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Message from the Mayor



Dear Neighbour,

In Vaughan, we believe in the art of the possible, and today, we are beginning to see that the seeds we planted are bearing fruit. When I was first elected as mayor in 2010, my top priorities were to dramatically elevate the city's image, build a downtown core, open a world-class hospital, attract a university, create a 900-acre park and welcome a subway. It has been a remarkable journey that has improved the quality of life and standard of living for Vaughan residents.

We have welcomed meaningful achievements within the field of healthcare. Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital – Vaughan's first hospital and Canada's first smart hospital – opened on June 6 as a full-service community hospital. Additionally, Hospice Vaughan – The Mario & Nick Cortellucci

Palliative Care Centre of Excellence – opened to serve our community for years to come.

Recently, York University announced it is advancing efforts to establish a new School of Medicine in Vaughan that will focus on training family and community doctors in an integrated setting. Through the continued partnership between the City of Vaughan and York University, we remain focused on enhancing healthcare services, research and innovation to support the healthcare needs of citizens.

These important milestones demonstrate that even as COVID-19 persists, city-building continues in Vaughan.

From the onset of the global pandemic, our top priority has been to ensure the health and safety of everyone who lives and works here. We took swift action to protect our community while guaranteeing the continued delivery of programs and essential services. Delivering quality public services and respecting taxpayers' hard-earned dollars will guide Council's efforts as we plan for Budget 2022.

A new digital permitting portal was launched, enabling citizens and building industry professionals to apply, track and pay for permits online. In 2020, the City once again issued more than \$1 billion in building permits. Since 2010, more than \$13 billion in building permits have been issued.

Throughout this period of adversity, sustainable development remained top of mind. As a result,

several new projects are on the horizon that will play an essential role in helping provide a range of housing options for our growing community.

Another integral part of planning Vaughan's future growth is a well-developed transit and transportation network. Tremendous work has gone into the Yonge North Subway Extension from all levels of government. Vaughan successfully advocated for Clark Avenue station to be included as a neighbourhood station. Higher-order transit provides an advantage for attracting residents, talent and job-creating investments to Vaughan.

Vaughan remains a global destination for economic prosperity. Since 2010, more than 60,000 jobs have been created. As we continue the reopening process, I am confident that our economic recovery will be strong. Over the past ten years, the city's economic growth rate has far outpaced the province and country. If that trajectory continues, we will have impressive growth in this city, which is good news for everyone who lives and works here.

The Vaughan spirit is ready, resilient and resourceful. By working together and supporting each other, I know we will emerge stronger.

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.
Mayor

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The City of Vaughan's 2022 Budget



Building on the City's principles of integrity, accountability and responsibility, the City's budget process reflects Vaughan's commitment to respecting taxpayers' hard-earned money while factoring in the unprecedented impacts of COVID-19. Planning is underway for the City's 2022 budget. There are many opportunities to get involved in the process and have your say during a budget meeting.

Learn how at vaughan.ca/budget.

2021 final property tax bills

The City of Vaughan is reminding property owners about the 2021 **residential** final property tax bill payments.

For residential properties, the third and last instalment is due Wednesday, Sept. 29.

The first instalment for **non-residential** final property tax bill payments was Thursday, Aug. 26 and continue as follows:

- Second instalment – Wednesday, Sept. 29
- Third instalment – Thursday, Oct. 28

If you did not receive your tax bill in the mail, contact the City immediately at 905-832-2281 or accessvaughan@vaughan.ca. Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt you from paying property taxes – late payment penalties will be added.

Breaking down the tax bill

Although the property tax bill may come in a Vaughan envelope, only 27 cents of every dollar stay with the City to provide all programs and services. Here is a breakdown of how residential property taxes are allocated:

- 49 cents to York Region
- 27 cents to City of Vaughan
- 23 cents to local school boards (Province of Ontario for education purposes)
- One cent to the Hospital Precinct Levy

Municipal services in Vaughan are provided by two tiers of government – the City of Vaughan and York Region. The City retains approximately \$1,600 of an average \$6,000 annual property tax bill to support critical services that residents rely on each day, including Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service; public works and road services; waste management; infrastructure replacement; maintenance of City facilities; city planning and development; Building Code enforcement; and by-law and compliance. These services and more remain operational during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Visit vaughan.ca/PropertyTax for more information about Vaughan property taxes, the bill and the available payment options.

Vaughan welcomes the Yonge North Subway Extension



On Friday, July 16, Metrolinx announced the preferred route alignment for the Yonge North Subway Extension (YNSE) – including the addition of the new Clark Avenue station as the fourth neighbourhood station. The City of Vaughan is in full support of this decision. Vaughan Council has always strongly advocated for the YNSE

and recognizes how critical the project is to those who live, work and play within the city of Vaughan and beyond. In a recorded vote at the June 22 meeting of Council, Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua and Members of Council unanimously endorsed Ward 5 City Councillor Alan Shefman's Member's Resolution that recommends preferred subway route options and stations for the construction of the YNSE. Metrolinx's decision aligns with Council's position in support of the Clark Avenue station, which aligns with the City of Markham, as the subway extension's route north of Steeles Avenue travels along the border of both municipalities. The YNSE will increase access to transit and reduce wait times for commuters in Vaughan, York Region and the GTA. This link will better connect the community to an expanding regional transportation network while also driving economic opportunities along the Yonge Street corridor.



To learn more about plans for the Clark Avenue station or the YNSE, visit vaughan.ca/news.



The new Mackenzie Health Vaughan Library branch is now open!

- Full-service public library open to the community in the heart of Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital
- Thousands of digital and physical items
- Expert assistance from our friendly and knowledgeable staff
- Open to the community. All visitors must follow all COVID-19 Public Health measures.

mackenziehealth.ca/library

A partnership between





Message from the City's Diversity and Inclusion Officer

Since joining the City of Vaughan in January 2021 as its first-ever Diversity and Inclusion Officer, I have been working with passionate and dedicated peers and allies to strengthen and build upon the existing diversity and inclusion foundation. January marked the first anniversary of when Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua signed the Vaughan Inclusion Charter in support of the Inclusion Charter for York Region. The Charter reaffirms Council's goal of Active, Safe and Diverse Communities as outlined in the 2018-2022 Term of Council Service Excellence Strategic Plan and supports a fair and equal environment for all.

Looking back to March 2019, the City also became the first municipality in Canada to endorse the Leadership Accord on Gender Diversity – a series of driving principles on policy and governance, education and workplace readiness, and recruitment and retention practices. That's in addition to receiving numerous awards for accessibility – including the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association Accessibility Award and the David C. Onley Award for Leadership in Accessibility. In addition, Vaughan has created inclusive design standards for new local projects, and the City continues to award Vaughan Accessibility Champions through its annual community event. To learn more about the City's accessibility efforts, read Vaughan's 2019-2022

Multi-year Accessibility Plan available online at vaughan.ca/accessibility.

The City also recently adopted an update to its Indigenous Land Acknowledgement and joins communities across Canada in condemning residential schools and the suffering they caused thousands of First Nations, Métis and Inuit children and their families.

The City is expanding beyond diversity and inclusion to intentionally embed equity into its practices and services. The City recognizes that equity refers to achieving parity in policies, processes and outcomes for marginalized and underrepresented equity-seeking groups while accounting for diversity. Equity recognizes that advantages and barriers exist; therefore, we do not all start from the same place and do not have the same access to all opportunities. Equity is an approach that ensures everyone has access to the same opportunities.

The City is developing a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategy and multi-year action plan to identify and address systemic discrimination and inequities in access to services, community participation and civic engagement. With its mandate to provide guidance on the City's development of policies that promote fairness, mutual respect and inclusion, the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force plays a critical role in shaping the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Strategy and action plan. This includes making recommendations to improve the delivery of equitable programs and services that reflect the diverse needs of residents and the diversity in municipal hiring and tendering practices.

The City continues to strongly condemn racism, particularly anti-Black and anti-Indigenous racism. The City is committing resources to conduct community consultation that will inform the development of an action plan to address anti-Black racism. Ongoing solidarity against racial injustice is a priority for Mayor Bevilacqua and Members of Council.

I look forward to working closely with all levels of leadership, staff and community to advance diversity, equity and inclusion in the city of Vaughan and am honoured and grateful to have the opportunity to do so.



Zincia Francis
Diversity and Inclusion Officer



Increasing consumer confidence as Vaughan reopens

Businesses are encouraged to take part in the POST Promise and Safe Travels initiative so visitors can safely #ShopVaughanLocal

As Vaughan progresses through the Province's Roadmap to Reopening, many businesses are welcoming back visitors indoors. To help reassure customers they will have a safe experience, eligible businesses can display the POST Promise and the Safe Travels Stamp in their windows and online.

These nationally and internationally recognized identifiers provide patrons with a visual cue the business is working hard to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by following public health measures and supporting a safe return to in-store experiences. Increasing consumer confidence is also part of the City's economic resiliency strategy, developed by Vaughan's Economic and Cultural Development department and Tourism Vaughan, the City's destination marketing organization.

If you have a business in Vaughan

Get started at vaughanbusiness.ca/ConsumerConfidence to:

- **Make the POST Promise:** a self-declaration for any type of business through a national

not-for-profit corporation built specifically for this effort. Taking the POST Promise is a pre-requisite for the Safe Travels Stamp and the Vaughan Safe Travels Toolkit.

- **Apply for the FREE Safe Travels Stamp and Vaughan Toolkit:** an internationally recognized program through the World Travel and Tourism Corporation and the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario for tourism businesses. The Safe Travels Stamp and Vaughan Toolkit includes marketing assets to share the stamp on a business' website, social media, e-newsletter, counter signs and window decals. These are shipped free of charge.



Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the City continues to offer free advice to entrepreneurs and businesses of all stages and sizes, through one-on-one consultation services via tele- or video-conferencing.

To learn more, visit vaughanbusiness.ca.

If you live in Vaughan

Get started at visitvaughan.ca to know which businesses have the Safe Travels Stamp. Look for the stamp on their listing and check out the Safe Travels itineraries for fun things to see and do, delicious eats and more! If you're out and about, look for the stamp in business windows or on their counters. With the stamp, you can safely and confidently #ShopVaughanLocal.



Vaughan, a green city

The City of Vaughan is fostering a sustainable, green city for current and future generations to enjoy. This commitment to sustainability has been central to many City-led green initiatives. Some of them are below:

Pollinator Projects

Pollinators are vital to the ecosystem and are responsible for every three bites of food eaten. Vaughan has pledged to protect the city's pollinators and plant pollinator-friendly gardens at Vaughan City Hall, Vellore Heritage Square, Veteran's Park and Doctors McLean District Park. The City also recognizes Pollinator Week in June to educate residents on why it is important to continue to protect the birds, bees, butterflies, bats and beetles.

Vaughan residents can get involved and help protect the pollinators by claiming a free seed packet and creating a pollinator-friendly outdoor space at home. Get your packet by emailing your full name and mailing address to environment@vaughan.ca. Packets are available while supplies last.



Learn more about the City's [pollinator projects](#).

Green Directions Vaughan

Green Directions Vaughan is the City's strategy and plan to make the community even more sustainable. Created in 2009 and updated in 2019, this long-term plan leads the City to a more sustainable future by addressing environmental, cultural, social and economic values. Guided by a definition of sustainability, environmental ethics and a set of principles, Green Directions Vaughan outlines the City's approach to maintaining a healthy natural environment, vibrant communities and a strong economy through goals and more than 70 actions. These sustainability actions enable Vaughan to remain a complete community where the needs for daily living are accessible to people of all ages and abilities. Together, Vaughan's residents, community groups, businesses, industry leaders and environmental groups will be able to successfully reach these targets.



Learn more about Green Directions Vaughan by visiting vaughan.ca/GreenDirections.



Curbside Giveaway Days ARE BACK!

Find a home for your unused items or something 'new' you want or need – **FREE!**

vaughan.ca/waste



Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program

Vaughan's Thornhill community is host to the City's first Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program (SNAP), an initiative created by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. The SNAP mission is simple – create sustainable, livable communities. The program aligns municipal objectives with the best interests of Vaughan's residents to make an array of improvements, such as renovating infrastructure, upgrading paths and parks and helping homeowners improve their own energy efficiency.



Learn more at trca.ca/snap-thornhill.

Keeping it Green

Through these programs and many more, the City of Vaughan is working to protect the natural environment and foster a green city for residents. A lot of work has been done so far – but there is still more to be done. The goal is to create a more sustainable and resilient Vaughan for all generations.



Visit vaughan.ca/environment to learn more about how you can get involved.



FALL INTO FUN

Recreation programs and swim lessons start **September 18**

View the Fall Recreation eGuide at vaughan.ca/recreation

What's the difference?

Together, we can protect our water at the source.

Safe drinking water, effective wastewater collection and stormwater management are cornerstones of a sustainable and healthy community.

It is crucial to be aware of what can – and cannot – go down the drain. Not knowing can cause significant issues for the City's infrastructure and water quality.

WHAT IS A SEWER? Sanitary sewers collect wastewater that leaves homes and buildings through a drain, such as a toilet, sink, washer or shower, and helps move it to a wastewater treatment plant. Only toilet paper, "number one" and "number two" should ever be flushed – sanitary products and wipes (including those marketed as flushable) belong in the garbage.

WHAT IS A CATCH BASIN? A catch basin is a curbside drain that may look like it connects to the sewer, but it does not. A catch basin collects rainwater and runoff from outdoor activities such as lawn watering and car washing and carries it to our local waterways. The water is not treated before it reaches the environment. There are more than 22,000 catch basins throughout the city of Vaughan, and they are critical in keeping stormwater moving to help reduce flooding.

Only rain should enter a catch basin. Help protect our drinking water by preventing chemicals, fertilizers, yard waste, food, construction materials and other objects from entering catch basins.


Did you know...

Washing your car in the driveway can contribute to stormwater pollution, which affects our lakes and rivers? Always use environmentally friendly products if washing your vehicle on your driveway at home.

The City of Vaughan has a rigorous water quality monitoring program to ensure clean and safe drinking water. However, we all have a part to play in keeping our water safe. Unsure of how to get rid of hazardous materials? Download the City's Recycle Coach App through the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) to help determine what goes where. The City also offers an [online sorting tool](#) that allows you to check where an item belongs using the search bar.



For more information about the City's water, wastewater and stormwater services, visit vaughan.ca/stormwater.



We have a tissue issue

Tissues, paper towels and napkins belong in the green bin



Creating a more age-friendly Vaughan

As the senior population across Canadian communities continues to increase, it is more important than ever to support the health and well-being of older adults. The City of Vaughan is taking steps to create a more age-friendly community, where all residents can be active and engaged members of society at every stage of life.

The City is currently in the process of developing an Age-Friendly Community Action Plan informed by local data and key age-friendly indicators, a review best practices and promising approaches from other communities, and insights, feedback and ideas captured from residents and community stakeholders. To date, residents and community groups have provided feedback through a survey, a questionnaire, workshops, focus groups and more.

The conversation continues! If you'd like to share your feedback for the Age-Friendly Community Action Plan study, call 905-832-2281, ext. 3622 and leave a comment on the dedicated voicemail. You can sign up to receive notifications about the project and to learn about upcoming engagement opportunities by emailing agefriendly@vaughan.ca.



For more information about the Age-Friendly Community Action Plan, visit vaughan.ca/AgeFriendly.

Have Your Say!

The City values the voice of the public and is dedicated to having constructive dialogue with the community that is open, transparent, accessible and inclusive. The City is committed to providing opportunities for citizens and stakeholders to learn about active projects, provide feedback and get involved. There have been, and continue to be, many ways to get involved in City projects and decisions that matter to you. Here is information about some recent engagements:



A new district park on Peter Rupert Avenue

The City is making progress on the design and development of a new 7.7-hectare district park at the northwest corner of Peter Rupert Avenue and Rutherford Road. From July 29 to Aug. 15, residents were invited to visit vaughan.ca/PeterRupertPark and share their feedback on two park design concepts.



Building the Humber Trail

Vaughan's trail network continues to grow! The City of Vaughan partnered with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to explore ways to expand the current Humber Trail and connect the area between Boyd Conservation Park and Steeles Avenue West.

Learn more at vaughan.ca/HumberTrail.



Forward Vaughan

The City of Vaughan's communities are constantly growing and changing. Vaughan's Official Plan is Council's roadmap for growth and land use within the city. It's now time to update the Vaughan Official Plan 2010 to guide the city's growth over the next 30 years and beyond. Get inspired and get involved! There will be several opportunities to have your say in Vaughan's future over the coming months.

Visit vaughan.ca/OPR.



VMC Parks and Wayfinding Master Plan

The City of Vaughan is creating a vibrant centre for people to live, work and play within its downtown core – the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC). As part of this evolution, the City is undertaking the VMC Parks and Wayfinding Master Plan, which will guide the development of parks and open space, and create a signage strategy to make the area easier to navigate.

Learn more at vaughan.ca/VMCParks.



Stay in the know on opportunities to have your say!

Visit vaughan.ca/HaveYourSay to learn about current opportunities to get involved and subscribe to the City's engagement mailing list to receive updates directly to your inbox.



Hosting an event in Vaughan

The City of Vaughan is proud to host numerous events each year. It is the City's goal to enhance vitality, quality of life and economic prosperity. The City does this through preservation and recognition of Vaughan's unique heritage while supporting diversity, arts and culture in a manner that is responsible, sustainable and promotes community safety, health and wellness.

We are committed to assisting you in executing a safe and successful event and have developed resources to help guide you through the planning and application process.

To host an event in a City facility, on City property or private property, you will need to meet specific requirements and obtain approval from the City.

It is recommended that a Special Event Permit Application be submitted at least 15 days prior to the event in order to meet all applicable event-related timelines. To reach staff that can assist you with event enquiries, send an email to RecCSD@vaughan.ca for a facility rental, or bylaw@vaughan.ca for special event permits. Alternatively, call us at 905-832-8500 and select option 2.

Remember, as part of the Special Event Permit Application process, if you plan on utilizing a City-owned facility, please ensure the facility/venue and amenities have been booked and confirmed through Recreation Services at RecCSD@vaughan.ca before submitting your Special Event Permit Application.

Thank you for contributing to the spirit and vitality of our community through your interest in hosting an event.





Improving local parks and play spaces – for you!

Get ready to run, play, splash, swing and slide at a revitalized local park or playground! The City's Parks Infrastructure Planning and Development department continues to expand and make improvements to parks, playgrounds, sports fields, sports courts, splashpads, walking paths and more to create welcoming outdoor zones that safely bring the community together, foster physical activity and offer citizens an opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. Local park improvement projects add to the growing list of outdoor greenspaces the City has created and enhanced for citizens to enjoy for generations to come. They also further align with Vaughan's commitment to fostering active, safe and diverse communities that are environmentally sustainable and inclusive, as outlined in the 2018-2022 Term of Council Service Excellence Strategic Plan. The City urges residents visiting these reopened amenities to follow public health guidelines, including physically distancing at least six feet (two metres) from others, wearing a mask or face covering and thoroughly washing and sanitizing hands before and after use.



For more information on park improvements in your neighbourhood, visit vaughan.ca/news.

Be a responsible pet owner – license your dog or cat today

Did you know that Fluffy and Fido need a licence? Dogs and cats in Vaughan must wear a City-issued licence or numbered tag on their collar at all times. Not only will this help identify and safely reunite lost pets with their owners, but it's the law!

Dog and cat licences expire annually and must be renewed prior to the anniversary date of purchase to ensure the pet's information is kept up to date. Existing registered owners will be notified at renewal time. Remember to always update your contact information if it changes before your renewal date.

[Online pet licensing](#) is available and takes about 10 minutes to complete. To use this online service, a specific login is required. If this is your first time registering for a licence, you can create an account directly online. If you are renewing a pet license, your login information can be found on your renewal letter or by contacting Animal Services at 905-832-2281 or animal.services@vaughan.ca.



For more information and to apply for or renew a pet licence, visit vaughan.ca/AnimalServices.



Alarms for Life

The Alarms for Life program is an annual campaign to encourage compliance to the Ontario Fire Code provision that requires a smoke alarm on every level of a home and a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm in every home.

Each weekend throughout the summer and early fall, Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service's (VFRS) firefighters are going door-to-door in various neighborhoods to drop off information and speak with citizens they come across. Participating in the program is completely voluntary for residents. If we are planning on being in your area to run the program, firefighters will let you know by leaving information at your front door earlier in the week.

This is an opportunity to ask firefighters about any of your fire safety concerns. If you are unavailable while VFRS is in your area and would like to book an appointment, please call 905-832-8531, ext. 2 and provide your name,

address, phone number and reason for calling.



To learn more about fire safety, visit vaughan.ca/fire.

There's so much fun to be had when you #PlayVaughanLocal

Are you looking for family-friendly fun in Vaughan? The City of Vaughan invites you to discover an outdoor adventure at one of the City's parks, sports fields, courts, nature trails and much more.

Visit vaughan.ca/PlayVaughanLocal for all you need to get started.

Park amenities

The City's parks offer a wide variety of outdoor activities for all ages to enjoy, including: baseball fields, basketball courts, bocce courts, off-leash dog park, outdoor exercise equipment, playgrounds, skateboard parks, soccer fields, splashpads, tennis and pickleball courts, trails, Uplands Golf and Ski Club and volleyball courts.

If you take pictures while enjoying the outdoors in Vaughan, share your good times on social media with the hashtag #PlayVaughanLocal.

The City urges the public to continue to do their part to help stop the spread of COVID-19 while visiting outdoor amenities. It's important to follow all [York Region](#) public health guidelines – including practising physical distancing, washing and sanitizing hands thoroughly and often and wearing a face mask or covering when physical distancing cannot be maintained, among others.



Visit vaughan.ca/PlayVaughanLocal for a complete list of City park locations and hours of operation.





Meeting Vaughan's current and future transportation needs

The City of Vaughan is actively taking steps to ensure the safety of all road users, including motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. With Vaughan's population expected to grow by 36 per cent, and jobs to increase by 18 per cent in the next decade, road safety and effective traffic management remain top priorities for the City to help meet the community's existing and evolving transportation needs.

That's where the new Speed Limit Policy comes in. Approved by Vaughan Council on [June 2, 2021](#), this policy sets and adjusts appropriate speed limits throughout the City's street network to continue to ensure a safe community for all road users and address growing urbanization as more cars are anticipated to be on the roads.

The policy is exclusive to municipal roads and focuses on four areas within Vaughan's road network: rural roadways, built-up/urban areas (including school zones), public laneways and

select neighbourhoods. The City's new Speed Limit Policy implementation is anticipated to begin in fall of 2021.

The following changes will be implemented under the Speed Limit Policy:

- School zone areas will change from 50 kilometres per hour to 40 kilometres per hour beginning fall 2021.
- Public laneways will change from 50 kilometres per hour to 30 kilometres per hour beginning spring 2022.
- Select neighbourhoods will change from 50 kilometres per hour to 40 kilometres per hour beginning fall 2022.

Regional roads, like Rutherford Road, Jane Street and Major Mackenzie Drive, are the responsibility of York Region.

To develop this policy, City staff conducted a review of the local street network with a focus on community safety, the increase in the number of pedestrians and cyclists and future growth. The relationship between speed and injury severity is critical for vulnerable road users. Evidence suggests that lowering speed limits, especially in residential areas, can be effective in reducing the risk of severe injury or even death.

Vaughan's Speed Limit Policy is part of one of four programs in the City's [MoveSmart Mobility Management Strategy](#) (2022-2026), which focuses on road safety and citizen engagement. MoveSmart sets the direction and priorities for the next five years while ensuring an efficient, reliable, safe and sustainable transportation system for all citizens and business owners.

For more information and updates on the City's Speed Limit Policy, visit [vaughan.ca/SpeedPolicy](#).



Ace school zone safety!

As students make their way back to class, there will be more pedestrian and vehicular traffic on the Vaughan roads. It is important for drivers, parents and children to be alert, follow the rules of the road and walk safely – especially in school zones.

Tips for pedestrians of all ages:

- Walk young children to school.
- Encourage children to always obey the crossing guards.
- Walk, don't run, when crossing the street.
- Pay attention to vehicular traffic while walking along or crossing roads.
- Obey all traffic rules and signals.
- Make eye contact with drivers and cyclists to ensure they're aware when crossing.
- Cross at designated crosswalks, crossovers or controlled intersections.
- In response to COVID-19, keep a safe physical distance from others and avoid gathering in groups. Wear face coverings where physical distancing is not possible.

School zone safety is a joint priority for the City of Vaughan, [York Regional Police](#), [York Region](#), [York Region District School Board](#) and [York Catholic District School Board](#).

Together, we're working to ensure the safety of all members of the community.

Visit [vaughan.ca/SchoolZoneSafety](#) for a full list of safety tips.



The City is hiring school crossing guards!

Apply for this rewarding job at [vaughan.ca/CrossingGuard](#)



North Maple Regional Park

Where recreation, culture and nature meet

With 80 hectares of parkland; five kilometres of trails; two FIFA-certified artificial turf soccer fields with spectator seating; a park pavilion with washrooms, a terrace, changerooms and water fountains; shaded picnic areas; a toboggan hill and ample parking, the City of Vaughan's North Maple Regional Park (NMRP) is located at 11085 Keele St. on the Oak Ridges Moraine and the source of the Don River, and it is truly a destination of choice for residents and visitors. A place for people to gather and engage in sports, art, culture and entertainment, the 364-hectare (900-acre) park is a space for community organizations, residents and visitors to enjoy for years to come. Beginning in 2018 with a plan to develop a signature park and a world-class recreation and culture destination, Phase 1 opened to the public in 2020 and Phase 2 is scheduled to begin construction in late 2021. A phased construction approach will continue throughout the next few years. Advancing the plans for NMRP is a 2018-2022 Term of Council Service Excellence Strategic Plan priority and supports the Active Together Master Plan, which guides improvements to the City's recreation facilities and programs.



Learn more about NMRP by visiting [vaughan.ca/NMRP](#).

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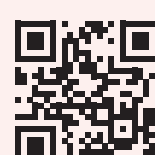
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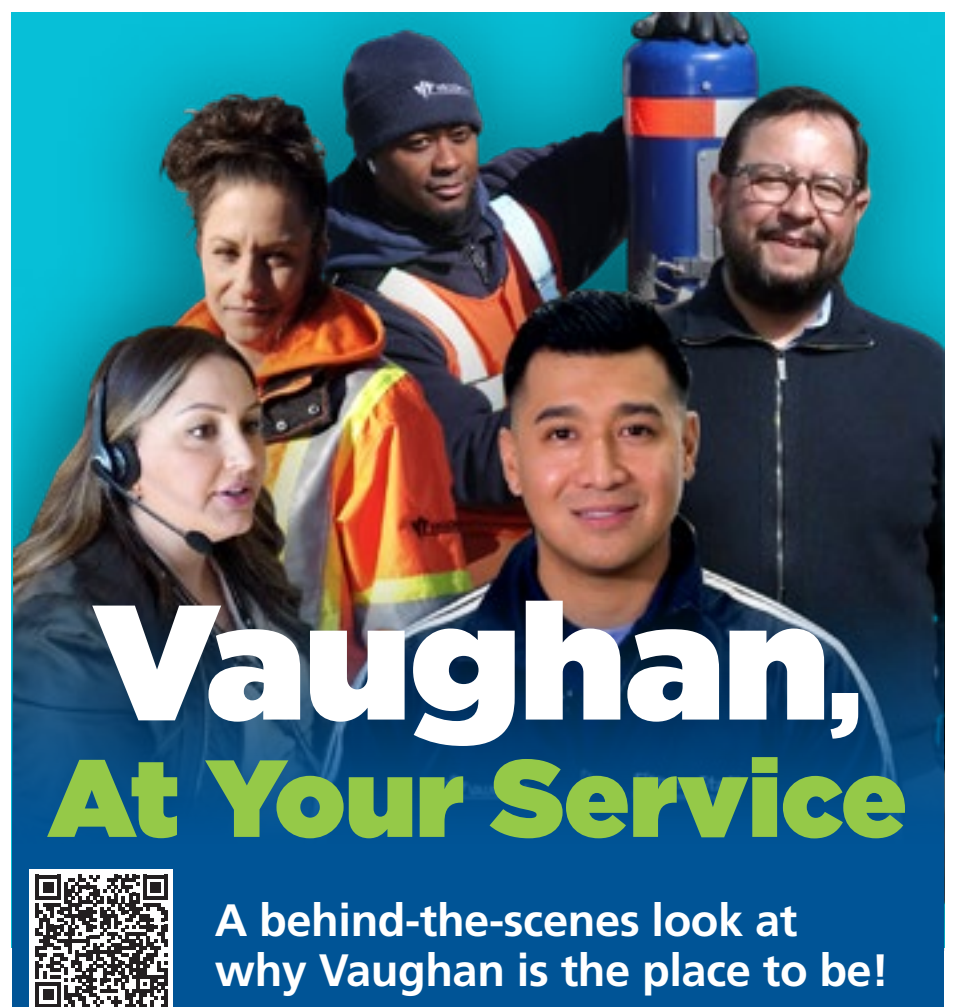


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Nominate
someone for the
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today.

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A behind-the-scenes look at
why Vaughan is the place to be!