

CITY HALL CONNECTS

Fall/Winter 2024



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City Hall Connects is a City of Vaughan print publication delivered to every household and business in Vaughan to keep you updated on what's happening in our community. This edition includes information about important City milestones, transformative projects and exciting things to do this season.

Message from Mayor Steven Del Duca

Dear neighbour,

Two years ago, I took the oath of office to become your Mayor.

Representing you, and delivering more for you, is a responsibility that I take very seriously.

As I promised on my first day on the job, I am 100 per cent committed to fighting traffic gridlock, keeping you and your family safe, and delivering more homes particularly for first-time homebuyers.

Two years later, and we're making good progress on all of these priorities – but I know our work is not yet done.

The Kirby Road Extension and the Canada Drive-America Avenue Bridge are under construction, and the Bass Pro Mills Drive extension to Weston Road will start construction before the end of this Council term.

This fall, York Regional Police (YRP) opened a new substation in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre. And in partnership with YRP, we have announced that a brand new substation will be opening in Kleinburg in early 2025. This second substation will help to protect residents who live in Kleinburg and Woodbridge.

Together we are working to tackle auto theft, home break-ins and gun crime in our community because we know that criminals belong behind bars and not on our streets. We will make sure YRP has the money needed to hire more officers so that there's a stronger police presence in our neighbourhoods.

We've decided to invest a lot of money into the infrastructure needed to build more housing because we know that most parents and grandparents in Vaughan want their kids and grandkids to be able to buy a home close to where they grew up. As a father of two young girls, that's important to me. Home prices will only come down if we build more, and we are well on our way to delivering 42,000 more homes over the next 10 years.

We've gotten a lot done, but I know there is still much more that you need. I won't rest until we get the job done, and you can always count on me to keep fighting for you and your family.


Steven Del Duca
Mayor of Vaughan



New York Regional Police (YRP) Substation coming in 2025!



The safety of residents is a top priority for Mayor Steven Del Duca and Vaughan Council and that's why strong and decisive action is being taken to fight back against the auto-thefts, home break-ins and gun crimes that too many local residents have experienced.

Mayor Del Duca and Members of Council joined with YRP Chief Jim MacSween and members of YRP's Executive Leadership Team to announce that a brand-new YRP substation will be opening in Kleinburg in early 2025!

This new facility, which will be located at 10418 Islington Ave., will mean more YRP officers will have a stronger and more visible police presence in both Kleinburg and Woodbridge.

Mayor Del Duca will continue to push urgently for real bail reform so that the criminals negatively impacting Vaughan residents can be kept off our streets and behind bars where they belong.

This is another example of strong leadership that is delivering for you.



Learn more at vaughan.ca



Our winter response

Before a snowfall

Before a snowfall, the City prepares roads by spraying brine, a liquid made of rock salt and water. It is sprayed on the road to prevent the formation of black ice before a winter snow event.

During a snowfall

During a heavy snowfall or major storm, the City will salt and clear sidewalks in main public areas before moving to residential areas.

Plowing begins as soon as five centimetres of snow have accumulated on public roads and sidewalks. Main roads are plowed first within four hours to keep them clear for emergency and transit vehicles before moving to residential areas.

After a snowfall

The City offers a windrow-clearing service to residents within four hours after the plow has passed. The residential windrow-clearing machines clear a portion of the home's driveway entrance to allow a car to pass through. Residential streets are treated within 12 hours after a snowfall has ended. Sidewalks are cleared within 48 hours after a snowfall has ended.



Learn more at
vaughan.ca/snow

Put safety in the driver's seat this winter!

During the winter, blowing snow, icy roads and poor visibility can make driving challenging. Follow these winter road safety tips:

Keep an emergency winter survival kit in your vehicle. The kit should include a charged phone, water, non-perishable food, flashlight, blanket, warm clothes, jumper cables, shovel, ice-scraper, traction mats or sand, washer fluid that works down to -40°C, candles and a lighter or matches. Ensure your car has winter tires and its maintenance is up to date. Keep your fuel tank at least half full to help reduce moisture in the fuel system and add extra weight to the vehicle.

Before driving, clean snow or ice off all surfaces of your vehicle. Snow left on your



car can obstruct your view while driving, which could lead to an accident. Depending on the weather conditions, it may take you longer to arrive at your destination; always leave extra time to get where you need to go.

Don't park vehicles on the road during snowfalls - it's the law

Help crews effectively clear snow from roads.



Learn more at
vaughan.ca/parking

When driving, pay close attention to the road far ahead and match your speed to the road signs and weather conditions. Since it takes longer to stop on a slippery road, brake earlier and leave more distance than normal between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. If there is poor visibility, turn on your headlights to make your car easier for other road users to see, and avoid passing other vehicles when weather and road conditions make it difficult to do so. Lastly, keep a safe distance from snowplows and salting equipment.



Learn more at
vaughan.ca/snow

We're winter ready - are you?

The City is dedicated to providing you with efficient, reliable and high-level winter services. With a fleet of more than 230 vehicles, we are ready to take on the Canadian weather with salting, windrow-clearing, plowing and snow removal along more than 2,200 lane-kilometres of roads and more than 1,200 kilometres of sidewalks and park walkways.

Remember, we all have an important role to play to keep our winter operations running smoothly. Here are some ways you help our crews:

- Don't park cars on the street while snowplows are out.
- Clear snow and ice from sidewalks bordering your property to help ensure roads and sidewalks remain safe.
- On collection days, set waste bins back from the curb approximately one metre – and don't put them on top of snowbanks.
- Keep fire hydrants on your property clear and accessible at all times (one metre all around).



- Remove anything from your property that may interfere with or be hazardous to plow crews – like basketball nets or landscaping features.
- Be mindful of where shoveled snow is placed. It is illegal to shovel snow or ice onto the road.
- Stay off the roads during a heavy snowstorm unless it is essential to go out.
- Clean snow off all surfaces of your vehicle before driving and stay well back from snowplows and salting equipment.



Learn more at
vaughan.ca/snow

Protect your pipes

Just as you bundle up for the winter, you also need to keep your home's water pipes warm. Low temperatures can cause pipes to freeze, leak or burst if they are not protected from the cold. Make sure your pipes are properly insulated and your home is kept above 8 C (46 F), especially near the water meter.



Learn more at
vaughan.ca/water



Gallanough Park improvements complete!



Good news: Improvements at Gallanough Park are now complete! The City undertook important municipal infrastructure improvements

to the stormwater management facility at Gallanough Park (21 Springfield Way) to combat the risk of flooding during heavy rainstorms and to ensure this park remains a place families can enjoy for generations to come.

In addition, the City also revitalized the Ward 5 neighbourhood park. It now features a new games table with seating, playground and ground-play features with accessible ramps and a wheelchair glider, accessible engineered wood fibre safety surfacing, swing area with an accessible swing seat, new accessible walkways with upgraded lighting and furnishings, new outdoor fitness equipment at five fitness stations

throughout the park, new pollinator gardens and a shade structure, which is coming soon!

A celebration to mark the park's completion was held on Nov. 12. Members of the community were invited to join Mayor Steven Del Duca and Members of Council to listen to official remarks, enjoy an interactive DJ and free refreshments.

The park's improvements were funded in part by the Government of Canada.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/Gallanough

Vaughan's first set of dedicated pickleball courts now open at Le Parc Park!

There's a new place to play pickleball in Vaughan! In November 2024, the City of Vaughan officially opened the first set of dedicated pickleball courts at Le Parc Park.

Located at 172 Connie Cres., the park features four new pickleball courts with acrylic surfacing, LED court lighting and a shade structure with seating.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/pickleball



Put holiday waste in the right place!

The festive season is approaching – do you know where to dispose of Christmas trees, wrapping paper, plastic cutlery and more? We can help!

Christmas trees



During the first two weeks of January, the City will collect real Christmas trees in both blue and yellow zones on your scheduled collection day. Remove all tinsel and ornaments, and do not put the tree in a plastic bag or on top of snowbanks.

Aluminum trays, black plastic containers and disposable cutlery

Emptied and rinsed aluminum trays can be disposed of in the blue box – be sure to wash away all food residues. And while some plastic containers are recyclable, black plastic is not. Toss black plastic in the garbage – including black plastic forks, knives, spoons and containers.

Wrapping paper, gift bags and ribbons

Cardboard boxes, wrapping paper and gift bags that are 100 per cent paper go in the blue box. Please break down, flatten and securely bundle your cardboard. Ribbons, rope handles, foil-type paper and cards with glitter belong in the garbage.

Paper plates, paper towels and napkins

These items go in the green bin. Place your green bin items in compostable bags if you can, but plastic bags are also accepted.

Please tie bags securely.

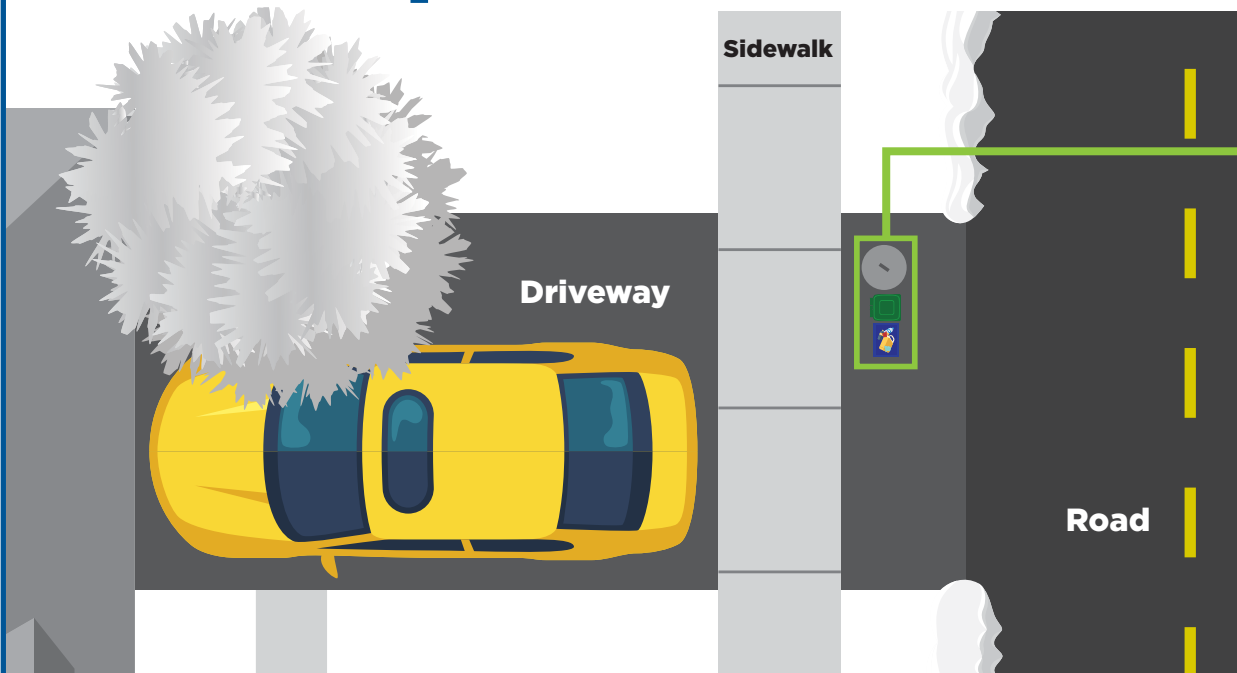
Never pour fats, oils and grease down the drain

Cooking or baking? Remember that fats, oils and grease – such as butter, olive oil, gravy and meat fat – can clog pipes and cause sewer backups if poured down the drain. Instead, let these substances cool and harden, then scrape them into the green bin.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/waste

Where to place waste in winter



Never place bins on top of or behind snowbanks.

We're enhancing Kleinburg Village!

The City is undertaking important infrastructure improvements within Kleinburg Village, including watermain replacements, road reconstruction work and streetscaping enhancements. These improvements support the City's continued commitment to ensuring the long-term sustainability of municipal infrastructure.

Watermain work is currently underway in the following locations throughout the area:

- Nashville Road, from Highway 27 to Islington Avenue
- Islington Avenue, from Nashville Road to Bell Court
- Islington Avenue, from Kellam Street to Stegman's Mill Road (possible night work)
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To minimize disruptions to traffic, businesses and pedestrians, the watermain replacement work on Islington Avenue between Nashville Road and Stegman's Mill Road will be completed overnight.



Conceptual rendering only.

This work is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2024. Work will pause for the winter months at the end of December 2024 and resume in spring 2025, weather permitting. Construction is anticipated to be completed by summer 2026.

All roads will remain open to vehicular and pedestrian traffic during construction. However, temporary lane restrictions will be required to allow construction activities to proceed safely and efficiently. Disruptions will be communicated in advance to the public.



Scan the QR code to subscribe to the project newsletter to stay informed as the project progresses.



Weekly updates are shared to the project webpage, vaughan.ca/KleinburgVillage.



Kleinburg Village is open for business

While construction is underway for the Kleinburg Village Improvements project, remember – businesses in the area are open! Shop, dine and explore the neighbourhood and take advantage of the free temporary parking available north of 10565 Islington Ave., south of Treelawn Boulevard.



Explore things to do in Kleinburg Village and browse local businesses.

Learn more at visitvaughan.ca/Kleinburg

Vaughan's 11th fire station set to open in 2026



Work begins on the City's newest fire hall, Fire Station 7-12! In October, the City and Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service (VFRS) broke ground at 9511 Weston Rd. to mark the start of construction for Vaughan's 11th fire station. Fire Station 7-12 will support VFRS' emergency responses from neighbouring stations – Fire Station 7-7, Fire Station 7-5 and Fire Station 7-9. As a result, response times in this area, and city-wide, will improve. Fire Station 7-12 will be approximately

875 square metres, with access to two apparatus bays directly off Weston Road. Set to open in 2026, this station will bring emergency response and fire services closer to home for everyone in the Vellore Village community.



Learn more and view 3D renderings at vaughan.ca/station7-12

Connecting Canada Drive and America Avenue



In May 2024, the City of Vaughan broke ground to build a bridge over Highway 400, connecting Canada Drive and America Avenue. Once complete, the bridge will enhance Vaughan's transportation network, alleviate gridlock and allow residents to travel seamlessly from one community to another.

The bridge will include a two-lane road with sidewalks and bicycle lanes on both sides, and will improve traffic movement in the area. It will offer better access to local amenities, create access to enhanced transit systems and help emergency services response times.

The bridge is anticipated to be complete in 2026.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/CDAABridge

Road improvements in your community

York Region is working on road improvements to keep assets in good repair, enhance safety and accommodate growth in the city of Vaughan.

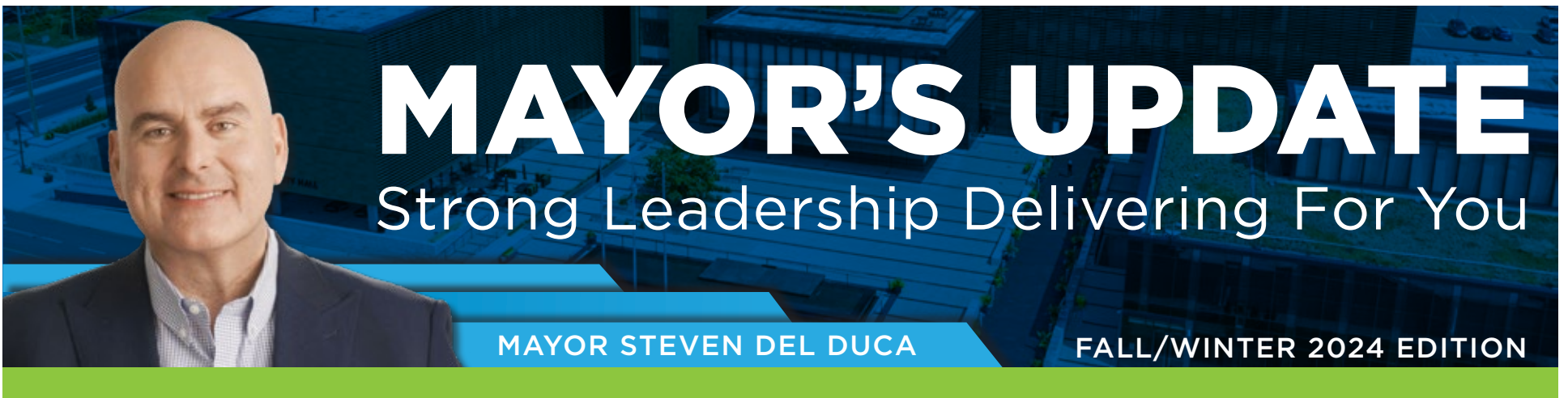
Stay informed about Regional road construction projects

- Visit york.ca/VaughanConstruction for project information, traffic impacts and answers to frequently asked questions
- Connect with us by phone or email
- Follow @YorkRegionGovt on X and Facebook
- Use traffic and navigation tools to help plan your commute

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New YRP substation opens at Vaughan Metropolitan Centre



A significant milestone in community safety has been delivered with the opening of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC) police substation on Oct. 11. As the area is projected to welcome new residents in the coming years, this new facility is essential for addressing the needs of a rapidly growing population.

Located at 100 New Park Place, the 4,800-square-foot substation offers a welcoming environment for community members to interact with York Regional Police (YRP) officers, file reports and obtain crime prevention information. Staffed Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., this substation exemplifies proactive policing efforts and community engagement.

The VMC development will also include extensive office space, creating jobs and housing in York Region. By partnering with builders and developers, YRP is committed to keeping community safety a top priority as Vaughan evolves. Together, we are laying the groundwork for a safer future!



Learn more at vaughan.ca/news

Making housing more affordable for families

Mayor Steven Del Duca and Vaughan City Council have taken significant steps to make housing more affordable in the city.

Ensuring affordability and accessibility, especially for young families, is a key priority for Vaughan. This includes taking strong action to give homebuyers a break and to get shovels in the ground to build new housing.

To tackle the housing affordability crisis, Mayor Del Duca and Council recently approved reductions to the City's residential development charge rates, which were previously among the highest in the Greater Toronto Area.

Development charges are fees that municipalities impose to fund infrastructure, but they are also a cost that is passed on directly to homebuyers as this fee is embedded in the purchase price when they buy a home.

Before this change, the City's development charge for low-rise residential properties was \$94,466 per unit. Under the new structure, the rate will be reduced to \$50,193.



This is a clear example of Vaughan leading the way when it comes to delivering relief for homebuyers.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/news

Strengthening community safety together



In August, Mayor Steven Del Duca's visit to the YRP emphasized the importance of community safety initiatives in Vaughan. This tour provided valuable insights into the vital work being done to ensure our community remains safe and secure.

Safety is a collective responsibility, and we all play a role in enhancing our shared environment. Citizens are encouraged to engage with local programs and participate in discussions about safety in their neighborhoods. By coming together, we can build a safer Vaughan for everyone. A huge thank you goes to the YRP for their dedication and hard work in serving our community. Collaboration will continue to ensure everyone feels safe and supported in Vaughan, fostering even stronger bonds within neighbourhoods.



Slow down in community safety zones!



Road safety is a leading priority for the City. That is why the City is working towards implementing an Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program within Community Safety Zones, including school zones. Starting in winter 2025, ASE cameras will be live across the city to ensure that vehicles travelling in excess of the posted speed limits in designated Community Safety Zones are caught on camera. The City took a data-driven approach to identify locations for the speed cameras to ensure we target areas where speeding is a concern.

The ASE program is just one of the many ways the City is working to reduce speeding in Vaughan through the MoveSmart Mobility Management Strategy, which helps form and direct the City's vision to provide a safer, more efficient and sustainable transportation system.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/ASE

More funding for York Regional Police



We're taking strong, decisive action to fight crime and protect our residents. Mayor Del Duca strongly supports the budget request made by York Regional Police, which will mean more police officers patrolling our neighbourhoods. Mayor Del Duca will continue to push for serious bail reform that gets the criminals, especially repeat offenders, off our streets and keeps them in jail.



YRP special budget meeting



Mayor Steven Del Duca was the only mayor to speak at the York Regional Service Board's special budget meeting in September to advocate for more funding for frontline officers to help keep our community safe.

The York Regional Police have been doing exceptional work in our community, and the Mayor remains committed to advocating for an increased police presence in Vaughan. This ensures that every option is explored to further strengthen the safety and well-being of our residents. The Mayor will continue to explore all avenues to keep enhancing public safety across the city.



A commitment to community security: Safety of Our Cities Conference

Community safety remains a top priority for Mayor Steven Del Duca and the City of Vaughan, as highlighted at The Safety of Our Cities Conference. The panel discussions emphasized the critical importance of collaboration between police and local government to enhance community security. Engaging in these conversations fosters strong partnerships that are essential for addressing safety concerns effectively.

A heartfelt thank you goes to York Regional Police Chief MacSween for his leadership and to Peel Police for hosting this significant event. The discussions reaffirmed the commitment to maintaining a safe environment for all residents. Continued advocacy for real bail reform and other necessary measures is crucial for ensuring community safety and well-being, ultimately contributing to a more secure Vaughan for everyone.



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Stay in the loop by subscribing to Mayor Del Duca's eNewsletter! This friendly and informative publication is your go-to source for the latest news, exciting events, and important updates directly from the Mayor's office.



By signing up, you'll receive regular insights into community initiatives, safety alerts and opportunities to get involved — all delivered straight to your inbox. Whether it's announcements, council meeting highlights or new opportunities, the eNewsletter ensures you never miss a beat in our vibrant city.



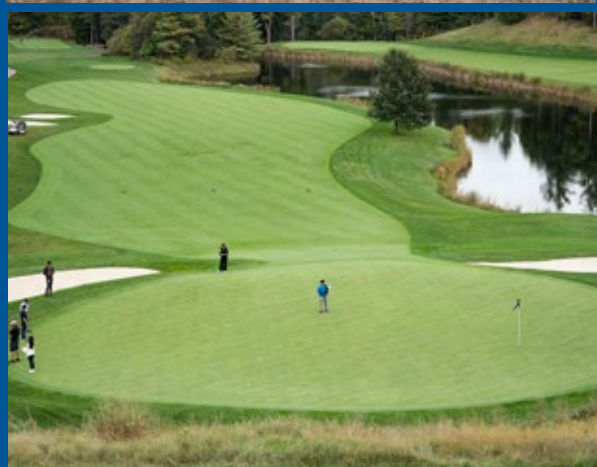
Joining is easy and free! Simply visit vaughan.ca/mayor to subscribe.



Mayor's Annual Golf Classic

The Mayor Steven Del Duca Annual Charity Golf Classic was a day to remember, bringing together Vaughan's business community and supporters who share a passion for delivering positive change. From the thrill of the golf tournament to the lively silent auctions, every moment was filled with camaraderie and kindness, showcasing the true generous spirit of Vaughan.

A sincere thank you to everyone who participated, donated or contributed to this worthy cause. Your unwavering support will leave a lasting impact on more than 200 organizations that work tirelessly to improve lives in our city.



Spotlight your impact! Invite Mayor Steven Del Duca to visit your business or organization

Exciting news for Vaughan's thriving business community and organizations! Inviting Mayor Steven Del Duca to see the meaningful work you're doing has never been easier. Whether you're celebrating a milestone, hosting an event or showcasing how your efforts contribute to Vaughan's vibrant economy and community, simply fill out the online form on the City's website.

Mayor Del Duca is eager to connect with local businesses and organizations, learning firsthand about the important contributions you're making. By welcoming the Mayor, you can highlight your impact and strengthen your bond with the Vaughan community.



To learn more and submit your request, visit vaughan.ca/mayor.



Enhancing community safety: Key fob initiative



Significant strides are being made to combat auto theft by Mayor Steven Del Duca and the City. With \$900,000 in provincial funding and initiatives like AutoGuard 1.0 — responsible for more than 50 arrests — auto theft has decreased by 31 per cent from last year. To further this success, York Regional Police has since launched Operation AutoGuard 2.0, focusing on crime prevention education and strategic enforcement.

As part of these ongoing initiatives, citizens can pick up key fob packs, designed to help deter auto theft, at local community centres. This simple yet effective measure empowers residents to actively participate in enhancing their security.

Mayor Del Duca and Members of Council are committed to advocating for more funding

for York Regional Police, ensuring a safer environment for all citizens.



Learn more at vaughan.ca



Delivering on housing: Vaughan welcomes \$35 million investment!

Vaughan is about to embark on an exciting new chapter, thanks to a significant \$35 million investment from the Ontario government through the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund. This funding will play a crucial role in developing stormwater and wastewater infrastructure in the VMC, paving the way for the construction of 20,424 new homes.

Mayor Steven Del Duca emphasized the importance of this investment, stating, "This funding is a vital step in ensuring Vaughan thrives while tackling the urgent need for affordable housing." Vaughan has received the largest funding allocation among Ontario municipalities, underscoring the city's potential



to accommodate a growing population. This initiative not only addresses our housing crisis but also enhances the quality of life for all residents. Vaughan is gearing up to meet the challenges of tomorrow with optimism and determination!

New LiUNA Training Centre now open in Vaughan



Vaughan is thrilled to announce the arrival of a cutting-edge training centre for construction workers, backed by a substantial \$26 million investment from Ontario's Skills Development Fund (SDF). Mayor Steven Del Duca alongside Premier Doug Ford revealed that the new facility at LiUNA 183 will significantly boost training capabilities, preparing nearly 50,000 additional skilled trades workers and doubling the centre's overall capacity to nearly 100,000.

This training centre will offer hands-on education in high-demand fields like bricklaying and heavy equipment operation. It's a critical response to Vaughan's rapid growth and the broader skilled trades shortage in Ontario. Together, we are investing in our community's success and helping create job opportunities for generations to come!



Supporting local initiatives through the Spirit of Generosity

Since its inception in 2012, the Spirit of Generosity initiative has made a remarkable difference in Vaughan and beyond, raising millions for more than 200 local not-for-profit and community organizations.

This support from the Spirit of Generosity will help organize an annual ride dedicated to ensuring children get the care and support they truly deserve. Beyond raising funds, this event raises awareness about the challenges children face, while fostering a strong sense of community and compassion.

Through the Spirit of Generosity, Mayor Del Duca and Members of Council are creating hope and making a real difference in the lives of individuals in Vaughan.

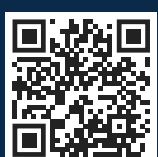


Stay engaged. Stay informed: Follow on Instagram!

Want to stay connected with what's happening in Vaughan?

Follow Mayor Steven Del Duca on Instagram! It's the perfect way to get the latest updates on city initiatives, events and community news.

From exciting city developments to behind-the-scenes glimpses and opportunities for citizens to get involved, Mayor Del Duca shares it all. Simply scan the QR code below to join the conversation and ensure you're in the loop on everything happening in Vaughan.



Stay connected!



Zoran Postic is Vaughan's new City Manager!



Following an extensive public recruitment process and in consultation with Members of Council, Mayor Steven Del Duca recently announced the appointment of Zoran Postic as Vaughan's new City Manager.

"Zoran's dedication to excellence and innovation will be instrumental in shaping Vaughan's growth and enhancing the quality of life for all our residents, while also advancing Council's key priorities," says Mayor Steven Del Duca.

Zoran has a proven track record of success in public service management. He is Vaughan's former Deputy City Manager of Public Works, and brings his commitment to delivering service excellence to residents to his new role.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/news



2025 Property Tax and Water Budget

The City of Vaughan continues to maintain one of the lowest tax rates in the Greater Toronto Area. Although less than 30 per cent of property taxes go to the City, our innovative and resident-centred budget is dedicated to investing in the community's future, embracing sustainable growth and delivering more than **200 quality programs and services** that residents, businesses and visitors rely on each day. The rest of your property taxes are directed to York Region for regional services like public health and policing, and the Province of Ontario for education.

Get involved with the City's budget process:

- **Attend the meeting on Dec. 17 at 8 p.m.** at City Hall or watch online at vaughan.ca/LiveCouncil
- Fill out the **online feedback form** at vaughan.ca/budget
- Comment on **social media** using **#VaughanBudget2025**
- **Leave a voicemail** on the Budget Hotline at **905-832-8610**
- **Email** questions and comments to budgeting@vaughan.ca



Learn more: vaughan.ca/budget



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Read updates from the City at vaughan.ca/news.

The online newsroom is updated daily!



Are You An Older Adult?

Vaughan Public Libraries offers a range of programs across our locations that provide opportunities to learn, relax, and socialize. Our Aging Well Club features monthly guests and themes, while Creative Age sessions have included drum circles, watercolour painting, and hikes & haikus. In addition, we also offer informational programs about the subjects that matter most to you.

For information on our upcoming programs, visit any branch and pick up What's On, our bi-monthly programming guide, or find us online at www.vaughanpl.info

Join us at the **Toronto Pearson Open House**

Learn more about what it takes to safely operate Canada's busiest airport and the ways we work to mitigate our impacts in the community we call home.

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2024
Place: Vaughan City Hall | 2141 Major MacKenzie Dr. W., Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Format: drop in for one-on-one conversations; there are no formal presentations.

For more information about the open house, email community.engagement@gtaa.com or call **416-776-5739**.

To learn more about Pearson and the community, torontopearson.com/community.

Toronto Pearson

Embrace the magic of winter



When the snow begins to fall, do you brave the cold, or do you prefer to cozy up indoors? No matter your preference, there's something for everyone to enjoy in Vaughan! Here are five ways to make the most of the season:

1. Lace up your skates

Hit the ice at one of Vaughan's indoor arenas, outdoor ice rinks or skating trails for a quintessential Canadian winter experience. 'Score' all the details at vaughan.ca/skate.

2. Explore snow-covered trails

Bundle up and embark on an outdoor adventure through picturesque landscapes along tree-lined paths. Find a snow-covered trail to enjoy at vaughan.ca/GreatWalks.

3. Indulge in some comfort food

Embrace the welcoming ambiance of local eateries that feel just like home – without having to clean the dirty dishes! See what's on the menu at visitvaughan.ca/dine.

4. Enjoy indoor excitement

Immerse yourself in Canadian art or get up close and personal with one of the world's largest reptiles. Plan your winter itinerary at visitvaughan.ca/winter.

5. Warm up with some shopping

From unique boutiques in the city's historic villages to the expansive list of retailers at one of the country's largest shopping centres, Map out your day of retail therapy at visitvaughan.ca/shop.

The fun never stops in Vaughan – regardless of the weather!



Learn more at visitvaughan.ca

Planning a conference, team-building event or trade show?



Host in Vaughan!

Learn more at hostinvaughan.ca



Vaughan businesses continue to invest in our city

Four recent investments have brought more than \$170 million in economic activity to Vaughan and highlight expansion in Vaughan's advanced manufacturing sector. In 2023, the city's manufacturing sector contributed nearly \$4 billion in economic output, as measured by real gross domestic product.



Hanon Systems – a global leader in automotive parts manufacturing – is investing more than \$155 million to build a new 284,200-square-foot plant in Woodbridge to advance Ontario's electric vehicle (EV) supply chain. The new facility, which expands on the company's existing Vaughan location, is set to create 300 local jobs in addition to the 550 employees Hanon's Vaughan location currently employs. This state-of-the-art facility will be the company's first North American location to produce electric scroll compressors – an essential component for EVs – and will be capable of producing up to 900,000 e-compressors annually.



Clover Tool Manufacturing Limited – another key player in Vaughan's automotive landscape – is investing \$15 million to update their facility to enhance its capability to support Vaughan and Ontario's thriving automotive sector. This is in addition to the more than \$1.8 million in support the company has received through the Government of Ontario's Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation Competitiveness program.



Arla Foods Canada – a global leader in food, with its Canadian headquarters in Vaughan – recently announced the grand opening of their new refrigerated warehousing facility in Vaughan. This new addition to the company's footprint and continued investment in its facilities is a proof point of the competitive and growing agri-food and food processing cluster in the city.



Ruggable – a Los-Angeles-based, e-commerce home goods company revolutionizing the market with designed-forward washable rugs – recently opened its first Canadian plant right here in Vaughan. Ruggable's new plant is a valuable addition to Vaughan's advanced manufacturing sector.



Learn more about Vaughan's business landscape at vaughanbusiness.ca.

Businesses can 'bloom' in Vaughan



The City takes great pride in providing an exceptional quality of life and standard of living that is second to none. One of the ways the City achieves this objective is through the Grow with Vaughan horticulture sponsorship program in support of beautification across the city.

Local businesses are invited to sponsor a City flowerbed, pollinator bed or flowerpot at one of 56 key locations across Vaughan. Each location is priced based on traffic counts, size and visibility in the surrounding area.

Participating businesses will benefit from turn-key, targeted brand exposure for one

full year, from June 2025 to May 2026.

When sponsored, a sign will be installed at the location that includes program branding along with the logo and contact information of the sponsoring business. Sponsorship includes the design, fabrication and installation of branded signage and the maintenance of the sponsored flowerbed, pollinator bed or flowerpot.

Registration is open until March 31, 2025.



Learn more at vaughan.ca/GrowWithVaughan

The City of Vaughan is proudly installing a new menorah as part of its annual Chanukah celebrations.

Join us to unveil the

Vaughan Gateway Sign and Menorah

Tuesday, Dec. 17 | 6:30 p.m.
Vaughan City Hall, Courtyard
 2141 Major Mackenzie Dr.

FREE REFRESHMENTS



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SAVE THE DATE

Chanukah Celebration and Menorah Lighting Ceremony

Monday, Dec. 30
3:30 p.m.
Vaughan City Hall, Courtyard
 2141 Major Mackenzie Dr.

FREE KOSHER REFRESHMENTS




FREE REGISTRATION
 for both events
vaughan.ca/festive

Celebrating Community Heroes



The Order of Vaughan is the highest civic honour the City may bestow on individuals who exemplify extraordinary citizenship and better the community.

On Nov. 13, Mayor Steven Del Duca presided over the City's 2024 Order of Vaughan investiture ceremony at City Hall. The award was presented to the following eight individuals for their pivotal role in shaping the community:

- **Barry Harte:** Athletics category
- **Erlinda Insigne:** Not-for-profit category
- **Gina Balseca-Aguirre:** Not-for-profit category
- **Jade Crystal:** Education category
- **Rabbi J Avram Rothman:** Spirituality category
- **Maria Tatangelo:** Not-for-profit category
- **Maureen Leshem:** Not-for-profit category
- **Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.:** Public Service category

Congratulations to this year's recipients!



Learn more at
vaughan.ca/OrderOfVaughan

You're invited on Jan. 19

New Year's Levee

Venu Event Space
 2800 Hwy 7

9:30 a.m. to noon

ENJOY A DELICIOUS COMPLIMENTARY BREAKFAST

Free registration
vaughan.ca/festive



VAUGHAN Celebrates

2025 ❄️

Winterfest

Saturday, Feb. 1 & Sunday, Feb. 2

Vellore Village Community Centre
 1 Villa Royale Ave.

Save the date!



Bringing the community together



80 events were held across Vaughan in support of Vaughan Culture Days, which invited the public to experience the importance of arts and culture in our community.

Every November, the City honours the brave Canadians who served and continue to serve our country. During the Remembrance event on Nov. 1, messages were placed on the City's poppy wall. On Nov. 11, Mayor Steven Del Duca and Members of Council hosted a service at the Woodbridge Cenotaph. Visit vaughan.ca/RemembranceMonth to view Defined by Duty, an online exhibit



Over the past few months, the City hosted events to honour our community's diversity and showcase the many cultures that make up our beautiful city.

On Aug. 14, Mayor Steven Del Duca and Members of Council, together with the Consul General of Pakistan in Toronto, gathered with the community to celebrate Pakistan Independence Day and the richness of Pakistan's art, heritage and culture.

On Aug. 15, Mayor Steven Del Duca, Members of Council and members of the community celebrated India Independence Day at an event that honoured Indian culture, heritage and art.

The City proclaimed Sept. 30 the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day. To commemorate the day, flags at all City facilities were lowered to half-mast. At Vaughan City Hall, the 'Every Child Matters' flag was flown at half-mast and the building was illuminated orange that evening in observance. This day serves to recognize the tragic legacy of residential schools, the missing children, the families left behind and the survivors of these institutions.

For the second year in a row, the City was selected as a Festival Hub for Ontario Culture Days. From Sept. 20 to Oct. 13, more than

that recognizes the wartime experiences of people from Vaughan and York Region.

On Nov. 4, Mayor Steven Del Duca and Members of Council hosted the City's second annual Diwali event. Also known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali brings families together to reflect, give thanks and look toward the promise of the new year ahead.



Learn more at
vaughan.ca/events



2022-2026 Members of Council



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Public Meetings continue – have your say

Vaughan is a city in demand. And as one of the fastest-growing cities in Canada, it continues to evolve. But city building doesn't happen overnight. Well before construction begins, developments undergo a careful review by City of Vaughan staff, Vaughan Council, public agencies (such as the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, York Region and provincial ministries, where appropriate)... and you!

Public consultation remains a vital part of the planning and city-building process. There are many ways you can participate in meetings and have your say, including:

- **Speaking in person:**

Attend a meeting in person at Vaughan City Hall (2141 Major Mackenzie Dr.).

- **Joining virtually:**

Speak live via teleconference to the Mayor and Members of Council during a meeting.

- **Calling in:**

Speak live from a telephone (regular landline or cellphone) during a meeting.

- **Emailing:**

Submit a written communication for review by Members of Council.



Watch this video to learn more about what happens during a Public Meeting.



Visit vaughan.ca/CouncilMeetings for a full schedule of meetings and agendas.



A livestream of all public Council and Committee of the Whole meetings is available at vaughan.ca/LiveCouncil during each meeting.

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- **Call:** 905-832-2281
Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

*Report municipal emergencies 24/7
by pressing 0*

- **Email:** service@vaughan.ca

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