



## A THRIVING ENTREPRENEURIAL ECOSYSTEM EARNING AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION

In the centre of Canada's Innovation Corridor, Brampton's award-winning Innovation District is a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem. Home to a network of companies, educational institutions, incubators and accelerators in the heart of downtown Brampton, the Innovation District supports tech enabled businesses at all stages of development.

OUR STRONG PARTNERSHIPS ARE THE FOUNDATION OF THE INNOVATION DISTRICT:



## INNOVATION DISTRICT YEAR IN REVIEW

### STARTUP CANADA

Nation-wide tour selected Brampton as their final tour-stop, with over

**6,341**

**ATTENDEES**

(both virtual and in-person).

### BRAMPTON VENTURE EXPO

Hosted their

**3RD ANNUAL  
TECH EVENT**

bringing together 450 startups, founders, executives, investors, and creatives across Brampton's biggest industries.

### BHIVE

Conducted 40 Training Sessions with

**1200+**  
**PARTICIPANTS**

**220** UPSKILLED CYBERSECURITY PROFESSIONALS

**149** STARTUPS GRADUATED THROUGH INNOVATION DISTRICT PARTNERS

**105** PATENTS FILED BY COMPANIES/ALUMNI OF INNOVATION DISTRICT

**15** STARTUP PITCHES TO BRAMPTON ANGEL INVESTORS

## BRAMPTON GO STATION RENAMED BRAMPTON INNOVATION DISTRICT GO

In June 2023, the City of Brampton announced a 10-year partnership with Metrolinx for the renaming of Brampton GO Station, located in Downtown Brampton, to Brampton Innovation District GO.

To increase awareness of the Brampton Innovation District, this partnership with Metrolinx will further enhance Brampton's position as an innovation and technology event destination to host tech sector events and international delegations, and enhance Brampton's unique ability to attract highly skilled tech talent.

We're excited to collaborate with the City of Brampton and the thriving Innovation District. We look forward to increasing awareness about the benefits of GO Transit connections to jobs, families and the surrounding region.

Mark Childs  
Chief of Marketing, Metrolinx



## BRAMPTON ANGELS

Brampton Angels launched in March 2023, and is a members-only not-for-profit organization of accredited investors. Brampton Angels members provide dynamic early-stage companies with valuable mentorship and access to risk capital networks to initiate learning, networking and growth.

A typical angel investment is anywhere between \$25,000 - \$100,000 in a company. Since its launch, they have hosted a total of 5 meetings and heard 15 startups pitch.



## COLLISION CONFERENCE - START-UP ISLAND

In 2023, The Brampton Innovation District returned to the Collision conference for its 5th consecutive year. Building on its showpiece presence in 2022, the Brampton Innovation District highlighted 24 startups in their Startup Island. All together, we had over 50 startups from Brampton participate in the conference. One of those startups was Savyn. Savyn whose business helps people with trauma and PTSD pitched on the Collision stage and successfully secured an investment from a US based VC fund.



Collision Conference 2023

Brampton Economic Development Office (EDO) has been a key contributor to our success through the support and resources they provided. We exhibited and pitched at Collision in 2023, sponsored by EDO, through which we were able to successfully get an investment from US based VC fund. Thank you for continuously supporting startups and small businesses succeed."

Sakeena Mihar  
Founder and CEO of Savyn

## INNOVATION DISTRICT COMPANY FEATURE -

Survalent.

Over 700 utilities in 40 countries rely on the Survalent platform to effectively operate, monitor, restore, analyze and optimize operations. Survalent's software supports several different industries, world-wide including: electrical distribution, water/wastewater, oil & gas, transit and renewable energy.

Earlier this year, Survalent celebrated the launch of **Canada's first community-wide smart grid system in collaboration with PUC Distribution**. This groundbreaking development in Sault Ste. Marie promised to revolutionize the way that electricity is distributed and managed bringing increased reliability, sustainability and efficiency into the region.