

Brampton Board of Trade
Tuesday, October 20, 2020
6pm – 8pm (EST)
- Angie -

Good evening, everyone.

My name is Angeline Bilodeau, Director of Operations for Amazon's non-sortation facility in this region. In this facility we ship unique items like sports equipment, patio furniture, fishing rods, pet food, kayaks, bicycles and other household goods. I like to call it a powerhouse, designed with safety front and centre.

It's an absolute pleasure accepting this award on behalf of Amazon Canada in Brampton.

We are proud to call Brampton home.

My colleague Harsh will speak more about our state-of-the-art robotics facility, and I'm happy to say that selecting Brampton as the hub of our operations in the region was an easy decision.

The city has a talented, skilled workforce, great access to major transportation lanes, and supports a high quality of life.

Amazon Canada employs more than 21,000 full-time and part-time Associates across the country with good paying, safe jobs and great benefits. The city has been a tremendous partner for our operations. And I'm very pleased to say we're exploring even more partnerships and expansion plans in the community.

I would like to thank our partners and supporters including:

- Mayor Patrick Brown
- The City of Brampton
- And of course the Brampton Board of Trade and President Todd Letts

Thank you.

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- Harsh -

Thank you very much. This is a very special nomination and an honour.

My name is Harsh Khaitan and I'm the Director of Operations for Amazon Canada's robotics facility in the city. It's our only robotics fulfillment centre in the country. We call it YYZ4 and it's the heart of our Canadian fulfillment network.

YYZ4 harnesses the power of great Associates, technology and automation to help deliver magical experiences for customers, every day.

It has over 4,000 employees. During the holiday peak period, we add thousands more jobs.

YYZ4 opened in 2016 and is over 850,000 square feet. During the holiday peak season we can ship millions of units per week.

We're proud to offer a great workplace, competitive wages, and full benefits for our employees, beginning on day one.

Starting wages for entry-level positions in the GTA is \$17/hour. Associates are also eligible for additional variable pay, and receive Amazon stock as additional compensation. We provide all our employees with a comprehensive benefits plan, including an employer RRSP.

As my colleague Angie mentioned, we are very proud to call Brampton home. And I'd like to congratulate all of the winners and nominees tonight for your contributions in making Brampton a great place to live in, to invest in, and to grow in.

Thank you.