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COMMUNICATION
FAA- February 4/2019 (pm)

DATE:

JANUARY 31, 2019

TO:

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM:

TIM SIMMONDS, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

MICHAEL CORONEOS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND CITY TREASURER

RE:

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - FEBRUARY 4, 2019

DRAFT 2019 BUDGET AND 2020-2022 FINANCIAL PLAN

Recommendation

The Interim City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer recommend:

- THAT the draft 2019 property tax operating budget be amended to add a new additional resource for a full-time permanent complement of an Internal Audit Project Manager position;
- 2. THAT a fiscally net neutral 2019 budget adjustment be made from Vaughan Public Libraries to Internal Audit to cover expenses related to the additional resource, in the amount up to \$70,000 as determined by the Interim City Manager; and
- 3. THAT the Draft 2019 Budget Book Volumes 1, 2 and 3 be amended to reflect this budget adjustment.

<u>Purpose</u>

This communication is to report back to Council regarding the financial and business considerations of additional resources requested for the City's Internal Audit program.

Background

A report entitled *Internal Audit Report – 2019 Internal Audit Risk Based Work Plan* (the "Report") was presented at the January 21, 2019 Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting. The Report indicated that:

- The core responsibilities of Internal Audit are to conduct risk based operational and compliance audits and to provide independent, objective assurance and consulting activities designed to add value and improve the City's operations.
- A list of priority projects for 2019 was established based on current available resources of a staffing level that includes a Director and two Audit Project Managers.
- Based on the entity-wide risk assessment, 6 of the 11 very high-risk areas and 25 of the 32 high risk areas will not be reviewed in 2019, nor have they been reviewed in the past 5 years. Current estimates indicate that a staff of six would be required to do all relevant identified projects over the 2019-2022 term.

Additional staff may be required if the risk profile changes significantly or if there
is a demand for more audit services.

Council directed staff to report back regarding the opportunities for one additional full-time equivalent (FTE) for Internal Audit, including financial ramifications and a proposed work plan for said additional FTE.

<u>Analysis</u>

The Draft 2019 Budget and 2020-2022 Financial Plan supports the City's vision of being a "City of Choice" by focusing investments in transformational city-building and Service Excellence Initiatives. The City continues to invest in initiatives that enhance services levels, improve efficiencies, mitigate risk, and address new regulatory requirements.

The City promotes government transparency and accountability. Internal Audit plays an integral role in supporting this objective by fostering a systematic and disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes.

The 2019 cost for one additional Internal Audit Project Manager FTE is estimated at approximately \$70,000, which is based on a projected hiring in mid-2019. Staff have reviewed potential funding sources for this additional FTE and propose a fiscally net neutral budget adjustment by reducing the 2019 Vaughan Public Libraries operating budget previously earmarked for the scheduled opening of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Library ("VMC Library"). Through the tender process, the timing for the grand opening of the VMC Library facility, which was slated for December 2019, is being adjusted to early 2020. A modest amount of budget remains needed to ensure sufficient resources are in place in preparation for the VMC Library opening. Annualized operating costs for resources required for both Internal Audit and VMC Library would need to be incorporated into the operating budgets for 2020 and beyond.

The proposed tax rate increase for 2019 is three percent which reflects the continued commitment that tax rate increase does not exceed three per cent for this Term of Council. The Draft 2019 Budget and 2020-2022 Financial Plan ensures that Vaughan continues to maintain one of the lowest property tax rates in the Greater Toronto Area.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Simmonds
Interim City Manager

Michael Coroneos, CPA, CMA

Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer

Memo Prepared by:

Maggie Wang, MBA, CPA, CGA, A.I.M.A.

Manager of Corporate Financial Planning & Analysis



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DATE: JANUARY 31, 2019

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TO:

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM:

MICHAEL CORONEOS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND CITY TREASURER

RE:

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - FEBRUARY 4, 2019

DRAFT 2019 BUDGET AND 2020-2022 FINANCIAL PLAN

Purpose

This communication is in response to the questions received from a deputation during the January 21, 2019 Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting regarding York Region's debt and the City's Purchasing Card (P-Card) Program.

Background

At the January 21, 2019 meeting of the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee, a deputant inquired as to York Region's debt level and requested consultation meeting(s) with York Region.

The deputant also raised concerns with respect to the City's P-Card policy and usage related to business expenses such as food and travel purchases.

Analysis

York Region's Debt

The City is not in a position to comment on York Region's level of debt; this should be tabled at the York Region budget deliberation meetings.

It is important to note that York Region's credit profile does not reflect the City's. For example, the deputant indicated that York Region's 2016 debt outstanding per capita, according to a study conducted by BMA Consulting Inc., was \$3,049.

The below table provides a comparison of that same financial indicator, as reported in the 2018 BMA Study:

	Total Debt Outstanding Per Capita as of December 31, 2017 (as reported in the 2018 BMA Report)
York Region	\$2,911
City of Vaughan	\$179

City's P-Card Program

Implementation of a P-Card program is an industry best practice for organizations to maximize procurement efficiencies, capitalize on cost savings, and maintain a robust controls posture. A corporate purchasing card is a preferred procurement and payment method for most low dollar value purchases of goods and services.

The traditional procure-to-pay process for low value purchases was a manual and time-consuming process with limited reporting and audit capabilities. In June 2015, following a successful pilot program since October 31, 2012, Council approved the corporate-wide roll out of the P-Card Program to take advantage of the associated benefits, including cost savings, administrative/transactional savings, and data for spend analysis. The P-Card program significantly enhanced the governance of low value purchases, and has reduced overall transaction time, while improving transparency, visibility, monitoring and reporting.

The P-Card program incorporates robust preventive and detective control processes. System controls such as single and monthly transaction limits and merchant category blocks for each cardholder are in place. The City's P-cards are only issued to specific employees approved by the Department Head to make purchases that meet certain criteria in an efficient manner, demonstrating sound business practices while maintaining adequate controls. Any employee authorized to use a P-Card is only allowed to purchase low-value goods and services within approved budgets and in accordance with the rules and guidelines detailed in the Corporate Procurement Policy, Purchasing Card Policy and any policies that govern employee expenses. In addition, each cardholder is required to undertake a mandatory comprehensive training prior to card issuance. All purchases charged under P-cards need to be reviewed and approved by the cardholder's Department Head.

A P-Card program audit was conducted to evaluate the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls, process and procedures in place to mitigate risks associated with administration of the City's P-Card program. The scope of the audit included P-Card activities for the period of June 1, 2015 to April 30, 2017, and the final audit report was presented at the November 6, 2017 Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting. The audit did not identify any evidence of inappropriate or irregular transactions for the period under review. It should be noted that the City's purchasing and expense policies and collective agreements outline the specific circumstance for when business meals are allowed. Some examples include business hospitality, working lunches and inhouse training and development. As part of the audit, several of these transactions were sampled for further review and no exceptions to policies were noted.

Since its implementation in 2015, the City's P-Card program continues to evolve to further enhance spending analysis capabilities that would enable Procurement Services to analyze spend patterns, volumes and sources with the goal of consolidating purchases and rerouting activities to more appropriate procurement methods. Procurement Services generates monthly P-Card spend reports by department to allow Procurement Services and client groups to review and monitor spend patterns and help facilitate the departments' procurement needs while leveraging the City's purchasing capacity to

obtain the best value for money. On a quarterly basis, Procurement Services provides a Procurement Activity Report to the Finance, Administrative and Audit Committee, summarizing the procurement awards to Council, including P-Card statistics.

It is the strong opinion of the administration that the P-Card program has been a successful tool incorporated into the City's finance modernization.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Coroneos, CPA, CMA

Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer

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Director, Procurement Services

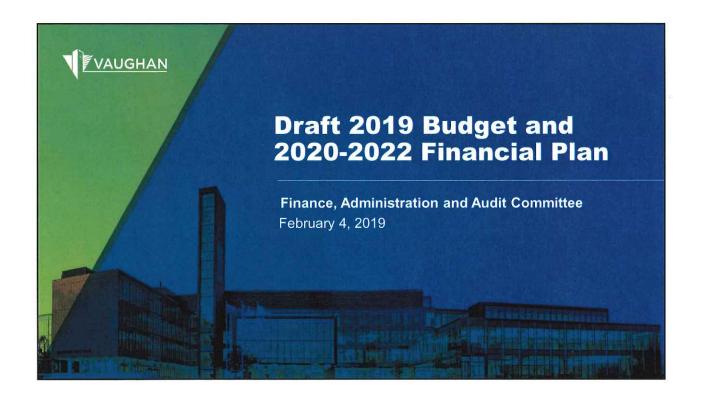
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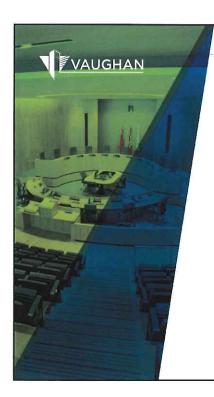
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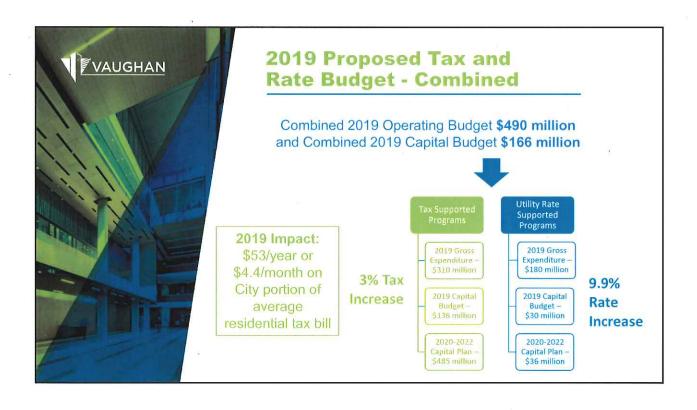


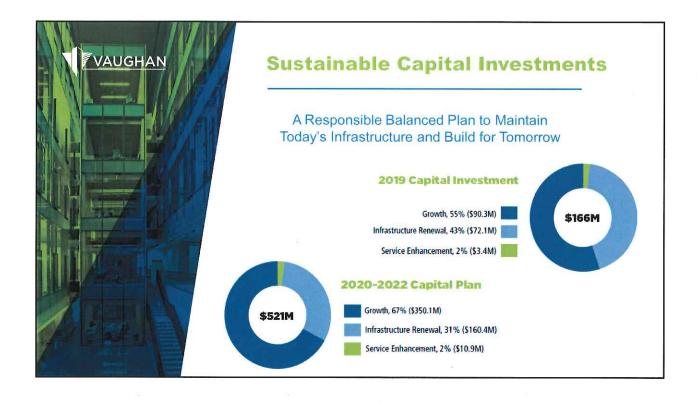


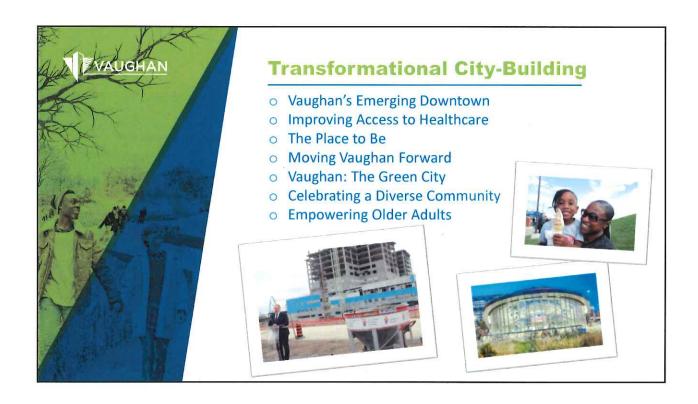
Service Excellence

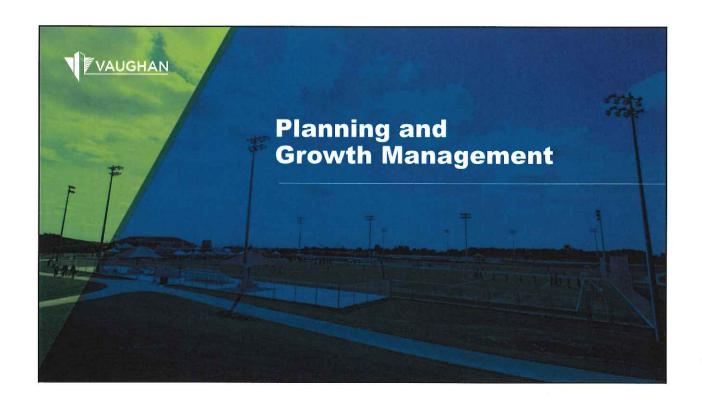
Awards and Achievements

- John Niedra Award for the Vaughan Inventors Program
- Ontario Public Works Association Management Innovation Award – for the winter road maintenance services and waste collection contracts
- Ontario Public Works Association Project of the Year Award for the Civic Centre Resource Library
- Peter J. Marshall Innovation Award for developing an innovative process to serve the public
- Ontario Traffic Council's Project of the Year Award for the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC) Mobility Hub for excellence in the field of transportation planning
- Achievement of Excellence in Procurement
- for organizational excellence in public procurement
- Joyce Cunningham Award for Public Library Board of the Year for demonstrating a high level of collaboration and innovation





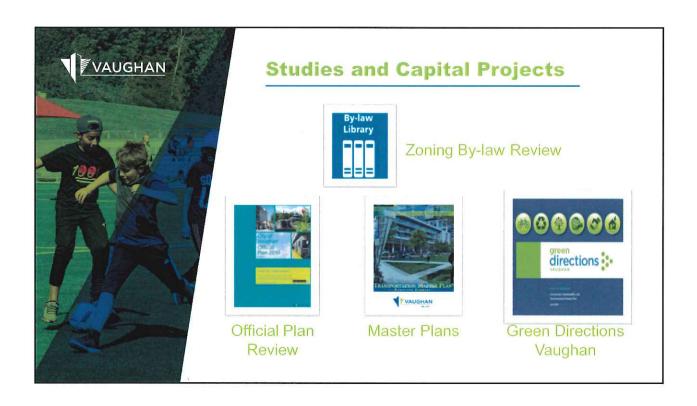




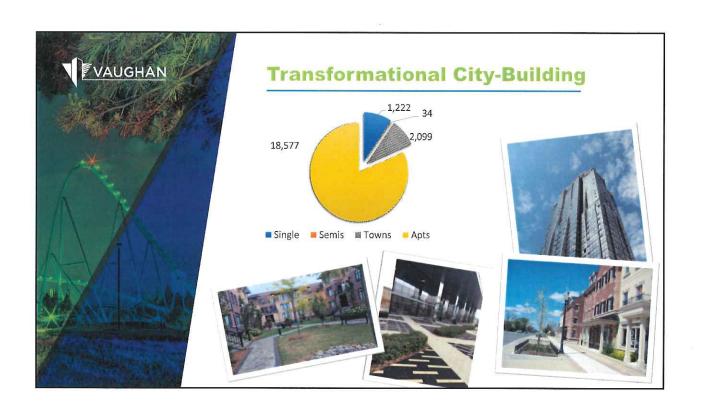


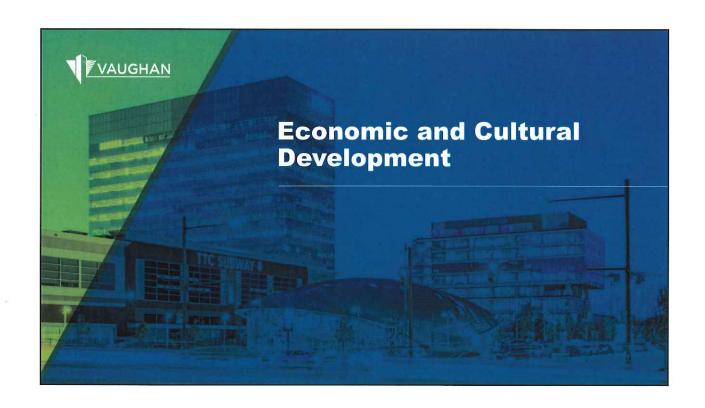












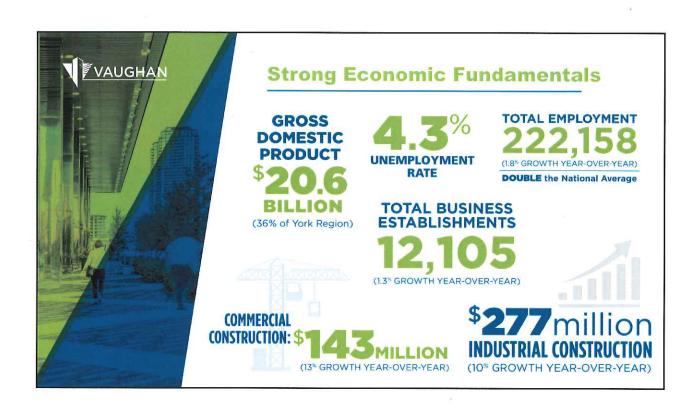


Strong Business Satisfaction Levels

95% of businesses satisfied with the overall quality of life in the City

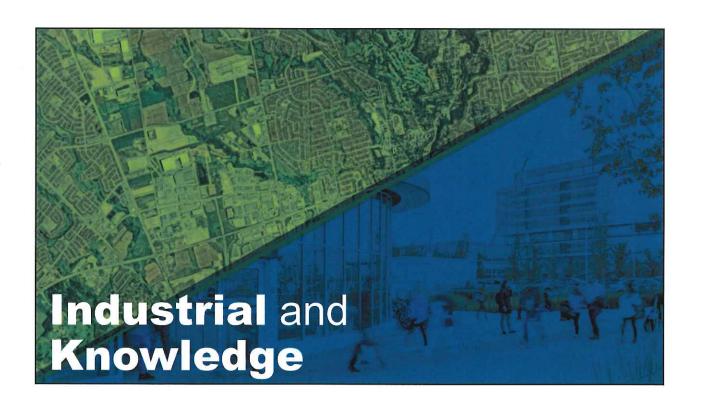
67% of businesses will be investing in new or innovative technology over the next five years

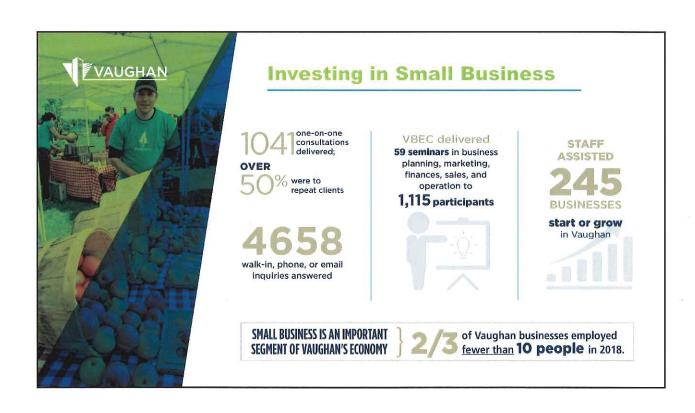
Source: Forum Research, 2018



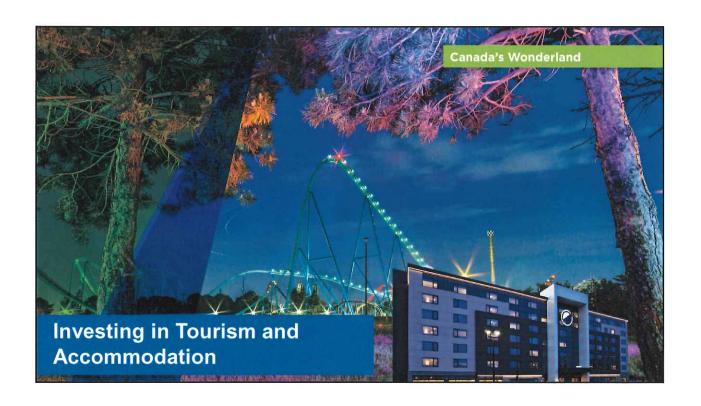


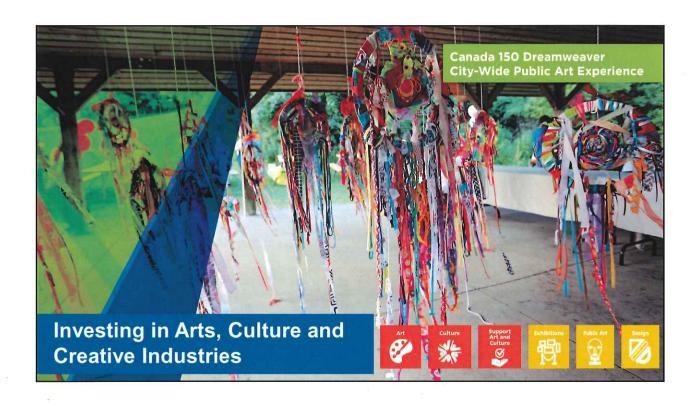














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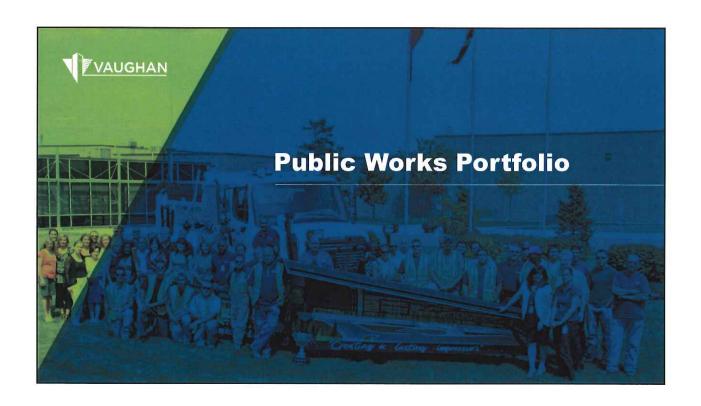
2019 Economic and Cultural Development

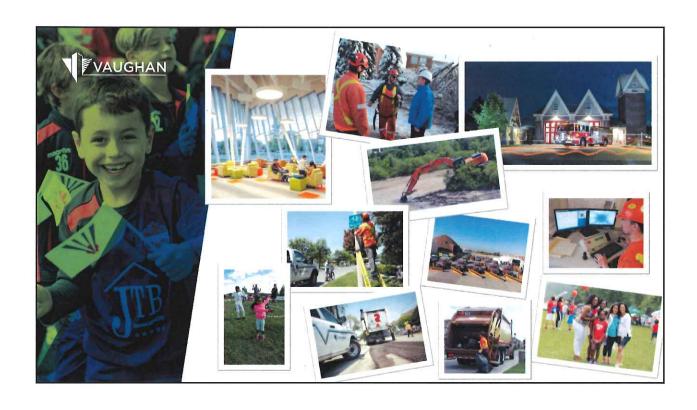
- · Focused economic development action plans
- · Engage businesses Business Satisfaction and Needs Survey
- · Take Smart City to the next level
- · New Partnerships ventureLab Pilot
- · Entrepreneurship and Innovation start, scale, mentor
- Human and Health Sciences Assess economic development opportunity in the Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital Precinct
- Tourism Destination marketing organization
- Cultural and Performing Arts Centre Feasibility in the VMC
- · Slate Exhibitions in 2019, Public Art Awareness Campaign
- Celebrate Heritage Cultural Months in Vaughan
- Vaughan B2B Expo + Creative Industries Summit: February 5

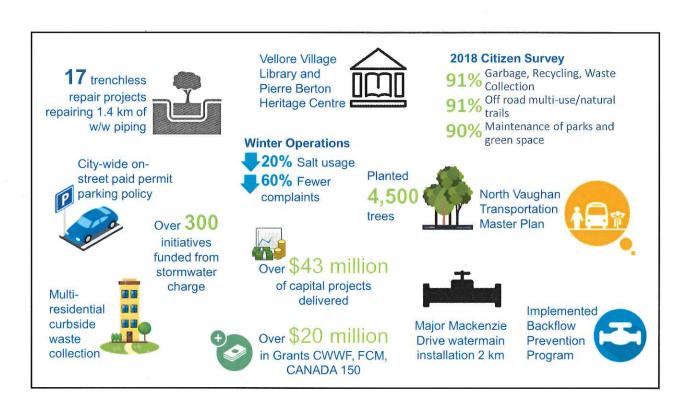




















2019 Commitments

Infrastructure Planning and Corporate Asset Management



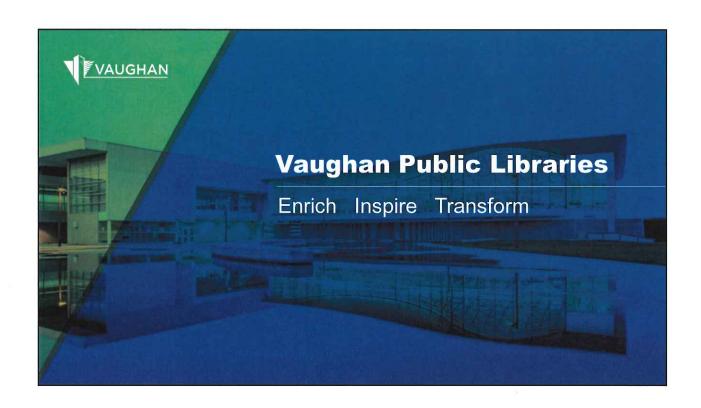
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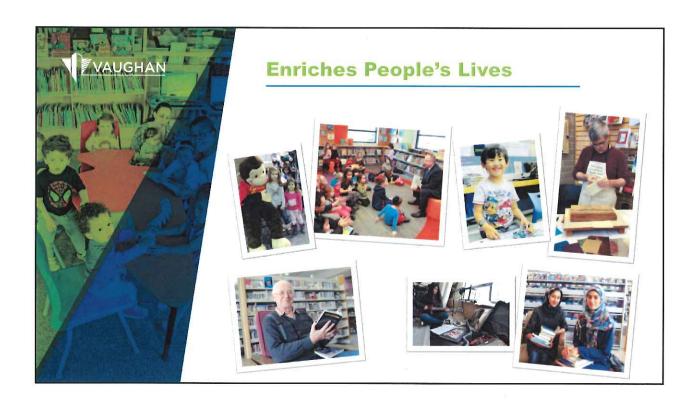


Environmental Assessments



Corporate Asset Management





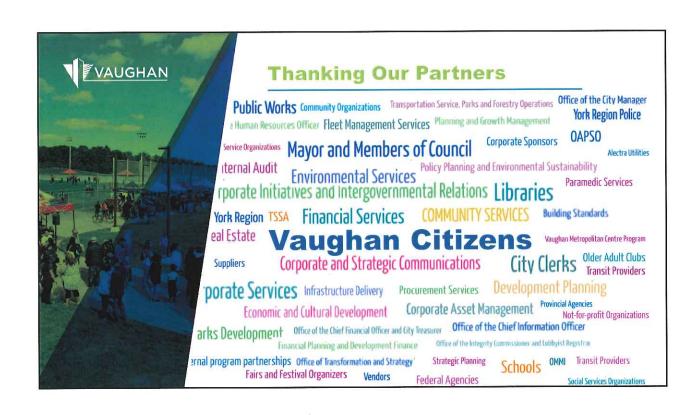


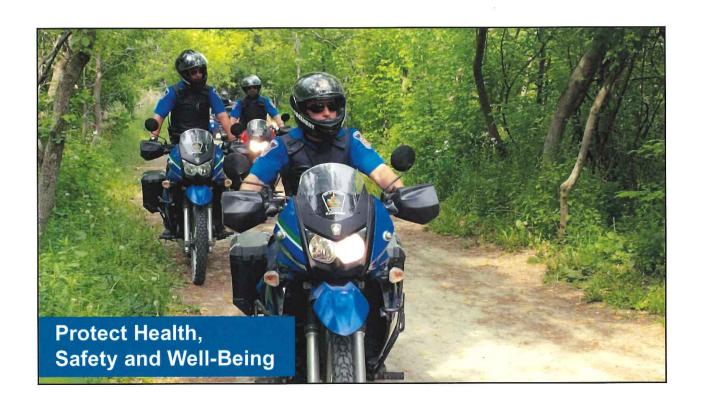
























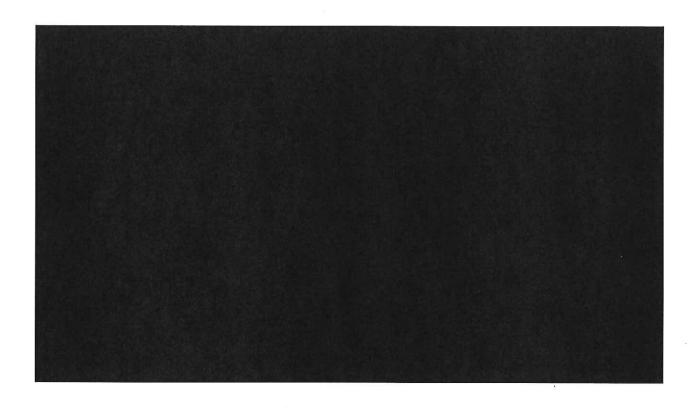


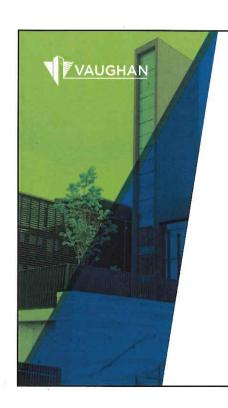












Where Do Taxes Go? Understanding the Tax Bill

City Expenditures by Service (per tax dollar)

\$0.20 Public Works & Road Services

\$0.18 Community Services

\$0.17 Fire and Rescue Services

\$0.15 General Government, Legal & Clerks

\$0.11 Capital Investment & Debt Servicing

\$0.10 Planning & Growth

\$0.06 Vaughan Public Libraries

\$0.03 Fulfil Council's priorities by City Manager, Internal Audit, Integrity Comm. and others

\$1.00 Total



