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Mount Pleasant Village

The first new library branch in Brampton in 25 years opened its doors to the public on November 21, 2011.

The Mount Pleasant Village Branch Library, located at 100 Commuter Drive, across from the Mount Pleasant GO Station, is a partnership between the Library Board, the City of Brampton and the Peel District School Board. The new library has been constructed together with an elementary school, and functions both as a public library for the community and a school library for the students.

"This is an excellent example of how organizations with a shared mandate can come together to provide service to everyone in the community," says Brampton Library Chief Executive Officer Cathy Matyas. "The project is a win-win for all involved, and especially the residents of northwest Brampton."

The new library branch is located in one of the most innovative developments in the Greater Toronto Area. Mount Pleasant Village is a compact urban community that mixes three-storey freehold townhouses and detached homes in a single development. It also incorporates the historic 1902 Brampton CPR railway station into the design and functional areas of the library and community space.

The Mount Pleasant community has been designed with a focus on public transit and a pedestrian-friendly environment. The innovative development was recognized earlier this year with two awards from the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD).

The new 19,000 sf library has been built on two levels and will

open in stages, with the first floor open as of November 21. The second floor, which will house expanded library collections, will open as operating funding is confirmed through the budget process.

"We're excited to welcome the public into our new branch library," says Matyas. "The Mount Pleasant Village Branch Library finally allows us to provide the range of collections, services and programs that residents in Brampton are demanding. We'll be able to provide both the traditional and new library services that support our growing and diverse community."



The Library Board, in partnership with the City of Brampton, has commenced construction on a seventh library branch of 30,000 sf for the east side of the city, which will open in 2012.



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Roger Bunn
Chair, Brampton Library Board

Message from the Board Chair

2011 was the third year of the Brampton Library's four-year Strategic Plan. The Board has been charting our progress on the strategic initiatives identified in that Plan, and reporting to the community through our Annual Report Card. That Report Card is a testament to the momentum of our Plan, which is moving the Brampton Library forward in new and exciting ways!

The Brampton Library continues to evolve to meet the needs of a diverse and dynamic community. The 2011 census showed that, with a population of just over 523,000, the city of Brampton is now the fourth largest city in Ontario, and the ninth largest in Canada. Brampton Library is a leader in making the city a great place to live, work and play. The cornerstone of our work is partnerships. In 2011 Brampton Library worked with dozens of community and service organizations, and every level of government, to offer innovative collections, programs and services to the community. Lifelong learning and literacy continue to be a key focus, whether delivered through traditional library collections, services and programs, or through new and innovative technologies.

In 2011 we partnered with the City of Brampton on the exciting Heritage, Arts, Culture and Entertainment initiative, an economic development strategy that recognizes the key role that arts and culture have in creating a vibrant downtown.

We also partnered with the city, and with the Peel District School Board, to open the Mount Pleasant Village Branch Library. This project, which establishes the public library as the resource for both the community and an elementary school, is the first new library branch in the city in 25 years. Mount Pleasant Village is an award-winning development which has been described as one of the most innovative building projects in the Greater Toronto Area.

We are grateful for the support of our partners, and a supportive and engaged community, all of whom worked with our committed staff in 2011 to build a strong library service to meet the growing demands of Bramptonians. We are committed to maintaining the momentum as we move forward.

Fast Facts

- Every day, 4,000 residents of Brampton visit one of our six library branches in-person. Another 2,300 residents visit the library "virtually" each day through the BL website. In 2011, our customer visits in person and virtually increased by 19%!
- We're busy! Borrowing of library materials increased 7% in 2011. We loaned 5.5M books, CDs, DVDs and more!
- Use of our free wireless Internet – available at all library branches – increased by 57%. There were 173,000 uses of this service. Use of our in-library computer workstations increased over 50%
- Over 40,000 children, adults and seniors attended one of our BL programs. We increased the number of programs offered in 2011 by 27%. Attendance was up by 40%, to 46,720.
- Over 500 volunteers donated 3,000 hours of service to library customers who are homebound or institutionalized, and helped to offer new and exciting programs to the community!

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Brampton Library Financial Overview

Operating Revenue	2011
<i>Municipal Contribution</i>	12,470,012
<i>Provincial Grants</i>	358,829
<i>Library Generated Revenue</i>	630,723
<i>Prior Year Surplus</i>	113,000
Total Operating Revenue	13,572,564

Operating Expenditures	
<i>Salaries & Benefits</i>	8,370,478
<i>Library Collections</i>	1,570,212
<i>Other Operating</i>	2,485,617
<i>Transfer to Reserve</i>	1,146,257
Total Operating Expenditures	13,572,564

Capital Revenue	2011
<i>Municipal Contribution</i>	960,961
<i>Provincial Grants</i>	27,295
<i>Other Revenue</i>	79,749
Total Capital Revenue	1,068,005

Capital Expenditures	
<i>Library Collections</i>	991,245
<i>Library Branch Improvements</i>	224,773
<i>Technology & Communication Services</i>	33,899
Total Capital Expenditures	1,249,917



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150 Central Park Drive
Brampton, ON L6T 1B4

Mount Pleasant Village Branch
100 Commuter Drive
Brampton, ON L7A 0G2

Cyril Clark Branch
20 Loafers Lake Lane
Brampton, ON L6Z 1X9

South Fletcher's Branch
500 Ray Lawson Boulevard
Brampton, ON L6Y 5B3

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