



# Kirby Road extension project update

Under the leadership of Mayor Steven Del Duca, the City of Vaughan is making significant progress on the Kirby Road Extension Project, a key initiative in the fight against traffic gridlock. This vital project will improve east-west connectivity and alleviate congestion across the city.

Construction is advancing on schedule, with completion expected by the summer of 2026. The expansion of Kirby Road will enhance traffic flow, reduce travel times and provide better access for both residents and businesses, helping Vaughan remain connected and efficient.



This project reflects Mayor Del Duca's continued commitment to improving Vaughan's transportation infrastructure and supporting regional growth. The City will continue to provide updates as construction progresses, ensuring the timely and successful completion of this important initiative.

# Enacting the Protecting Vulnerable Social Infrastructure By-law

**The safety and security of all residents in Vaughan is my top priority.**

After learning of a planned demonstration near the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto on March 20, the City of Vaughan closed Clark Avenue West, from Bathurst Street to Atkinson Avenue, and York Hill Boulevard, from Clark Avenue West to Dana Crescent, in accordance with the Protecting Vulnerable Social Infrastructure By-law.

I am proud to say Vaughan was the first municipality in Canada to pass this kind of by-law to protect the most vulnerable residents in our community. Having said that, I urge the federal and provincial governments to move quickly to enact similar protective legislation around all places of worship. Let's continue to work together to get this done right.

I want to thank City staff, York Regional Police (YRP) and our community partners for maintaining the peace and protecting our residents. I also want to thank the entire Vaughan community for putting their faith in me, our team and YRP as we continue to keep everyone safe and secure.



# Strong, stable leadership for Vaughan

At the 2025 Vaughan Chamber of Commerce Annual Mayor's Luncheon, Mayor Steven Del Duca addressed more than 800 attendees, including business leaders, representatives from all levels of government and community advocates. He emphasized his commitment to strong, stable leadership, focusing on affordability and economic growth, especially during uncertain times heightened by ongoing trade tensions with the United States.

The Mayor acknowledged the challenges businesses and entrepreneurs face due to the threat of increased tariffs from the U.S., which impact over 13,000 auto sector jobs and more than 23,000 food and beverage jobs in Vaughan. In response, the City of Vaughan is taking decisive action by banning U.S. suppliers from bidding on municipal contracts and prioritizing local and Canadian businesses.

Mayor Del Duca also highlighted the City's proactive initiatives, including a nearly 50 per cent reduction in development charges, and fast-tracking construction and efforts to make housing more affordable for young families. He expressed confidence in Vaughan's resilience, noting the city's ability to adapt, take bold action and continue thriving as a community of dedicated and ambitious people.



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As part of the City's ongoing response to U.S. tariffs, we are now offering businesses free 'Vaughan Strong. Support Canadian' welcome packages filled with materials to help identify local and Canadian-made

goods in stores, removing the guessing game at the checkout counter. Each package contains a variety of materials – including display signs for product shelves and stickers to place beside Canadian product labels – making it easy to identify local products in stores.

To request a welcome package or additional copies of these materials, contact the Economic Development team at [ed@vaughan.ca](mailto:ed@vaughan.ca).



The new Vaughan Strong initiative follows Council's approval of Mayor Steven Del Duca's Member's Resolution on March 25, calling for further support for local businesses as they respond to U.S. tariffs. On March 4, Vaughan became the first municipality in Ontario to ban U.S. suppliers after Mayor Del Duca and Members of Council took decisive action to protect the local, provincial and national economy by approving a new procurement strategy that prioritizes Canadian products, goods and services, and bans U.S. suppliers from competing on or being awarded municipal contracts.



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## Building more homes faster: Portage Parkway funding secured



Mayor Steven Del Duca welcomed a \$20-million investment from MPP Laura Smith and the Province of Ontario to support Vaughan's housing development, particularly in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC) area. This funding aims to enhance infrastructure and stimulate residential growth, aligning with the City of Vaughan's vision for sustainable urban expansion.

These investments are crucial for meeting Vaughan's growing housing needs. This initiative will not only provide more housing options but also create jobs and boost the local economy.

The City will use the funding for a road widening project from Applewood Crescent to Jane Street. This project will unlock more housing opportunities and support economic growth in Vaughan. Thank you to MPP Laura Smith for helping deliver more housing options and advancing this crucial file.

This funding is a powerful reminder of why Vaughan is a place where dreams are built, futures are shaped and communities thrive. Other levels of government see the incredible potential in our city and are continuing to invest in the bright future we're creating together.

## Wellness Hub coming to Vaughan: A new initiative for youth well-being



Vaughan will be home to a brand-new Youth Wellness Hub designed to support local young people aged 12 to 25 years old. Located at the intersection of Jane Street and Rutherford Road, the hub will provide free, integrated mental health and other services — all in a safe, youth-friendly space.

Mayor Steven Del Duca praised the initiative as a crucial step towards ensuring that local families have better access to mental health support. He emphasized that this investment will not only ease pressures on parents but

will also empower youth to seek help without delay — ultimately fostering a healthier, more connected community.

The initiative is part of a province-wide effort to expand Ontario's network of Youth Wellness Hubs. It is one of 10 new facilities joining an existing network that has already connected nearly 60,000 youth to essential services. With a focus on early intervention, the hub aims to reduce the barriers young people face in accessing mental healthcare by offering wrap-around services under one roof. In addition to clinical supports, the facility will also provide community, social and employment resources to help youth build resilience and navigate life's challenges.

Other levels of government continue to invest in Vaughan because of our thriving economy, the ambition of our people and the strong, stable leadership that guides us.

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### Want to stay connected with what's happening in Vaughan?

Follow Mayor Steven Del Duca on Instagram! It's the perfect way to get the latest updates on city initiatives, events and community news.

From exciting City developments to behind-the-scenes glimpses and opportunities for residents to get involved, Mayor Del Duca shares it all. Simply scan the QR code below to join the conversation and ensure you're in the loop on everything happening in Vaughan.



**Stay connected!**

