

# How Cultural Planning Makes a Difference

Workshop for the City of Vaughan By Gail Lord, Co-President, Lord Cultural Resources















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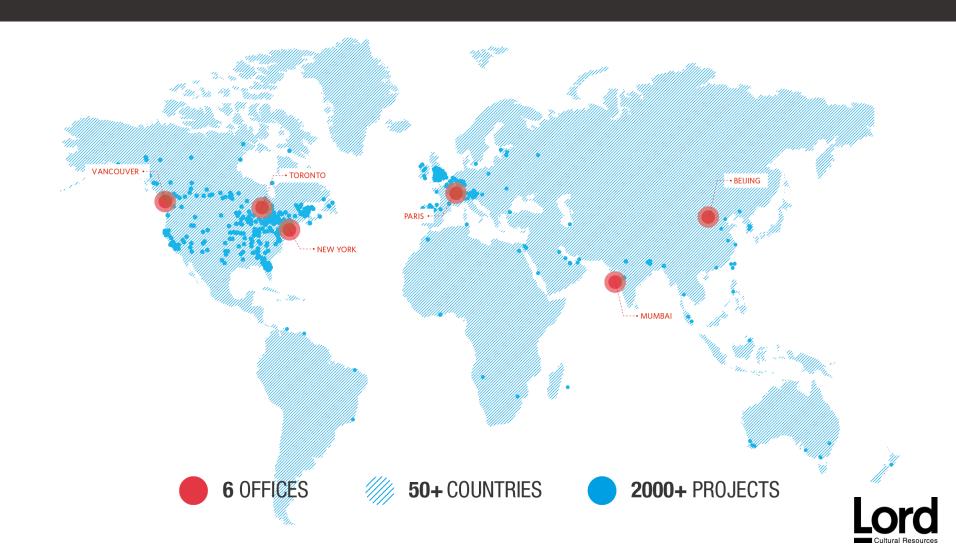
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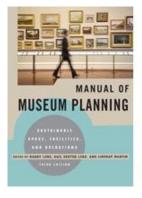


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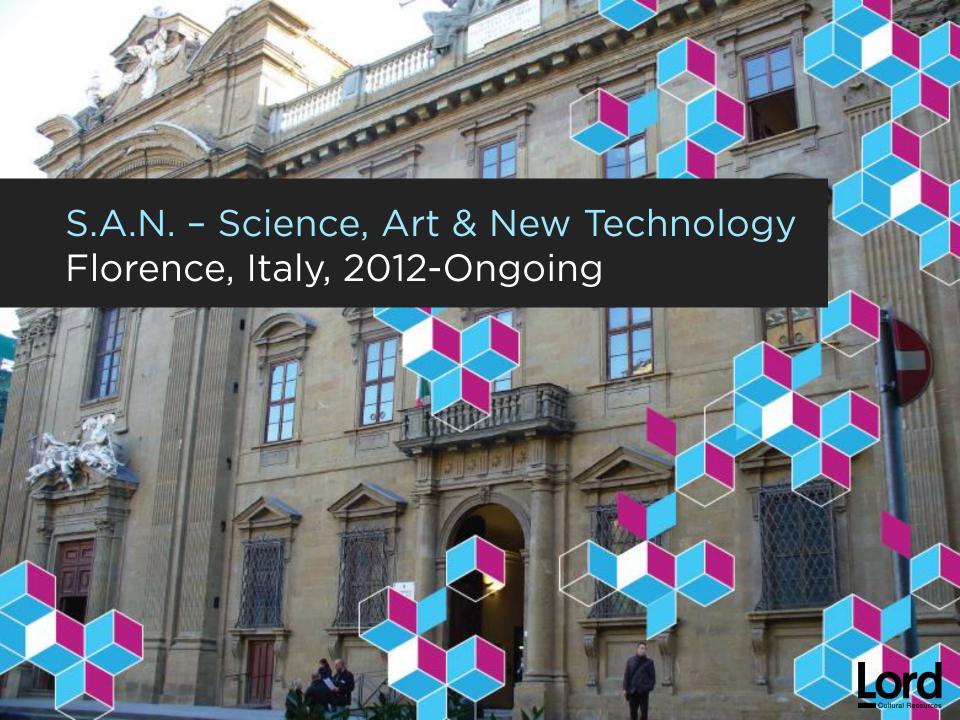












# What is culture?

Culture is the collective identity of Vaughan - its people, places, expressions. It is the shared experiences that bind you as a community - your traditions, memories, values, vision, creations and legacies.



# Why is **culture** important?

- Culture is an expression of who we are as a community.
- Culture is one of the four major pillars to create and maintain a healthy, vibrant and sustainable city.
- Culture serves to help shape and define our civic identity.
- Culture contributes to the economic growth of the City of Vaughan.



# Economic Impact of **Culture** in the Community

- Cultural vitality contributes to a prosperous future and sustainablility for a community.
- Contributes to innovation, entrepreneurism and a creative workforce.



# Economic Impact of **Culture** in the Community

- Attracts and retains investment and businesses with more people spending in the community on direct cultural activity as well as indirect.
- Attracts tourism dollars performing arts, festivals, blockbuster exhibitions





## What is a **Cultural Plan**?

A Cultural Plan is a framework for the integration and planning of culture into decision-making for the future sustainability of the City of Vaughan.



### What is a **Cultural Plan**?

The plan will become an essential tool for the City to use to:

- plan and deliver arts and heritage services and resources
- respond to the growing cultural sector
- address the diversity of the community
- reinforce culture as a cornerstone for place-making and community identity



# Why **now**?

- A comprehensive planning tool is required to guide and manage culture.
- It is part of Vaughan's formative steps in establishing a greater understanding of emerging trends, challenges, issues and approaches related to the establishment and further development of Vaughan's creative, cultural and entertainment assets.
- And there is a need to respond to the city's cultural growth, maturation and regional transformation.







# Challenges faced by fast growing cities: knowledge economy and competitive workforce

#### **Industrial Economy**

- Physical strength
- Follow orders
- Organized
- Some problem solving
- Memorization
- Basic communication
- Aggregate

#### **Knowledge Economy**

- Intellectual strength
- Lead
- Individualistic
- All problem solving
- Improvisation
- Great communication
- CREATE!





## The Eventful City

#### A City with Events

- Sectoral
- Tactical
- A container of events
- Competition
- Pandering to audiences
- Market led
- Spectacle
- City marketing

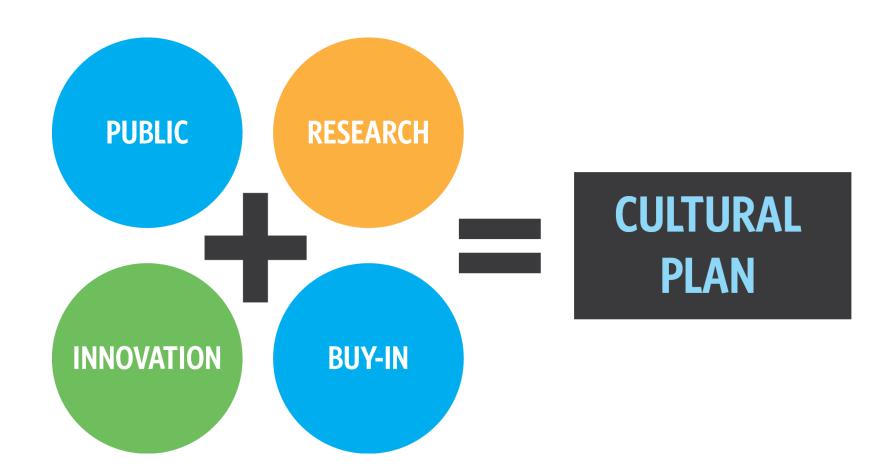
#### The Eventful City

- Holistic
- Strategic
- A generator of events
- Cooperation
- Provoking publics
- Market leader
- Involvement
- City making

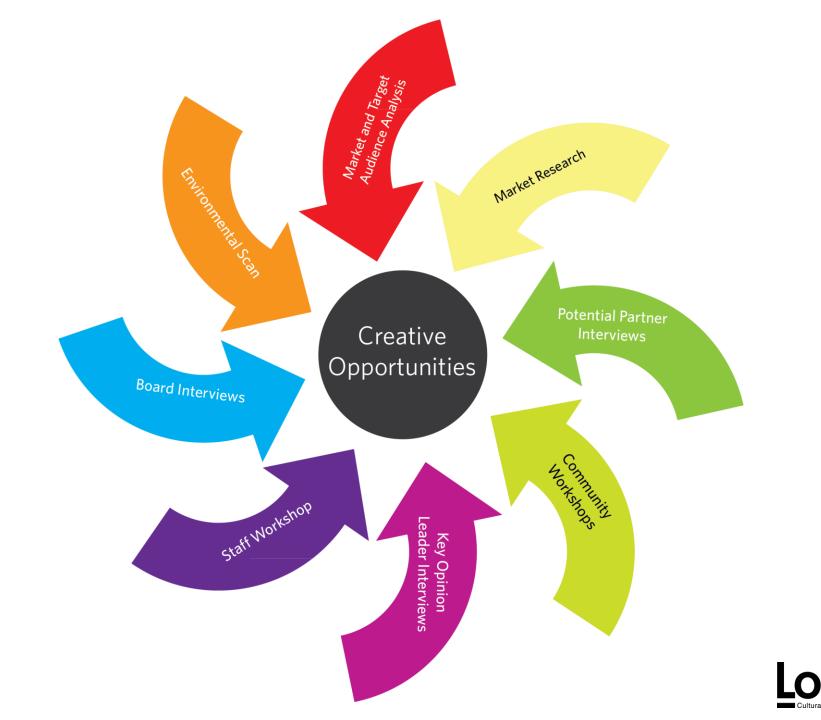




### How to Conduct a Cultural Plan







### **Planning Culturally**

# Incorporating culture in planning City-wide.

Four pillars to planning:

- Social: public services, education;
- Economic: industry, knowledge, leadership;
- Environmental: liveability;
- Culture: identity, amenities, aesthetics, heritage.









City of Toronto, Planning Space for Culture



City of Lethbridge, Culture Master Plan



City of St. Catharines, Cultural Arts Master Plan



City of St. Albert, Cultural Master Plan



Town of St. Marys, Municipal Cultural Plan



City of Kingston, Cultural Tourism and Cultural Heritage Strategies



City of Thunder Bay, Cultural Policy and Implementation Plan



Niagara Region, Economic Impact Assessment of **Cultural Sector and Creative Economy** 



Port Hope, Cultural Arts Master Plan

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