

VAUGHAN CITY HALL

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- Vaughan's new City Hall is Phase 1 of a three-phase campus design of low-rise buildings that will include a public resource library, civic square, reflecting pool/skating rink, gardens and parkland.
- This site will be a central hub for Vaughan residents and a place for celebrations, recreational and cultural activities and civic participation.
- Construction of the new City Hall began in February 2007.
- The building was completed in March 2011, with the official opening being held in September 2011.
- The building and campus was designed by the Canadian architectural firm of KPMB: Kuwabara Payne McKenna Blumberg.
- The building is over 280,000 square feet in size and is proposed for LEED Gold Certification.
- The building layout is basically composed of work loft areas, the largest to the north and south of the building.
- Work lofts and boardrooms are cantilevered to overlook three atrium areas, the largest being in the centre of the building.
- There is a non-denominational chapel (garden room) for civic ceremonies, downstairs an underground parking and a daycare facility.
- There is approximately 600 City staff working in this building. Staff located at four different office locations were brought together in one location.
- The entire building has mechanical and electrical equipment built into the raised floor. This allows easy access for repairs. (All of the conditioned air is delivered through the ductwork within the raised floor system and is supplied through diffusers at the floor level at low velocity. The air is in turn heated by the presence of occupants and equipment and drawn upward and back into the atria spaces. This distribution system is more complex than that of a conventional building because it deals with distribution from multiple smaller mechanical units. This provides more refined control while consuming less energy to distribute the air.)
- Offices are open and airy, have ample light. Furniture and workstations were chosen to match the building colour palette.
- Council Chamber is located near the centre of the building, facing west and is fully visible from the outside.
- The state-of-the-art chamber features high-tech audio and video elements and has a modern finish for improved acoustics.
- The chamber seats approximately 180 people, with a reserved media section and an overflow multipurpose area one level below that also serves as a meeting space.

- City Hall sets a new standard in Vaughan when it comes to architecture; one that is energy-saving and accessible to the public. This building represents Vaughan's commitment to both innovation, sustainability and good urban design.
- Local governments around the world will look to the new Vaughan City Hall as a benchmark of success.
- Vaughan's new City Hall raises the bar for building LEED certified municipal buildings.
- The size and scope of Vaughan's City Hall is a significant achievement for a municipal government.
- The City Hall project has already received national attention with the following awards: Governor General's Medal (2012), Ontario Association of Architects, Award of Excellence (2012), Vaughan Urban Design (2005), Canadian Architect Award of Excellence (2004).