



ACCESSIBILITY CHAMPION AWARDS 2023

VAUGHAN CITY HALL

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CATEGORIES



**Individual or
Group**

**Youth
Leadership**

**Small
Business**

**Medium
Business**

**Large
Business**

CATEGORY



YOUTH LEADERSHIP

This category recognizes a young person, 24 years and under, who shows leadership and commitment to improvising accessibility for people with disabilities



INDIVIDUAL/GROUP

This category recognizes an individual or a group who advocate for positive change, inspires others and makes significant contributions to improving overall quality of life for people with disabilities.

ELIGIBILITY



Youth

- Residents of the City of Vaughan
- Between the ages of 14 and 24



Individual/Group

- Resident in the City of Vaughan
- Non-profit or community groups
- Posthumous nominations are accepted (deceased within last 2 years)

INELIGIBLE NOMINATIONS

- Self nominations
- Elected federal, provincial or municipal politician currently in office
- City of Vaughan's Committee, Board or Task Force members
- City of Vaughan employee(s)
- Vaughan Public Library
- Current members of the VAAC
- Nominee with a COI under the Municipal Act

EVALUATION



- Community profile or visibility of the nominee as a role model or a leader in accessibility and inclusion.
- Evidence of collaborative partnerships that resulted in measurable improvement for people with disabilities.
- Innovative service improvements that led to increased access and inclusion for people living with a disability, and/or
- Details of a product created for people living with disabilities, including its intended impact.
- Evidence of public education and awareness campaigns or activities.
- Promotion of full inclusion and citizenship through increased labour market participation.

CATEGORY: SMALL/MEDIUM/LARGE BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION

(including non-profit & for-profit)

Nominations should be for initiatives and achievements in the past 2 calendar years

The business or organization can either:

- provide goods or services to people with disabilities in the City of Vaughan and go above and beyond to enrich the lives of people with disabilities
- show leadership in integrating and providing barrier-free working conditions for people with disabilities that goes beyond AODA compliance
- have made measurable progress in recruitment, hiring, retention and advancement of employees with disabilities



ELIGIBILITY

Located in York Region

Small businesses: 1-99 employees

Medium-sized: 100-499 employees

Large: 500+ employees

INELIGIBILITY

Self nominations

Elected federal, provincial or municipal politician currently in office

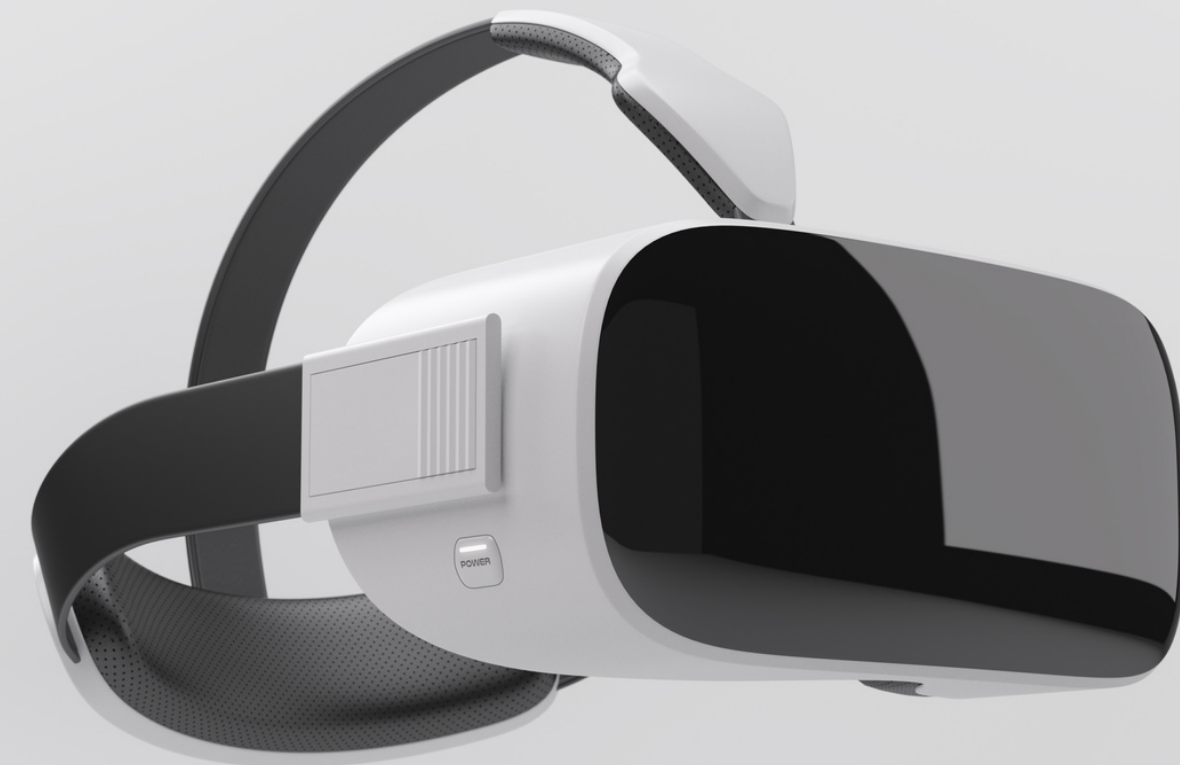
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EVALUATION

- Evidence of work done to increase labour market participation for people living with disabilities.
- Evidence that the local community has benefited from the endeavours of the nominee.
- Proof of excellence in minimizing barriers to employment for individuals with disabilities.
- Profile or visibility of the nominee within the community as a role model or a leader in accessibility and inclusion.
- Evidence of collaboration and partnership results in measurable improvement for people living with disabilities.
- Demonstration of service innovation with measurable improvement related to access and inclusion for people living with a disability, and/or
- Proof of advocacy with measurable improvement related to access and inclusion for people living with a disability, and/or
- Description of a product invented with descriptions of the intended impact for people living with disabilities.

REQUIRED INFORMATION



Nominee's first and last name, email address and phone number

Consent to be nominated

Detailed description of the nominee's work and initiatives in one of the categories

Up to 3 testimonials



TESTIMONIALS

The parties providing testimonials will be asked to provide clear examples of contributions using some or all of the following attributes:

- Leadership
- Innovation to service for people with disabilities
- Invention of a product for people with disabilities
- Collaboration and partnership
- Public education and awareness campaigns or activities
- Furthering the development of accessibility
- Demonstrated commitment to recruiting, hiring, and training people with disabilities
- Impact on community and individuals with disabilities

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

May include additional materials such as

- news articles
- social media profiles
- committee work
- business or not-for-profit organization profiles etc.



Accessibility Champion Award nominations are **OPEN**

Submit a nomination before Nov. 19

Recognizing Vaughan's Accessibility Champions

Watch the virtual event on
Monday, Dec. 13 at 1 p.m.



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Communications

A communications plan will be developed to support the Vaughan Accessibility Champion Awards, exploring all available communication channel options.

Communications support will include but is not limited to:

- Public service announcements and news release
- Organic social media
- Vaughan News eNewsletters
- Council Communications Packages
- Paid social media (nomination period)
- eBlast to all community groups about nominations opening (ONAP, etc.)
- City of Vaughan digital signs
- Mobile signs
- City Hall and community centre TVs



Questions?