

Amazon fulfillment centre officially opens in Bolton

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Following months of buzz and anticipation, Amazon finally opened its brand new fulfillment centre in Bolton on Sept. 22, with the company simultaneously announcing it plans to hire for more than 800 full-time seasonal jobs.

According to a press release distributed by Amazon, associates hired to work at the facility will pick, pack and ship customer orders such as books, children's toys and smaller electronics.

"We're excited to bring on more than 800 new associates from Bolton and surrounding communities to support growing customer demand and launch of the new site," said Anshuman Kumar, general manager of the new facility.

The starting wage for the new positions is \$15.75 an hour, with a \$1,500 signing bonus paid out to all new hires. In addition, associates working at least 40 hours per week are eligible for overtime and holiday pay.

To celebrate the opening of the facility, the leadership team at Amazon welcomed more than 180 team members to a grand opening party last week.

The facility, located on Coleraine Drive, is one of six Amazon centres in Ontario, with other locations in Ottawa, Brampton, Mississauga and Milton. The building itself spans more than 3.7 million cubic feet, with the floor size approximately the size of 80 hockey rinks. With its opening, this is now the largest operational Amazon facility in North America.

Speaking to media earlier this summer, Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson described Amazon's commitment to the Caledon community as a "win win" for all parties.

"Welcome Amazon," Mayor Thompson said. "This new centre is a win win for both of us and the Town is thrilled to have you here as part of our community."