

## Together, Delivering Results

*Mayor Bevilacqua highlights city-building accomplishments over past term of council*

### Leading City-Building Accomplishments:

- Vaughan has one of the lowest property tax rates in the Greater Toronto Area
- Vaughan has the highest employment in York Region and is home to nearly 12,000 businesses that employ over 218,000 people
- Vaughan remains the first and only, municipality outside of Toronto to be connected by the TTC Subway service – the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Station – located in the City’s emerging downtown core
- During the 2018 Mayor’s Gala, Mayor Bevilacqua announced the De Gasperis and Kohn families commitment to donate a historic and record-setting \$20-million donation to the Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital
- Opened Phase One of the new 900-acre North Maple Regional Park – surrounded by community partners championing a brighter future for Vaughan. Once fully complete, Vaughan’s North Maple Park will be larger than New York City’s very own Central Park

### Fiscal Responsibility and Respect for Taxpayers’ Hard-Earned Dollars:

- Since 2015, the City of Vaughan has achieved approximately \$30 million in savings
- For the last eight years, Vaughan has passed budgets that kept the property tax rate below three per cent

### Unleashing Economic Prosperity and Job-Creating Investments:

- Vaughan leads with an employment growth rate of 3.6 per cent – far outpacing Ontario and Canada
- Since 2010, nearly 55,000 new jobs have been created in Vaughan
- Since 2010, Vaughan has issued close to \$10 billion in building permits

### Improving Public Transit Connections and Building Infrastructure:

- The City has nearly 150 kilometers of new roads
- Highway 427 is being expanded, while Highway 400 is being widened

## **Keeping Neighbourhoods Safe:**

- Appointment of Deryn Rizzi as Chief of Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service (VFRS)
- Broke ground on the new 10,250 square foot VFRS Station in Kleinburg
- VFRS received a 99 per cent satisfaction rating from residents

## **The Spirit of Generosity:**

- The efforts and events of the Spirit of Generosity commitment have raised more than \$30 million. Proceeds have gone to help more than 150 not-for-profit and community organizations that play a vital role in shaping the city of Vaughan
- Through the Spirit of Generosity commitment, Mayor Bevilacqua announced that the Cortellucci family generously stepped forward with a \$3-million donation toward the building of the new Hospice Vaughan Mario & Nick Cortellucci Hospice Palliative Care Centre of Excellence, expected to open in 2019

## **Improving Affordable Housing and Planning Opportunities:**

- A new policy allowing secondary suites was approved – part of Vaughan's commitment to create, manage and provide for safe and affordable housing options
- Mayor Bevilacqua joined leaders from The Building Industry and Land Development Association to renew Vaughan's commitment to investment-ready planning best practices

## **Vaughan Metropolitan Centre – Vaughan's Emerging Downtown:**

- Expo City, Transit City, The MET and the KPMG Tower are shaping Vaughan's emerging downtown skyline like no other
- Cranes tower over the future nine-storey mixed-use building housing a YMCA, a Vaughan Library branch and PwC office space
- It was the City that first approached the YMCA of Greater Toronto to address Vaughan's need for community facilities and healthy infrastructure that would support the nearly 12,000 residential units and 25,000 people who will one day make the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre their home
- The VMC is the largest and most ambitious project in the City's history, with projections that include:
  - 1.5 million square feet of office space
  - 750,000 square feet of retail space
  - 12,000 residential units to be home to 25,000 people; and

- Employment targets of 11,500 jobs, of which 5,000 will be new office jobs
- Edgeley Pond and Park is the largest open space, City-owned piece of land in the VMC

## **Keeping Vaughan Green:**

- Opened Phase One of the new 900-acre North Maple Regional Park – surrounded by community partners championing a brighter future for Vaughan. Once fully complete, Vaughan's North Maple Park will be larger than New York City's very own Central Park
- More than 21,000 trees have been planted as part of the City's tree replacement plan
- Vaughan has more than 230 kilometers of signed cycling and pedestrian routes, including 60 kilometers of multi-use recreational pathways
- City operations efforts have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 22 per cent
- Completed a business case for LED street light replacement that will save the City an estimated 9,000 MWh annually and approximately \$1.5 million in electricity costs each year once completed
- In 2018, over 17,000 people participated in the Earth Hour event across the city

## **Recreation and Public Libraries, Recognition and Culture:**

- Vaughan's Public Library branches – including the recent opening of the tenth branch location at Vellore Village – house countless opportunities for neighbours to celebrate and learn more about diversity and the trailblazers of history whose sacrifices have been enshrined in pages for future generations to understand and appreciate
- Opening of the Civic Centre Resource Library – the crown jewel of the Vaughan Public Library System
- Opening of the new Pierre Berton Heritage Centre – Vaughan's newest multi-purpose, accessible community facility
- Celebrations like the Christmas Tree Lighting, Chinese New Year and Menorah Lighting Ceremony, have become annual traditions, as have celebrations of Black History Month, along with many of Vaughan's cultural and community organization flag raisings
- To mark the City of Vaughan's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Mayor Bevilacqua founded and launched the Order of Vaughan – the City of Vaughan's highest honour
- Mayor Bevilacqua presented Vaughan's first official Key to the City
- Annual Culture Days foster a greater sense of community, awareness and appreciation for the diversity of cultures, creeds and faiths that thrive throughout our city

## Ensuring Accountability and Transparency:

- The Vaughan Accord was endorsed at a special signing ceremony on January 20th, 2015 - The Accord outlines Council's commitment and dedication to the task of city-building, and states that "a vibrant and successful city depends on a Council that is prepared to work together, constructively, and always in the best interest of the City of Vaughan."
- Vaughan is one of 19 municipalities to have an Internal Auditor
- Vaughan is also one of six municipalities to voluntarily implement a Lobbyist Registry in Ontario

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**ABOUT VAUGHAN:** The City of Vaughan is one of Canada's fastest growing cities with a population of more than 335,000. Incorporated in 1991, Vaughan includes the communities of Concord, Kleinburg, Maple, Thornhill and Woodbridge. This culturally diverse municipality is located in the heart of York Region and the Greater Toronto Area.