The Boxwood Business Campus has seen much activity since the City released land for sale last year. Three large parcels have been acquired and the first business in the park, Héroux-Devtek, completed its 108,000 square foot building on 11.52 acres of land within one year of purchase. Héroux-Devtek Inc. is a leading international manufacturer of aerospace products, and the new Cambridge facility primarily manufactures large-scale, complex landing gear components to fulfill a contract with The Boeing Company for complete landing gear systems for the B-777 and B-777x aircrafts. Héroux-Devtek believes this facility will set new standards in regard to manufacturing technology and be viewed as a leading example in terms of productivity throughout the industry. With 40 new highly skilled jobs added to the workforce at the new Cambridge plant, the site will also allow for future expansion of an additional 100,000 square feet and additional skilled staff.

The aerospace sector is one area that is seeing exceptional growth recently, and Shimco North America is no exception. Shimco is a world leader in the manufacture of precision parts and gap-management solutions such as laminated and edge-bonded shims, tapers and spacers in various material types including aluminum and titanium. Shimco supplies specialty parts to the aerospace, defense and industrial sectors, and has chosen to relocate its operation from Markham to Cambridge. Peter Voss, President and Owner, said “after researching multiple options, the site in Cambridge provided us with the right combination of building a cost-effective new facility within a dynamic and strategically located community known for advanced manufacturing.” Shimco broke ground at the end of August and expects to be operational by December 2015. The first phase of the building will cover 25,000 square feet and employ 40 skilled staff. The second phase plan includes a 15,000 square foot addition to incorporate surface treatment and testing operation, requiring an additional 20 employees.

Seven acres of land has recently been acquired by Cintas Corporation. As a uniform and ancillary product distribution centre, Cintas intends to build a new state-of-the-art 60,000 square foot facility that will include automated garment sortation and water based laundry system. Products offered by Cintas include rented textile products such as work wear, floor mats, and linens, along with prepackaged hygiene products such as hand soaps, paper towels, and air fresheners. The multi-use service facility is anticipated to be the base of service operations supporting over 30,000 current and new uniform wearers and other customers in the Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo areas, as well as several surrounding areas on the Highway 6 corridor. The facility is expected to employee 90 staff when completed.

Another purchaser of land in November 2014 was Westco Cambridge Inc. who built a 54,817 square foot facility for Fed Ex Ground services on 7.4 acres. This facility is a hub for Fed Ex’s ground parcel delivery service and when fully operational will employ 41 package handlers, 21 office staff and contract an additional 48 drivers. The building construction and interior processing equipment installation has been completed.

The prestige Boxwood Business Campus still has a number of small to medium sized parcels available in the park that range in size from one to ten acres. These are rough-graded with municipal services to the lot line and are ready for immediate development. Property in this business campus is priced at only $285,000 per acre. For more information go to www.cambridge.ca/boxwood