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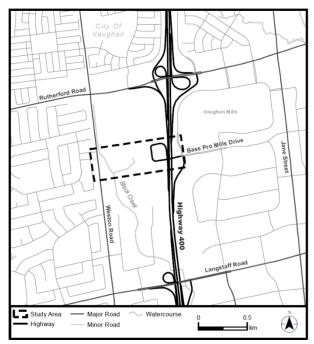
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March is a pretty sweet time of year, when the sap starts flowing and you can sample fresh maple syrup poured over a plate of steaming hot pancakes.

Here are five spots where you can satisfy your craving for sweet, sticky goodness:

### Maple Sugar Festival — **Brooks Farms, East Gwil**limbury

The Maple Sugar Festival at Brooks Farm, a familv-run farm, runs weekends from March 7 to April 26 and over March break. It features wagon rides to the sugar bush, maple sugar tastings, live music. children's activities and an indoor pancake house.

### Sugarbush Maple Syrup Festival - Bruce's Mill **Conservation Authority,** Whitchurch-Stouffville

The annual festival at Bruce's Mill Conservation Authority runs March 14 to April 12 and features a kids' zone, animal farm, strolling clowns, throwing, wood carving, wagon rides and of course maple syrup.

### Maple Syrup Festival -Horton Tree Farms. Whitchurch-Stouffville

Experience maple syrup being made in pioneer and modern ways at the local sugar shack. Starting March 14, enjoy the Cana-



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Warmer days and cool nights make for sweet maple syrup. Check out a local sugar bush this March.

dian tradition with selfguided tours, wagon rides, sap and syrup samples and pancakes.

### **Sugarbush Maple Syrup** Festival - Kortright Centre for Conservation, Vaughan

The annual festival at the Kortright Centre for Conservation runs March 14 to April 12. The festival features demonstrations, activities, entertainers, wagon rides, maple syrup

by lamplight, guided tours and pancakes smothered in maple syrup.

### Maple Syrup Festival -**Richmond Hill**

Come out to the Elgin West Community Centre March 28 for Richmond Hill's maple syrup festival. Go for a wagon ride to the Sugarbush, see how maple syrup was made in the past and dig into some free pancakes.

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### TAKE AN INTEREST NOW

A caller to a TV call-in show had a very important message that she felt should be passed along to the television audience. She said that she married many years ago, at a time when it was common for women to let their husbands look after the family's financial affairs. She confessed that she always left it to her husband to make their investments, and never took an interest in the family's money or business. When her husband unexpectedly died, she said that she felt lost and helpless for too long. She did not know about the investments he made, and didn't even know where to look to find what her family had, or what her

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family owed. She could only get some limited information from her late husband's accountant.

She said that her message was not only to the women out there, but to everyone who lived together. She said it was important for both partners to take an interest in their financial affairs. Who are the business contacts, such as the lawyer, the accountant, and the life insurance agent? What are the bank passwords and the computer account passwords? Where are the bank books, the key to the safety deposit box, and the investment information?

She said that everyone out there ought to take an interest now, or else they will be forced to become an expert later, and learn the hard way, just like she had to do. She said that when her husband left this earth, he took all of the information with him, and she didn't know where to start. Her first year-and- a-half after he passed away was not only a time of mourning, but of stress and panic as well. With a tone of conviction in her voice, the woman ended her comments with these words, "Get involved. Take an interest, and open your eyes so that you will be prepared for the worst, if the worst happens."

Wise words indeed.

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Les is a wills lawyer with the law firm of Fish and Associates located at 7951 Yonge Street in Thornhill. He was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal for his work in wills and for educating the public on this important topic. Les is also a regular guest on the Barb DiGiulio show on Newstalk 1010. To make a Free Will Consultation Appointment, please call his office at 905-881-1500 or visit leskotzer.com and send him an appointment request form. Please visit leskotzer.com to watch his free online Wills and Powers of Attorney seminar.



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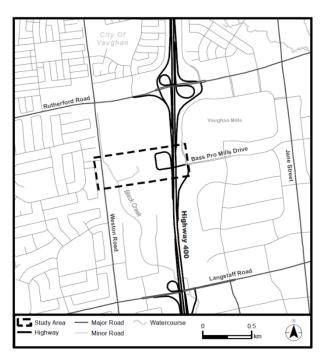


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In the circular beginning Friday, November 06, 2020, the Christmas Candles & Home Fragrance on page 2 printed incorrectly with a promotional price it should be at a reg. price. The correct reg. price is 6.99 – 44.99.

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### MY BROTHER THREW IT ALL AWAY

A caller to a radio show, one of two brothers, told us the following story, voicing the hope that he was not going to sound like a selfish person.

He said that he was the saver in the family and his brother had always been the spender. In the caller's own words, "nothing was too good for my brother. He always had a live-for-today attitude." When their dad passed away, the two brothers shared his estate, worth well over three million dollars. The caller used part of his share of the inheritance to pay off his mortgage. He invested the balance for his retirement.

On the other hand, the caller said that his brother sold the house he was living in and moved into a large, expensive home. Less than six months had passed since their father died, when the caller visited his brother's new home. In the driveway he could see his brother's two brand new cars. His brother bragged to him that he was about to buy a new condominium in Florida, and that his wife had booked an appointment to get some very expensive cosmetic surgery. The caller's tone on the air sounded somewhat sarcastic at this point, when he said, "like they really needed all of this."



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If that was bad enough, his brother and sister-in-law also bragged to him about the investments they had made. They laughed at the caller for being so conservative in the investments he chose. His brother and sister had placed the majority of their share of the inheritance in high-risk investments. They justified their choice by telling the caller that they would be very rich "once things go our way." They added their own advice to this, saying to the caller, in their own words, "Life is full of risks. Your way of investing is too timid. What are you afraid of?"

The caller said that he had vivid memories of his brother and sister-in-law talking to him this way, because over the next year, all he seemed to hear from them were their lectures on how to get rich. "We're making some real money from what Dad left us," they would repeat over and over.

The good times did not last very much longer, though, for the caller's brother and sister-in-law. One night, the caller got a desperate call from his brother, begging for money. His brother complained that most of his investments were lost in the market downturn, and now he had no money to pay the mortgage on his new house. He had no money left to maintain his Florida condominium. His car payments and his other bills were overwhelming him. His salary was not enough to cover all of these expenses. He pleaded with our caller for help. In the words quoted by the caller, his brother said, "The money you inherited came from OUR father and he would have wanted you to help me when I needed it. A brother should help a brother when he is down."

The caller said that his brother's plea for help tore him apart. On one hand, he had always been there for his brother, but on the other hand, he felt that his brother's spending habits had ruined him. Our caller believed very strongly that once he opened the door and bailed out his brother, the rest of their parents' life savings would just flow into a bottomless pit.

After wrestling with this troubling decision, the caller said that this time, he had to say "no" to his brother because he had blown his half of the inheritance. The caller spoke of how this inherited money represented years and years of Dad's hard work, and his brother had just thrown the money away on extravagance in less than two years.

The caller's last words were, "I feel really bad for my brother, and all of this really bothers me. But, I know Dad would feel that I did the right thing."

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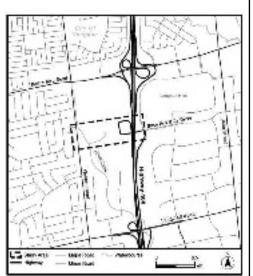


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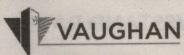
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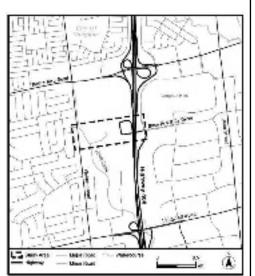


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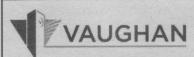
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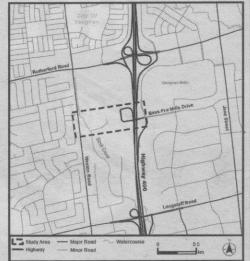


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### **News Release**



### Join the conversation – virtually

City seeking public input on a variety of city-building initiatives throughout Vaughan

**VAUGHAN, ON (Dec. 20, 2020)** – Vaughan is a city on the move – and despite the global COVID-19 pandemic, city-building has not slowed down. Although the City of Vaughan's physical doors remain closed, key projects and initiatives continue to move forward. As public consultation remains an important and necessary part of the process, Vaughan is committed to providing virtual opportunities for citizens and stakeholders to be engaged, learn about active projects, provide feedback and get involved. Visit <a href="mailto:vaughan.ca/HaveYourSay">vaughan.ca/HaveYourSay</a> to explore current engagement opportunities such as online surveys, digital presentations, virtual open houses, online workshops and more. By participating, you can help inform municipal decisions and shape the future of Vaughan.

Citizens are encouraged to join these current conversations – virtually – from the safety and comfort of home.

### Bass Pro Mills Extension Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study

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### **VMC Secondary Plan Update**

The Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC) is the largest and most ambitious development project in the City's history – and it is transforming quickly. With rapid growth, the exceeding of residential targets, an expanding workforce and growing visitor and commuter numbers, the City has initiated an update to the existing VMC Secondary Plan. Join the conversation that will help define Vaughan's downtown by participating in an <u>online survey</u> – share thoughts on travel patterns, space usage, growth concepts and more. The survey is available until Friday, Jan. 22, 2021 at vaughan.ca/VMCPlan.

### **VMC Transportation Master Plan**

With more people living, working and travelling through the VMC, the City recognizes the existing <u>VMC</u> <u>Transportation Plan</u> needs to be updated. The revised master plan will confirm community transportation needs and support a strategy that focuses on street connectivity, accessibility and support for pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and vehicles well into 2041. Join the conversation and provide input on travel patterns to and around the VMC through the <u>VMC Secondary Plan Update survey</u>. Learn more about the study at vaughan.ca/<u>VMCTMP</u>.

### **News Release**



### **Ward Boundary Review**

The City is undertaking a comprehensive review of the city's five ward boundaries. The objective of the Ward Boundary Review is to assess whether Vaughan's present wards are continuing to provide effective, equitable and democratic representation. Public input is a vital part of this process. There are a number of ways to get involved and join the conversation – including an <u>online survey</u>. Participate until Friday, Jan. 22, 2021 to help define priorities for the City as the review begins. Learn more at <u>vaughan.ca/WardBoundary</u>.

For more information on these projects, or to share your thoughts, visit <u>vaughan.ca/HaveYourSay</u>. Continue to check this webpage as new public engagement opportunities are frequently posted.

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# **Public Service Announcement**

# Shape the future of Bass Pro Mills Drive – join the conversation

Provide feedback and help inform the City's proposed extension plan

**VAUGHAN, ON (Dec. 3, 2020)** – What should be considered for the proposed extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive? How can the road become more pedestrian-oriented? What about features to accommodate cyclists? The City of Vaughan wants to hear what citizens think about the future of Bass Pro Mills Drive.

To clearly understand and respond to the needs of the community, while effectively developing a plan for the future of the area, the City is launching an online Public Information Centre which includes a self-guided presentation and survey as part of the Bass Pro Mills Extension Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study. Visit <a href="mailto:vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA">vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA</a> to participate until Friday, Jan. 8, 2021.

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- help distribute east-west traffic and alleviate congestion along Rutherford Road to the north.
- support future growth and development within the plan area.
- develop a safe and effective environment for active transportation users.

Ultimately, the proposed extension could provide a new major collector roadway that unites Vaughan neighbourhoods from Weston Road to Jane Street, enhance the pedestrian experience and foster accessibility and inclusivity in the area.

As part of the process, the Bass Pro Mills Extension Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study will define problems and opportunities, identify solutions and determine a design for recommended improvements that align with the area's natural, social, economic and cultural environment. Upon study completion, an Environmental Study Report (ESR) will be made available for public review and comment. The ESR will document the study, consultation process and decision-making rationale.

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### **Public Service Announcement**

To be a fully connected and integrated community, the City is committed to undertaking initiatives like the proposed Bass Pro Mills Extension to improve the municipal road network, promote the development of transit and increase cycling and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure. This project also supports Vaughan's Transportation and Mobility objective – a priority outlined in the 2018-2022 Term of Council Service Excellence Strategic Plan.

To learn more about the Bass Pro Mills Extension Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study, or to participate in the online Public Information Centre, visit <u>vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA</u>.

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### Bass Pro Mills Extension: social media campaign

### Organic promotions -

### Friday, Dec. 4, 2020

• Join the conversation that is helping to shape the future of Bass Pro Mills Drive. Visit vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA to watch a presentation, learn more about the extension study and share your feedback through the survey.



### Monday, Dec. 7, 2020

 The City has launched an online Public Information Centre as part of the Bass Pro Mills Extension study. Feedback received will help inform the study in improving the municipal road network, promoting active transportation & more. Have your say at vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA



### Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020

• Join the conversation that will help define the City's Bass Pro Mills Extension Study. Take the survey at vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA and share your thoughts on growth, expansion and effective travel within the area until Jan. 8, 2021.



Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020

### Bass Pro Mills Extension: social media campaign

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### Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020

 What should be considered for the extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive? The City wants to hear from you about the recommended solution, next steps in the study process and more by taking the survey at vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA. Survey runs until Jan. 8, 2021.



### Saturday, Dec. 26, 2020

 The proposed Bass Pro Mills Drive extension will provide a new major collector roadway, improve traveler safety, enhance the pedestrian experience and foster accessibility and inclusivity in the area. Complete the survey at vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA to join the conversation.



### Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2020

• Have an idea about what the City should consider in the extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive? Visit the online Public Information Centre at vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA to take

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### Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021

• Bass Pro Mills Drive has proposed plans for an extension, and the City wants your feedback. Participate in the survey that will help define problems and opportunities and identify solutions. Share your thoughts until Jan. 8, 2021 at vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA



### Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021

Public engagement is vital to the development and success of the Bass Pro Mills
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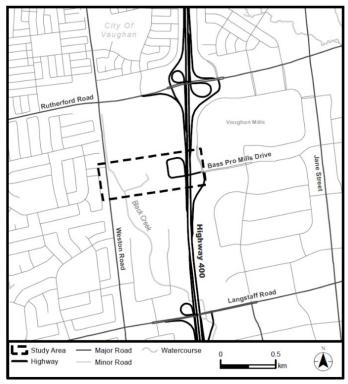


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# CITY OF VAUGHAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING PROPOSED AREA SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT CHARGE BY-LAWS - EDGELEY POND AND PARK AND BLACK CREEK CHANNEL WORKS

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. Electronic Meeting

TAKE NOTICE that at the Committee of the Whole meeting of September 14, 2021, a public meeting will be held by The Corporation of the City of Vaughan pursuant to Section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, R.S.O., 1997 for the purpose of receiving input from the public on the following matters:

### Area Specific Development Charge Background Study and Proposed Development Charge By-Law - Edgeley Pond and Park and Black Creek Channel Works

In order that sufficient information is available to the public, a copy of the background study and proposed by-law will be made available for viewing as of August 30, 2021 on the City of Vaughan website at <a href="https://www.vaughan.ca/developmentcharges">www.vaughan.ca/developmentcharges</a>.

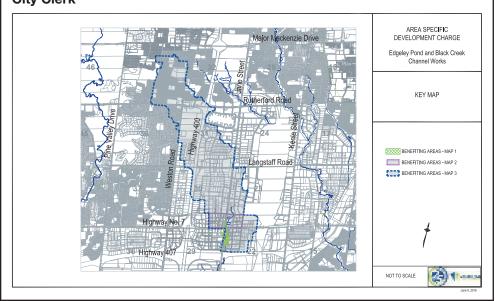
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Alternatively, written submissions may be e-mailed to clerks@vaughan.ca, and must be received in the Office of the City Clerk no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, September 13, 2021 in order to receive advance circulation. For further information call 905-832-8585 ext. 8482.

The Agenda, including any applicable Staff Report(s) on the above matters will also be posted at <a href="https://www.vaughan.ca">www.vaughan.ca</a> on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

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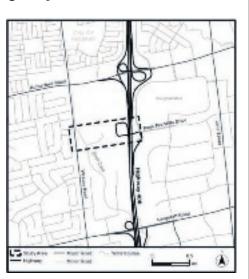
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### NEWS

### 'GET Involved'

### PARK COMING TO PETER RUPERT AVENUE AND RUTHERFORD ROAD AREA

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Vaughan citizens have until Sunday, Aug. 15 to bring their insights for "final design" of the new 7.7-hectare park coming to Peter Rupert Avenue and Rutherford Road, the city said July 29 on its website, urging people to "get involved."

The park will be segmented in different zones, one for children to play, another for event staging and concerts and one area for connections to trails and greenspace.

It will be built on approx-



Metroland file photo

You have until Aug. 15 to have your say on the new 7.7-hectare park coming to the city.

imately 28.5 hectares (70 acres) of greenspace that includes parkland, trails, stormwater ponds and the Cook Woodlot, "allowing for beautiful nature views," the City said July 29.

"This central location will also have direct connections to the Rutherford GO station and several nearby communities."

The city also described the proposed park as "dynamic, welcoming and inspiring gathering place with a wide range of amenities for the entire community to enjoy."

Citizens can visit vaughan.ca/PeterRupert-Park to participate in the online self-guided public open house to:

- Learn about and provide feedback on the proposed park concept plans.
- Find out more about the design process and work completed to date.
- Hear about the next steps for the project.

# 'NOW IS THE TIME TO GET VACCINATED': SCHOOL BOARD

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York Region District School Board (YRDSB)'s official Twitter account is active with messages urging students to get vaccinated and making them aware of services around them to get the shot.

On July 22, the YRDSB also retweeted its message, saying how "COVID-19 infection can have serious consequences for all age groups, including young people."

"Now is the time to get vaccinated," it added.

"By working together to make sure everyone who is eligible to get a vaccine can get one, we can reduce the number of cases of CO-VID-19 in our community and our school."

So far, the YRDSB has drawn criticism for introducing the hybrid model of education for next year. Its counterpart, the Catholic district school board, has axed the hybrid model for its elementary schools, but not for secondary. The YRDSB, however, stated that if enough students opt for in-person learning, there won't be any hybrid education.

Students aged 12 to 17 who haven't received their first dose "should get one as soon as possible or get your second dose if your last dose was at least 21 days ago."

For those who require assistance booking their appointment or with transportation to get to a clinic,

they can call Access York at 1-877-464-9675.

If anyone has questions or concerns about CO-VID-19 vaccinations, we encourage you to speak with your health care provider or call the York Region Health Connection line at 1-800-361-5653 (TTY: 1-866-512-6228) and speak with a public health nurse. They can provide you with reliable, up-to-date information to help you make an informed decision.

A total of 1,552,984 vaccines have been administered to York Region residents living anywhere in Ontario.

As of July 21, 845,804 York Region residents have received at least one dose and 707,180 have received two doses. That amounts to 81.5 per cent of adults 18 years and older have received one dose, while 69.5 per cent of adults are fully vaccinated with two doses.



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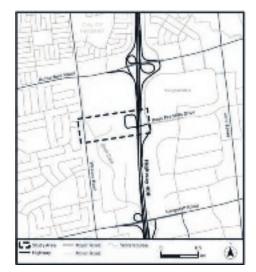


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### **Bass Pro Mills EA Study – Public Information Centre**

**DATE:** Aug. 19 to Sept. 16, 2021 **EXTERNAL LEAD:** Teresa Fazari **PCE LEAD REVIEW:** Catherine Vettese

### **ORGANIC SOCIAL CAMPAIGN**

Date	Platform	Message	Image
Aug. 19	Twitter Facebook Instagram	What should be considered for the proposed extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive? Until Thursday, Sept. 16, participate in a virtual Public Information Centre to have your say on the City's extension plans. Learn more: PSA LINK	
		Character count: 223 Friendly URL: vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA	
Aug. 19	LinkedIn	What should be considered for the proposed extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive? The City is hosting a virtual Public Information Centre, which includes a narrated presentation and comment form, as part of the Bass Pro Mills Extension Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study. Until Thursday, Sept. 16, you can get involved and help shape the future of this road. Learn more: PSA LINK	
		Character count: 410	
Aug. 26	Twitter	The City is carrying out a study for the extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive from Highway 400 to Weston Road. Alternative road designs, active transportation options and more are being considered. Have your say at vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA	
A 00	<b>F</b>	Character count: 237	
Aug. 26	Facebook	The City is carrying out a study for the extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive from Highway 400 to Weston Road. Alternative road designs, active transportation options, a new intersection and more are being considered. Until Sept. 16, participate in a virtual Public Information Centre to have your say. Get started at vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA	
Aug. 26	Instagram	Character count: 340 The City's study to extend Bass Pro Mills Drive from	
7 lag. 20	motagram	Highway 400 to Weston Road is underway.  Alternative road designs, active transportation	



### **Social Media**

		options, a new intersection and more are being considered. Until Sept. 16, participate in a virtual Public Information Centre to have your say. Get involved at vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA	
		Character count: 328	
Sept. 2	Twitter	Have your say on the City's extension plan for Bass Pro Mills Drive, between Highway 400 and Weston Road. Visit vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA until Sept. 16 to learn more about the study and help shape the future of this road.	
		Character count: 223	
Sept. 2	Facebook	The Bass Pro Mills Drive extension study includes alternative solutions and recommendations for an extension between Highway 400 and Weston Road. This includes road designs, active transportation options, a new intersection and more. How should this area look? Visit vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA to have your say.	
		Character count: 309	
Sept. 2	Instagram	Have your say on the City's extension plan for Bass Pro Mills Drive. The study includes alternative solutions and recommendations for an extension between Highway 400 and Weston Road, including road designs, active transportation options, a new intersection and more. Get started at vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA	
		Character count: 308	
Sept. 9	Twitter	There's still time to get involved! The City has initiated the Bass Pro Mills Drive extension study, which considers alternative solutions for the extension of the road from Highway 400 to Weston Road. Provide input until Sept. 16 at vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA	
		Character count: 223	
Sept. 9	Facebook Instagram	The City has initiated a Bass Pro Mills Drive extension study to consider alternative solutions for the extension of the road between Highway 400 and Weston Road. There's still time to get involved! Provide input on proposed alignments, crosssections, the recommended design and more until Sept. 16 at vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA	
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Sept. 16	Twitter	#Reminder: today is the last day to participate in the virtual Public Information Centre to review and comment on the City's Bass Pro Mills Drive extension study. Get started at vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA	
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- **URL**: use friendly URLs only, i.e. vaughan.ca/news vs www.vaughan.ca/news/pages/default.aspx
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# **Public Service Announcement**

### Help shape the extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive

Provide feedback and help inform the City's proposed extension plan

**VAUGHAN, ON (Aug. 19, 2021)** – What should be considered for the proposed extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive? The City of Vaughan is hosting another virtual Public Information Centre as part of the Bass Pro Mills Extension Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) Study. You can get involved and help shape the future of this road. The session, which includes a narrated presentation and comment form, is available until Thursday, Sept. 16 at vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA.

As recommended in the <u>Vaughan Mills Centre Secondary Plan (2014)</u> (PDF), the study will assess the need to extend Bass Pro Mills Drive from Highway 400 to Weston Road. These recommendations were made to:

- provide a new east-west transportation network between Highway 400 and Weston Road, including a new route for York Region Transit.
- help distribute east-west traffic and alleviate congestion along Rutherford Road to the north.
- support future growth and development within the plan area.
- develop a safe and effective environment for active transportation users.

As part of the process, the Bass Pro Mills Extension MCEA Study will define problems and opportunities, identify solutions and determine a design for recommended improvements that align with the area's natural, social, economic and cultural environment. Upon study completion, an Environmental Study Report will be created.

Public engagement is vital to the development and success of this study. Through previous input opportunities, including a survey and an initial Public Information Session, the City gathered feedback on alternative solutions and shared key findings. Now, citizens are invited to get involved in the next stage of the study by participating in a second virtual Public Information Centre until Thursday, Sept. 16. In doing so, participants will:

- learn more about the project, including key findings collected and planned next steps.
- share thoughts on current challenges, potential solutions, active transportation opportunities and more for the study area.
- review alternative alignments and the recommended design for the road.
- understand potential impacts, such as traffic and environmental impacts, and proposed mitigation measures.

Get started at vaughan.ca/BassProMillsEA.

To be a fully connected and integrated community, the City is committed to undertaking initiatives like the proposed Bass Pro Mills Extension to improve the municipal road network, promote the development of



### **Public Service Announcement**

transit and increase cycling and pedestrian-friendly infrastructure. This project also supports Vaughan's Transportation and Mobility objective – a priority outlined in the <u>2018-2022 Term of Council Service Excellence Strategic Plan</u>.

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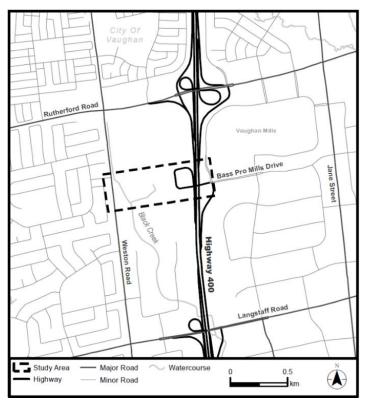
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### THE PREFERRED DESIGN

Based on the findings of this Class EA study, the Preferred Design consists of the relatively straight extension of Bass Pro Mills Drive, from Highway 400 to Weston Road, and a new, 30 m road right-of-way that accommodates, four lanes of vehicular traffic (two lanes in each direction), a separated sidewalk and cycling path, and boulevard on both sides of the roadway, including intermittent drainage retention, streetlighting and streetscaping features. The existing Highway 400 bridge will be modified to include a sidewalk on both sides of the roadway, and two vehicle lanes in each direction.



### **ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT REVIEW**

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All comments and concerns can be sent in writing within the review period to the City of Vaughan as follows:

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In addition, a request may be made to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for a Section 16 order requiring a higher level of study (i.e., requiring an individual/comprehensive EA approval before being able to proceed), or that conditions be imposed (e.g., require further studies), only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. Requests should include the requester's contact information and full name.

Requests should specify what kind of order is being requested (request for additional conditions or a request for an individual/comprehensive environmental assessment), how an order may prevent, mitigate, or remedy potential adverse impacts on Aboriginal and treaty rights, and any information in support of the statements in the request. This will ensure that the ministry is able to efficiently begin reviewing the request.

The request should be sent in writing and must be received by the Minister at the address below as well as to the City of Vaughan project contact above no later than September 19, 2022:

### Minister

Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
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**Environmental Assessment Branch** 

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