

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!



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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.



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Strengthening community safety together



Last 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 neighbourhoods. By coming together, we can build a safer Vaughan for everyone. A huge thank you goes to 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 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 supported the 2025 York Regional Police Budget, passed by York Region Council on Nov. 28, 2024. Approval of this funding means 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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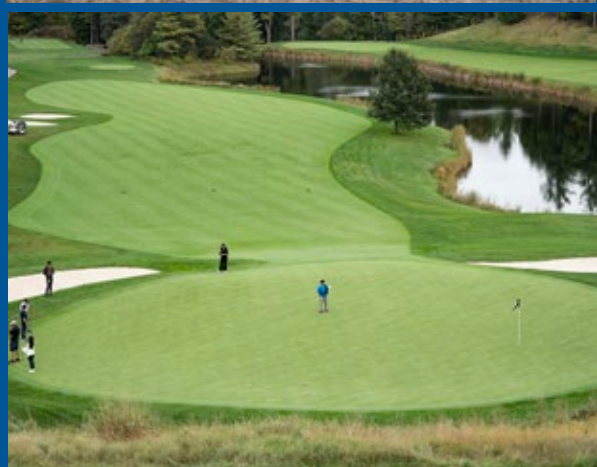




Mayor's Annual Golf Classic

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 and completed 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.



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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.

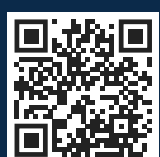


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