

Canadian Tire won't employ many

Besides the tons of diesel particulate that we in Bolton will be breathing in, and the horrible traffic that will be for us to go through every day when this monster Canadian Tire facility is build, I would also like to clear-up some of the stories that Caledon council and Canadian Tire has given to the residents in Caledon and Bolton, and those stories gave many the impression that the warehouse will give Bolton residents a lot of needed work.

As mentioned by Canadian Tire and Caledon council, the warehouse facility, if build in Bolton, will be a high-tech facility, so what does high-tech mean?

There are presently 1,000 people working at the Canadian Tire warehouse facility in Brampton which, in comparison to a high-tech facility, is stone-aged and outdated. And that's the reason that there are 1,000 employees working in that outdated warehouse.

High-tech means that computer-driven robots and conveying systems will be doing all the work. Every item sold at the Canadian Tire stores are high-tech packaged, meaning that each package containing certain items are computer bar coded at the places where they were manufactured. When the goods arrive at the warehouse, computers, robots and a conveying systems will do the work, and store every item on shelves assigned for a particular item, like screws, bolts, batteries, booths, clothing, tools, etc. They will come in boxes containing dozens, hundreds or thousands of those items in sealed and UPC (computer) coded boxes. When Canadian Tire stores run out of certain items, automatically orders are placed, again computer driven, to the warehouse. The warehouse automatically, by computer and robot will put the required items, which are already in boxed quantities through a computer, robot and conveying system to the trucks.

So due to the high-tech warehouse and everything in it being computerized, pick-up, storage and gate delivery by driving robots throughout the entire warehouse, there may be a couple dozen people working on site manning the computer/robot/conveying system. The rest are truck drivers who are on the road most of the day.

Due to the high-tech computer, robot and conveying systems at a new Canadian Tire warehouse, there will be less workers needed, therefore the existing 1,000 Brampton workforce may see a big layoff. The modern high-tech factories and industries, like car manufacturing, garment, cookies and candies, chocolate, hardware etc., and warehouses for those items, require a minimum amount of employees. Most of the workers in those facilities can learn how to fill those computer/robot/conveying systems in cages located on top of the robots in less than a day or two.

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