

CITY HALL CONNECTS

FALL 2025

Fix the broken criminal justice system



In September, our community suffered a tragedy that should never have happened. Abdul Aleem Farooqi was killed during a home invasion – in front of his wife and children. A family was shattered, and a community is still grieving.

Vaughan residents are anxious, angry and demanding action – and they are right to do so. Criminals must be behind bars, not out on bail, victimizing our people.

As your Mayor, I will not accept this as the new normal in Vaughan. These crimes are not random – they are the direct result of a broken bail and criminal justice system that has too often released repeat violent offenders back onto our streets.

We need strong, clear legislation from the federal government passed now. Reforms that keep violent offenders off our streets and protect our communities are long overdue.

Here in Vaughan, we're doing everything we can to keep you safe, including:

- Two new York Regional Police (YRP) substations, one in Kleinburg and the other in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre to help increase local police presence.
- A \$441.5-million police budget for 2025 – up 7.7 per cent – adding more than 300 new YRP staff by 2026.
- Paying for more crime-fighting CCTV cameras that focus on stolen cars and technology that detects gunshots being fired.

But no one municipality can fix this alone. Local communities don't have the resources or the authority to fix the system. Our bail laws and the criminal justice system are the responsibility of both our federal and provincial governments. We need tougher laws and a properly financed court system. Only an all-hands-on-deck effort will get the job done.

We will do our part to demand a criminal justice system that prioritizes our residents. One that protects you – not one that protects the criminals themselves.

Enough is enough. Fix the system – and **fix it now**.



Steven Del Duca
Mayor

City of Vaughan takes action to address coyote concerns

The City of Vaughan is taking proactive steps to address growing concerns about coyote activity in local neighbourhoods.

On Sept. 22, Vaughan Council approved a motion brought forward by Councillor Gila Martow to hire qualified, licensed trappers to capture and remove problem coyotes. This decision reflects Council's continued commitment to ensuring the safety and peace of mind of Vaughan residents.

Following this direction, the City has retained a qualified trapper, and work to address the issue has begun. The City remains focused on finding effective, responsible solutions to manage wildlife interactions and maintain community safety.

Residents who encounter coyotes or have concerns about their presence are encouraged to report sightings and interactions to Vaughan Animal Services:

- **Monday to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** – 905-832-2281, ext. 2025 or 905-303-2025
- **After hours and on Sunday** – 905-832-2281

The City continues to take this matter seriously and is committed to working with residents to ensure our neighbourhoods remain safe and livable for everyone.



Learn more at
vaughan.ca/coyotes



Vaughan fights crime

Over the last few months, Vaughan has experienced serious crimes. Too many violent offenders are being released back onto our streets. While we wait for the federal government to fix the broken criminal justice system, we're taking action.

Mayor Del Duca and Deputy Mayor Jackson brought forward a Members' Resolution for the City to purchase up to 10 new crime-fighting CCTV cameras, equipped with technology to track licence plates.

YRP will use their data and analysis to place these crime-fighting cameras in key locations where they are needed most to prevent crime.

The first six new cameras will be placed in the following locations:

- Highway 427 and Major Mackenzie Drive
- Highway 27 and Highway 7
- Weston Road and Rutherford Road
- Weston Road and Major Mackenzie Drive
- Keele Street and Highway 7
- Bathurst Street and Highway 7

The City is also investing in technology that will make it easier for YRP to detect when a gunshot has been fired.

It's all-hands-on deck as we work to make sure our residents feel safe.

City partners with Vaughan Soccer Club to bring a new soccer dome to North Maple Regional Park



The City celebrated another milestone in the development of NMRP with the groundbreaking of the new Vaughan Soccer Club dome that will be a destination for soccer enthusiasts for years to come.

On July 29, Mayor Steven Del Duca, Members of Council and members of the Vaughan Soccer Club held a special event at NMRP to mark the start of construction on this facility.

This project is a collaborative effort between the City and the Vaughan Soccer Club, which are partnering to design, build, operate and maintain the future soccer dome.

Located within NMRP, the soccer dome, which will be ready for play by the end of the year, will feature an 11 versus 11 artificial turf field and offer year-round indoor programming. This new, first-of-its-kind facility at NMRP supports the City's long-term vision to create

a nationally significant park that focuses on restoring nature, sharing culture, promoting active living and building community.

The development of NMRP is a key priority for Vaughan. The site has rich history, once serving as the third-largest landfill in North America. Vaughan CARES, a group of residents, played a key role in closing the landfill in 2002. Since then, the City has worked to transform the area into parkland guided by the principles of *Restore, Engage and Play*.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/NMRP

Enhancing Fire Station 7-1 to serve you better



The City is committed to keeping residents safe – and that includes making sure our fire stations are up to date and ready for emergency responders to jump into action. Fire Station 7-1, located at 835 Clark Ave., was identified as needing a full-scale renewal to modernize, improve operational efficiency and support sustainability goals.



The total cost to revitalize Fire Station 7-1 is \$9 million, with \$7.9 million coming from the City, \$880,000 from the Government of Canada and \$220,000 from the Government of Ontario.

These improvements will reduce electricity demand, natural gas use and water consumption, while increasing the station's operational efficiency and expanding the facility's lifespan.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/Fire-Station-7-1

The City's action on panhandling

As part of the City of Vaughan's commitment to further enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists, the City's [Nuisance By-law 124-2024](#) (PDF) was recently updated. It is now illegal to:

- loiter in a roadway, including on medians, and within a sight triangle.
- nuisance loiter and solicit, such as panhandle.
- use deceptive solicitation tactics, such as misrepresenting circumstances to solicit funds.

If you want to help those in need, consider giving to organizations with a charitable number.



To report someone violating the Nuisance By-law, call Service Vaughan at 905-832-2281 or email bylaw@vaughan.ca

Enhancing road safety in Vaughan



Continuing to reduce speed limits is an integral part of the City's comprehensive Speed Limit Policy. Approved by Council in 2021,

the policy sets and adjusts appropriate speed limits throughout the City's street network to continue to help ensure a safe community for all road users, including motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, and to address growing urbanization.

The Speed Limit Policy is exclusive to municipal roads and focuses on four areas within Vaughan's road network: urban areas (including school zones), rural roadways, public laneways and select neighbourhoods. Since 2022, this has expanded to several additional roads and neighbourhoods.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/SpeedPolicy

Honouring the legacy of Honey and Barry Sherman



On Aug. 21, the City celebrated the opening of the Honey and Barry Memorial Arena and the Honey and Barry Memorial Park – to honour the legacy of Honey and Barry Sherman.

Vaughan Council, the Sherman family and the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Federation of Greater Toronto gathered to rename Wood Valley Park to Honey and Barry Memorial Park (2 Marc Santi Blvd.). The Sherman family's \$5-million donation to the UJA funded significant park upgrades, including expanded play areas and more.

The new twin ice pad arena will host inclusive programs, ensuring the Sherman's legacy continues to live on.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/parks

Check for leaks!

Water leaks in your home are more common than you may think. Most leaks are silent, making them hard to spot, and they could be the cause of a higher-than-usual water and wastewater bill.

Follow these tips to help you detect a leak before it costs you.

Check your water meter

To test for water leaks on your property, write down the number on your water meter before going to bed. Remember, the water meter is typically located in the basement. Then, avoid running sprinklers, appliances or toilets overnight.

In the morning, check the number on your water meter. If the number has changed, this indicates water has passed.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/water



Dye tablets to check for leaks, City of Vaughan



Pavement work in progress on a Vaughan road, City of Vaughan

The City's Pavement Management Program

The City maintains a 1,200-kilometre network of community roads, which need maintenance to ensure safe and reliable travel for all road users. That's where the Pavement Management Program comes in – we work hard to repair, preserve and enhance roadway infrastructure.

To be considered for repair, the infrastructure, including roads and curbs, must meet a list of criteria, such as sidewalks with major cracks.

You'll receive mailed newsletters from the City if your street is selected for repairs.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/PavementManagement

Coyotes in Vaughan

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Rest assured, the City takes this matter very seriously.

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- After hours and on Sunday – 905-832-2281

To help prevent issues with wildlife, make these small changes on your property:

- Seal household garbage and compost containers.
- Keep barbecues clean.
- Feed domestic pets inside
- Remove bird feeders. They attract small mammals, which encourage larger wild animals to visit your yard.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/coyotes

Improvements are being made to Kirby Road



Kirby Road work (Sept. 2025), City of Vaughan

To ensure Kirby Road remains safe and accessible, the City is reconstructing the slope – or steep hill – and culvert on this road just east of Highway 27.

Work is underway and is expected to wrap up by the end of this year. To safely complete this work, a full road closure is required in the area of construction along Kirby Road, east of Highway 27.

Local traffic will have access to Kirby Road throughout construction.



If you have any questions, contact the City's Infrastructure Delivery department at infrastructure.delivery@vaughan.ca. Weekly updates about the project will be available online at vaughan.ca/KirbyImprovements.

All you need to know about gardening

The new Ask a Gardener series provides tips and tricks for maintaining and caring for your plants. Presented by the City's environmental stewardship and sustainability program, Green Guardians, these tips will help gardeners at all levels feel confident tending to their plants.

With the colder weather upon us, it's time to start thinking about your perennials! Perennials survive the winter and come back yearly, making them great seasonal fixtures for your garden. Here's how to take care of them year-round:

- Promote new blooms by removing dead flowers. This can help your plant conserve energy and focus on producing fresh growth.
- Occasionally divide perennials into smaller sections to keep them healthy and stimulate new growth.



Public Works staff at the Joint Operations Centre, City of Vaughan

Help your perennials survive the winter with these simple steps:

- Insulate your garden with a layer of mulch to protect plants from harsh elements.
- Mark your perennials to avoid any accidental damage in the off-season.
- For perennials in containers, move them to a cold but sheltered spot.
- Avoid fertilizing too close to winter.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/GreenGuardians



Vaughan Metropolitan Centre parking lot, City of Vaughan

More parking is coming to the VMC!

There are more places for you to park when visiting the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC). Paid on-street parking is now available on Autumn Harvest Road, Mable Smith Way and Millway Avenue, south of Interchange Way. **Parking between 6 a.m. and 2 a.m. is not permitted.**



Learn more at myvmc.ca/parking

COMING SOON

Changes to the blue box recycling program

Did you know the Province of Ontario is moving responsibility for recycling collection away from municipalities? Starting Jan. 1, 2026, recycling will be operated by Circular Materials Ontario, a non-profit organization appointed by the Province. Although recycling in Vaughan will continue to be collected by Miller Waste Systems Inc., the City of Vaughan will no longer oversee blue box recycling collection or manage the purchase and replacement of City-branded blue boxes.

The City will continue to collect garbage, green bin organics, large and bulky items, and leaf and yard waste, including real Christmas trees. The City will no longer sell or exchange blue bins after Jan. 1, but you can continue to use your current bins.

Circular Materials Ontario is also expanding what can go in the blue box as of Jan. 1. New materials include:

- chip bags and food wrapping, including plastic and foil wrappers
- deodorant stick containers
- pet food bags
- stand-up reusable pouches
- Styrofoam™
- toothpaste tubes

As of Jan. 1, if you have missed blue box collection, need a new blue box or for any other inquiries related to blue box recycling, contact Miller Waste Systems directly at 1-855-752-3762 or area10@millerwaste.ca.

For further feedback, contact Circular Materials Ontario at info@circularmaterials.ca or 1-877-667-2626.



Visit vaughan.ca/BlueBox for more information on what you need to know before Jan. 1, 2026.



Vaughan paid garbage tag on extra bag, City of Vaughan

Extra bags? Get tags!

Before setting out your garbage on collection day, pick up garbage tags at your local community centre or get them mailed to your home!



Learn more at vaughan.ca/waste



Catch basin on a curb, City of Vaughan

Help keep catch basins clear!

Catch basins keep our streets clean and flood-free, but only if they're free of debris!



Learn more at vaughan.ca/stormwater

Weekly leaf and yard waste collection is back!



Yard waste bin at the curb, City of Vaughan

Now that fall is here, you might have extra leaf and yard waste to get rid of. Weekly leaf and yard waste collection returns this week! **From now until the week of Dec. 2, leaf and yard waste will be collected every week.**

Here's what will be accepted on collection day:

- shrubs, branches, twigs and leaves
- flowers, plants and weeds
- seasonal décor, including pumpkins, straw and cornstalks
- vegetable garden waste

Before you bag your waste, here are a few reminders and tips to ensure your leaf and yard waste is always picked up on collection day:

- Make sure leaf and yard waste is always in Kraft paper bags or an open-top rigid container clearly marked "Leaf and yard waste."
- Keep leaf and yard waste dry! If rain is in the forecast overnight, keep your bags covered or in the garage until the morning. Wet or degraded bags will not be picked up on collection day.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/waste

Road improvements in your community

York Region is working on road improvements to keep assets in good repair, enhance safety and accommodate growth in the city of Vaughan.

Stay informed about Regional road construction projects

- Visit york.ca/VaughanConstruction for project information, traffic impacts and answers to frequently asked questions
- Connect with us by phone or email
- Follow @YorkRegionGovt on X and Facebook
- Use traffic and navigation tools to help plan your commute

YORK REGION TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS

Phone: 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75000 | TTY: 1-866-512-6228 | Email: transportation@york.ca
After hours emergency: 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75200





MAYOR’S UPDATE

Strong and Stable Leadership

MAYOR STEVEN DEL DUCA

FALL 2025 EDITION

Mayor Steven Del Duca’s call to fix Canada’s criminal justice system



Repeat criminals continue to invade homes and disrupt neighbourhoods. Criminals who show no regard for human life or property must face real consequences. They must be behind bars, not out on bail and back on Vaughan’s streets.

Federal leaders must fix the broken criminal justice system once and for all. Cities can invest in police, communities can rally together, but Ottawa must fix the core problem. The public needs all hands on deck and all levels of government to work together and fix this issue now.

I continue to urge the Federal government to take decisive action, including tougher bail laws for repeat violent offenders and a justice system that puts communities first.

Ending speed cameras in Vaughan



The City of Vaughan has officially ended its speed camera program on local roads.

We listened — and you told us:

- Focus on real criminals
- Give families a break during affordability challenges
- You want leaders who have your back

In June 2025, Council paused the program, and by September, we voted to end it immediately. I then joined Premier Ford as he announced the Province would eliminate municipal speed cameras across Ontario.

That legislation has now passed — and as of Nov. 14, 2025, speed cameras will no longer be allowed to operate anywhere in the province.

To be clear, York Region’s program remains active on major roads like Weston, Islington, Major Mackenzie and Rutherford until the law takes full effect on Nov. 14th, 2025.

But here in Vaughan — our speed cameras are gone.

Major expansions coming to NMRP!



Vaughan’s North Maple Regional Park is rapidly evolving! Mayor Steven Del Duca was proud to recently announce exciting new features that will make the park a go-to destination.

We broke ground on the Family Recreation Area – a \$26-million investment! The new space will include nature playgrounds, water play areas, a winter skate trail and more.

Mayor Del Duca was thrilled to share that Ontario is investing \$10 million to help build this facility. Thank you to Minister Neil Lumsden and Minister Stephen Lecce for their support. Scheduled to open in summer 2026, it will be the perfect destination for all ages!

In partnership with the Vaughan Soccer Club, we are building an indoor soccer dome, allowing for year-round activities and competitive play! Construction on the dome is underway and will be complete in the fall of 2025. This indoor facility will feature a full-size 11 versus 11 artificial turf field.

Mayor Del Duca and Members of Council are committed to building Vaughan into a city you’re proud to call home.

Yonge North Subway Extension: A key step in keeping Vaughan moving!



We have marked another important milestone for the Yonge North Subway Extension (YNSE)! The Yonge North Subway Extension will bring the TTC Line 1 subway service eight kilometres north, connecting Finch Station to Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill.

We are working hard to fight traffic gridlock in Vaughan, and this extension will help do that.

This new subway is a game-changer for Vaughan, improving mobility, enhancing connectivity and making commuting in and out of Vaughan easier for everyone.

A big thank you to the Government of Ontario, Premier Doug Ford, and Minister Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria for their continued investment in this vital city-building project.

Once completed, it will support our commitment to keeping Vaughan moving and building a seamless and flexible transportation network.

Action on panhandling

After residents shared a social media video of individuals participating in misleading panhandling at Weston Road and Highway 7, Mayor Steven Del Duca took immediate action to address the situation.

Vaughan is a generous community, but we won’t allow that kindness to be exploited or for unsafe loitering and deceptive solicitation to take place on our roads.

That’s why Mayor Del Duca brought forward a motion at Vaughan Council. Through the motion, the City has made updates to the Nuisance By-law giving staff stronger enforcement powers — including the ability to issue penalties immediately on major roads like Weston Road, Islington Avenue and Rutherford Road.

These changes help protect public safety, uphold community standards and ensure Vaughan remains a safe and supportive place for all.

To report an incident, please call Service Vaughan at 905-832-2281.



Mayor Del Duca takes Vaughan another step closer to its future Performing and Cultural Arts Centre

Mayor Del Duca, alongside Members of Council and the Creative and Cultural Industries Advisory Committee, recently celebrated a significant milestone, announcing a key partnership for its upcoming Performing and Cultural Arts Centre. Vaughan has now selected a globally renowned consortium, led by Theatre Projects Inc., with support from Turner & Townsend and Lord Cultural Resources to help with the development of the venue's business and capital plans.

The City is committed to delivering this world-class facility, as part of Mayor Del Duca's vision to enhance Vaughan's cultural and creative economy. This partnership ensures the future venue will reflect both international innovation and local identity.

Hosting an event? Invite the Mayor!

Mayor Del Duca wants to celebrate Vaughan's people, places and milestones.

Give us the details by submitting an online form. Scan the QR code.



Questions? Email mayor@vaughan.ca

Driving change: Mayor Del Duca's 2025 Golf Classic boosts local charities



The 2025 Mayor Steven Del Duca Annual Charity Golf Classic on Sept. 16 at Eagles Nest Golf Club united community leaders, local businesses and golf enthusiasts to raise funds for the Spirit of Generosity Initiative in support of more than 250 charitable and non-profit organizations.

This annual event helps to directly support organizations, programs and initiatives that improve the lives of Vaughan residents and beyond.

"The Spirit of Generosity continues to make Vaughan a special place," said Mayor Steven Del Duca. "Thank you to all participants and sponsors for your incredible support and for continually giving of yourselves to strengthen our community bond."

The day was not just about golf but about coming together to give back to the community.

Love for all, hatred for none



It was an honour to attend the 59th Annual Jalsa Salana UK — one of the largest annual gatherings of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

As home to one of the most vibrant Ahmadiyya communities in North America, Vaughan was proudly represented at this global convention.

I had the distinct pleasure of meeting with His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, and Mr. Lal Khan Malik, National President of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama'at Canada.

My meeting with His Holiness was also an opportunity to reflect on and discuss the remarkable contributions of the Ahmadiyya community, including initiatives like the Run for Vaughan and Humanity First, which have had a meaningful impact both locally in Vaughan and globally.

The convention was a powerful reminder of the guiding principle: *Love for All, Hatred for None*.

A message that continues to inspire meaningful community building around the world and right here in Vaughan.



Canada Drive-America Avenue bridge construction (May 2025), City of Vaughan

PROGRESS UPDATE

Canada Drive-America Avenue bridge

The City of Vaughan is making exciting progress on the new bridge over Highway 400, which will connect Canada Drive and America Avenue. This project, aligned with Mayor Del Duca's Nine-Point Action Plan, is key to reducing traffic congestion, fighting gridlock and improving connectivity between communities.

This summer, the concrete was poured on the bridge deck — marking another major milestone toward completion. We remain on track to finish this vital project by the end of 2026.

Thank you to Vaughan residents for your continued patience as we build a better-connected city.

An important update on speed cameras



On Sept. 15, Vaughan City Council showed leadership by voting to end the City’s speed camera program. Shortly after, on Sept. 25, Premier Doug Ford announced that speed cameras will be scrapped across Ontario.

The Province of Ontario has since passed legislation to ban speed cameras and as of Nov. 14, 2025, they will no longer be allowed to operate.

York Region’s speed cameras will cease to operate as of Nov 14, 2025. These cameras were installed on the following roads:

- Bathurst Street, north of New Westminster Drive/Atkinson Avenue
- Islington Avenue, south of Rutherford Road
- Keele Street, north of Dina Road
- Major Mackenzie Drive West, west of Lawford Road
- Rutherford Road, east of Islington Avenue
- Weston Road, north of Ashberry Boulevard
- Yonge Street, south of Arnold Avenue

In the meantime, the Province has committed to supporting municipalities with other traffic-calming measures that improve road safety without burdening residents.

Road safety will always be a top priority in Vaughan. We will continue protecting vulnerable road users while focusing our efforts on fighting real crime.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/ASE

New Carrville Community Centre, Library and District Park



There’s a new place to play in Vaughan! Located at 655 Thomas Cook Ave., the Carrville Community Centre features a gymnasium, a splashpad, two swimming pools and more! Programs are available for all ages and abilities, with drop-in fitness classes like yoga, Pilates, strength and high-intensity training. Sports enthusiasts can enjoy drop-in basketball, volleyball, pickleball and parent-child activities in the gym, creating an inclusive and active space for the community. Families can take advantage of summer camps and summer recreation programs, while swimmers benefit from a full suite of aquatic options, including swim lessons, one-on-one inclusion support, aquatic leadership courses, and drop-in swims.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/CarrvilleCC

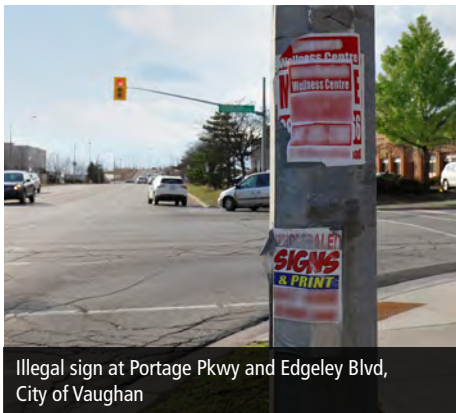
Be aware of illegal signs and unlicensed businesses operating in Vaughan

The City of Vaughan’s [Sign By-law 140-2018](#) (PDF) helps keep neighbourhoods safe and attractive by regulating the placement, size and type of signs allowed in the city.

Signs must follow the by-law, and may require a City-issued permit. Use caution when contacting companies that advertise illegally by posting stickers or posters on public property. These companies are often not licensed.

To check if a business or contractor is licensed, visit vaughan.ca/BusinessLicensing, call 905-832-2281 or email bylaw@vaughan.ca.

Even if a business or contractor is licensed by the City, do your own research to ensure they are qualified for the job.



To report an illegal sign or unlicensed business, contact Service Vaughan at 905-832-2281 or email the City’s By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services team at bylaw@vaughan.ca.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/signs

City breaks ground on new Family Recreation Area at North Maple Regional Park

The City celebrated another major milestone in the development of North Maple Regional Park (NMRP) with the groundbreaking of a new Family Recreation Area that will serve as a vibrant hub of recreation and activity for generations to come.



The Family Recreation Area will span over 15 acres within the 900-acre park, and will feature nature playgrounds, waterplay, a winter skate trail, a pondside boardwalk and accessible pathways, a major picnic pavilion, flower gardens, a parking lot and a pavilion with washrooms.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/NMRP

Nature Backpacks

Explore the outdoors with seven different themed backpacks, which contain trail guides, activities sheets, and more to enhance your nature adventures.

Birding Canada Backpack

In partnership with the City of Vaughan and Birds Canada, borrow a backpack that includes binoculars, a “Birding for Beginners” course link, a bird identification book, and more!

Ontario Parks Passes

Borrow a park pass from the library, which provides parking and day-use access to any Ontario Provincial Park.

GoPro Camera Kit

Borrow to capture any outdoor adventures with a durable action camera that can be used to take videos or images of dynamic activities.

Explore Nature

To borrow these items, visit our library catalogue at www.vaughanpl.info, or speak to a staff member.



VAUGHAN
FLAVOURS
WINTER EDITION

Enjoy prix fixe
menus at local
restaurants from
Jan 23 to Feb. 6

visitvaughan.ca/VaughanFlavours



Economic and business update



The City’s Economic Development team continues to provide timely and insightful updates to the business community, including monthly economic and investment insights, featuring national, provincial and local investments, trends and highlights.

The following is a snapshot from the October 2025 update:

- The national Consumer Price Index rose 2.4 per cent year-over-year in September
- Walmart Canada opened its first Ambient Distribution Centre in Vaughan
- Tailored Genes opened its new viral vector laboratory in Vaughan
- Shake Shack opened a new location at Vaughan Mills
- Six companies from Vaughan have been recognized in the 2025 edition of *The Globe and Mail’s* “Canada’s Top Growing Companies” list



Learn more about the October Economic and Business Update at vaughanbusiness.ca/insights

Back by popular demand: Vaughan Flavours WINTER EDITION

You read right, the City’s newest culinary experience is back – Vaughan Flavours winter edition! Vaughan Flavours celebrates the city’s rich culinary diversity, offering a unique dining experience for attendees, and we need your help bringing it to life!



If you’re a restaurant owner in Vaughan that offers dine-in options, apply now for Vaughan Flavours winter edition – it’s free! Learn more about the program and review the criteria at visitvaughan.ca/VaughanFlavours. Participating restaurants will need to provide a **fully refundable** \$500 deposit.

Designed to help support the local restaurant economy while showcasing the city’s diverse culinary landscape, Vaughan Flavours winter edition is a two-week tasting tour that will run from Friday, Jan. 23 to Friday, Feb. 6 at participating restaurants across the city.

Diners will enjoy three-course prix fixe menus (meaning, multi-course meals offered at a single, set price) at a variety of price points at all participating restaurants.

From family-friendly eateries to upscale dining experiences and everything in between, there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Vaughan Flavours, an initiative supported by Mayor Steven Del Duca and Ward 2 Councillor Adriano Volpentesta, gives the local economy a tasty boost by encouraging residents and visitors to explore and enjoy the best Vaughan has to offer – so get ready to savour the season!



Learn more at visitvaughan.ca/VaughanFlavours



SAVE THE DATES

Sat., June 6
and
Sun., June 7, 2026

Boyd Conservation Park
8739 Islington Ave.

Interested in getting involved?

For vendor, performance and sponsorship questions, email VaughanCelebrates@vaughan.ca



Learn more at vaughan.ca/festa

A new era in medical education unveiled at Vaughan Healthcare Centre

Vaughan is making history as the future home of York University’s School of Medicine — right here at the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, in the heart of the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct. This transformative investment will position our city as a world-class hub for healthcare, innovation and learning.

The School of Medicine is set to open in 2028, training the next generation of doctors and healthcare leaders. This milestone is more than just a building — it’s a commitment to our residents, to strengthening our healthcare system, and to building a world-class city that attracts opportunities and talent from across the globe.



FREE EVENT

THE CITY OF VAUGHAN
PRESENTS

SANTAFEST
PARADE

2025

Sunday, Nov. 30 at 2 p.m.

Road closure from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Major Mackenzie Dr.,
from Melville Ave. to Peter Rupert Ave.

Parade route
(Watch along the candy cane lane.)

vaughan.ca/santafest

Christmas

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

Vaughan City Hall
Courtyard
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr.

vaughan.ca/festive

Save the Date!

Menorah Lighting

Wednesday, Dec. 17
at 3:30 p.m.

Vaughan City Hall
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr.

vaughan.ca/festive

Star of David

Save the Date!

Celebrate
Chanukah

Thursday, Dec. 18
at 5:30 p.m.

Garnet A. Williams
Community Centre
501 Clark Ave. W.

vaughan.ca/festive

Star of David

December
break
camps

For ages 4-14 from
Dec. 22-Jan. 2

Looking for
more fun?
Join a P.A. Day
camp on Jan. 16
and Jan. 30

vaughan.ca/camps

VAUGHAN

Mayor Steven Del Duca and Members of Council invite you to a

New Year's Levee

Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026 | 9:30 a.m. to noon | Venu Event Space, 2800 Highway 7

ENJOY A DELICIOUS COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST

vaughan.ca/festive

Celebrating
our community

Preston Pablo headlining Vaughan's Canada Day celebration,
City of Vaughan

This past summer was filled with celebrations of Vaughan's diversity and so many spectacular community events.

The City's 31st annual Vaughan Celebrates Concerts in the Park series was a hit! On select Wednesdays from June 18 to Aug. 20, six free concerts were held with professional entertainment for all ages with genres like disco, pop, oldies and rock.

Thank you to the thousands of people who attended the City's annual Canada Day celebration! The event featured incredible stage entertainment, including an opening act by Kiesza and headline performance by JUNO award winner Preston Pablo, activities for all ages, giveaways and so much more.

This fall, on Sept. 30, flags at all City facilities were lowered to half-mast for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and the 'Every Child Matters' flag flew at half-mast outside Vaughan City Hall.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which coincides with Orange Shirt Day, honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities.

Learn about more cultural and faith-based observances and events this fall and throughout the rest of 2025 at vaughan.ca/events.



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City of Vaughan a 2025 Best Place to Work

The City of Vaughan has once again been recognized for outstanding employment practices! Because of our exceptional staff engagement and many initiatives to help employees thrive in their careers, we were named **one of the best places to work in 2025** by HRD Canada.

As an equal-opportunity employer, we provide a thriving professional environment, a family-focused benefits package, learning opportunities, and a place that values teamwork and collaboration.

Searching for a rewarding career? Vaughan is your place to grow!



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Book a spot at the next microchip and rabies clinic



Microchipped dog, City of Vaughan

The City of Vaughan regularly hosts microchip and rabies clinics at the Vaughan Animal Shelter (70 Tigi Crt., Unit 47). Appointments are required. To schedule an appointment when a clinic is running, call 905-832-2281 — walk-ins are not accepted.

Services available at each clinic:

- Microchip implant and registration
- Rabies vaccine, certificate and tag
- City of Vaughan and King Township pet licence

Clinics are held throughout the year.



Visit vaughan.ca/AnimalServices for upcoming dates and details.

Service Vaughan

Contact us to learn about a City service or program and to report a municipal issue.

- **Visit:** vaughan.ca/ServiceVaughan
 - **Call:** 905-832-2281
Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Report municipal emergencies 24/7 by pressing 0
- **Email:** service@vaughan.ca
Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - **Come in:** Vaughan City Hall
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Monday to Friday
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