Connecting the Dots: The Vaughan Super Trail

Finance, Administration, and Audit Committee
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THE VISION

CREATING A WORLD CLASS DESIRABLE IDENTIFIABLE
MEMORABLE SIGNATURE TRAIL LINKING COMMUNITIES
TO EACH OTHER AND WITH CULTURAL, NATURAL,
HERITAGE, PUBLIC SPACES AND DESTINATIONS
ACCESSIBLE TO RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.

GUIDANCE POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS
- VAUGHAN VISION 2020
- GREEN DIRECTIONS
- VAUGHAN OFFICIAL PLAN
- ATMP
- PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN
THE VAUGHAN SUPER TRAIL

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- Continue to develop transit cycling and pedestrian options to get around the City.
- Continue to cultivate an environmental sustainable City.
- Enhance civic pride through a consistent City wide approach to citizen engagement.
- Support and promote arts, culture, heritage and sports in the community.
Promotes the City economically, culturally and socially.

Let's take a journey and be back home by dinner.
ENHANCES QUALITY OF LIVING BY FOSTERING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES THROUGH SOCIAL PROGRAMMING WITHIN LOCAL COMMUNITY TRAIL NETWORKS.
Connects Vaughan's special features and attractions: Open Space features, Parks, Natural Heritage Network, and Cultural features.
Provides a platform for new community and city-wide initiatives and programs through independent interest groups or private promoters i.e. cycling tours, marathons, community walks, thematic walks.

Anytime, any day, any season!
Enhances civic pride by connecting and engaging Vaughan's communities with a common identifiable element.
Link to regional systems and adjacent municipalities: Pan Am Path and Lake to Lake Trail.
The Guiding Principles

The success of the Vaughan Super Trail rests on five basic principles to guide the process of selecting and delivering a suitable route.

**Connected**
Provides choice, serves as a recreational and commuter route. Connects major public spaces, cultural landmarks, allows for direct access to open space, parks, transit and public amenities.

**Safe**
Non hazardous, avoids barriers or steep slopes, minimal level changes, accessible to all (AODA compliant).

**Comfortable**
Wide enough, well lit, allows for cycling, jogging, touring, and casual walking.

**Charming**
Memorable, provides for aesthetic enjoyment, identifiable and legible, promotes social interaction. Opportunities for points of interest, installations, and commemoration.

**Multiseasonal**
Allows for safe use and enjoyment of significant trail segments during various times of the year; cross country skiing, snow shoeing.
BRANDING & WAYFINDING

WAYFINDING, SIGNAGE, AND BRANDING TO IDENTIFY AND PROMOTE THE TRAIL.

VAUGHAN SUPER TRAIL

750m

BARTLEY SMITH GREENWAY SIGNAGE PROGRAM
A COLLECTION OF TRAILS

UNIQUE AND CHARMING LOCAL TRAILS WITHIN A LARGER CITY WIDE SYSTEM.

Maple Nature Reserve

The Bartley Smith Greenway

VMC Loop

Humber River

The Vaughan Super Trail

HWY7 Pathway

Riverwalk

Sugarbush Walk

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CONTRAINTS:
MAJOR BARRIERS

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Vaughan Super Trail
PROPOSED CONCEPT FRAMEWORK

Total Trail: 100km
Existing: 39%

Legend
- Existing Trails/Road Pathways
- New Trail
- Identified HWY 400 crossings
- Significant connections

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Vaughan Super Trail
FIRST STEPS: IDENTIFY LOCAL PILOT PROJECTS AND DEVELOP A BRAND

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PROPOSED NEXT STEPS

1. Verify alignment options through existing information, data collection, ground truthing, and land use feasibility.
2. Identify quick wins/pilot project location, specialist consultant scopes and budgets, and implementation costs.
3. Develop a roadmap for community outreach, timeline, options, and pilot project approval.
4. Submit capital budget request for consultant services and pilot project implementation.
5. Integrate initiative with Ped and Bike Master Plan Update.
6. Pilot project implementation and promotion.