Growing Together: Vaughan Community Spaces Plan

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Communication

Anti-Hate, Diversity and Inclusion

Advisory Committee – November 18, 2024

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Agenda



- 1. Community Spaces Plan Overview
- 2. Opportunities to Get Involved
- 3. Discussion Questions



Our Team









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Plan Overview

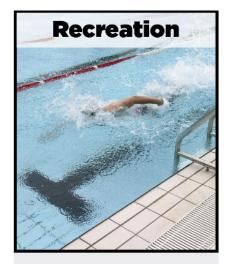
- ► The Community Spaces Plan (CSP) will strategically guide the future direction of Vaughan's parks, recreation, and library facilities.
- ► It will include implementation strategies for both the short term (next five years) and the long term (ten to twenty-five years).
- ► The CSP will replace the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

6 Expanding Needs and Opportunities

2 Shifting Demographics

7 Aging Infrastructure

3 Residential Intensification

8 Rising Costs

4 Changing Provincial Growth Policies

9 Greater Competition for Municipal Funding

5 Climate Change

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 (complete)
- ► Telephone Survey (complete)
- ▶ Deep Dive Focus Groups (End of Nov)
- Indigenous Focus Groups
- Stakeholder Workshops
- Pop-up Consultations (community and youth)



Today's Objective

- We're seeking insights to better understand community space needs and enhance equitable 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.



Discussion Questions

- 1. How well do Vaughan's parks, recreation and library facilities and services respond to the **needs of diverse populations**? What are some key accomplishments?
- 2. How **inclusive** are Vaughan's parks, recreation and library facilities and services? What are some **key priorities** for this Committee?

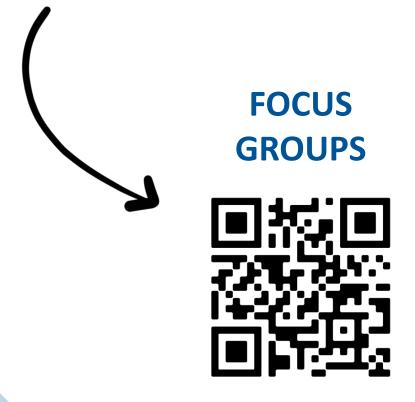


Discussion Questions

- 3. What barriers, challenges or gaps (real or perceived) affect how Vaughan's diverse populations are able to participate in parks, recreation and library activities? What suggestions do you have for addressing these challenges, gaps and needs?
- 4. What **populations** might be under-represented within Vaughan's parks, recreation and library services? How might participation rates be increased?



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Thank you!

