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**NEW BUSINESS** 

**ADJOURNMENT** 

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

### CITY OF VAUGHAN ECONOMIC PROSPERITY TASK FORCE AGENDA

#### This is an Electronic Meeting.

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	1.	CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA		
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4	3.	COMMUNICATIONS		
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		1.	VAUGHAN'S IDENTITY OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT REVIEW AND DISCUSSION Discussion with respect to the above.	2
		2.	CITY BUILDING: VAUGHAN'S DEVELOPED AREAS AND THE FUTURE OF BUILT-FORM Presentation by Acting Director of Economic and Cultural Development - Raphael Costa, and Discussion.	4
į	5.	ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION		

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION



## **Meeting #2 Recap**

#### City of Vaughan Identity Opportunity Statement

The City of Vaughan is a leader in the Greater Toronto Area's (GTA) economy. Our location has made Vaughan a catalyst for innovation and transformation while providing opportunity for businesses and talent to thrive.

The City of Vaughan has an opportunity to stand out amongst its neighbours. Growing beyond the suburban, fueled by innovation, Vaughan's massive transformation allows businesses and talent to enjoy the excitement, opportunity and culture of urban centres with the comfort of the suburbs. Vaughan has unparalleled access to talent with the technical and business skills to make the economy succeed, via our subway and major projects like the new downtown and healthcare centre precinct. Economic and Cultural Development has an opportunity to shift Vaughan's narrative as an edge-city in the GTA to capture the reality that ours is a world-class city with fast-moving, transformational projects and opportunities.



#### **City of Vaughan Identity Opportunity Statement**

How can we do this? Initial thoughts include:

- Engage, educate, and empower business leaders in a variety of sectors
- Use stories from current business owners Why are you here?
   What were you able to accomplish by being in this local economy?
- Communications campaign with key messages related to Vaughan's transformative growth
- Campaign focus could include: Healthcare Centre Precinct world-class health and safety; VMC a downtown rising only
  city outside Toronto with subway access (intersection with
  talent); life-style projects like the North Maple Regional park
  and super trail system all of these speak to a city that leads
  with innovation



# Vaughan: Built-Form and our Economy



## Why Vaughan?

All access, no compromise

#### Vaughan's advantages

Prime location
Strong economy
Diverse economy
Connected to talent
Embedded in innovation
Ambitious projects
Satisfied businesses
Satisfied residents
Service Excellence



## Prime Location

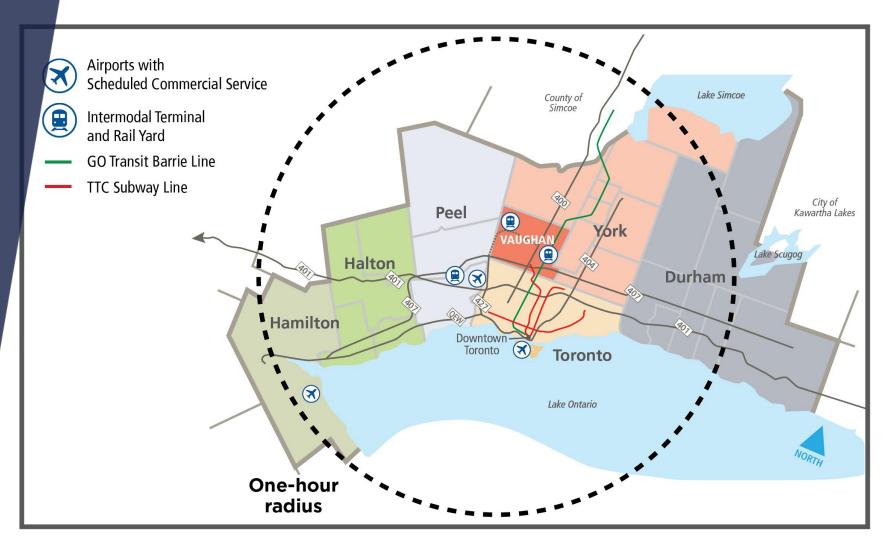
Access to domestic and international markets

#### **Greater Toronto**

Central to downtown and suburbs
Major highways
Commuter transit links

#### **Canada and International**

Pearson Int'l Airport Intermodal Terminals CN Rail Yard



## Strong Economy

4th largest business centre in the GTA

Largest economy in York Region

**Growing local population** 

More than 325,000 residents Projected to reach 500,000 by 2041

#### City building continues

1,040 permits valued at over \$327 million issued Jan 1 to May 31, 2020

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

\$24.2 BILLION

2% year-over-year growth

BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS

19,100

**TOTAL EMPLOYMENT** 

227,000

6% year-over-year growth

4%

**ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE** 

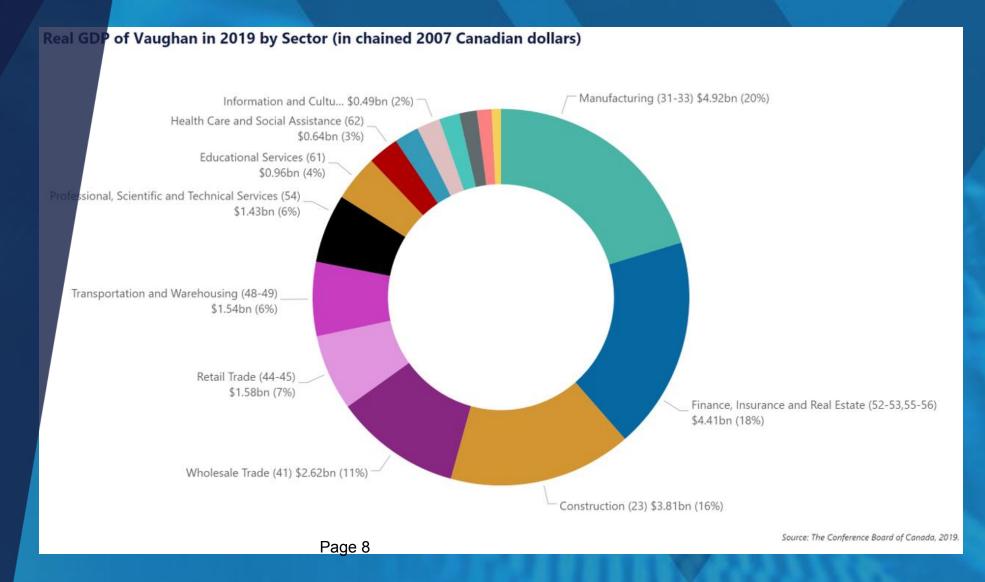
**BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY THE CITY OF VAUGHAN IN 2019** 

\$1.316 BILLION

## Diverse Economy

#### **Major Employers**

Adidas Canada **Bondfield Construction** Canada's Wonderland Condrain Costco Wholesale FedEx Ganz **GFL** Environmental **Grand & Toy Highlight Motor Group** Home Depot Kohl & Frisch **KPMG** Magna P&F Tool & Die Mircom **NPL** Canada **OZZ Electric** Recipe (Cara Foods) SCIEX **SmartCentres** Telecon Design **Toromont CAT** United Parcel Service Canada



## **Connected to Talent**

Within a one hour drive:

Large and growing talent pool 3 million workers

#### **Educated and in demand**

68% post-secondary attainment 2.25 million post-secondary educated workers

#### Robust pipeline

20 universities and 28 colleges 170,000+ university students 118,000+ college students Niagara University in VMC

#### **Diverse**

160+ languages spoken



**Embedded** in Innovation

Part of Canada's second largest tech hub

#### York Region tech hub

4,300+ tech firms 60,000+ tech-based jobs

#### **Ecosystem assets**

ventureLAB Incubators Innovation hubs Campus-linked accelerators Coworking and shared offices 48 colleges and universities\*



\*Including satellite campuses

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**Key ecosystem sectors** 

Digital health and devices

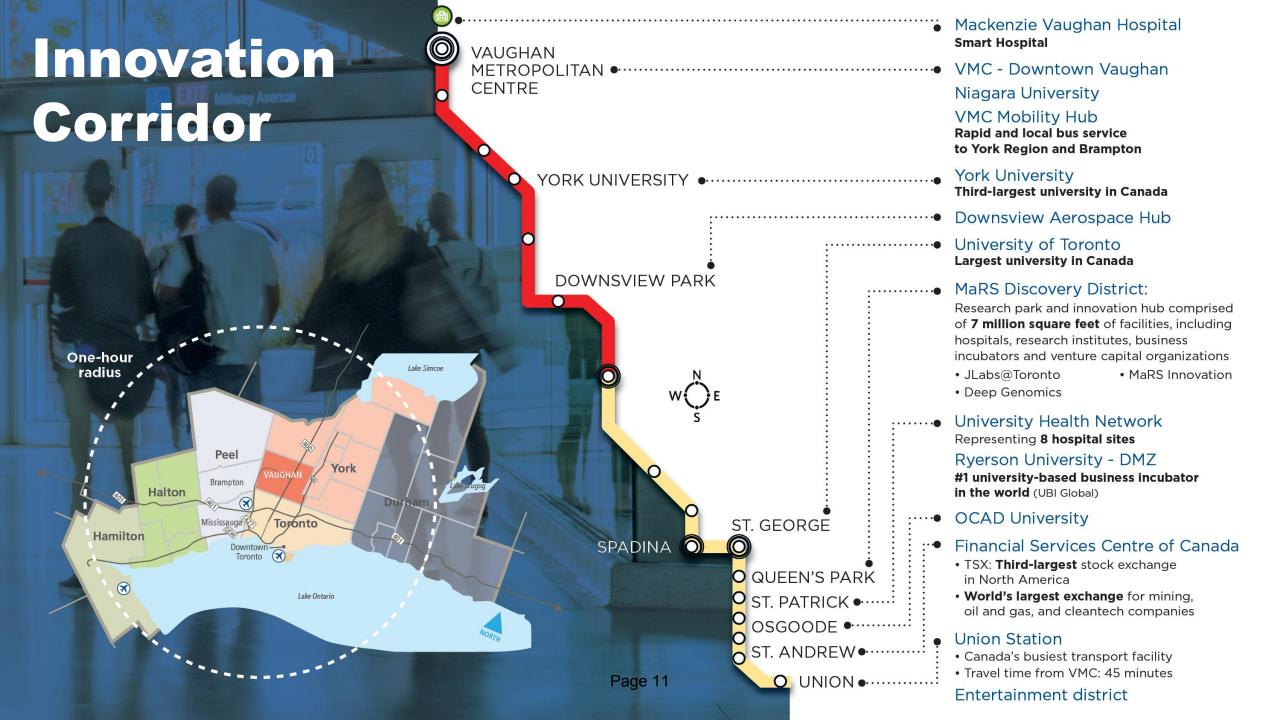
Advanced manufacturing

Fintech

Digital media and information and

communications technology (ICT)

College ● Funding and Investment ● Innovation Centres, Hubs and Incubators ● Makerspaces ● Shared Office Space ● Small Business Enterprise Centre ● University



## Ambitious Projects

**Groundbreaking city- building projects** 

#### **Downtown Vaughan**

Poised to be the new financial, innovation and cultural core of the city.

### **Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct**

Adjacent to Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, Canada's first smart hospital.

Partnership with ventureLAB, York U and Mackenzie Health



## Satisfied Residents

97% citizen satisfaction

#### **High quality amenities**

North Maple Regional Park 500 City-owned recreation assets National-scale attractions Vibrant independent restaurants

#### Safe communities

Suburban neighborhoods
Quaint main streets
Luxury estates
Urban condos and townhomes

#### **Multicultural population**

46% foreign-born
Large Italian, Chinese,
Indian, Russian and
Filipino communities



## **EDC** Role

**Economic Developers** are:

Educators
Catalysts
Connectors
Gap Fillers

**Economic Developers** act by:

Monitoring
Marketing
Managing Program
Creating Policy



## **Objectives**

Term of Council Service Excellence Strategic Plan

**Economic & Cultural Development Business Plan** 

Enable a Climate for Job Creation

Advance Economic
Opportunities and Attract New
Investments

Enrich Vaughan's Communities and Economy Through Public Art and Cultural Development

Demonstrate Good Value for Money



#### **Economic and Cultural Development**

Business
Advisory
Information
(Research and
Marketing)

Education

Consultation

Marketing

Research

Stapply Chain and Logistics
Retail

Services
Tourism

Healthcare
Creative
Industries

