

Brampton Ontario CPR Station

The 110-year-old former CPR Station was meticulously documented by volunteers before being painstakingly dismantled brick by brick in 1998 and moved into storage.

After seven decades of service, the station had closed in 1970, then languished for eight years until it was slated for demolition. Rescue came with relocation, but by the early 1990s it was again suffering from neglect. This time the station's rapid deterioration led some to declare it a threat to public safety. Galvanized into action, the Brampton Heritage Board launched the Save Our Station campaign, which is what resulted in its dismantling and storage.



The dream of rebuilding the station never died, and the chance finally came in the spring of 2009 with the announcement that Brampton would be receiving federal infrastructure stimulus funding to support a new development project called Mount Pleasant Village by Mattamy Homes.

Working in partnership with Mattamy, the Peel District School Board and the Brampton Public Library, the City took on the reconstruction of the historic station. The brick and Credit Valley stone structure now enjoys a life as a cultural centre that forms an integral part of the joint library, community centre and school, creating a focal point that anchors the village square at the heart of the new development.

The City was nominated by the Brampton Historical Society (BHS).

The award was presented jointly by HCF Ontario governor Michael Seaman and BHS president Michael Avis to Mayor Susan Fennel at a special celebration at the award-winning Mount Pleasant Community Centre on June 22, 2012.