

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (2) – MAY 13, 2025

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**HUMAN TRAFFICKING
AWARENESS WEEK AND FLAG
RAISING REQUEST
Oct 6th to Oct 10th**

In 2023 we began raising the STOP Human Trafficking Flag with your support and had a week in October proclaimed as Human Trafficking Awareness Week



Last October 2024 you supported us again and the flag was raised as well as approving our request to have Oct 7th to 11th proclaimed as Human Trafficking Awareness Week



BOOTS ON THE GROUND

As part of our mission to bring awareness and get “boots on the ground”, we organized a presentation to inform parents about the dangers their children face.

Our presenters were Det. Amanda French, York Region Human Trafficking Division and Crown Counsel, Caitlin Downing, Ministry of the Attorney General, Provincial Human Trafficking Prosecution team.

We were amazed to learn that although each prosecuted case is different, the timeline to completion of a prosecution is 18 to 30 months.

Even Detective French’s daughter was lured at 14 through the friend of a friend but she knew enough to go immediately to her parents.



647 473-1584



▶ As part of our mission, we chose to offer support to 360 Kids/Hope Program in York Region through a fundraising campaign. We learned last Christmas that a 12 year old child, who had been trafficked in an encampment in York Region, was in their care.

▶ Our contact told us that the first thing the girls asked when we sent a donation and food was, “what do we have to do for this?” They couldn’t believe people knew about them and cared.

▶ We were also told that they LOVED the cannoli we sent! Two of them had never tasted cannoli in their lives





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Warning Signs for Friends and Family

- ↓ Sudden interest in someone several years older - as friends or romantically
- ↓ New clothing, jewelry, gifts
- ↓ Access to alcohol/drugs
- ↓ Expensive outings
- ↓ Frequent sleepovers at a friend's house
- ↓ Sudden change in style of dress or makeup
- ↓ New group of friends
- ↓ Isolation from old friends/family
- ↓ Change in attitude towards school, activities and friends
- ↓ Grades are dropping
- ↓ Fatigue/irritability
- ↓ Unexplained injuries
- ↓ Using more than one cell phone
- ↓ Limited access to social media when out

Once again, we are requesting a Human Trafficking Awareness Week for Oct. 6th to 10th 2025 and a flag raising on Oct. 6th.



ILLUMINATE AWARENESS

February 22nd is the National Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Canada, we are requesting an Illumination of Vaughan City Hall that day in 2026.



CITY HALL ILLUMINATION REQUEST FORM

PART 1: ORGANIZATION DETAILS

ORGANIZATION NAME

St Padre Pio Catholic Women's League

ORGANIZATION TYPE

Public Institution

PART 2: REQUESTER DETAILS

LAST NAME OR SINGLE NAME

Fisher

FIRST NAME

Debbie

STREET ADDRESS

5500 Major Mackenzie Dr.

APT/UNIT NUMBER**CITY/TOWN**

Kleinburg

PROVINCE

ON

POSTAL CODE

L0J 1C0

EMAIL ADDRESS**TELEPHONE NUMBER**

PART 3: ALTERNATE CONTACT DETAILS

LAST NAME OR SINGLE NAME

Pasquini

FIRST NAME

Nadia

STREET ADDRESS**APT/UNIT NUMBER****CITY/TOWN**

Woodbridge

PROVINCE

ON

POSTAL CODE

L4H 1N4

EMAIL ADDRESS**TELEPHONE NUMBER**

PART 4: ILLUMINATION REQUEST DETAILS

CAUSE/EVENT/COMMEMORATION TO BE RECOGNIZED

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

DATE FOR ILLUMINATION

Feb. 22 2026

COLOURS AND SEQUENCE (*Please provide name and/or RGB colour code in the order you wish them to be displayed. Please note that there are a total of either (8) LED light pods available.*)

All Blue

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CITY HALL ILLUMINATION REQUEST FORM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

PART 1: ORGANIZATION DETAILS

- Please provide your organization's full official name.
- Select the most appropriate type from the options provided.

PART 2: REQUESTOR DETAILS

- Identify the primary contact for this request on behalf of the organization identified in Part 1.

PART 3: ALTERNATE CONTACT DETAILS

- Please make sure to identify an alternate contact to ensure staff can reach a representative of your organization if the primary contact is unavailable on short notice.

PART 4: ILLUMINATION REQUEST DETAILS

- Identify the occasion being recognized by this proclamation, i.e. national day, independence day, awareness month.
- Please select the date for the illumination. If there is a conflict with an existing and approved request, you may be asked to provide an alternate date for illumination.
- Please identify the colours you wish to have illuminated on the date. If you know the RGB colour codes for the colours you are including in your request, you may note them here. If you do not know the code, City of Vaughan staff will attempt to match as closely as possible with the colours you have named in this request form.

2024 Annual Accessibility Status Report Overview

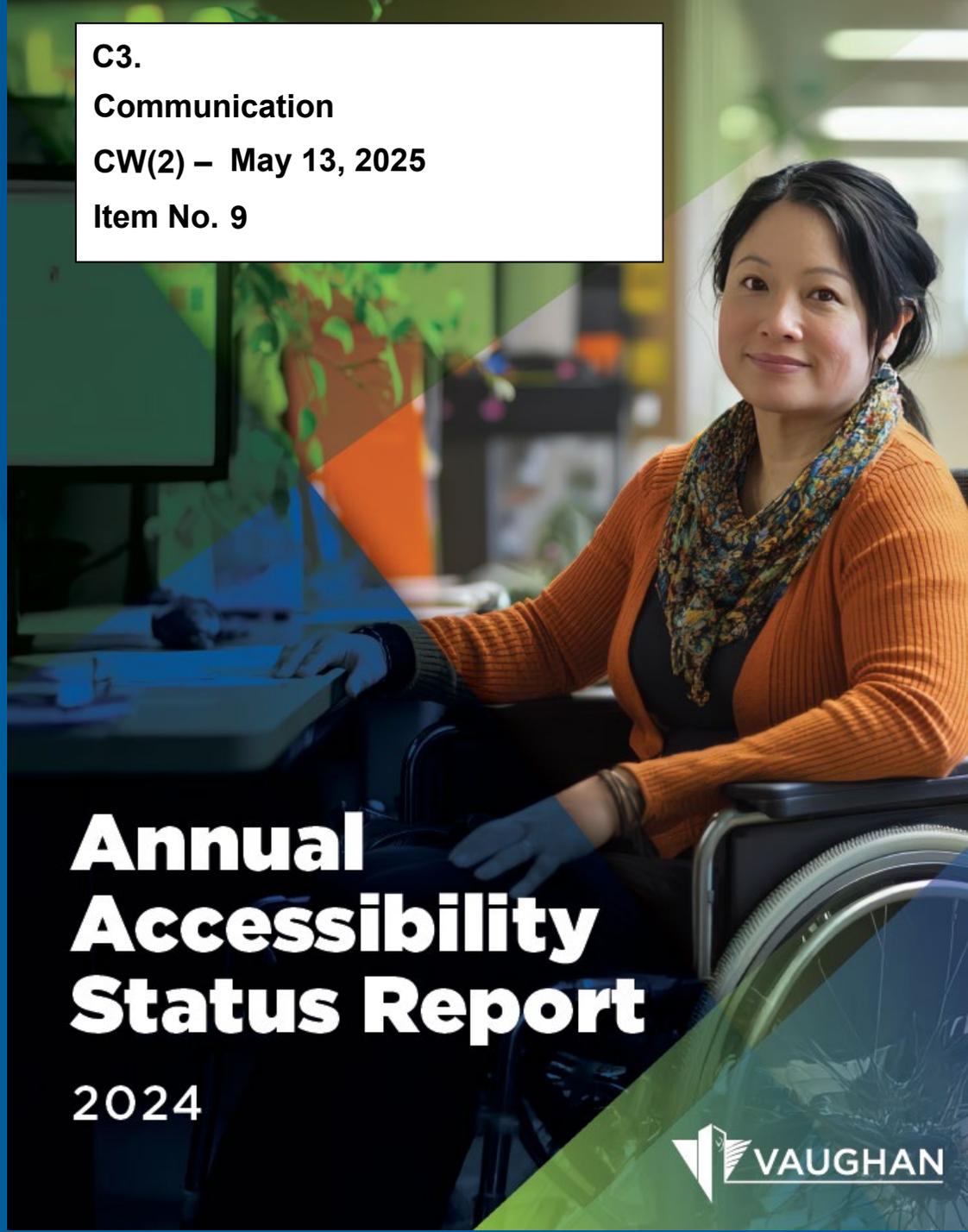
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A woman with dark hair, wearing an orange sweater and a patterned scarf, is seated in a wheelchair in an office environment. She is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. The background shows office desks, a potted plant, and a window with blinds.

**Annual
Accessibility
Status Report**

2024

Overview

- ▶ 2023-2027 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan was developed to remove barriers, enhance accessibility, and foster inclusion.
- ▶ The 2024 Accessibility Status Report highlights major strides in implementing the MYAP.
- ▶ The Accessibility Advisory Committee has played a critical role.
- ▶ The City continues to enhance accessibility across all Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act standards.
- ▶ The City remains at the forefront of accessibility innovation.



2023-2027 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan Cover Page

Accessibility Advisory Committee

- ▶ Provides essential guidance on policies affecting people with disabilities.
- ▶ Held five meetings in 2024 on key topics: traffic signals, waste management, and wayfinding.
- ▶ Launched Accessibility Champions Awards to promote accessibility efforts.



2024 Accessibility Committee Members with Mayor, Members of Council, current and former City staff.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

- ▶ Biennial awards recognizing leaders in accessibility.
- ▶ 2024 Recipients:
 - Student: Anthony D'Ambrosio
 - Individual: Deborah Helfand (DANI Café)
 - Small Business (For-Profit): Mobile Radiance Dental Hygiene
 - Small Business (Non-Profit): Sara Elizabeth
 - Medium Business: Kayla Children's Centre



2024 Accessibility Champion Award winners with 2024 Committee Members, Mayor, Members of Council, and current and former City staff.

General Accessibility Accomplishments

The City continues to foster relationships with disability communities and is recognized as a leader in inclusion and accessibility.

Policy Updates

- ▶ New/Updated Policies:
 - Accessibility Policy
 - Accommodation Policy
 - Updated Accessible Customer Service Policy
- ▶ Staff Training: Online modules for accessibility and disability management.

Age-Friendly Community Action Plan

- ▶ Part of the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Communities.
- ▶ Received provincial funding for seniors' programs
- ▶ Integration of accessibility needs into urban planning.



Person using a mobility walker.

Information & Communications

- ▶ Expanded staff training.
 - Mandatory eLearning on accessible digital content.
 - Training for web accessibility monitoring.
- ▶ Contracted a vendor for comprehensive digital accessibility assessment for ongoing improvements.
- ▶ Recreation Services continues to improve accessibility through signage audits, web updates, and targeted marketing for inclusive programs.



Woman using a computer with a braille display keyboard and headphones.

Employment Accomplishments

- ▶ Inclusive hiring initiatives (e.g., School Crossing Guards program).
- ▶ Employment skill development program empowers youth with disabilities for recreation workforce readiness.
- ▶ Updated emergency evacuation plans for inclusive safety.



Young woman smiling and wearing a blue shirt.

Customer Service Highlights

- ▶ Inclusion program expansion:
 - 40% increase in services.
 - 10% rise in participant enrollment.
- ▶ Trained 664 Recreation staff and 123 volunteers in accessibility practices.
- ▶ Accessible community events (e.g., Winterfest, Ontario Culture Days) featured adaptive activities and inclusive performances.



City of Vaughan service counter with loop system sign.

Design of Public Spaces

- ▶ Building Accessibility Assessments completed.
 - Assessment for 76 sites.
- ▶ Enhanced recreational and City facilities (e.g., accessible pools, ramps, ice sledges, e-vac chairs).
- ▶ Progress on VMC Signage and Wayfinding Master Plan.



Young male using an assistive swimming device in a swimming pool.

Looking Ahead

- ▶ 2025: Midpoint review of the 2023-2027 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.
- ▶ Launch of Better Your Business: Tourism Diversity Program.
- ▶ Testing and feedback for GoodMaps indoor wayfinding app.
- ▶ Continued investment in accessible infrastructure, digital resources, and inclusive programming.



Woman and child smiling.



Thank you!

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Mayor Steven Del Duca and Members of the Committee of the Whole

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Re: THREE STRIKES AND YOU ARE IN - FASTER APPROVALS FOR MORE HOMES IN VAUGHAN

Committee of the Whole – May 13, 2025

On behalf of the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD), we are pleased to submit this correspondence **in support** of the *Member's Resolution: Three Strikes and You Are In - Faster Approvals for More Homes in Vaughan* as presented on the May 13th Committee of the Whole agenda.

BILD greatly values our long-standing relationship with the City of Vaughan, founded on transparency, collaboration, and open dialogue. We view this resolution as a meaningful and necessary step toward accelerating the delivery of much-needed housing. BILD commends the City for recognizing the importance of this initiative and demonstrating leadership by recommending its implementation. First introduced by the City of Mississauga, this approach reflects a growing commitment to improve the planning process, and BILD fully supports its advancement in Vaughan.

Our members have consistently supported the City's efforts to create a more enabling environment for housing. Most recently, this includes the City's bold decision to reduce development charge rates by nearly 50 percent on all residential developments, an action that sends a strong signal to the market and helps build consumer confidence while advancing housing supply.

We appreciate the City's ongoing commitment to accelerating housing delivery. BILD members remain dedicated to building vibrant, complete communities in Vaughan. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this correspondence. We look forward to continued collaboration and to the progress ahead.

Sincerely,



Dave Wilkes
President and CEO

CC: BILD York Forum Members
Mayor Del Duca and Members of Council
BILD Policy and Advocacy Team