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PORTAS DA CIDADE AZORES - CANADA

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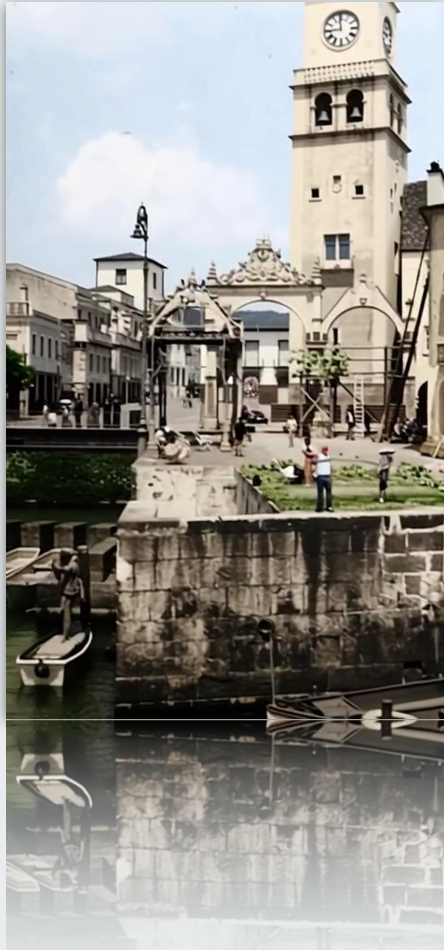
About the Portas da Cidade



The Portas da Cidade (“City Gates”) are the historic entrance to Ponta Delgada, on the island of São Miguel in the Azores.



History & Origins



Built in the 18th century beside the old harbour, the structure originally formed part of the city's defensive walls, marked the transition between land and sea and symbolized control over harbour trade routes. It was relocated in 1952 to Gonalo Velho Cabral Square during the construction of Prince Henry Avenue.



Architectural Features



Featuring three elegant Baroque-style arches—highlighted by a taller central arch—the structure is richly adorned with royal and city coats of arms, pilasters, pinnacles, and carved stonework, and built from local Azorean basalt and mainland Portuguese marble, exemplifying refined Baroque civic craftsmanship.



Cultural Significance



A defining symbol of Ponta Delgada, the gates are widely featured in tourism imagery, represent Azorean identity and civic pride, serve as a popular gathering and photo spot, and evoke themes of migration and saudade through their association with departure in search of a better future.



Visitor Experience



Located in the heart of the city square, surrounded by cafés and restaurants, the monument is especially striking at sunset, serves as a gateway to the historic old town, and is the city centre's most photographed landmark.

Global Connections



There exists a full-scale replica in Fall River, gifted by Ponta Delgada in 2006 as part of their sister-city relationship, reflecting the area's strong Azorean-Portuguese heritage and features the seals of both cities on opposite sides.



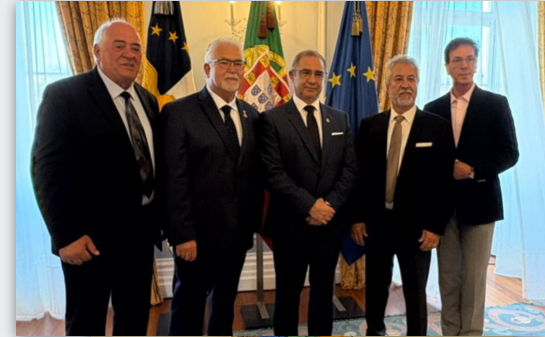
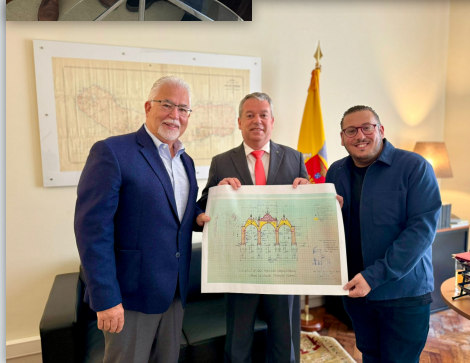
Bringing the Azores to Brampton



Inspired by the original Portas da Cidade, a new monument planned at Azores Park in Brampton (100 Malta Ave.) will honour Azorean Portuguese immigrants, celebrate their cultural legacy, and stand as a lasting symbol of pride and connection between the Azores and Canada.



Fostering Partnerships



- Proudly supported by institutional partners:

- Municipality of Brampton
- Regional Government of the Azores

- Municipality of Ponta Delgada
- Municipality of Ribeira Grande



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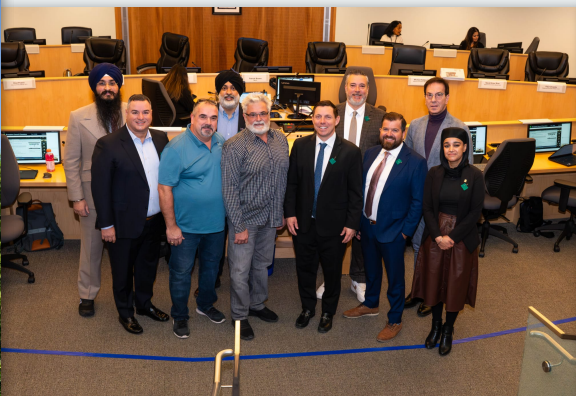
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- **PCAC is a not-for-profit volunteer committee**
- **Members have expertise in community, construction, architecture, fundraising, communications, and government relations**
- **They volunteer their time and skills to deliver the project**
- **United by commitment and passion to make this cultural landmark a reality**



Project Timeline



Winter 2025: Working group formed

Summer/Fall 2025: Planning, materials and fundraising

Winter 2026: City Council approval

Spring 2026: Construction begins

Fall 2026: Official unveiling: ****September 12, 2026***



Authentic Stone from the Azores



The installation features authentic stone from the Azores—supplied by Marques Britas—creating a direct, tangible link to the region’s cultural heritage in Canada.



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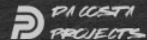


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