

C1. Communication CW(2) – April 8, 2025 Pres. 2

### **GET PARKED**

A Civic Engagement Initiative to Activate Local Parks in Vaughan

Vaughan Council - April 8, 2025

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Local Parks Champion

### Currently

Local Parks in Vaughan are an underutilized asset used primarily by young families for play and recreation.

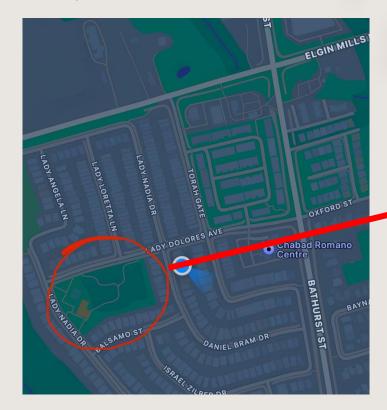




Image: My local park - Forest View Park near Teston Road, west of Bathurst Street

### We're Facing Multiple Crisis

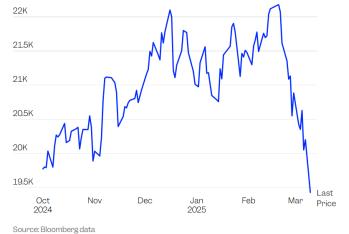


Joe Ciolli/BI

### Climate Crisis

#### Nasdaq 100 collapse

The index fell 3.8% on Monday, its biggest single-day drop since October 2022.





#### Growing anxiety and depression



Politically Fueled division and Hate

#### Economic Uncertainty

### Parks Can Play a Critical Role Addressing Multiple Crisis





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# The Spark that can start it all ...

#### **Potential Event Ideas & Activities**



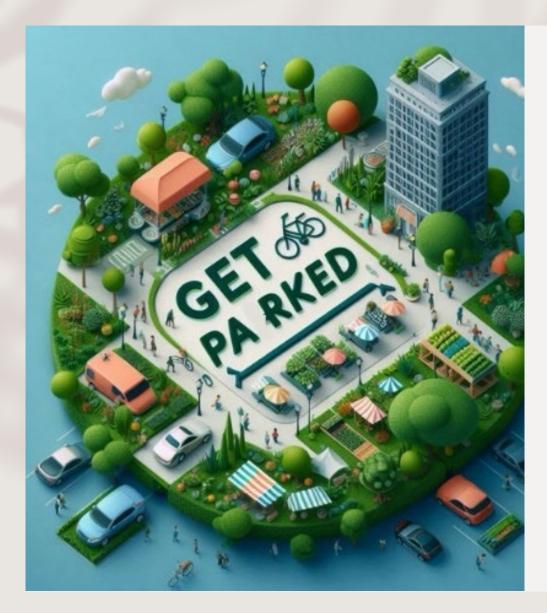
- Food Trucks
- Farmers Markets
- Art in the Park
- Furniture Exchanges
- Yoga Classes.
- Tree Planting
- Gardening 101











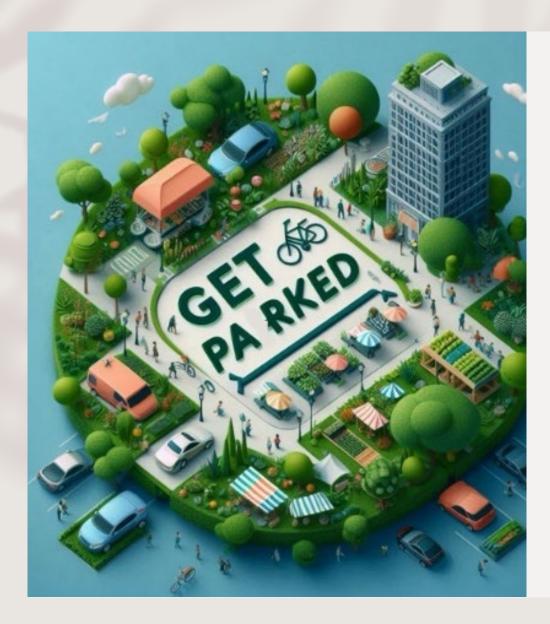
## Where we're at

#### City

Have continued conversations with Parks Planning and engaged Parks and Recreation to better understand logistics, costs and policies

**Sponsors** IKEA McMichael

**Community** TRCA Committee



### **Our Ask**

Pilot test concept this year at Forest View Park

Provide community funds to support the planning effort.

Help Coordinate

Promote the initiative

Evaluate for potential replication



## Are you ready to Get Parked?