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Growing Together: Vaughan Community Spaces Plan



Age-Friendly Advisory Committee
September 30, 2024

Agenda



1. Community Spaces Plan Overview
2. Connecting to the Age Friendly Community Action Plan
3. Discussion Questions

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Plan Overview

- ▶ The **Community Spaces Plan (CSP)** will strategically guide the future direction of Vaughan's parks, recreation, and library facilities.
- ▶ It will include implementation strategies for both the short term (**next five years**) and the long term (**ten to twenty-five years**).
- ▶ The CSP will replace the **Active Together Master Plan (ATMP)**.



North Maple Regional Park

In-Scope Community Spaces



- Community Centres
- Indoor Pools
- Gymnasiums
- Arenas
- Fitness centres
- Indoor courts
- Youth and games rooms
- Seniors' spaces
- Activity rooms



Sports Fields

- Soccer
- Baseball
- Cricket
- Football
- Rugby
- Multi-use fields

Sport Courts

- Basketball
- Tennis
- Pickleball
- Ball hockey
- Volleyball
- Outdoor bocce
- Ice rink/skating

Aquatics

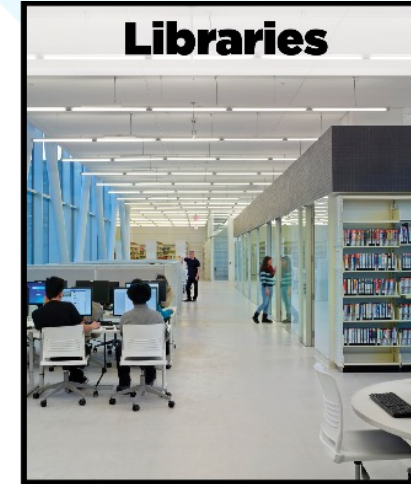
- Waterplay and Splash pads
- Outdoor pools

Action Sports

- Skateboard parks
- Pump tracks and BMX parks

Community Features

- Playgrounds
- Outdoor fitness
- Off-leash dog areas
- Community gardens



- Library spaces
- Creation spaces
- Express locations and kiosks
- Study spaces
- Program rooms
- Outdoor reading gardens

Key Considerations



Key Drivers of the Plan

1 | Population Growth

2 | Shifting Demographics

3 | Residential Intensification

4 | Changing Provincial Growth Policies

5 | Climate Change

6 | Expanding Needs and Opportunities

7 | Aging Infrastructure

8 | Rising Costs

9 | Greater Competition for Municipal Funding

10 | Reduced Land Opportunities

Timeline

- ▶ Primary Research (April to August 2024) – **Complete**
- ▶ Assessment Review (July to October 2024) – **In Progress**
- ▶ Stakeholder and Community Engagement (September 2024 to April 2025) – **In Progress**
- ▶ Development of Facilities Plan and Implementation Strategy (December 2024 to April 2025)
- ▶ Risk Assessment (April 2025)
- ▶ Final Report and Presentations to Library Board and Vaughan Council: **June, 2025**

Public Engagement

- ▶ Online Community Survey (closes October 18)
- ▶ Telephone Survey (complete)
- ▶ Deep Dive Focus Groups
- ▶ Indigenous Focus Groups
- ▶ Stakeholder Workshops
- ▶ Pop-up Consultations (community and youth)

Please visit vaughan.ca/communityspaces for more info.



Age Friendly Perspectives

- ▶ Vaughan's older adult population is growing rapidly, making parks, recreation, and libraries essential for community wellbeing
- ▶ The Community Spaces Plan (CSP) must align with the **Age-Friendly Community Action Plan** to support this demographic.
- ▶ Your feedback will help shape a plan that keeps residents of all ages active, engaged, and connected to their community.

By 2031, 34% of Vaughan's population will be older adults (age 55+).

Today's Objective

- ▶ We're seeking **insights from older adults** to better understand community space needs and enhance age-friendly planning in Vaughan.
 - The CSP focuses on **recreation facilities, active park spaces, and libraries** to meet community needs.
 - We're also exploring **facility and service strategies** for growing areas, including high-density communities.

Age-Friendly Community Action Plan

Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings



ACTION 2:

Through parks planning, continue to ensure that park and open space design incorporate spaces and amenities that are accessible and encourage physical activity, wellness, and recreation opportunities for all ages.

ACTION 4:

Expand opportunities to support the development of community gardens accessible to all ages and abilities.

Age-Friendly Community Action Plan

Community
Support and
Health Services



ACTION 24:

Explore opportunities to develop a Community Hub.

Social
Participation



ACTION 26:

Continue to explore options to expand recreational program delivery including more options for intergenerational programs, programs for people living with dementia, programs that meets the needs of diverse ethno-cultural groups, programs in other languages, and outdoor and virtual programming.

Age-Friendly Access

1. How age-friendly are Vaughan's parks, recreation, and library facilities and services?
2. What barriers exist when accessing community spaces in Vaughan?
3. How can these barriers be overcome?

Age-Friendly Spaces in High-Density Areas

1. How important are community spaces in areas of intensification?
2. If you lived in a vertical neighbourhood, what type of community space would you access the most?
3. How can these spaces be designed to be age-friendly?

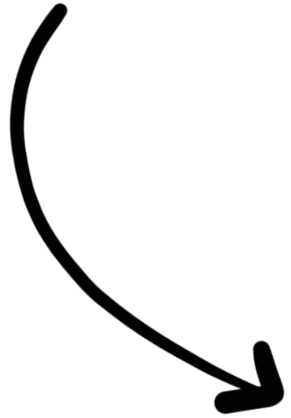
Older Adult Spaces & Services

1. What is your vision for a "community hub," and how do you see recreation fitting into this concept? Which area of the city would benefit the most from such a service?
2. Is the current model of older adult clubs effective, and if not, what improvements would you suggest?

Focus Groups

1. In your opinion, what is the best method (virtual or in-person) and time of day to engage older adults?
2. Are there people in your network or community that would be interested in the opportunity?

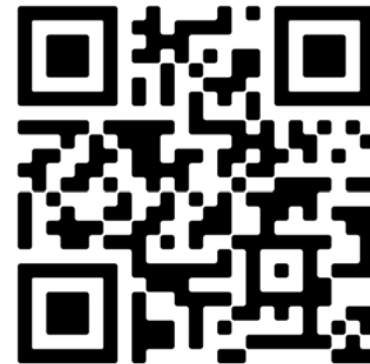
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