



**CITY OF VAUGHAN  
REPORT NO. 2 OF THE  
AGE-FRIENDLY VAUGHAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*For consideration by the Committee of the Whole  
of the City of Vaughan  
on April 14, 2026*

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The Age-Friendly Vaughan Advisory Committee met at 3:06 p.m., on March 30, 2026, via electronic participation.

The following were present at the meeting:

**Members Present**

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri, Chair  
Gerard O'Connor, Vice Chair  
Councillor Rosana DeFrancesca  
Dr. Marina Di Battista  
Mubina Jaffer  
Soledad Quintanilla

**Staff Present**

Gus Michaels, Deputy City Manager, Community Services  
Andrew Abballe, Council Research Assistant (Ferri)  
Anna Dara, Director of Recreation Services  
Brook Beatty, Recreation Manager, Community Centres  
Iulia Negutoiu, Administrative Services Representative  
Leigha King, Program and Project Coordinator  
Susan Teicht, Communications Specialist  
Assunta Ferrante, Legislative Specialist  
Francesca Laratta, Legislative Specialist

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The following items was dealt with:

**1. 2025 AGE-FRIENDLY ANNUAL UPDATE**

**The Age-Friendly Vaughan Advisory Committee advises Council:**

- 1) That the presentation by Leigha King, Program and Project Coordinator and Brook Beatty, Recreation Manager, Community Centres and Communication C1, presentation material entitled, “Age-Friendly Community Action Plan – 2025 Annual Progress Report”, were received.**

**2. RENEWING THE AGE-FRIENDLY VAUGHAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE:  
2026-2030 COUNCIL TERM**

**The Age-Friendly Vaughan Advisory Committee recommended that the following recommendations be forwarded to Council for approval:**

- 1. That the recommendations contained in the following resolution of Local and Regional Councillor Mario Ferri, dated March 30, 2026, be approved.**

**Members Resolution**

Submitted by Local and Regional Councillor Mario Ferri

**Whereas**, in April 2022, Council approved Vaughan's Age-Friendly Community Action Plan (the “Plan”) and Implementation Strategy, highlighting Council’s commitment to citizens to provide a diverse community that is supportive, accessible, and equitable, where everyone including our seniors can live, work, retire, age well and feel a sense of belonging;

**Whereas**, the City's ten-year age-friendly community action plan sets out a long-term vision, collective goals, and inclusive strategies to improve upon the ability of seniors to remain in their homes and live well within their communities;

**Whereas**, in June 2024, the City of Vaughan has been recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO) as part of its Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities;

**Whereas**, effective governance through this Advisory Committee consisting of community thought leaders was vital to informing, developing and ensuring the successful passage of the Age-Friendly Community Action Plan; and

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**Whereas**, the Vaughan community has an important role in supporting the vision of the Plan by being welcoming and inclusive of all people of all ages and abilities. Communities can also support the development of an age-friendly city through advocacy and education.

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. THAT the Age-Friendly Vaughan Advisory Committee be re-established for the 2026-2030 Council term;
2. THAT the existing community members serving on the Standing Advisory Committee, who were recruited through a comprehensive public recruitment process, and whose appointments were approved by Council, be offered reappointment for the 2026-2030 Council term;
3. THAT City staff be directed to prepare a report in Q1 2027 with an updated Terms of Reference for the Age-Friendly Vaughan Advisory Committee for approval to proceed with meetings in the new Council term; and
4. THAT this Member's Resolution be referred to Vaughan City Council for approval

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The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri, Chair