

Bolton opens doors to employees of Amazon's second sort centre in Ontario

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Amazon Canada recently welcomed employees for their first day at its new sort centre in Bolton.

The new facility will provide career opportunities to 800 Ontarians, and facilitate faster delivery times across the GTA. The new facility is approximately 270,000 square-feet and is only Ontario's second sort centre.

Employees were greeted with a walk on the raceway-themed carpet, followed by on-site presentations, introducing the team and walking through safety protocols, including sanitation and social distancing procedures.

With the new sort centre, Amazon Canada is aiming to make it an employee-friendly place of employment through a flexible work schedules, robust benefits and wellbeing programs from day one, as well as a starting wage of \$18.70 per hour. The site employees will fulfill tasks such as sorting and loading customer items for final delivery.

"We're Bolt-ing towards the future in Bolton," said Morteza Khaniki, Bolton YHM9 Site Leader. "We are so pleased to offer the great residents of the area a variety of new job opportunities, and to increase the efficiency and capacity options for shipping just in time for the holiday season."

With the holidays officially underway, the site's associates will support the sorting and loading of customers' orders, benefiting festive shoppers and last-minute buyers in the local community with increased efficiency and shipping speeds.

"Every day is different and that's what makes going to work exciting," said Alyssa Mahadeo, Bolton YHM9 Learning Area Manager. "I always share with friends and family that Amazon is an awesome place to work, there is something here for everyone, and it doesn't matter where you start, it's all about where you'll end up"there are so many career growth opportunities."

Mayor Allan Thompson says he is excited about the opportunity for Bolton's economic recovery through job opportunities with the opening of the new sort centre.

"The opening of the Amazon sort centre in Bolton and the addition of 800 new jobs is great news for our communities, residents and our local economy," said Thompson. "Amazon is a highly regarded corporate partner in the Town of Caledon and I join them in welcoming their new employees."

The new Bolton Sort Centre will not only positively impact the economic growth within Peel Region through job opportunities for area residents, it will also increase the capacity of the local delivery network, offering consumers additional shipping options and supporting its community of residents and local businesses who rely on Amazon for day-to-day operations.