

# RichmondHill

## Why Your Business Should Be Located in RichmondHill

economic development

### 1. We've Created an Environment to Support Your Business.

Richmond Hill's Mayor, Council and Staff ensure the current and future prosperity of business and residents alike through fiscally responsible initiatives including competitive tax rates, remaining debt-free, and support offered through the Office of Economic Development, all of this while delivering first-rate services to the community.

### 2. Our Strategic Location – Near your customers, suppliers, and employees.

Richmond Hill is strategically and centrally located in the heart of the 5 million consumer strong Greater Toronto Area, with more than 140 million consumers within one days trucking radius.

### 3. Excellent Transportation Infrastructure – Moving people and goods where you need them.

Richmond Hill is the beneficiary of multiple and reliable transportation systems, including immediate access to major highways such as 404, 407 and 7, located adjacent to Buttonville Airport and a short drive to Pearson International Airport. Nearby port facilities along Lake Ontario, GO trains and buses, along with York Region Transit and VIVA service the area.

### 4. We have one of Canada's most skilled & educated workforces.

Richmond Hill has a fast growing and highly educated population with over 70% of Richmond Hill's labour force 20 years of age or older with education at the post secondary level. Richmond Hill is in close proximity to some of the best educational institutions in Canada including: York University, the University of Toronto, Ryerson University and Seneca College.

### 5. State-of-the-Art Communications Infrastructure.

Communications infrastructure in Richmond Hill includes state of the art digital switched high speed fibre in the main industrial/commercial areas and various high speed business and home ADSL service in the majority of the Town. Richmond Hill boasts one of the first totally wired subdivisions in Canada.

### 6. A Strong and Dynamic Economic Base.

The economic base ranges from a strong presence of high tech, professional and scientific services to manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade - a diversity that helps Richmond Hill's economy meet the challenges of sector-specific economic cycles.

### 7. A High Standard of Living

Richmond Hill is a beautiful community that offers access to an extensive bike path system, the trails of the Oak Ridges Moraine, over 160 parks, almost 600 hectares of open space and five protected lakes. The Town has first class amenities such as athletic and soccer fields, arenas, community centres, pools, playgrounds and libraries, as well as golf courses, diverse restaurants and a new state of the art performing arts centre opening in 2008.

### 8. A Commitment to Being an Environmentally Sustainable Community

Richmond Hill is committed to preserving and restoring its unique natural features and enhancing our healthy and safe community. Through programs such as: ISO 14001 certification of our Engineering and Public Works Department, Clean Air Local Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and Energy Efficiency Programs, waste diversion programs (green and blue bin), LEED policy for all new facilities, 404-7 Smart Commute and planning and development guidelines that encourage sustainable development. The goal is to encourage every organization in Richmond Hill to embrace sustainable business practices.



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