

# 2023 Brampton Inclusivity – By Design Urban Design Awards 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 *2023 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, 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 the program will focus on new socio-economic themes alongside best practice design standards. Under the theme '*Inclusivity – By Design*', the *2023 Brampton Urban Design Awards* will address themes of Active Design, Ageing Population, Sustainability, Accessibility, Safety, Equity, Health and Wellbeing.

As we plan for the future growth of one of the fastest growing, most diverse and young cities, it is vital that we begin to rise to the challenge and ensure that new and existing communities are designed in response to these key overarching themes. The Awards recognise excellence and celebrate exemplary buildings, spaces, neighbourhoods and design strategies that actively shape a better, more sustainable, equitable and inclusive Brampton of the future.

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## 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 – Private
- C. Building Design – Public
- D. Heritage Restoration Design
- E. Public Realm, Public Space and Landscape Design
- F. Elements Design
- G. Student Design Project

## Types of Awards

The Brampton Urban Design Awards recognize three awards of distinction. The number of awards bestowed in each category, if any, is at the discretion of the jury.

- **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*.

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 2040 *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 exemption of Student, and Visions, Master Plans & Large Places design.
- Projects must have been substantially completed between 2019-2023.
- 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:

- a. Inclusive by Design**  
Design that enables people of all backgrounds and abilities while addresses accessibility, age, economic situation, race, and more.
- b. Sustainability**  
Design that demonstrates a significant contribution to the sustainable performance of new developments and application of the Sustainable New Communities Program.
- c. Execution**  
Project that skillfully moves designs into reality and demonstrates high quality of construction methods and materials.
- d. Innovation**  
Design that responds creatively to program requirements and sets precedent for projects of its type.
- e. Integration**  
Design that successfully integrates with existing and planned surrounding urban fabric and respects the area's character.
- f. Complete Community**  
Design that provides equal access to needed services and ensures that all opportunities which make urban life liveable, healthy, and enjoyable are available to all.
- g. Citywide Significance**  
Design that realises the City's 2040 Vision and contributes to the city's image, visual identity, vistas, skyline and streetscapes.

## Awards and Recognitions

The Awards will consist of a trophy and presentation at the City-Building Gala event in October 2023. Further recognition includes press releases, exhibition, and publicity on the City's official Web portal [www.brampton.ca](http://www.brampton.ca)

Award winning projects 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 and globally.

## Entry Fee

An entry fee of \$150 CAD is required per submission per category. There is no fee for student project submission. Application to additional categories will require a separate application form and fee.

Refer to **Appendix 2** for further information on the payment procedure.

## Important Dates

**Friday, June 23, 2023, 11:59 p.m. EST**  
Submission Deadline

**July 2023**  
Evaluation Period Begins

**October 05, 2023**  
Announcement at City-Building Gala

**December 2023**  
Exhibition and Inclusivity – By Design Yearbook

## Submission

Submission materials to include (refer to **Appendix 2** for full details and procedure):

The following information shall be submitted **online**, at [www.brampton.ca/budawards](http://www.brampton.ca/budawards)

1. Project information (Including category, project name, address, etc.)
2. Documents/Images
3. Project Team

Entry fees shall be paid via cheque, following submission of the above information, and after confirmation of eligibility by the Awards Committee.

4. Entry Fee

## For more information

Phone: 905-874-5589

Email: [urbandesignaward@brampton.ca](mailto:urbandesignaward@brampton.ca)

Web: [www.brampton.ca/budawards](http://www.brampton.ca/budawards)

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## APPENDIX 1

Select one category per submission. Application to additional categories will require separate application form and fee.

### **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 – Public**

Precedent-setting design of an individual or a composition of buildings of all scales with the primary function to serve and/or is accessible by the public, including but not limited to educational, recreational, cultural and civic buildings.

### **C. Building Design – Private**

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 and mixed-use buildings.

### **D. Heritage Restoration Design**

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

### **E. Public Realm, Public Space and Landscape Design**

Engaging design that elevates the dialogue among place, people and landscape.

### **F. Elements Design**

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, or high schools.

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## APPENDIX 2

Applicants are to submit and complete applications in a two-part process.

### Part 1:

Applicants are to visit [www.brampton.ca/budawards](http://www.brampton.ca/budawards) to submit **Part 1** of their application via the online submission form.

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 names, email addresses, discipline, credentials and organization of all project team including lead designers, planners, engineers, contractors, etc.

#### Documents/Images

Submit up to 20 documents/images 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.

Please ensure you **save a PDF copy and/or print** your application after submitting online. It will be required to be attached to your payment. (Not applicable for students.)

## Part 2:

After successful submission of Part 1 at [www.brampton.ca/budawards](http://www.brampton.ca/budawards) , the Awards committee will review your application. Eligible candidates will be contacted via e-mail (Main Contact on file) with detailed instructions on how to pay the entry fee.

Student Entries are not required to pay the entry fee and require no further action. The Awards committee will reach out via e-mail if there are outstanding issues with student applications.

## Entry Fee

The application fee for each submission is \$150 CAD.

### Applicants are to pay the entry fee via cheque using one of two methods:

#### In Person:

Applicants paying in person may do so at Brampton City Hall, located at 2 Wellington St W, Brampton, ON L6Y 4R2 at the front counter. Applicants will receive a stamped physical receipt to confirm their payment and will receive a final confirmation e-mail via the Awards Committee confirming their successful application.

#### By Mail:

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

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

Please include Urban Design Awards on the exterior of the envelope. Once your cheque via mail has been 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.

### Please note:

- Cheques should be made payable to “The City of Brampton”;
- Please reference Brampton Urban Design Awards on the cheque;
- You **must** attach a printed copy of the application form with your cheque, which may be printed after submission of Part 1 on the official website;
- Applicants who have submitted multiple applications or are paying for multiple entries may do so via one singular cheque, however, must include copies of each application.