

# Vaughan Urban Design Awards

Celebrating  
design excellence  
and innovation in  
city building

Architecture / Landscape / Urban Design

Submit entries by  
September 22, 2017

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## Deadline for entries: September 22, 2017

The 2017 Vaughan Urban Design Awards reflect the community's commitment to excellence and innovation in city building.

The purpose of the Vaughan Urban Design Awards is to recognize and promote local development initiatives that exemplify excellence in urban design, architecture, landscape architecture and environmental stewardship in the City of Vaughan. Award-winning projects contribute considerably to our efforts to enhance the quality of life and make the city a great place to live, work and play.

### Eligibility

The competition is open to urban designers, architects, landscape architects, planners, engineers, developers, contractors, owners and the general public.

- You may nominate any place or project that demonstrates excellence in urban design, including residential, commercial, institutional, recreational, sustainable development, public realm improvements and cultural heritage.
- All entries must be within the City of Vaughan boundaries.
- Entries in all categories must be fully completed projects. No project should be older than six (6) years (that is, projects completely built prior to 2011 are ineligible).
- Interior design projects and previously submitted entries are not eligible for the awards program.
- Projects funded by the City of Vaughan or another government agency, but designed by a consultant, are eligible.
- Members of the City of Vaughan Council, employees of the City of Vaughan, jury members, and their families are not eligible to enter.

### Awards

There are two award categories; the number of awards presented in each category is at the discretion of the jury.

**1. Award of Excellence** (the number of awards presented in this category is at the discretion of the jury): This award is presented for projects which exemplify, as much as possible, the judging criteria and the City's design principles.

**2. Award of Merit** (the number of awards presented in this category is at the discretion of the jury): This award is presented for projects and consultants, with excellence in one or more areas of judging criteria and the City's design principles.

### Judging Criteria

The 2017 Vaughan Urban Design Awards Jury will evaluate projects based on the following criteria that demonstrate the City's commitment to building healthy and sustainable communities with a distinctive sense of place and high quality architectural design.

- **Significance – City Scale:** Contribution to City design objectives related to City image, visual identity, the public realm, active transportation network, natural heritage network, views and vistas, and recognition of significant sites and cultural heritage assets.
- **Significance – Community Scale:** Contribution to the quality of environment and public realm within a community which demonstrates a regard for the context of the locale, enhancing a sense of place, and conserves and protects the natural environment and cultural heritage assets.
- **Sustainability Design:** Level of performance in terms of neighbourhood pattern and design, sensitive land protection, development location, linkages and transportation (such as reduced parking footprint, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, green vehicles), sustainable sites (such as rainwater management, light pollution reduction, open space, habitat protection or restoration, heat island reduction), water efficiency, energy efficiency, materials and resources, renewable energy technologies, carbon mitigation, and green construction and technology.
- **Accessibility:** The degree of integration for barrier-free accessibility which demonstrates a regard for the Accessibility Ontarians with Disability Act (AODA).
- **Compatibility:** The integration or blending of built forms and public or private spaces with existing and planned development, and respect for or enhancement of the existing development character.
- **Innovation and Creativity:** The degree of creative response to program requirements, site constraints and ability to influence urban design trends.
- **Execution:** The quality of construction materials, and interpretation of the design into reality.

### Submission Requirements

Submit one USB, labeled with project name and address, containing the following submission materials:

#### 1. Official Entry Form

Fill out the City of Vaughan 2017 Urban Design Awards Official Entry Form. The official entry form is available online at: [www.vaughan.ca/urbandesignawards](http://www.vaughan.ca/urbandesignawards)

#### 2. Statement Letter

The Statement Letter should be a maximum 250 word summary of the project describing the design concept, urban design merits and its place in the community. The description should emphasize the project's design intent, contextual fit and contribution to city-building.

#### 3. Digital Panel

Compile a digital panel of your project using the 2017 Urban Design Awards Submission Template. The Template must be downloaded from the City of Vaughan website at: [www.vaughan.ca/urbandesignawards](http://www.vaughan.ca/urbandesignawards) and saved with the following naming convention: project name\_2017VUDA.

2017 Urban Design Awards Submission Template

Using the 2017 Urban Design Awards Submission Template, the digital panel should include a collection of drawings and illustrations that best capture the project vision and execution, including architectural plans, sections, elevations, diagrams, perspectives and minimum one photograph of the constructed project.

#### 4. Separate Images

Provide a high resolution copy of each image that has been included in the digital panel, saved into a folder labelled "Images". File format: JPEG, minimum 8 inches wide and minimum 300 dpi/CMYK.

### Note

- Participants may submit as many entries as they wish.
- Only the project name and address should be identified on the drawings, illustrations and photographs.
- The City of Vaughan will not accept models; however photographs of models will be accepted.

### Team Credits

Please note that the provision of accurate and complete project credits is the full responsibility of the applicant. The City of Vaughan will not verify the completeness of the team credits. The credits submitted will be those which appear on award certificates and all other printed/published material.

### Image Usage and Rights

The City of Vaughan will proudly publicize all of the results of the awards program as representing City of Vaughan aspirations on the city website, social media platforms and elsewhere. City of Vaughan will retain the ownership at their discretion of submitted materials and may use them in displays, electronic or otherwise.

### Submission Deadline

Entries must be received by 12:00 p.m. on September 22, 2017 and delivered to:

Attention: Rob Bayley, Manager of Urban Design  
and Cultural Heritage  
Development Planning  
City of Vaughan, 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, Ontario  
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