

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (2) – MAY 9, 2023

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May 9, 2023
Item #9

Pickleball Project Update

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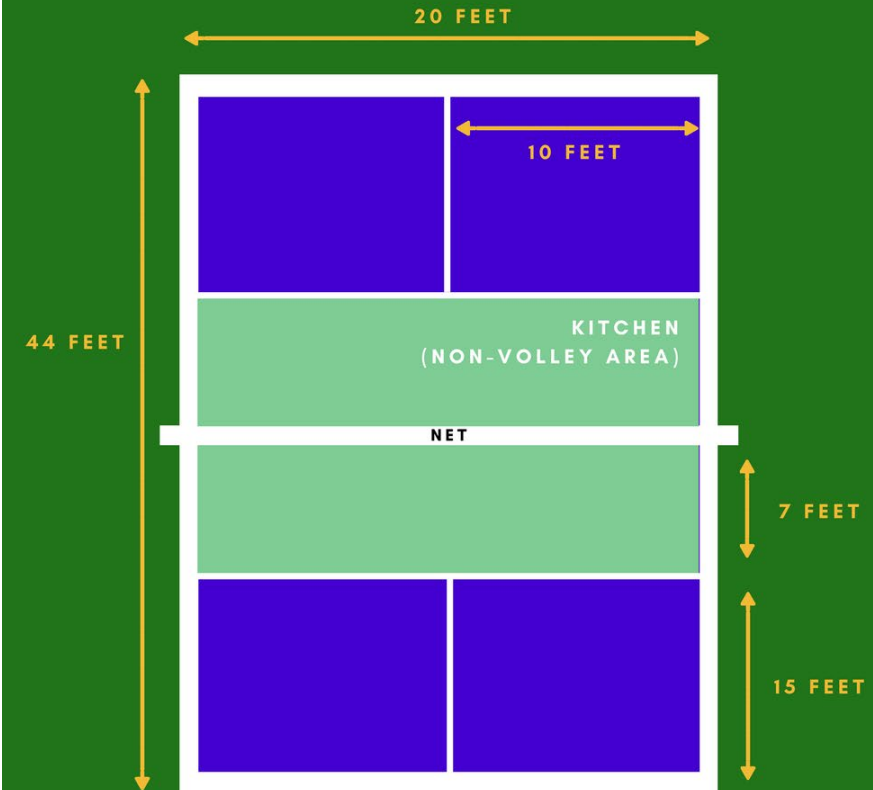
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What is Pickleball?

- Pickleball is an **emerging sport** experiencing a popularity boom in Canada, particularly among older adults and seniors.
- Paddleball sport combining elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong.
- It is played with a **paddle and a wiffleball** (a plastic ball with holes) on a badminton-sized court approx. 20 feet by 44 feet (6m x 13m) with a slightly modified tennis net (approximately 50 mm lower in height).
- The sport can be played as **doubles or singles** and can be enjoyed by **all ages and skill levels**.
- The sport has aspects of a **social sport** where several players congregate to participate in rotational play.



PICKLEBALL COURT MEASUREMENTS (OFFICIAL RULES)



NET AT SIDELINE
36 INCHES HIGH

NET AT CENTER
34 INCHES HIGH

2018 ATMP Recommendation

The 2018 Active Together Master Plan (ATMP) sets out a ***vision for a healthier and more mobile community***. The vision, goals and objectives of the Pickleball Study reflects the following recommendation set out in the ATMP:

38. Undertake a pilot project to evaluate the feasibility of re-purposing existing tennis courts (re-lining) to share use between tennis and pickleball.



2021 Pickleball Study

Study Overview

The inhouse Study identifies ***suitable locations*** within municipal parks with existing tennis courts for pickleball lining, as well as establish a new ***level of service*** for outdoor facilities. The scope of the Study included the following:

1. Measures ***interest and demand*** of existing user(s)/groups;
2. Identifies ***suitable locations*** that can be line painted with pickleball courts;
3. Establishes ***facility standards*** and specifications; and
4. Identifies a ***new service level provision*** for pickleball courts

Key results of Pilot project

1. A ***pilot project*** was implemented for the 2021 playing season at these locations with positive feedback received overall
2. Initial roll out of ***seven (7) courts*** in six (6) parks across the City to make them compatible for pickleball play for shared-use.
3. The provision of pickleball facilities may be continued to be addressed through ***refurbishment and lining projects*** on existing courts.
4. Additional pickleball courts can continue to be provided on a ***case-by-case basis*** through the lining of existing tennis courts.
5. Move forward with identifying sites for ***dedicated pickleball courts***.

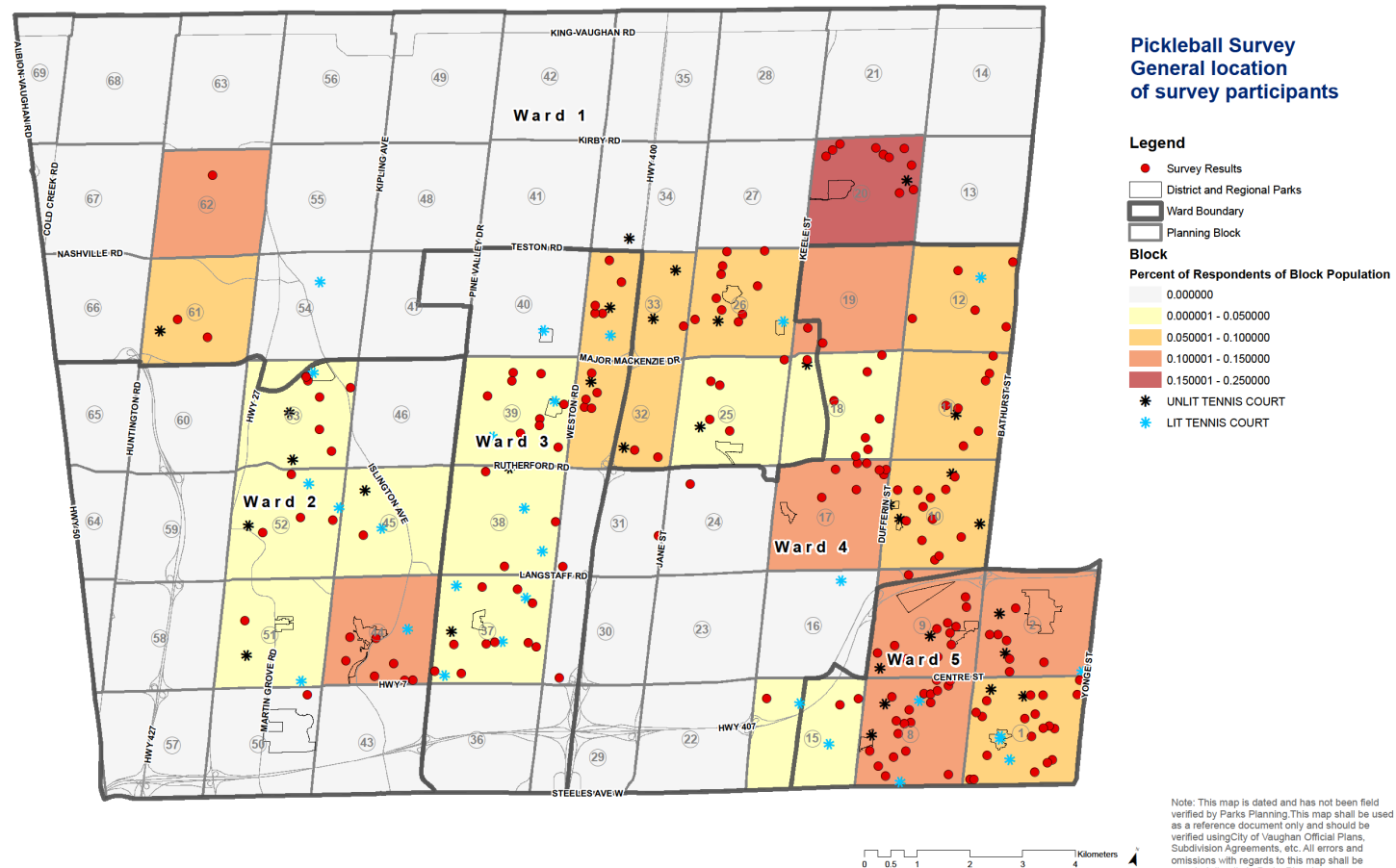
2021 Pickleball Study

Survey Key Findings

- Survey undertaken February to March 2021
- **305 Respondents**, **60%** play once or more per week, **80%** are not part of a club, and **60%** indicated an interest to be part of a Vaughan League.
- **Casual play** is preferred followed by “city run drop in” program.
- **76%** supported sharing pickleball with tennis courts.
- Currently an equal mix of indoor and outdoor play is practiced. However **30%** of respondents indicate a preference to play outdoors.
- **70%** prefer to play at a facility that has nets as opposed to option of bringing their own portable net.

2021 Pickleball Study

Survey Respondents Heat Map



2021 Pickleball Study

Site Selection Criteria

Building upon the findings of the Pickleball Study survey, background research on pickleball, and information collected through consultation with user groups, staff considered the following **site selection criteria** to identify ***potential locations*** for an initial roll out:

User Base

- i. Service area population
- ii. Local interest
- iii. Permitting restrictions

Existing Tennis Court Conditions

- i. Number of tennis courts
- ii. Surfacing material
- iii. Surfacing condition
- iv. Court wind exposure

Amenities

- i. Court lighting
- ii. Access to parking
- iii. Access to washrooms

Nuisance

- i. Potential nuisance due to game play noise

Outdoor Pickleball

In 2022 a total of 9 outdoor shared-use courts were installed at 8 park locations city-wide

1. Maple Community District Park (Ward 1)
2. Maxey Park (Ward 2)
3. Giovanni Caboto Park (Ward 3)
4. North Thornhill District Park (1 court) Ward 4
5. Dufferin District Park (Ward 5) *2 courts
6. Promenade Green Park (Ward 5)
7. Rosedale Park North (Ward 5)
8. York Hill District Park (Ward 5)



Indoor Pickleball Opportunities

Recreational drop-in pickleball programs are a first come first serve open forum for different skill levels to practice and participate in recreational game play, with each session running between 1.5 – 2 hours.

Currently, there are three community centres offering drop-in pickleball programming:

- 1. Al Palladini Community Centre**
- 2. North Thornhill Community Centre**
- 3. Dufferin Clark Community Centre**

The newly renovated Garnet A. Williams Community Centre will add to the list when it reopens this summer.

Registered pickleball programs are available at community centres across the City on a seasonal basis and include:

- 1. Learn to Play Pickleball:** An introductory program to pickleball. Through friendly gameplay as either singles or doubles, learn basic pickleball shots, court awareness and scoring.
- 2. Pickleball Ladder:** A competition where players can work your way up the rankings by winning matches against other pickleball ladder players with similar skill levels.

2023-2024 Pickleball Initiatives

City of Vaughan is expanding outdoor pickleball courts and indoor programming city-wide to help meet growing demand

- Installation of **10 additional outdoor pickleball courts** for shared-use with tennis by Q3 2023
- Construction of **8 outdoor dedicated pickleball courts** at 2 locations (Carrville Community Centre, Le Parc Park) by Q3 2024
- **Increasing indoor pickleball court offerings** to 4 locations with the addition of Carrville Community Centre

27

**Outdoor courts by 2024
(8 dedicated + 19 shared-use)**

13

Indoor courts for drop-in programming by 2024

Next Steps

Pickleball communication and PSA to be released on May 10

Provides information on existing facilities, indoor programs and future plans

Request for Expression of Interest

The City has received inquiries from external parties interested in developing a pickleball hub and service the community. Staff will consider developing a Request for Expression of Interest (RFEOI) process to formally receive interests and report back to Council.

Tennis and Racquet Sports Study to be launched Q3 2023

Study will review and evaluate existing assets and opportunities for program/facility improvements or expansion

Pickleball Courts IN THE CITY OF VAUGHAN



Pickleball has experienced a huge surge of popularity in the last few years, particularly in North America. The sport can be played as doubles or singles and is enjoyed by all ages and skill levels. The City is striving to meet community demand for pickleball courts. Based on a study completed in 2022, the City is providing outdoor pickleball courts by adding line work at existing tennis courts for shared-use tennis/pickleball, and through the design and construction of dedicated pickleball courts.

There are currently **9 shared-use (pickleball and tennis)** outdoor courts that are open to the public on a first come first serve basis. Vaughan Council has also approved development of **10 additional shared-use** courts and **8 new dedicated courts** for installation in 2023 and 2024 for a total of **27 pickleball courts city-wide**.

The City will also be conducting a Tennis and Racquet Sports Strategy to further evaluate the feasibility of retrofitting some existing tennis courts to meet the future needs for tennis and upcoming outdoor racquet sports such as pickleball.

Read the 2022 report at vaughan.ca/pickleball

The following chart summarizes City of Vaughan outdoor pickleball court initiatives:

Ward	Location	# of courts	Type	In-Service Date
1	Maple Community District Park 101 McNaughton Rd.	1	Shared-use tennis/pickleball	Existing
2	Maxey Park 199 Willis Rd.	1	Shared-use tennis/pickleball	Existing
2	Woodbridge Highland Park 51 Thompson Creek Blvd.	2	Shared-use tennis/pickleball	Q3 2023
3	Chatfield District Park 100 Lawford Rd.	2	Shared-use tennis/pickleball	Q3 2023
3	Giovanni Caboto Park 75 Matthew Dr.	1	Shared-use tennis/pickleball	Existing
4	Carrville Community Centre, Library and District Park 655 Thomas Cook Ave.	4	Dedicated pickleball	Q3 2024
4	LeParc Park 172 Connie Crescent	4	Dedicated pickleball	Q3 2024
4	North Thornhill District Park 300 Pleasant Ridge Ave.	1	Shared-use tennis/pickleball	Existing
4	North Thornhill District Park 300 Pleasant Ridge Ave.	2	Shared-use tennis/pickleball	Q3 2023
5	Dufferin District Park 1441 Clark Ave. W.	2	Shared-use tennis/pickleball	Existing
5	Glen Shields Park 140 Glen Shields Ave.	2	Shared-use tennis/pickleball	Q3 2023
5	Promenade Green Park 25 Carl Tennan St.	1	Shared-use tennis/pickleball	Existing
5	Rosedale Park North 350 Atkinson Ave.	1	Shared-use tennis/pickleball	Existing
5	Wade Gate Park 151 Wade Gate	2	Shared-use tennis/pickleball	Q3 2023
5	York Hill District Park 330 York Hill Blvd.	1	Shared-use tennis/pickleball	Existing

vaughan.ca/pickleball





Questions & Discussion

VAUGHAN CITY HALL



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**Communication: C2
Committee of the Whole (2)
May 9, 2023
Item #3**

May 8, 2023

By email

Mayor and Members of Council
City of Vaughan
Vaughan City Hall, Level 100
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr.
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Attn: Mr. Todd Coles, City Clerk

Dear Mr. Coles:

**Re: Item 3, Committee of the Whole (2) Report (Tuesday May 9, 2023)
Proposed Interim Control By-law for Kipling Avenue & Woodbridge Centre
Our client: Canuck Properties Ltd.**

We are counsel to Canuck Properties Ltd (“Canuck”), the registered owners of the lands municipally known as 8214 Kipling Avenue. Our client’s property is located on the west side of Kipling Avenue, north of Woodbridge Avenue. Our client’s property contains Woodbridge Foam, a large manufacturing facility that employs a significant number of employees.

While our client appreciates the importance of expanded public transit in the GTA and likewise appreciates the City’s interest in conducting the proposed study, our client is concerned about two aspects of the proposed Interim Control By-law (“ICBL”).

CONCERN RESPECTING CURRENT OPERATIONS

Our client’s tenant, Woodbridge Foam, plays a very important role in the City’s economy. During the term of the study it may need to modify its operation which

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might require a building permit. The proposed ICBL might well prohibit such modifications. Our client requests that the proposed ICBL be revised to permit modifications to the existing building(s) provided they continue to be used for industrial purposes.

CONCERN RESPECTING THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY

The proposed ICBL boundary appears to exclude an important parcel, being the railway corridor on the east side of Kipling Avenue (between Meeting House Road and William Street). If City Council decides to enact the ICBL then our client requests that these lands be included within the study area. By excluding the section of railway adjacent (west) of the Woodbridge Fairgrounds lands, it effectively removes the ability for the Woodbridge Fairgrounds site as potential location for the future GO Station.

Additionally, the draft ICBL fails to identify and incorporate properties which would facilitate an important vehicular and pedestrian link that would enhance connectivity between any future proposed GO Station and Woodbridge Avenue. Should our client's property be redeveloped one day for transit supportive densities, then a road connection from it to Woodbridge Avenue is warranted.

Should City Council decide to enact the proposed ICBL, our client requests that the study area boundary be expanded to include these other properties. The proposed revised boundary is provided as Figure 1 below.



FIGURE 1: PROPOSED INTERIM CONTROL BY-LAW WOODBRIDGE AREA

Thank you for your kind consideration of our client's concerns.

KAGAN SHASTRI DeMELO WINER PARK ^{LLP}

Ira T. Kagan

Cc: Client

Humphries Planning Group

Please reply to the: Yorkville Office

**Communication: C3
Committee of the Whole (2)
May 9, 2023
Item #3**

Mackenzie Health update

Presentation to Vaughan Council

**Altaf Stationwala
President and CEO, Mackenzie Health
Tuesday, May 9, 2023**



Mackenzie Health today



Mackenzie Health as two hospitals



5,142*
Staff

700*
Volunteers



678*
Physicians



292,714
diagnostic
imaging tests



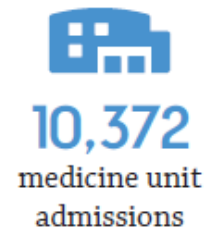
181,640
Emergency
Department visits



10,584
surgical
procedures



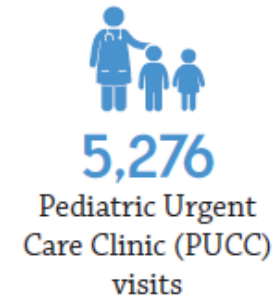
1,975
critical care
admissions



10,372
medicine unit
admissions



3,597
babies
delivered



5,276
Pediatric Urgent
Care Clinic (PUCC)
visits



29,976
outpatient mental
health visits



634
mental health
admissions



3,408
stroke patient
visits



21,633
outpatient cancer visits

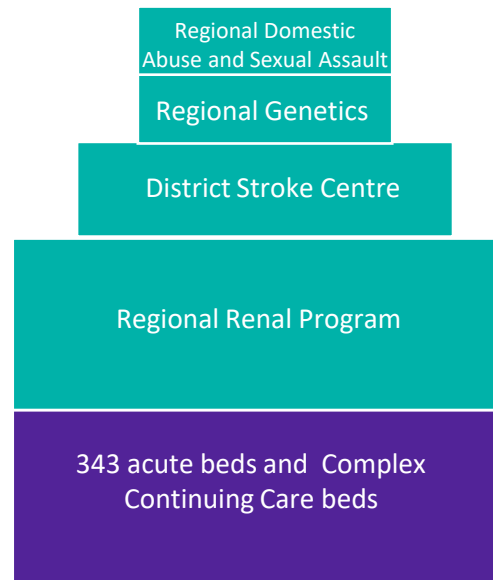
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**data from Jan. 1, 2022 – Dec. 31, 2022

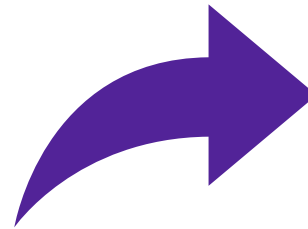
Two hospitals to serve our community

In 15 years, Mackenzie Health has more than doubled its base number of beds

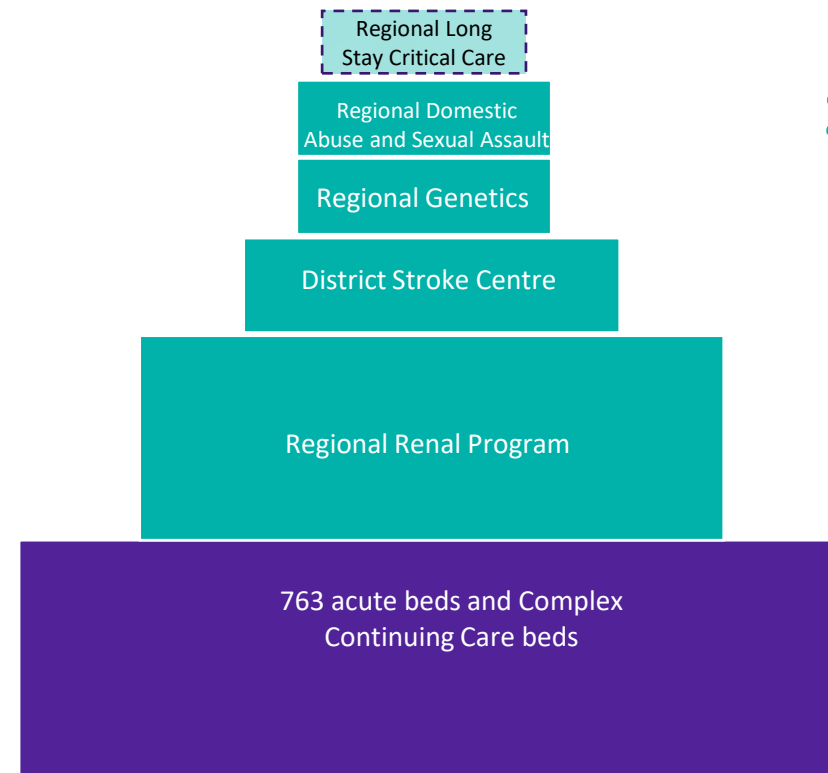
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Catchment area: Richmond Hill
Population served: ~180K
Emergency volumes: under 60K



2023



Catchment area: Richmond Hill, Vaughan and King
Population served: ~580K
Emergency volumes: 212K

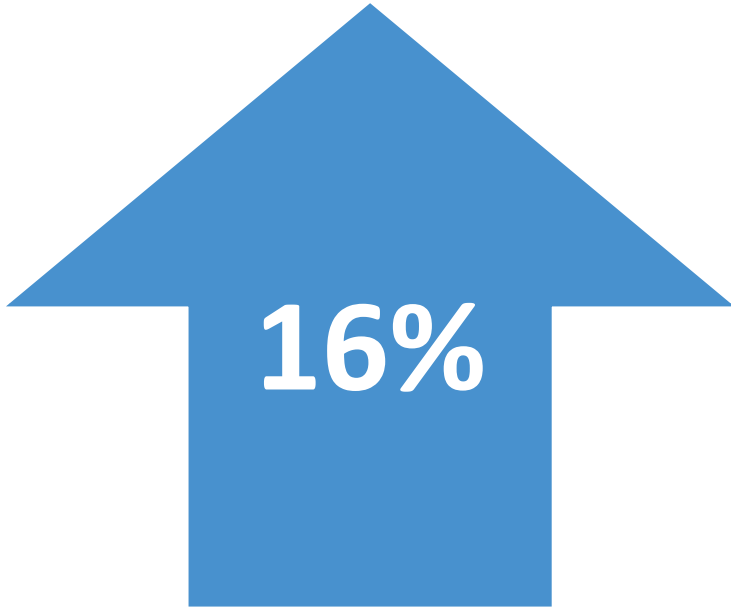
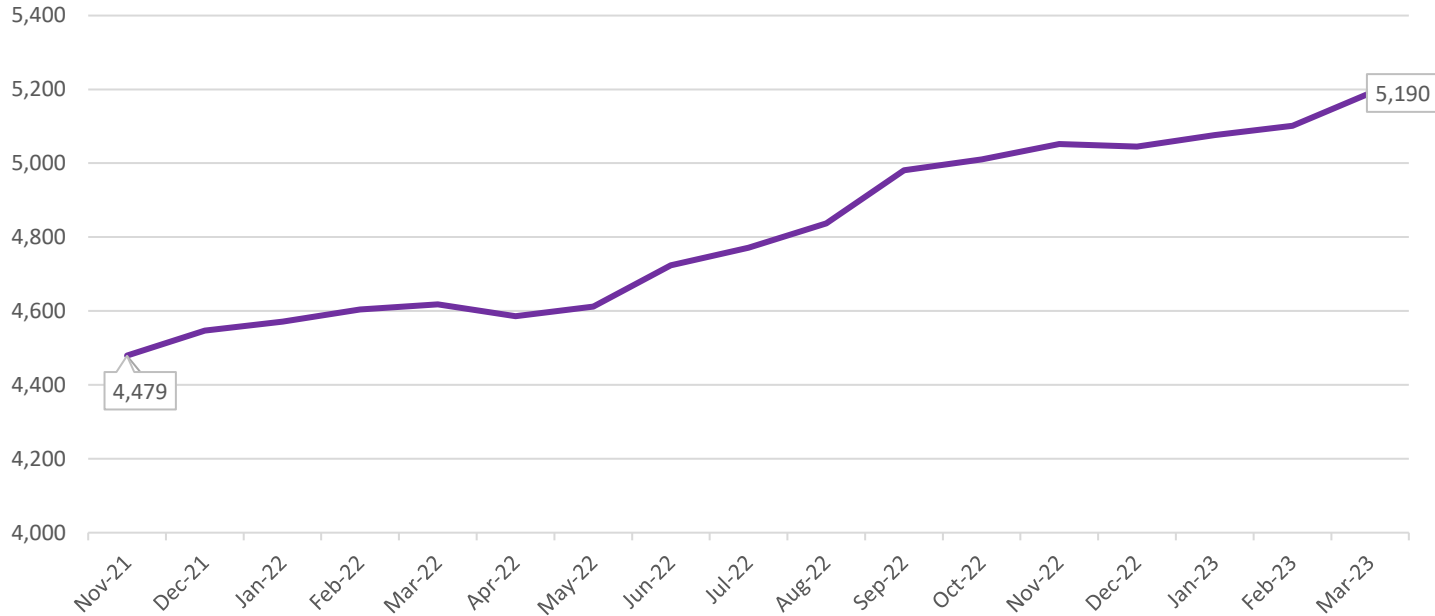
Caring for our community

- Emergency Department pressures
- Capacity pressures
- Addressing the surgical backlog



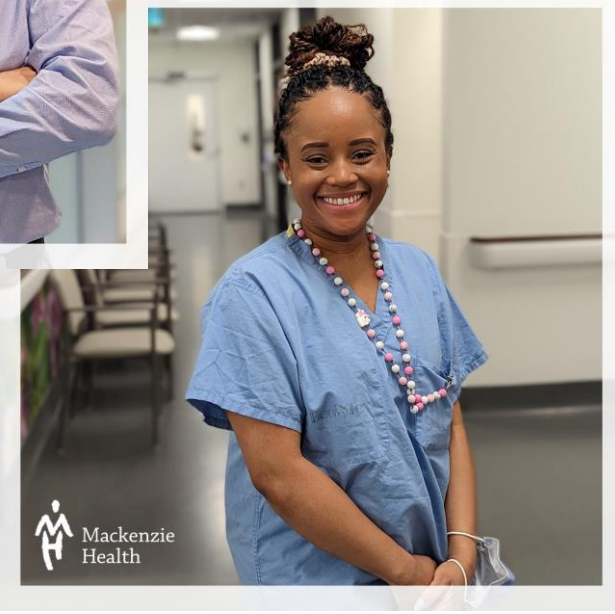
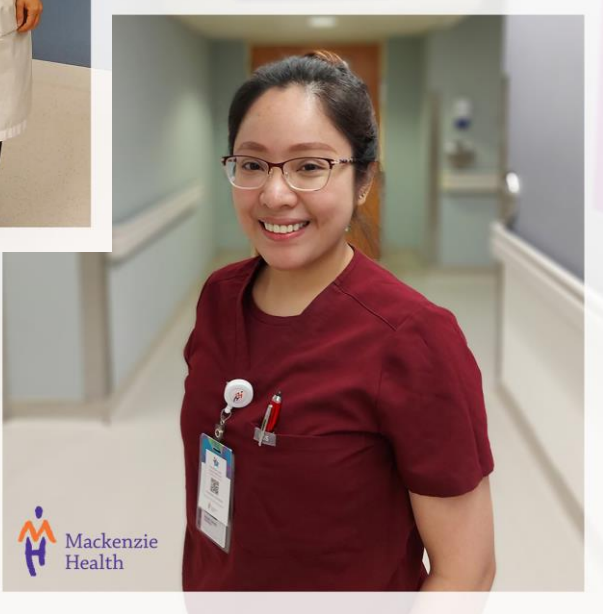
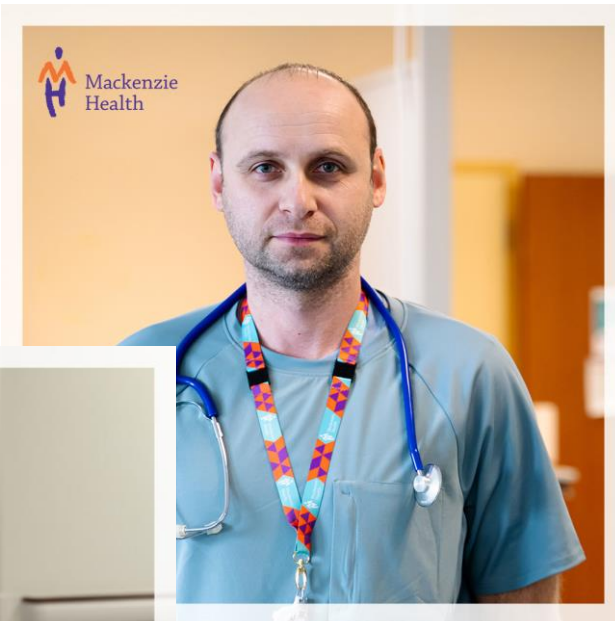
Staffing and recruitment

Employee Headcount
November 2021 - March 2023



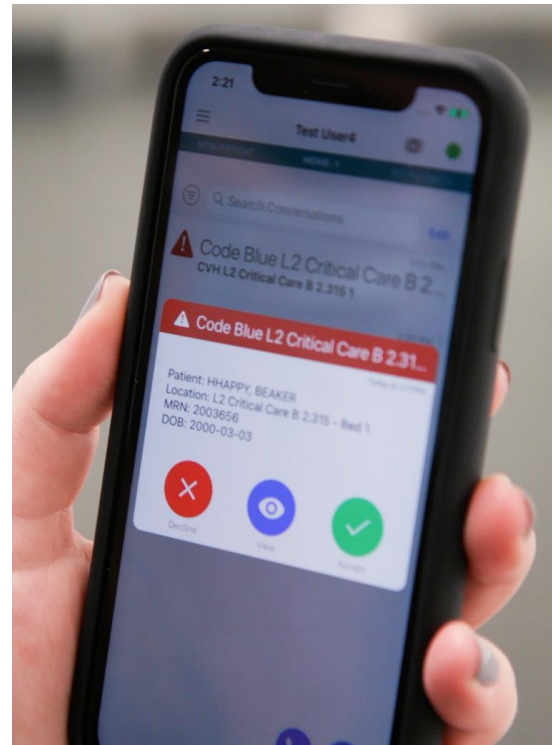
Increase in total number of staff
between Nov. 2021 and March 2023

Staffing and recruitment



Enhanced care through technology

Leveraging our technology investments across both hospital sites

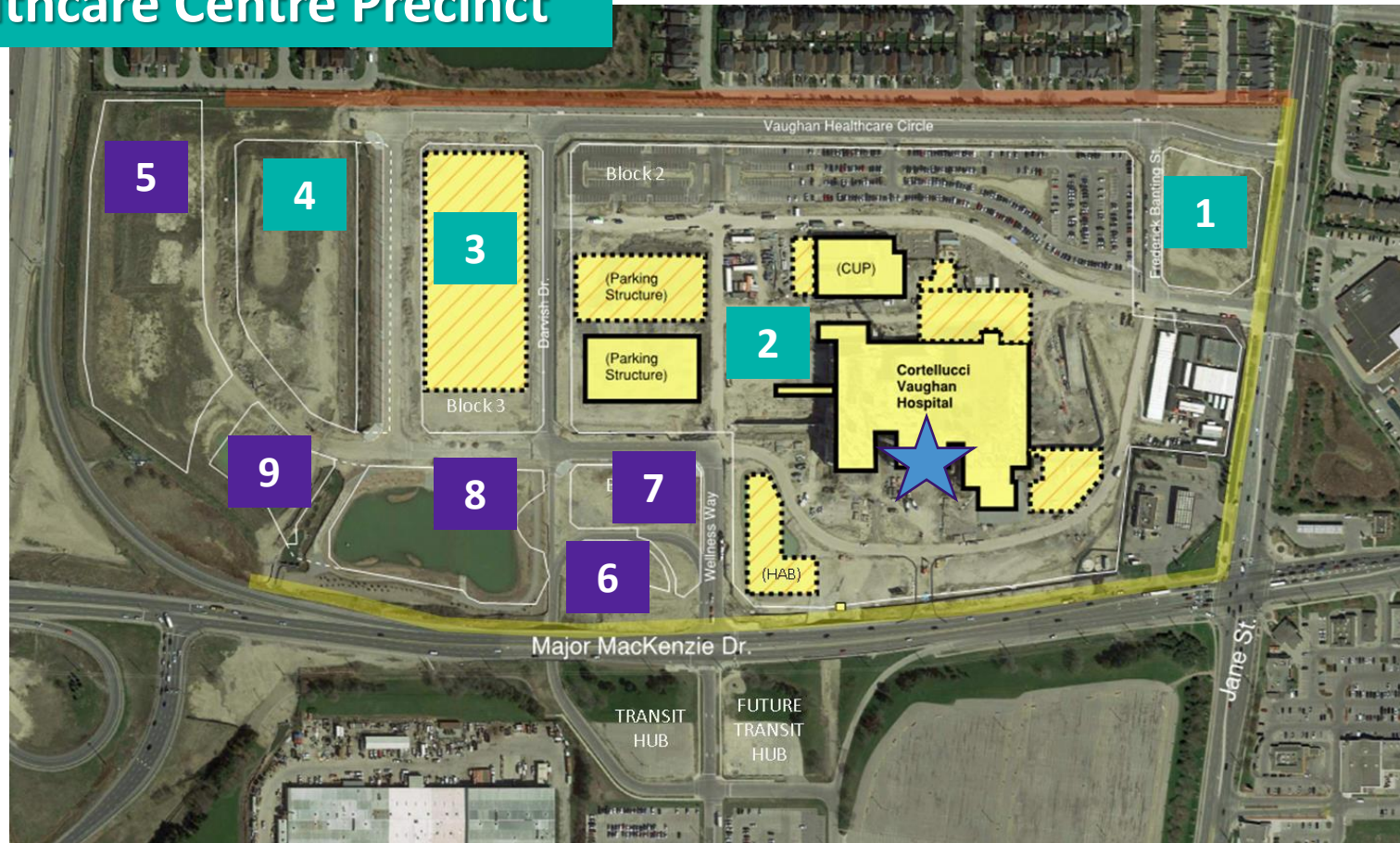


Future growth



Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct

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Refresh at Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital



Mackenzie Health Foundation

With our second hospital now built, over the next five years our fundraising will focus on:

1

Advancing clinical excellence and specialized care

2

Addressing the capacity crisis

3

Securing the very best equipment and technology

We need your help!

- To achieve our vision, we require both government and community support
- Help us put a spotlight on our two-hospital model as an example of the possibilities of health care close to home
- Volunteers are the heart of Mackenzie Health. Consider joining a fundraising committee or the Foundation Board



Questions?



DATE: May 9, 2023

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Vince Musacchio, DCM, Infrastructure Development

RE: **COMMUNICATION – Committee of the Whole 2, May 9, 2023**
Item 6, Report 8 – Metrolinx Initiatives Update – Spring 2023
Business case for proposed Highway 7 Concord GO station released

Recommendation

The purpose of this Staff Communication is to provide Mayor and Council information regarding the released Initial Business Case (IBC) for the proposed Highway 7 Concord GO station.

Background

On May 4, 2023, Metrolinx issued a communication advising of the release of the Initial Business Case for the proposed Highway 7 Concord GO station, which studies the feasibility of a new GO station to be added to the Barrie GO Line.

An IBC for the proposed station was completed previously in 2016 and updated in 2018 for the station site assumed to be south of Highway 7. The results demonstrated a positive strategic case, but a negative financial and economic case. In 2021, an updated sensitivity test was conducted by Metrolinx for Concord, incorporating enhanced GO Bus service and updated ridership forecasting and modelling, which identified potential positive benefits.

The [newly released IBC](#) is a result of the updated land use plans, new plans for the GO Regional Express Network, updated modelling tools and rail network assumptions, as well as in response to enhanced Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) opportunities.

The release of the IBC is the first step in the planning process for a new GO station.

The delivery of the station is being explored through the Ontario government's Transit-Oriented Communities (TOC) program. Metrolinx is seeking opportunities for a third party to fund the design and construction of the GO station at a lower cost to the taxpayer, while supporting vibrant, mixed-use communities that are close to transit.

If built, this GO station would support connections between GO rail and local and regional bus services, providing customers with improved access to jobs, housing, destinations and attractions across the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

The Highway 7/Concord GO Station is a future planned multi-modal transit hub within Vaughan's Concord GO Centre Secondary Plan.

Staff will continue to work the Metrolinx Project Team, area landowners, public and other stakeholders, as the planning process for the new Concord GO station proceeds to the next steps. Staff will provide updates to Council at key milestones in the process.

For more information, contact Selma Hubjer, Director, Infrastructure Planning and Corporate Asset Management, ext. 8674.

Approved by

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Vince Musacchio,
DCM, Infrastructure Development



DATE: May 9, 2023

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Haiqing Xu, Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management

RE: COMMUNICATION – Committee of the Whole (2), May 9, 2023

ITEM # 5
611428 ONTARIO LIMITED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE
Z.14.032 PART OF LOT 9, CONCESSION 9 VICINITY OF RAINBOW
CREEK DRIVE AND HIGHWAY 427

Recommendation

The Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management recommends:

1. THAT Attachment 2 – Proposed Zoning to Item #5 of the May 9, 2023 Committee of the Whole (2) be deleted and replaced with the new Attachment 2 – Proposed Zoning attached hereto to this Communication.

Background

The illustrative cul-de-sac shown on Attachment 2 – Proposed Zoning to Item #5 of the May 9, 2023, Committee of the Whole (2) is not reflective of City Standards. The Development Planning Department has updated Attachment 2, attached hereto to this Communication, to provide the Committee of the Whole with more accurate information based on City Standard drawings, while also clarifying that the drawing is for illustrative purposes only, and that the design of the cul-de-sac is subject to review by City Staff and external agencies.

Conclusion

The Communication provides clarification and includes a recommendation from the Deputy City Manager of Planning and Growth Management to replace Attachment 2 to Item #5 of the May 9, 2023, Committee of the Whole (2) with the new Attachment 2 attached hereto to this Communication.

For more information, contact Casandra Krysko, Senior Planner, Development Planning Department, ext. 8003.

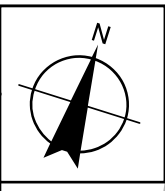
Respectfully submitted,

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Haiqing Xu, Deputy City Manager,
Planning and Growth Management

Attachment

Attachment 2 – Proposed Zoning, revised from May 9, 2023, Committee of the Whole (2), Item #5.



HIGHWAY 427

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LANDSCAPE BUFFER

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Rainbow Creek Drive Extension
is required to be to City Standards
and meet all other agency requirements.
This drawing is for illustrative purposes only

SIDEWALK

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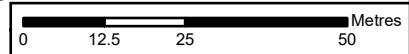
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 Subject Lands
Zoning By-Law 1-88

- EM1(H), Prestige Employment Area Zone with the Holding Symbol
- EM1, Prestige Employment Area Zone
- OS1, Open Space Conservation Zone

Zoning By-Law 001-2021

- EM1(H), Prestige Employment
- EM1, Prestige Employment Zone
- EP, Environmental Protection Zone



Proposed Zoning

LOCATION:
Part of Lot 9, Concession 9

APPLICANT:
611428 Ontario Limited



Attachment

FILE:
Z.14.032

DATE:
May 2, 2023

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