

# *THE CITY OF VAUGHAN*

# *BY-LAW*

## **BY-LAW NUMBER 100-2026**

**A By-law to amend Special Events By-law 045-2018, as amended, to add and update definitions, remove restrictions on length and frequency of special events and clarify the authority of the Director and Chief Licensing Officer with respect to special event permit conditions and administration.**

**AND WHEREAS** subsection 11(2)5. of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, as amended, ("*Municipal Act*") authorizes municipalities to pass by-laws respecting the economic, social, and environmental well-being of the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** section 126 of the *Municipal Act* provides that a local municipality may regulate cultural, recreational and educational events, including public fairs, and prohibit such activities unless a permit is obtained from the municipality, and the municipality may impose conditions for obtaining, continuing to hold and renewing such permits, including requiring the submission of plans;

**AND WHEREAS** Council has determined that it is desirable to make amendments to the Special Events By-law 045-2018, as amended to add and update definitions, remove restrictions on length and frequency of special events and clarify the authority of the Director and Chief Licensing Officer with respect to special event permit conditions and administration;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Special Events By-law 045-2018, as amended, be further amended as follows:
  - a. To delete the words "or exhibition" from the definition of "Car Rally" in section 3.0(4).
  - b. To delete the definition of "Charitable Event" from section 3.0(4) and replace it with the following:

"Charitable Event" means any event carried out by a charity registered under *Canada's Not-for-profit Corporation Act S.C. 2009, c.23* or an event carried out

by any other group that has received a written endorsement from the registered charity receiving funds raised by the event;

- c. To add the following definitions to section 3.0(4):
  - “Fees and Charges By-law” refers to City’s Fees and Charges By-law 051-2026, or its successor;
  - “Delegation By-law” refers to City’s Delegation By-law 144-2018;
  - “Noise Control By-law” refers to City’s Noise Control By-law 121-2021;
  - “Smoking By-law” refers to City’s Smoking By-law 074-2019;
- d. To delete the references to “Fees and Charges By-law 171-2013” and “the Fees and Charges By-law” throughout the By-law and replace them with the words “the *Fees and Charges By-law*”.
- e. To delete the reference to “the Delegation By-law” in the By-law and replace it with the words “the *Delegation By-law*”.
- f. To delete the reference to “the *City’s Noise By-law*” in the By-law and replace it with the words “the *Noise Control By-law*”
- g. To delete subsection 4.0(11)(m) and replace it with the following:
  - (m) provide a copy of any permit issued in conjunction with the *Special Event*, or the liquor licence of the venue, as issued by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, if alcohol is being served at the proposed *Special Event*;
- h. To delete section 4.0(12) and replace it with the following:
  - (12) The *Director* may impose any additional requirements or restrictions on a *Special Event* permit, at his or her discretion, to ensure the health and safety of the public or to control any potential nuisances, including but not limited to:
    - (a) requiring noise monitoring at the expense of the *Applicant*;
    - (b) restricting *Special Event* operating times and days, length, and frequency;
    - (c) additional requirements to ensure the health and safety of the public; and
    - (d) any additional requirements to prevent any potential nuisance.

- i. To add subsection 4.0(15)(f) to read as follows:
  - (f) he or she believes that the proposed operating times and days, length and frequency of the *Special Event* are not in the best interest of the community.
- j. To delete section 5.0(1) and replace it with the following:
  - (1) A *Special Event* shall not include the consumption of cannabis, except in accordance with the *Smoking By-law*, or the promotion of cannabis in any form.
- k. To delete sections 5.0(2) and 5.0(3).
- l. To add **Part 12.3 “Transition”** to read as follows:

**12.3 Transition**

- (1) *Special Event* permit applications shall be subject to the provisions of this By-law that were in effect on the date the application was received by the *City*.

Voted in favour by City of Vaughan Council this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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Steven Del Duca, Mayor

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Todd Coles, City Clerk

Authorized by Item No. 9 of Report No. 22 of the Committee of the Whole.  
Report adopted by Vaughan City Council on May 26, 2026.  
City Council voted in favour of this by-law on May 26, 2026.  
Approved by Mayoral Decision MDC 007-2026 dated May 26, 2026.  
**Effective Date of By-Law: May 26, 2026**