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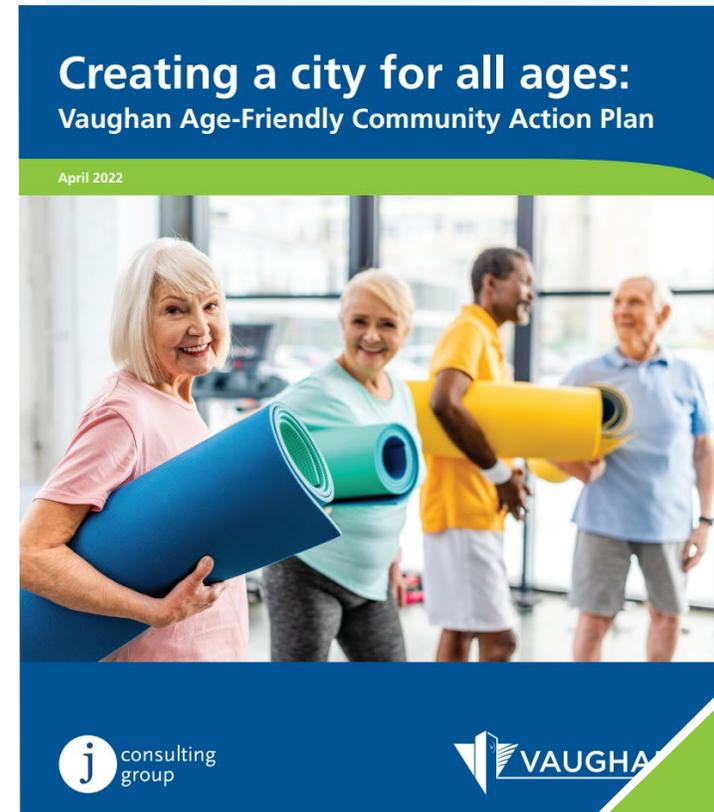
Vaughan Age-Friendly Community Action Plan

An Introduction



Vaughan Age-Friendly Community Action Plan

- ▶ Comprehensive plan with 8 areas of the World Health Organization's guide to Age-Friendly Cities with 4-5 action items each
- ▶ Specific items were developed in consultation with the community, staff and external stakeholders, like York Region
- ▶ Work being done by various departments aligns with specific action items laid out in the plan



Cover of the Vaughan Age-Friendly Community Action Plan.

Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings



When people view a neighbourhood as safe and accessible, it encourages participation in outdoor activities and engagement with the community. Accessibility involves removing barriers that limit opportunities for people with disabilities, including older adults with age-related limitations and/or disabilities.

Housing



The availability of a range of appropriate, affordable, accessible and supportive housing options that incorporate flexibility through adaptive features, style and location choices, are essential for age-friendly communities.

Communication and Information



Age-friendly communities provide information about community events or important services that is both readily accessible and in formats that are appropriate for older adults and people with disabilities. An age-friendly community recognizes the diversity of its population and promotes initiatives to reach as many people as possible.

Respect and Social Inclusion



Community attitudes, such as a general feeling of respect and recognizing the role that older adults and people with disabilities play in our society, are critical factors for establishing an inclusive and age-friendly community.

Transportation



The condition and design of transportation-related infrastructure, such as signage, traffic lights and sidewalks, affect personal mobility. Access to reliable, affordable public transit becomes increasingly important when driving becomes stressful or challenging, or when driving is no longer available as an option.

Civic Participation and Employment



Civic engagement includes the desire to be involved in aspects of community life that extend beyond day-to-day activities, such as volunteering, becoming politically active, voting or working on committees. The ability to continue working or find new employment provides economic security for older adults, as well as people of all ages and abilities. This includes having access to accessible environments, including accessible workplaces.

Social Participation



Social participation involves the level of interaction that older adults and people with disabilities have with other members of their community and the extent that the community itself makes this interaction and inclusion possible.

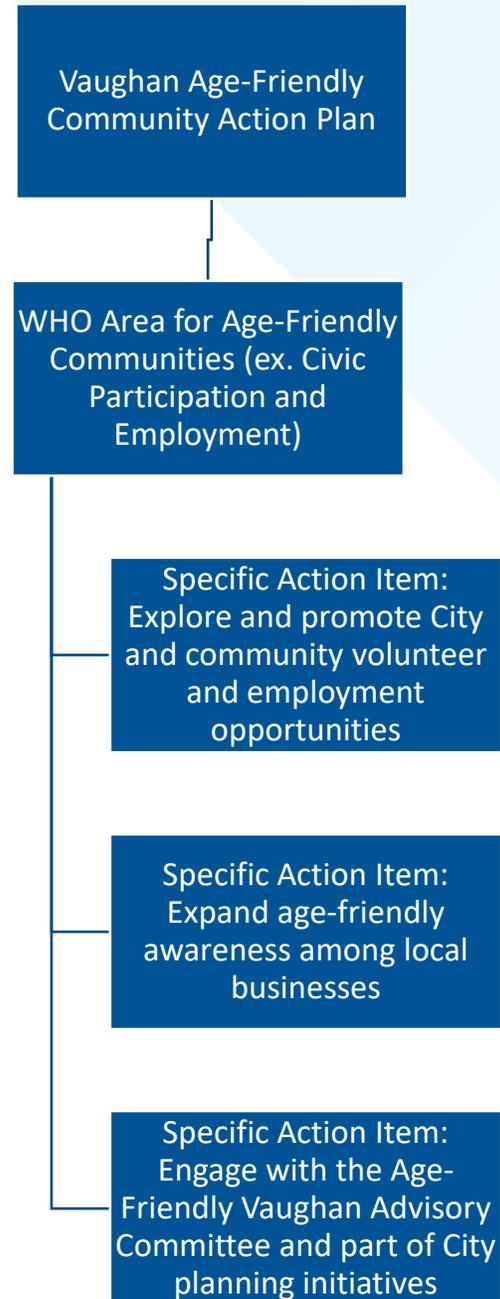
Community Support and Health Services



Access to and awareness of community support services and mental and physical health programs contribute to quality of life and age-friendliness.

Vaughan Age-Friendly Community Action Plan Layout

- ▶ The adoption of the Action Plan is a commitment from Council and City of Vaughan staff to prioritize creating an Age-Friendly City.
 - The Action Items in the plan provide realistic steps to achieve this goal.
- ▶ The full plan with all 28 action items is available [here](#) and on the City of Vaughan website.



Example chart showing how the plan is broken down under the WHO areas.

Each action item will engage different departments, external stakeholders etc.

The Age-Friendly plan contains 28 action items, divided into 8 categories.

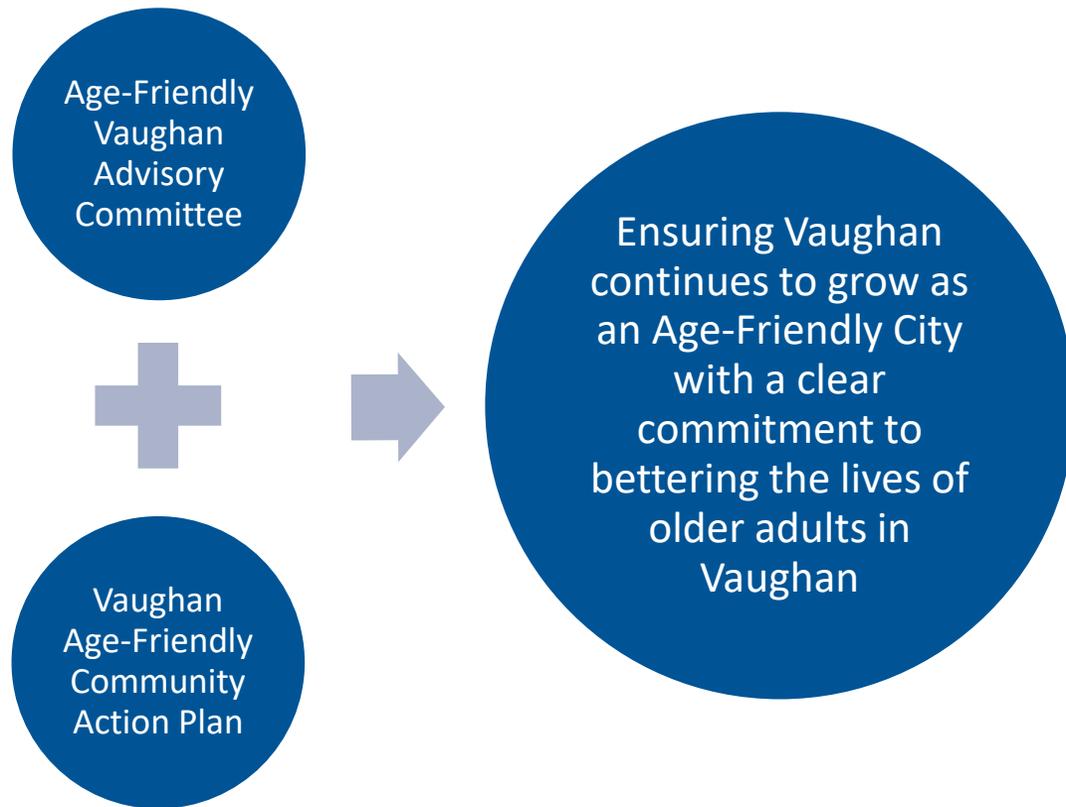
Implementation Strategy

- ▶ The Implementation Strategy takes the action items from the plan and provides timelines and potential community partners.
- ▶ Staff will be utilizing the Implementation Strategy from 2022 to guide their priorities in working on the plan.

Age-Friendly Dimension	Action	Timeline				Suggested Potential Partners
		O	S	M	L	
Outdoor Spaces & Public Buildings 	1. Continue to explore opportunities to expand winter snow removal program for seniors.					Community and Home Assistance to Seniors (CHATS) Schools
	2. Continue to ensure that park and open space design incorporate spaces and amenities that are accessible and encourage physical activity, wellness, and recreational opportunities for all ages.					
	3. Continue to make improvements to street lighting, pedestrian crossings and signal times, and overall community safety.					York Region
	4. Expand opportunities to support the development of community gardens accessible to all ages and abilities.					Community and Home Assistance to Seniors (CHATS) York Region Human Endeavour
	5. Identify opportunities to create more walkable neighbourhoods.					York Region
Transportation 	6. Continue efforts to enhance bus stop accessibility, equity, comfort, and safety.					York Region

O-Ongoing, S-Short Term (1-2 years), M-Medium Term (2-5 years), L-Long Term (5+ years)

Age-Friendly Vaughan Advisory Committee and the Community Action Plan



- ▶ The Age-Friendly Advisory Committee can assist by providing feedback, asking questions and sharing lived experiences to help guide the implementation of the plan.
- ▶ Resident “experts” on life in Vaughan from an Older Adult perspective
- ▶ Work in tandem with the plan to accomplish the same goal
- ▶ Leveraging professional networks to help guide priorities