Amazon reveals plan for open second facility in Ottawa

Ecommerce retailer Amazon has revealed plans to set up second fulfilment centre in Ottawa, Ontario.

Expected for opening in 2021, the new facility will generate more than 1,000 new, full-time jobs starting at $16 an hour with comprehensive benefits and opportunities.

This will be Amazon's eighth facility in Ontario and its 14th fulfilment centre in Canada.

Amazon Canada Canadian customer fulfilment operations director Sumegha Kumar said: "We're thrilled to be opening a second fulfilment centre in the nation's capital to better serve communities across Ontario.

"We appreciate the strong support from local, provincial, and federal leaders. We look forward to creating over 1,000 full-time jobs while providing the Barrhaven community with great opportunities that have competitive pay and benefits starting on day one."

Works at the new facility will include picking, packing and shipping small items to customers such as books, electronics and toys. Employees will perform the work with Amazon robotics.

This will be Amazon's newest robotics fulfillment centre in Canada.

Barrhaven Ward Councillor Jan Harder said: ''I'm thrilled that this advanced robotics fulfillment centre is coming to Citigate to create over 1,000 jobs in Barrhaven, helping us diversify our community's employment base.

"I want to thank Amazon for going ahead with this project, and I look forward to attending the official opening.''

In addition to the new facility, Amazon is planning for five new delivery stations across Ontario in Whitby, Oakville, Cambridge, Brampton, and Scarborough.

Sites for these facilities are expected to launch in 2020.

Late last month, Amazon reportedly planned to [build new facilities in Australia](https://www.retail-insight-network.com/news/amazon-australia-fulfilment-plan/) as online demand spikes amid the coronavirus pandemic.

In May, the retailer also planned to [hire nearly 50,000 seasonal associates](https://www.retail-insight-network.com/news/amazon-india-seasonal-roles/) for roles across its fulfilment and delivery network in India.

Amazon announce second fulfilment centre in Ottawa. Credit: Scottish Government.

<https://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/amazon-announces-plans-to-build-second-fulfillment-centre-in-ottawa-839669078.html>

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