



MDA TO BUILD GLOBAL HEADQUARTERS AND SPACE ROBOTICS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE – IN BRAMPTON



The City of Brampton continues to establish itself as a global leader in innovation, with MDA selecting Brampton as the location for its new, purpose-built global headquarters and Centre of Excellence for Space Robotics.

MDA is an international space mission partner and a robotics, satellite systems and geointelligence pioneer. Its new state-of-the-art facility will be the birthplace of Canadarm3 and home to their growing base of highly-skilled employees in Brampton, currently numbered at about 850 people. The 200,000 sq. ft. building will feature state-of-the-art labs, manufacturing, research and development, as well as assembly, integration and test facilities.

The Centre of Excellence at MDA will house a unique Space Robotics Mission Control Centre, enabling MDA to provide critical on-orbit robotic mission operations for commercial and government customers worldwide. Additionally, the building will be designed to facilitate unique visitor experiences, allowing the company to engage with the public and other stakeholders.

“This new facility will be home to our growing team and will further unlock the potential of our world-class engineering and space mission expertise, while allowing us to bring to market a full suite of innovative commercial space robotics products that leverage Canadarm3 technology.” – Mike Greenley, Chief Executive Officer, MDA

AFTER 53 YEARS OF PIONEERING WORK IN BRAMPTON, MDA IS JUST GETTING STARTED

As demonstrated by the excitement of current employees and new talent eager to join the growing team, MDA is leading in a new space industry and inspiring a next generation of employees who will shape the future of robotics, satellite constellations, and Earth observation.

“It’s an exciting time to be at MDA,” shares Holly Johnson, VP of Robotics and Space Operations, MDA. “We’re not only developing new technologies to build Canadarm3, the next generation space robotic system destined for the Lunar-orbiting Gateway, but we’re also seizing the opportunity to take that technology and commercialize it, which opens the door to put our space robotics products on many new space infrastructure missions that are emerging in the new space economy.”

With impressive innovations dating back to 1969, MDA is not showing any signs of slowing down. In 2022, MDA secured two contracts for commercial derivatives of Canadarm3 technology, even in advance of delivering it to the CSA. Last May, the company announced its first commercial sale to Houston-based Axiom Space for Axiom Station, which aims to become the world’s first commercial space station. That contract was followed less than five months later by a second Axiom Space contract for additional payload interfaces.

Brampton is in the midst of an exciting transformation, and together with our partners, we are developing our city into a major innovation hub. That MDA has again selected Brampton as the home to its new headquarters speaks to our city emerging as a global leader in innovation and technology. We are honoured to have them here and look forward to the economic impact this will have on our community.

Patrick Brown, Mayor
City of Brampton

WHY BRAMPTON?

Brampton is at the Centre of Canada’s Innovation Corridor and its connectivity provides companies with quick and easy access to international markets.

The Brampton Economic Development Office has a robust business retention and expansion program dedicated to understanding the needs of companies – such as MDA – and assisting them in the site-selection process.

By choosing Brampton, MDA will be joining industry-leading corporate neighbours such as Medtronic, Canon, Air Canada, Loblaw and the Kaneff Group.

