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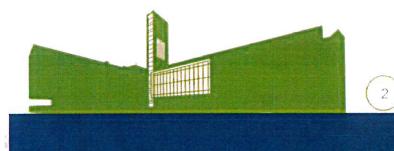
# Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Task Force (CPATF)

Recommendations



### Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Task Force Mandate / Objectives

The Task Force shall be responsible for developing recommendations that would allow the City to better integrate cycling and pedestrian perspectives into land use, infrastructure, and resource allocation planning processes.





#### Rationale for Vaughan Pedestrian and Cycling Improvements

Consistent with the city's Vision 2020 and its commitments to service excellence, including activities designed to:

- Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness
- Lead and Promote Environmental Sustainability
- Demonstrate Excellence in Service Delivery



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### Rationale for Vaughan Pedestrian and Cycling Improvements

Money Sense magazine's 2016 rankings of the Best Places to Live in Canada

- Vaughan placed 20<sup>th</sup> overall, based on a variety of indicators
- Difference between Vaughan and Ottawa (#1) is: the ease of walking or biking to work
- Ease of walking / biking is 6% of the criteria that makes a city a Best Place to Live





## Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Task Force Methodology

- Established CPATF terms of reference
- Engaged stakeholders to form CPATF
- Studied existing cycling and pedestrian program and infrastructure
- Arranged interviews with / presentations by staff, police and cycling groups
- Recognized and accepted Super Trail Concept as a framework
- 18 Recommendations in two categories:
  - Infrastructure-related;
  - Organizational and Management Strategies



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#### Task Force Recommendations Infrastructure-related

- Promote the "Vaughan Super Trail"
- Connect off-road cycling and hiking pathways
- Establish priorities for cycling and hiking infrastructure
- Establish criteria for assessing a roadway's suitability for pedestrian and cyclingfriendly upgrades
- Establish annual financial targets
- Develop warrants to determine whether improvements to cycling and hiking infrastructure
- Work with York Region and the Ministry of Transportation to **establish safe, connected cycling infrastructure**



#### Task Force Recommendations Organizational and Management Strategies

- Enlist a cycling advisory group
- Establish a comprehensive communications plan
- Prepare a cycling and hiking route map
- Improve safety by promoting protected cycle routes
- Set a deadline for a cycling/hiking strategic plan update
- Have a staff person permanently assigned to the cycling/active transportation portfolio

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- Present an annual report to Council
- Promote active transportation (walking and bicycling) with schools in the City
- Actively pursue applications for funding
- Develop and install consistent, Vaughan-identifiable way-finding signage
- Establish a long-term budget