images with a maximum file size of 10MB per file and provide file name, description, name of photographer/designer and any additional details.

Documents/Images shall include but not limited to: plans with scale & north arrow, elevations and sections with scale, diagrams, renderings, photographs, etc., as appropriate and be PDF, JPEG or PNG format.

All images must be at least 3000 x 4000 pixels or higher in high-quality.

All images must be named with the following naming convention: ProjectName_Type_## (I.e. BramptonWestTower_Render_01.jpg)

Document/Image Description: For each image, provide a description of the images, in the following format:

File Name and Extension: Please provide the name of each document/Image

Type: Please describe the type of file - photograph, renderings, plan, sections, elevation, diagrams or others

Description: Please provide description, name of photographer/designer, etc.

Note: All submitted materials will be retained by the City of Brampton. The City may use and reproduce the submission materials in exhibits, presentations or other communications, publications, advertising and promotions related to the Brampton Urban Design Awards program. By submitting an entry, you agree to these terms and conditions.

Submission Instructions

Applicants are to visit www.brampton.ca/budawards to submit their application via the online submission form during the submission open period. A secure internet network is required to submit your application.

Following form submission, the Awards committee will review the submission for eligibility. Eligible candidates will receive notifications via e-mail (Main Applicant on application) with detailed instructions for next steps including payment procedures. Should revisions be required to the application, applicants may be requested to revise their application, provide additional documentation or submit a new application.

Eligible entries will receive instructions will be sent via e-mail to make a secure online payment. Student Entries are not required to pay the entry fee.

Entry Fee

The application fee for each submission is \$150 CAD, to be paid online.
Accepted Card types: Visa, Mastercard, American Express.

Applicants are encouraged to pay the entry fee online through the application portal, however, may pay via cheque if necessary.

Please mail all cheques with a copy of the application form to the following:

To the attention of: Cindy Cao
Brampton City Hall, 3rd Floor – Planning, Building and Growth Management
2 Wellington Street West
Brampton, ON
L6Y 4R2

Please note:

- Cheques should be made payable to “The City of Brampton”;
- Please reference Brampton Urban Design Awards on the cheque and exterior of the envelope;
- You **must** reference your application number on the cheque. (###-BUDA-YYMMDD)
- Applicants who have submitted multiple applications or are paying for multiple entries may do so via one singular cheque, however, must include reference numbers of all applications.
- Please ensure that cheques are received by the City of Brampton prior to the application deadline. Payments received after the application deadline will not be accepted.
- Once processed, applicants will receive a final confirmation e-mail via the Awards Committee confirming their successful application, along with a digital copy of their receipt.