

MAYOR STEVEN DEL DUCA

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Together, Making Progress on Housing Affordability and Creating a Stronger Community



The Province of Ontario is investing \$20 million in Vaughan through the Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program (MHIP) to support the city's expanding housing needs.

This funding will help unlock land for more than 14,000 new homes and support Vaughan's population growth. As part of this initiative, the City of Vaughan is contributing \$22 million to widen Applewood Crescent to Jane Street, a project that will support new housing developments and economic growth.

The funding supports Vaughan's long-term plan to build 42,000 new homes by 2032. Infrastructure improvements are essential steps to speed up home construction.



CDAA Bridge project advancing on schedule

Steady progress continues on the Canada Drive–America Avenue (CDAA) Bridge, a pivotal infrastructure project in Vaughan designed to enhance connectivity and reduce traffic congestion. This initiative is a cornerstone of Mayor Steven Del Duca's Nine-Point Action Plan to Fight Traffic Gridlock.

In April 2025, a significant milestone was achieved with the successful installation of bridge girders over Highway 400, effectively linking Canada Drive and America Avenue. This development marks a major step toward the bridge's anticipated completion in 2026.

The Canada Drive–America Avenue Bridge is part of Vaughan's broader strategy to fight traffic gridlock. Other projects under Mayor Del Duca's Nine-Point Action Plan include the Kirby Road extension and the Bass Pro Mills Drive extension. These initiatives collectively aim to enhance Vaughan's transportation network and alleviate traffic congestion.

Mayor Steven Del Duca requests control of key Regional roads to advance road projects

The City of Vaughan is requesting control of several key regional roads as part of Mayor Steven Del Duca's plan to help fight traffic gridlock and ease congestion.

Mayor Del Duca has called on York Region to transfer jurisdiction over the these road segments:

- Teston Road from Keele Street to Dufferin Street
- The Langstaff Road connection, east of Creditstone Road to Keele Street
- Highway 7, between Pine Valley Drive and Martin Grove Road

The request is part of a broader push to give Vaughan more authority over local infrastructure, aiming to improve responsiveness in planning and service delivery.

This is about giving our City the tools it needs to manage growth effectively and improve services for our residents.
- Mayor Steven Del Duca

These road segments are among the major projects identified in the Mayor's Nine-Point Action Plan to Fight Traffic Gridlock.

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Mayor Del Duca urges Prime Minister Mark Carney to act on Bubble Legislation

Mayor Steven Del Duca has called on newly elected Prime Minister Mark Carney to swiftly fulfill a key campaign promise: introducing federal legislation aimed at protecting places of worship, schools and community centres from hate-motivated harassment and intimidation.

In a letter dated May 1, Mayor Del Duca urged Prime Minister Carney to address the growing threat of hate and extremism across Canada. He has called on the Prime Minister to fulfill his pledge to criminalize the obstruction and targeting of vulnerable infrastructure, such as all places of worship, calling it both necessary and urgent.

Mayor Del Duca pointed to Vaughan's own efforts, specifically the Protecting Vulnerable Social Infrastructure By-law, which was enacted to empower local enforcement officers to intervene in cases of intimidation or threats against those accessing public institutions.

The City of Vaughan was the first municipality in Canada to pass this kind of by-law to protect our most vulnerable residents. Advocacy on behalf of the Mayor will continue until the provincial and the federal governments are able to establish similar legislation around all places of worship.

Vaughan's first-ever Festa d'Italia was an incredible success

Mayor Steven Del Duca and the City of Vaughan hosted its first-ever Festa d'Italia on Sunday, June 1 – an exciting new addition to the City's annual Italian Heritage Month celebrations. The event drew tens of thousands of people from across Vaughan and beyond.

Festa d'Italia was created to celebrate the rich culture, history and enduring contributions of Italian Canadians who have played a vital role in shaping Vaughan into the vibrant, world-class city it is today. As home to one of the largest Italian Canadian populations



in the country, Vaughan continues to thrive thanks to the legacy of hard work, community spirit and cultural pride passed down through generations.

Attendees enjoyed live entertainment, including headline performances by I Cugini di Campagna and Joe De Simone, as well as cultural performances, delicious food vendors,

family-friendly activities and more. The event was hosted by Tony Monaco of Z103.5 and comedian Giuseppe the MC, bringing energy and humour to the stage.

Festa d'Italia is a celebration of community and culture. It's an opportunity to honour the contributions of Italian Canadians and to come together in the spirit of connection and diversity. I was proud to welcome residents and visitors alike to enjoy the culinary delights, music, art and traditions that reflect the beauty and vitality of Italian heritage.

- Mayor Steven Del Duca

Mark your calendars – Festa d'Italia is coming back in 2026 as a two-day event, from June 6 to June 7, 2026, at Boyd Conservation Park!

Vaughan rises up in support of Spirit of Generosity

On June 10, more than 900 community leaders, business professionals, as well as Ontario Premier Doug Ford, gathered for Mayor Steven Del Duca's 2025 Mayor's Gala at Universal Event Space to support the Spirit of Generosity, an initiative that continues to make a positive impact and inspire change in Vaughan.

All funds raised during the 2025 Mayor's Gala were directed to the Spirit of Generosity, which continues its meaningful support of more than 250 non-profit and community organizations, including children and youth groups, healthcare initiatives, seniors' organizations and special needs programs. Since 2011, the Spirit of Generosity has raised millions of dollars to enhance the lives of many in our community and throughout Ontario – it aims to give hope for a more promising tomorrow.

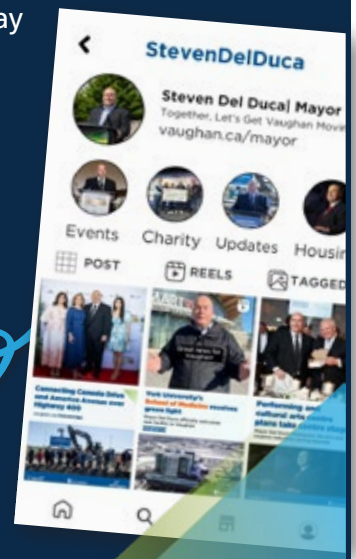
With the theme of "Rise Up Vaughan," this year's gala celebrated the tireless efforts of the dedicated residents, community organizations and public officials for investing in something bigger than themselves, and recommitting to the work ahead.



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It's the perfect way to get the latest updates on city initiatives, events and community news.

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Celebrating community spirit



On April 9, Mayor Steven Del Duca hosted the City of Vaughan's inaugural *Celebration of Community Spirit* event at Vaughan City Hall to recognize the outstanding contributions of organizations that have received support through the Spirit of Generosity.

These not-for-profit recipients were invited in appreciation of the work they do to uplift and strengthen our city. Vaughan has a long and inspiring history of generosity, and these organizations — powered by dedicated individuals who give their time and talent to help others — play a vital role in shaping a more inclusive and compassionate community. From youth programs to food banks to cultural celebrations, they are building a Vaughan where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Host in Vaughan Grant supports local tourism and events



We want people and organizations to host events and bring tourism to Vaughan, the best city in York Region. That's why our Host in Vaughan Grant program supports organizations in delivering vibrant fairs, festivals and sporting events that showcase all that Vaughan has to offer.

This spring, 25 organizations were awarded grants through the program to help fund upcoming events that boost tourism, encourage overnight stays and increase visitor spending across our city. These events not only promote community spirit but also attract visitors from across the region and beyond.

We are committed to continuing to promote tourism in Vaughan by supporting organizations so they can host memorable events here. Attracting visitor dollars into the local economy is key to Vaughan's growth — helping to increase the number of overnight stays and strengthen our city's position as a leading destination.

Learn more at hostinvaughan.ca/grant.

