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Age-Friendly Vaughan

Advisory Committee – November 25, 2024

Item No. 1

# Age-Friendly Community Action Plan

2023-2024 Annual Progress Report

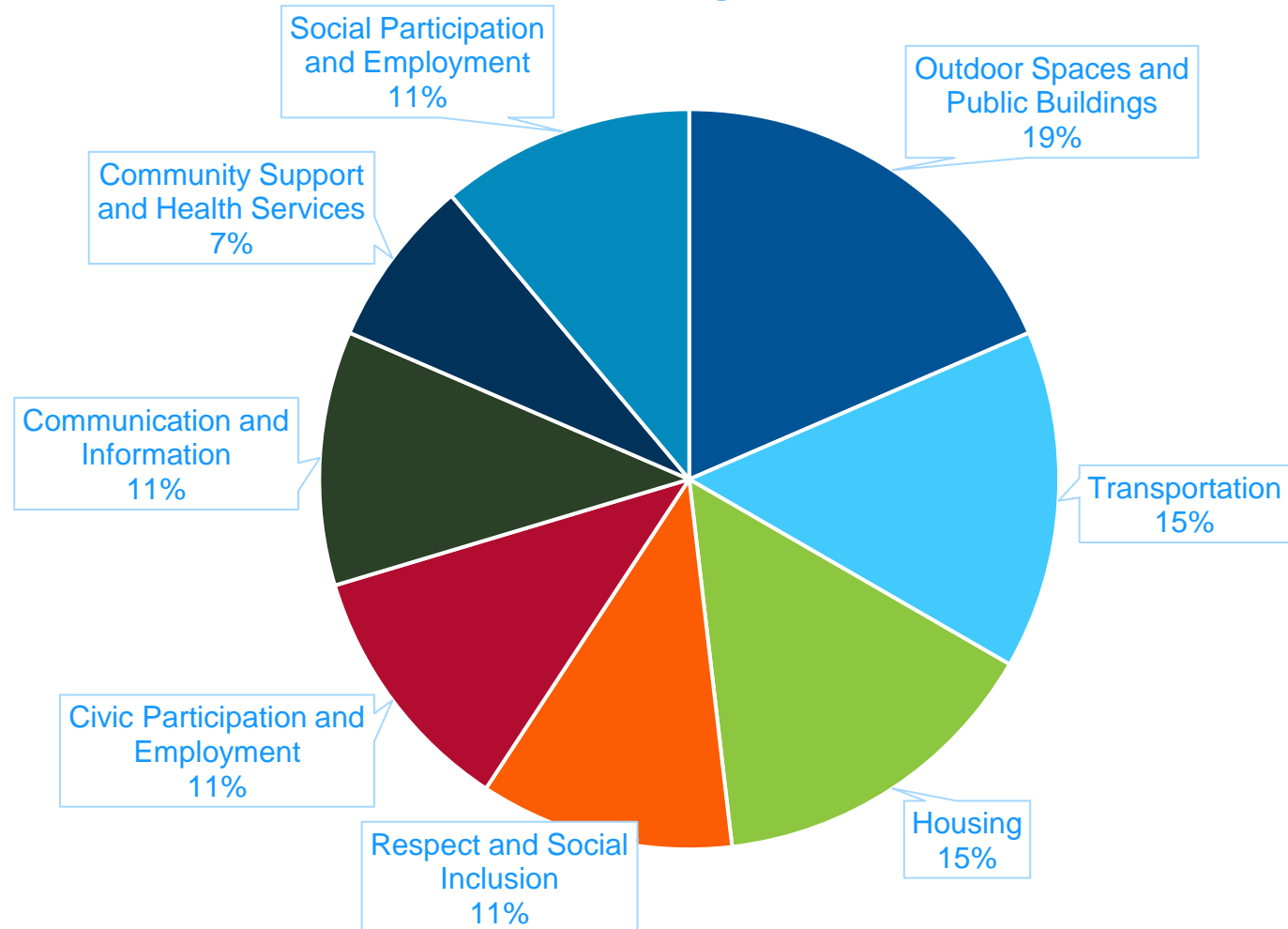


# Age-Friendly Report Card

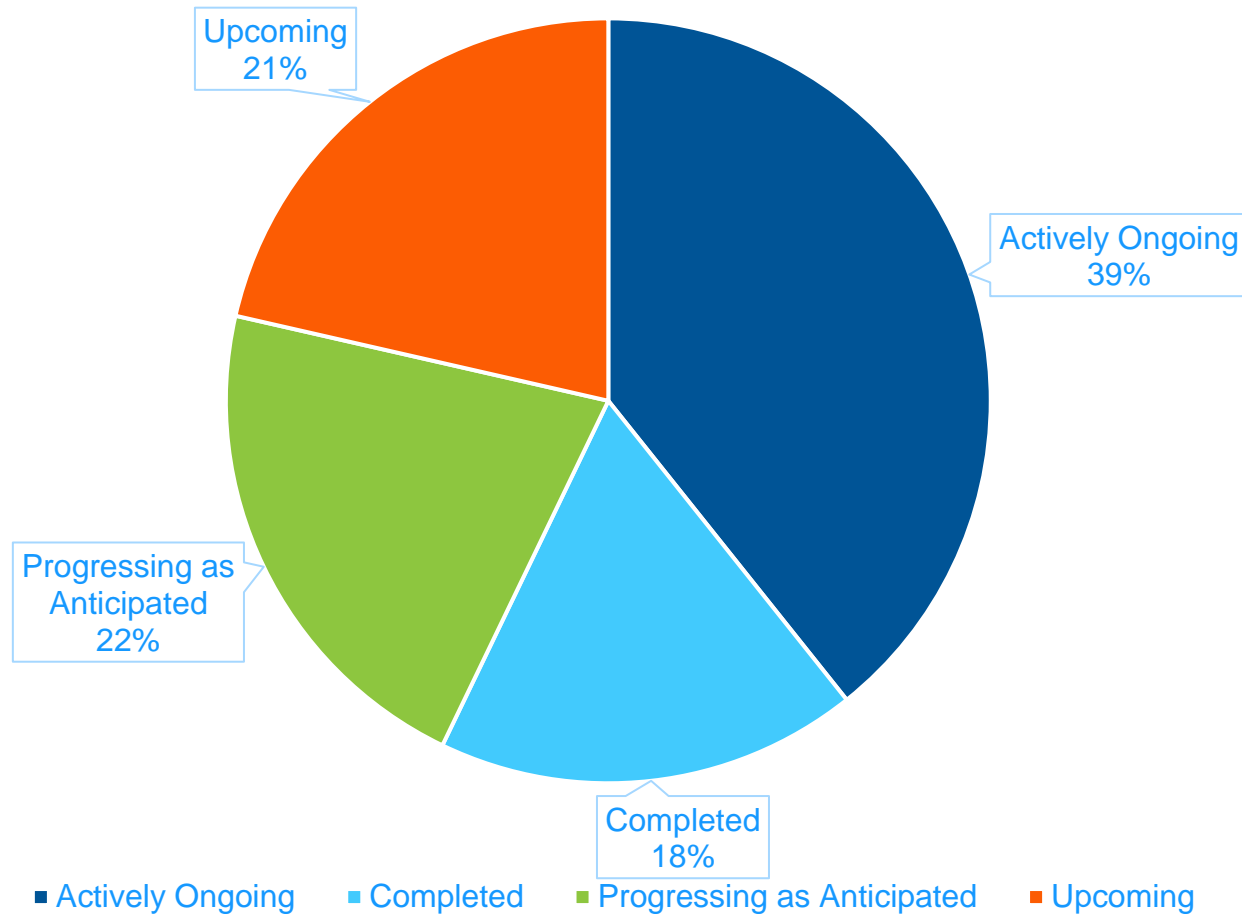
- ▶ The Age-Friendly Community Action plan was developed as a 10-year vision for Vaughan in 2022.
- ▶ Comprised of 28 action items and priorities to help make Vaughan more age-friendly.
- ▶ Action items range from long-term, systemic changes and advocacy work to short-term events and initiatives
- ▶ The 2024 Report Card is the first check in on our progress.



# Age-Friendly Action Item by Pillar



# Age-Friendly Action Item Status



- ▶ **Actively Ongoing:** These items are ongoing and do not have a specific end date as they are continual.
- ▶ **Completed:** These items are complete within 2023 and 2024.
- ▶ **Progressing as Anticipated:** These items are on track to deliver results.
- ▶ **Upcoming:** Resources will be dedicated to these items in upcoming year.

# Highlights from 2023-2024

# Completed Items (5)

Action item 3. *Continue to make improvements to street lighting, pedestrian crossings and signal times, and overall community safety.*

- ▶ The City has implemented several initiatives under MoveSmart, including:
  - Installing and piloting traffic calming measures, such as enhanced radar message boards, temporary speed humps, planters and curb extensions at select locations across the city
  - Setting and adjusting appropriate speed limits and installing new signage
  - Completing neighbourhood traffic and speed management studies





# Completed Items (5)

Action item 9. *Explore opportunities to provide a needs-based transit subsidy.*

- ▶ Introduction of the One Fare program to assist with the costs of trip-chaining across regions
- ▶ Pricing for seniors on YRT is reduced and there are additional subsidy opportunities for low-income pre-senior individuals.

**INTRODUCING ONTARIO'S ONE FARE PROGRAM.**

**SAVE UP TO \$1600 PER YEAR.**

The advertisement features a smartphone displaying a 'Wallet' app with a 'DEBIT' card, a smartwatch also showing a 'DEBIT' card, and a physical 'PRESTO' card with 'DEBIT' and 'CREDIT' options. The background is a solid orange color.

**ONE FARE | PRESTO**

Logos for participating transit agencies are shown at the bottom: TTC, Brampton Transit, Oakville Transit, GO, MiWay, and York Region Transit.

# Completed Items (5) cont.

Action item 28. *Work with community organizations to coordinate monthly 'Coffee Connections'.*

- ▶ Coffee Connections will provide educational workshops and social experiences for approx. 500 Vaughan seniors over the 12 sessions.
- ▶ Sessions are consistently full with waitlists for the program.
- ▶ Topics include, Fire Safety, Wills and Estate Planning, Healthy Aging, Emergency Preparedness, Crime Prevention and more.

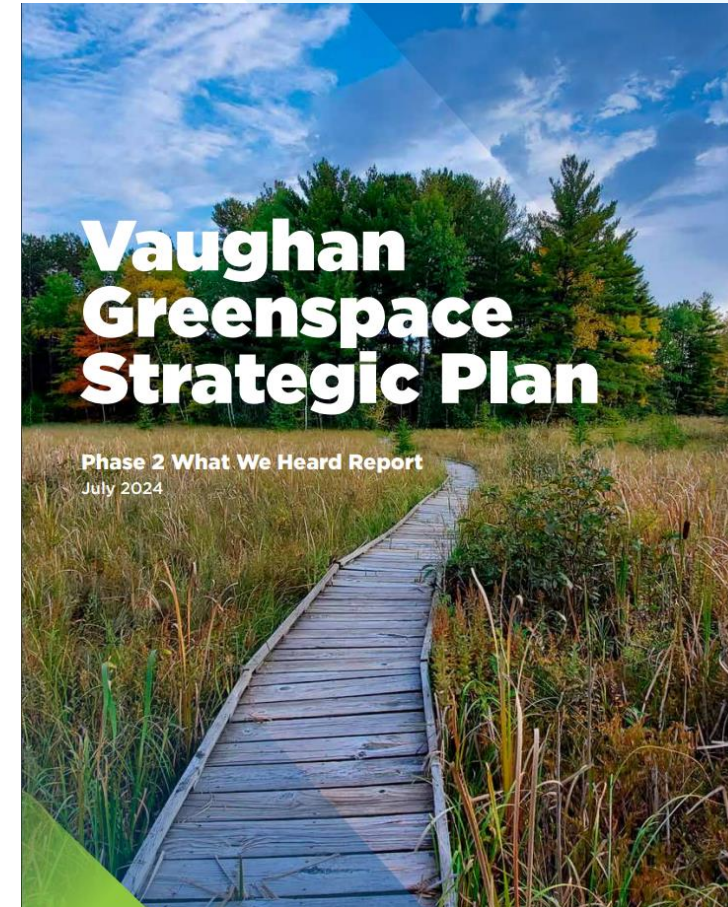




# Actively Ongoing Items (11)

Action item 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.*

- ▶ The Greenspace Strategic Plan has the needs of seniors integrated into City policy through various workshops and consultations.



# Actively Ongoing Items (11)

Action item 15. *Work with community partners to increase awareness and share resources to combat ageism and elder abuse.*

- ▶ Recreation Services staff conducted lunch and learn sessions at four community centres with York Regional Police and Vaughan Fire and Rescue in 2023. Over 340 people attended the four sessions.

**Free lunch & learn workshops**

🕒 **12:30 - 2 pm**

**Preventing Elder Abuse Workshop**

Delivered by York Regional Police

📅 **Wednesday, March 22**

📍 Chancellor Community Centre

**Fire Prevention Workshops**

Delivered by Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services

📅 **Tuesday, March 21**

📍 Dufferin Clark Community Centre

📅 **Tuesday, March 28**

📍 Father E. Bulfon Community Centre

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# Actively Ongoing Items (11) cont.

Action item 20. *Engage with Older Adult Task Force/Age-Friendly Vaughan Advisory Committee as part of City planning initiatives.*

- ▶ AFVAC has consulted on various corporate strategies and plans including; The Greenspace Strategic Plan, York Region's Plan to Support Seniors, the VMC Signage Pilot Program and the Community Spaces Plan.

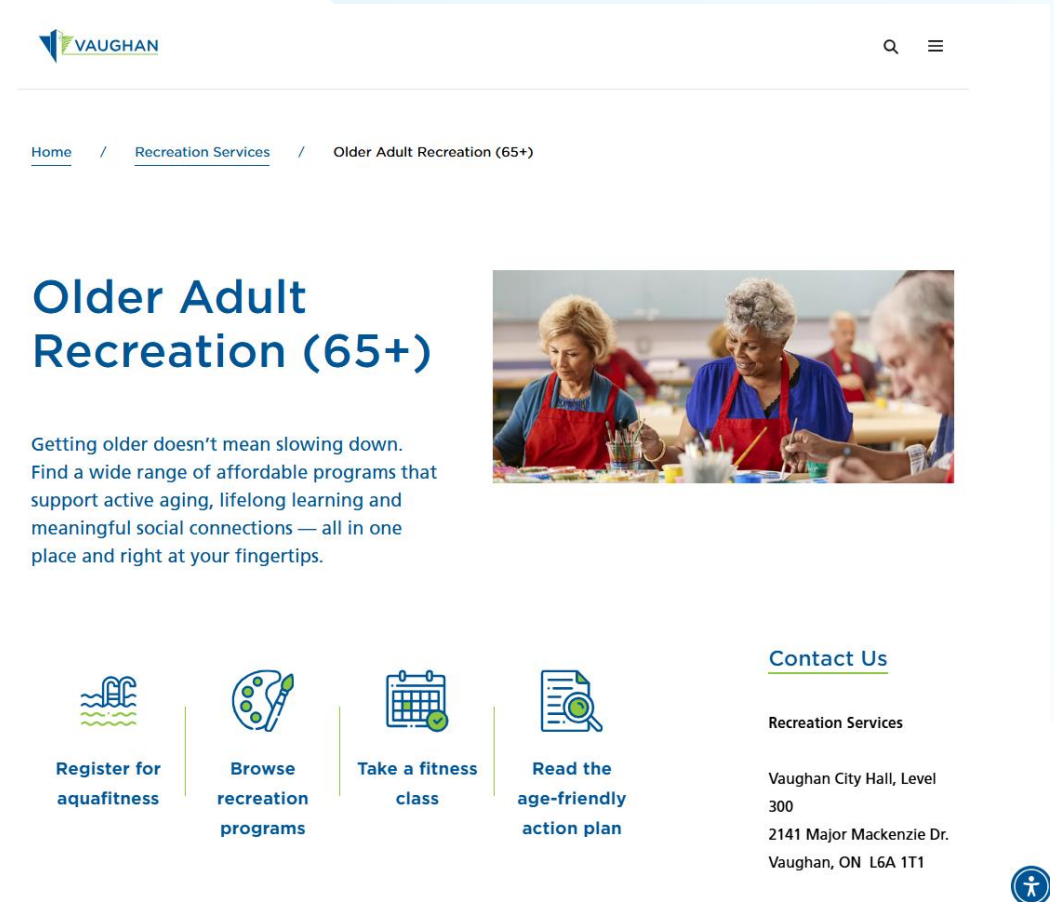




# Actively Ongoing Items (11) cont.

Action item 22. *Enhance online presence of community information and services.*

- ▶ New Older Adult Recreation webpage to help seniors find programming and register for activities.



# Progressing as Anticipated (6)

Action item 4. *Expand opportunities to support the development of community gardens accessible to all ages and abilities.*

- ▶ Community Gardens programs continue to expand and are a priority in 2025





# Progressing as Anticipated (6)

Action item 24. *Explore opportunities to develop a community hub.*

- ▶ City staff have met with various stakeholders to assess the feasibility of a hub in Vaughan. Work will continue in 2025.



# Upcoming Items (6)

- ▶ Action item 1. Continue to explore opportunities to expand winter snow removal program for seniors.
- ▶ Action item 10. In support of the City's Affordable Housing Strategy, establish policies, and identify opportunities, to provide a range of housing forms that meet the diverse and changing needs of residents.
- ▶ Action item 11. Explore opportunities for community partnerships to pilot a Home Share program in Vaughan.
- ▶ Action item 12. Share information and promote funding options for home adaptation, repair, and modification programs.
- ▶ Action item 13. Support community partners in efforts to promote and increase in-home supports for seniors and people with disabilities.
- ▶ Action item 25. Develop relationship with the Western York Region Ontario Health Team to further advocate for health services in Vaughan.





## Question

Of the upcoming action items, what is your top priority for 2025 and beyond?



# Thank you!

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