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Diversity and Inclusion Task Force
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Agenda Item # 1

City of Vaughan Age-Friendly Community Action Plan

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Purpose

The goal of the Age-Friendly Community Action Plan is to assess the City's social and physical environment using the eight World Health Organization (WHO) dimensions of community life and identify priority areas for meeting the needs of the aging population.



Age-Friendly Communities

An Age-Friendly community is one that responds to both the opportunities and challenges of an aging population by creating physical and social environments that support independent active living and enable older people to continue contributing to all aspects of community life.

(Ontario Age-Friendly Community Planning Guide)

Picture Source: Centre for Age-Friendly Excellence



Our Approach

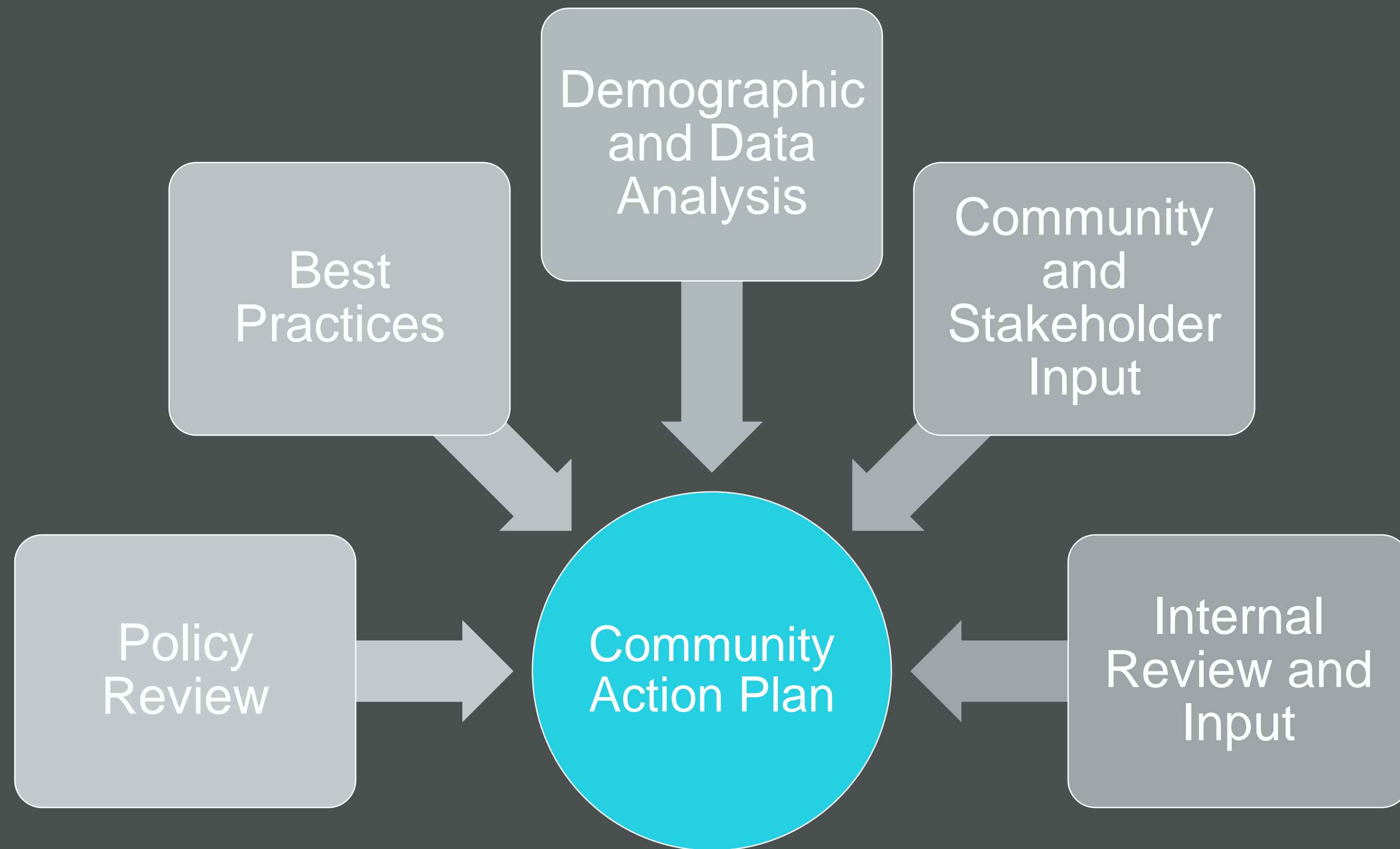
Here's our approach to develop the best plan possible for this community:

- Bring people together and listen to all perspectives because all stakeholders have important insights
- Make sure all consultation activities are respectful and meaningful
- Use both creative and critical thinking
- Gather input and ideas in different ways, so that we get a full understanding of ideas, opinions and opportunities
- Create recommendations that bring all the ideas together so decisions can be made confidently to grow age friendliness in Vaughan

Project Activities

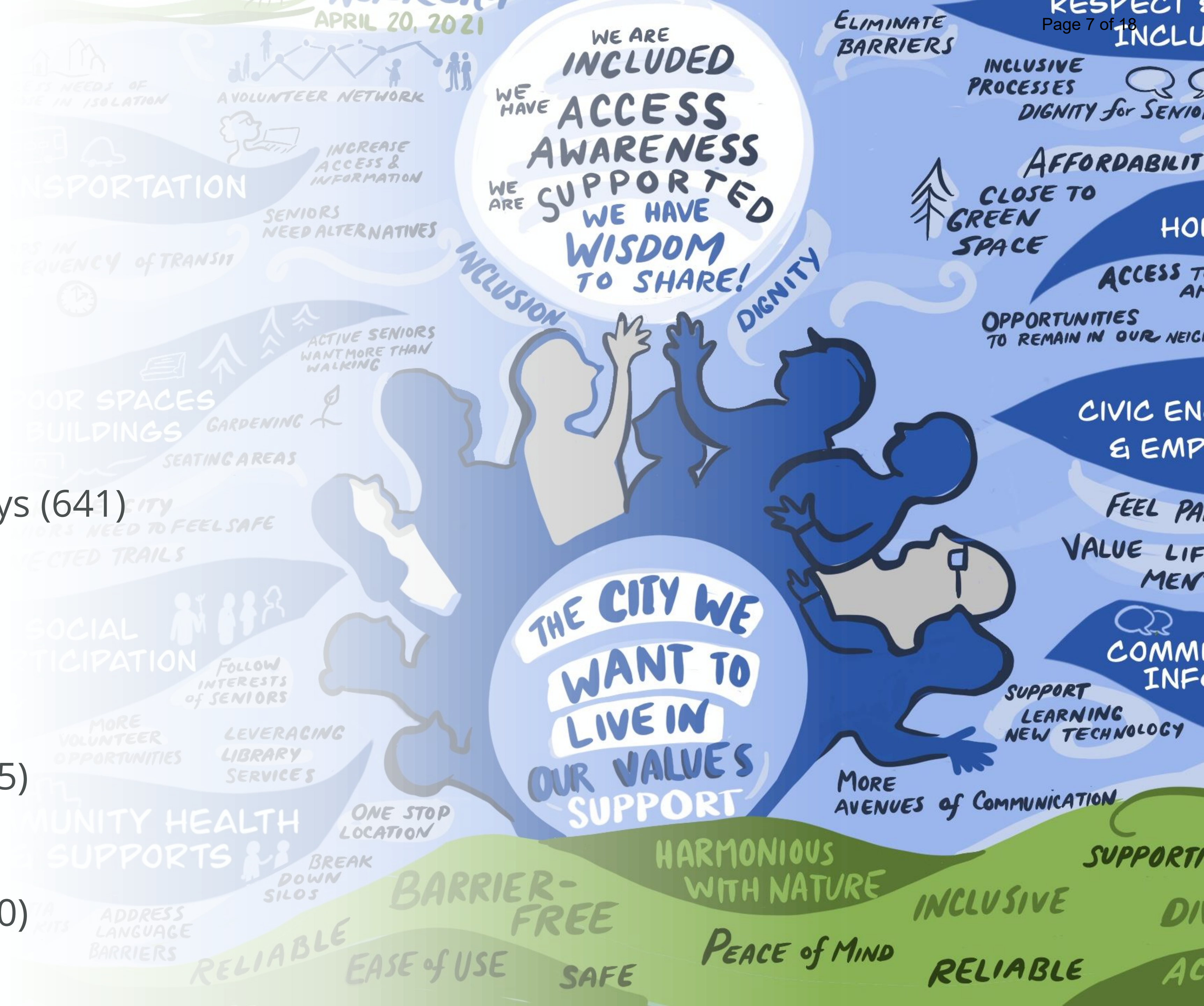


Developing the Plan



Community Engagement Activities

- Visioning workshop (25)
- Telephone and online surveys (641)
- Interviews (30+)
- Focus groups (9)(82)
- Online questionnaire (8)
- Community workshop #2 (25)
- Community Pop-Ups (30+)
- Community workshop #3 (40)



Community Outreach

- Website
- Public Service Announcements
- Media coverage
- Social media
- Digital signs
- Mobile signs
- Radio advertising
- Engagement newsletter
- Vaughan Public Library Handouts
- Dedicated age-friendly phone extension & email address



**Creating a more
age-friendly
Vaughan**

Share your feedback
to help shape the City's
Age-Friendly Community
Action Plan

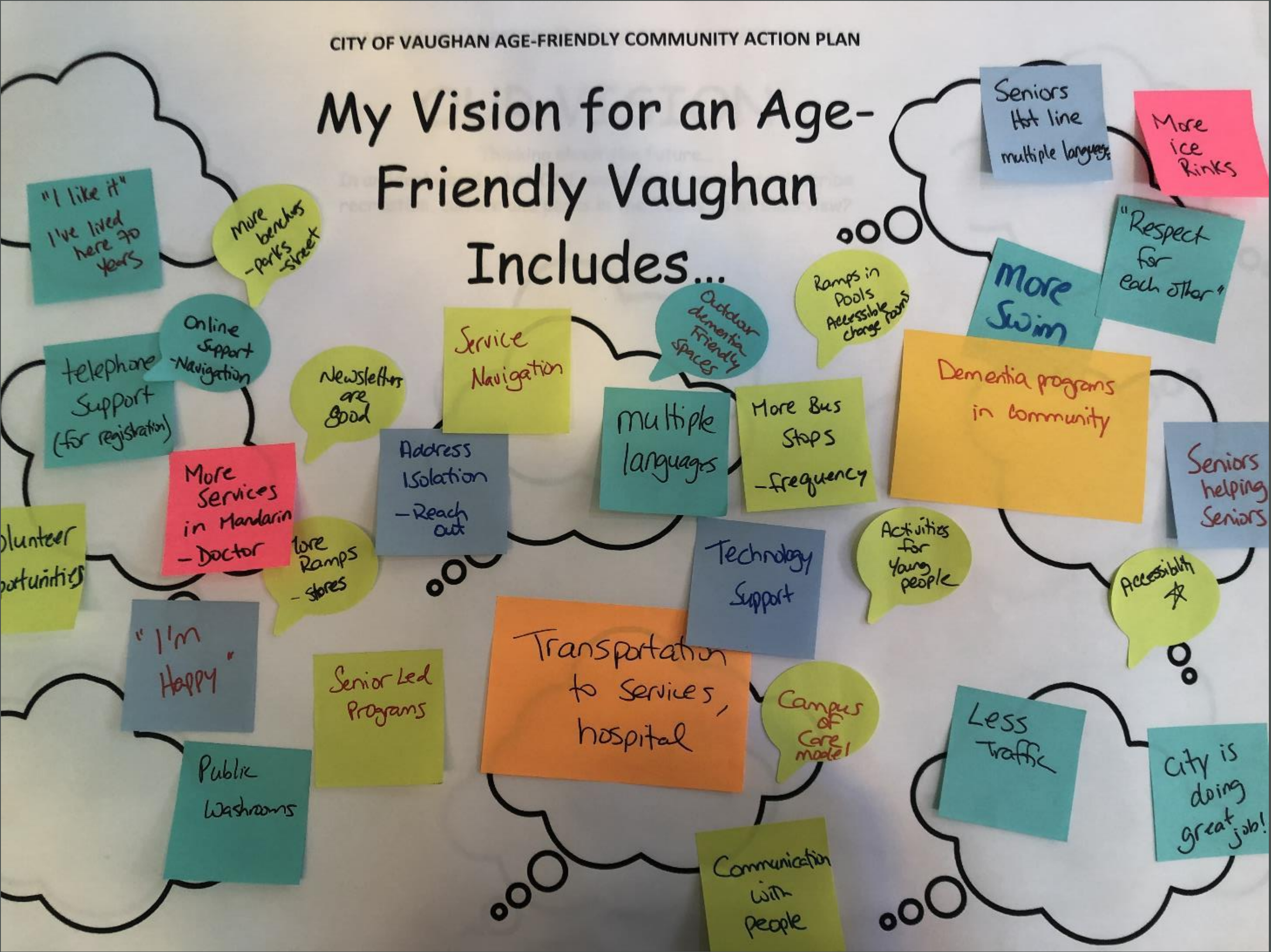
Who We Heard From

Residents
650+

Community
Groups, Clubs,
Organizations
20+

Members of
Council
9

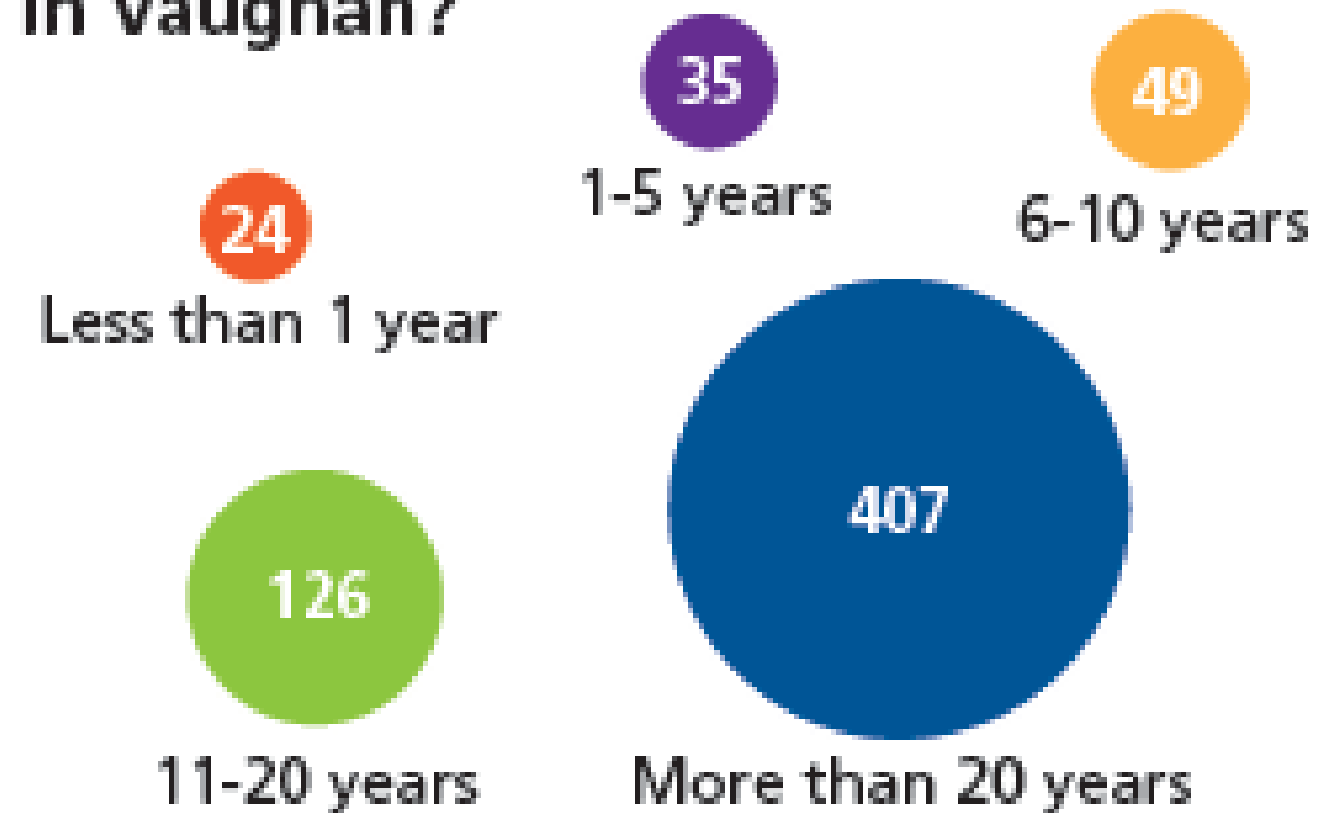
City Staff
30+



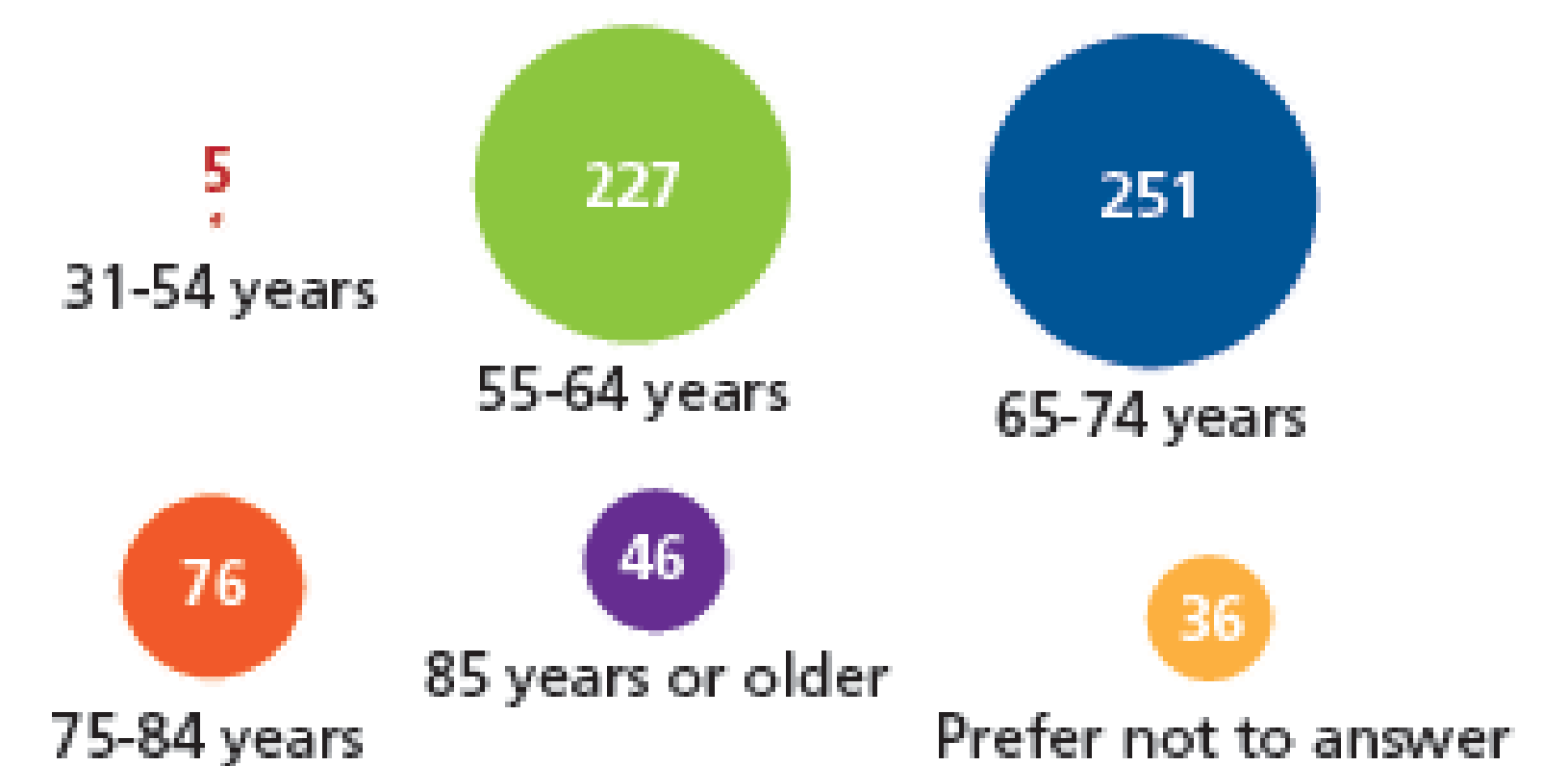
Who We Heard From Residents

Of the 641 people who completed a survey, we heard from these demographics:

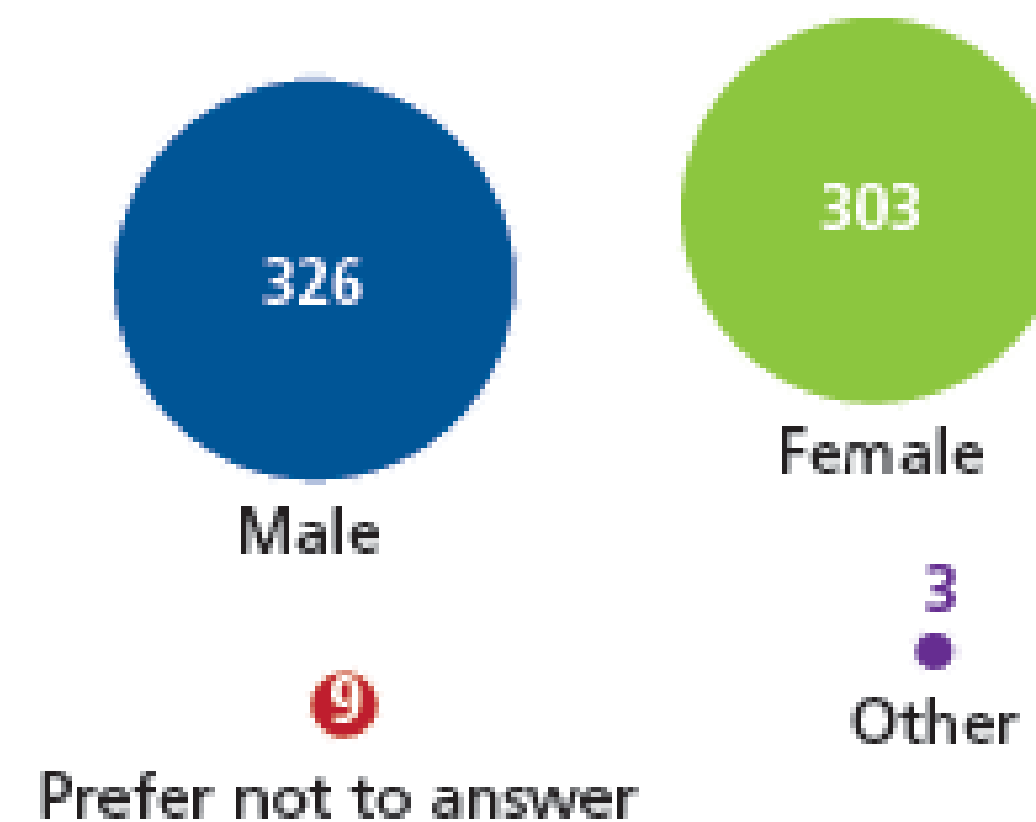
How many years have you lived in Vaughan?



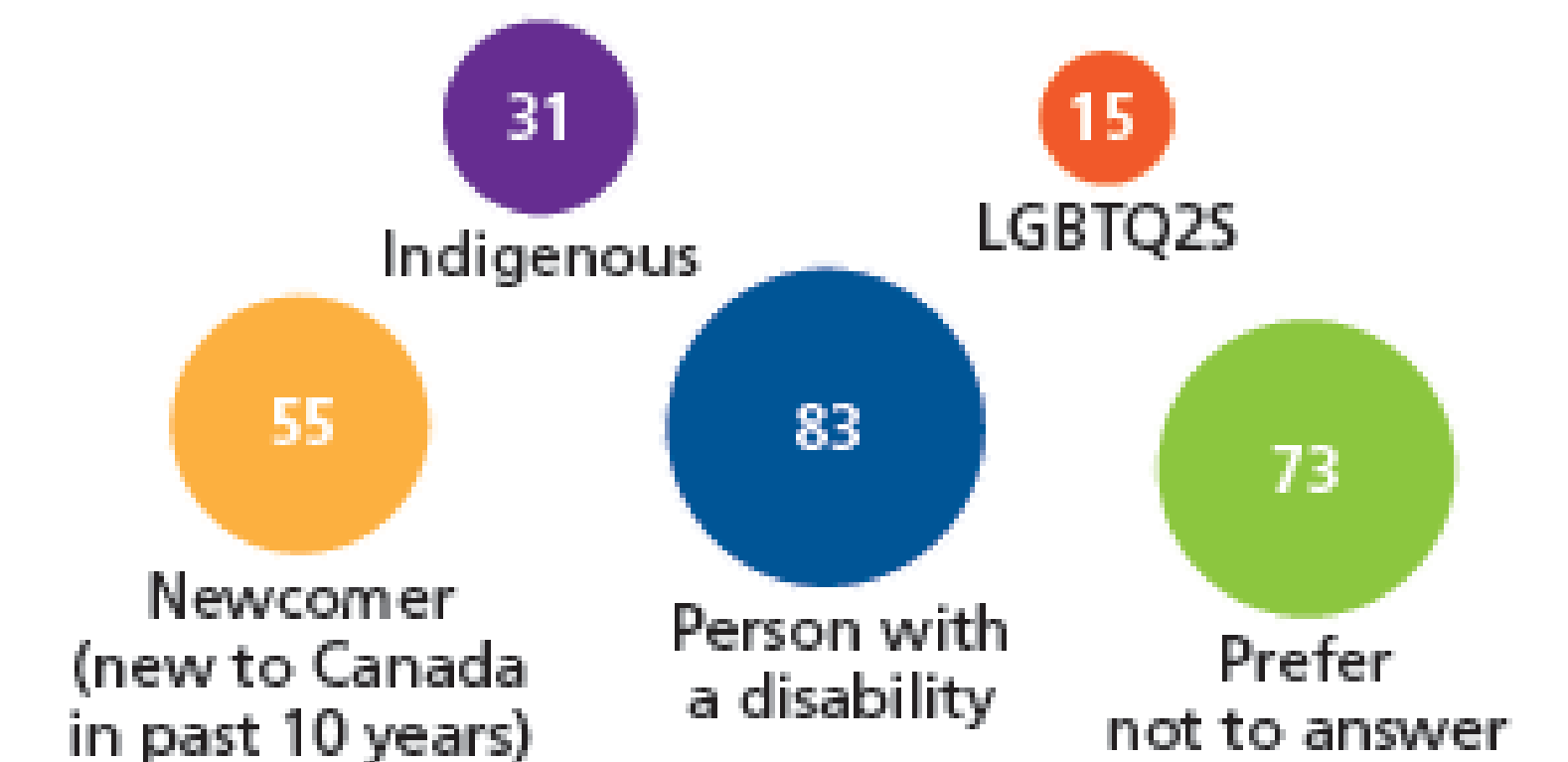
In which category is your age?



What gender do you identify with?



Do you identify as being part of any of the following groups?



Who We Heard From

Community Groups, Clubs, Networks, Service Providers, Partners

York Region	Vaughan Community Health Centre	Alzheimer's Society	Islamic Society	Music Share	Welcome Centre	Jewish Russian Community Centre
Town of East Gwillimbury	Family Services of York Region	Caribbean Association	United Way	South Asian Seniors' Club	Chats	Reena
March of Dimes	Concord West Seniors	Seniors Focus Vaughan	First Chinese Seniors' Association	Human Endeavour	Filipino Seniors Club	Thornhill Seniors Club
Ontario Network Age-Friendly Communities	Vita Community Living Services	York Regional Police	Welcome Centre	Chartwell	Vaughan Public Libraries	United Way Greater Toronto



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Vision

Vaughan is a community of choice for all generations.



Principles

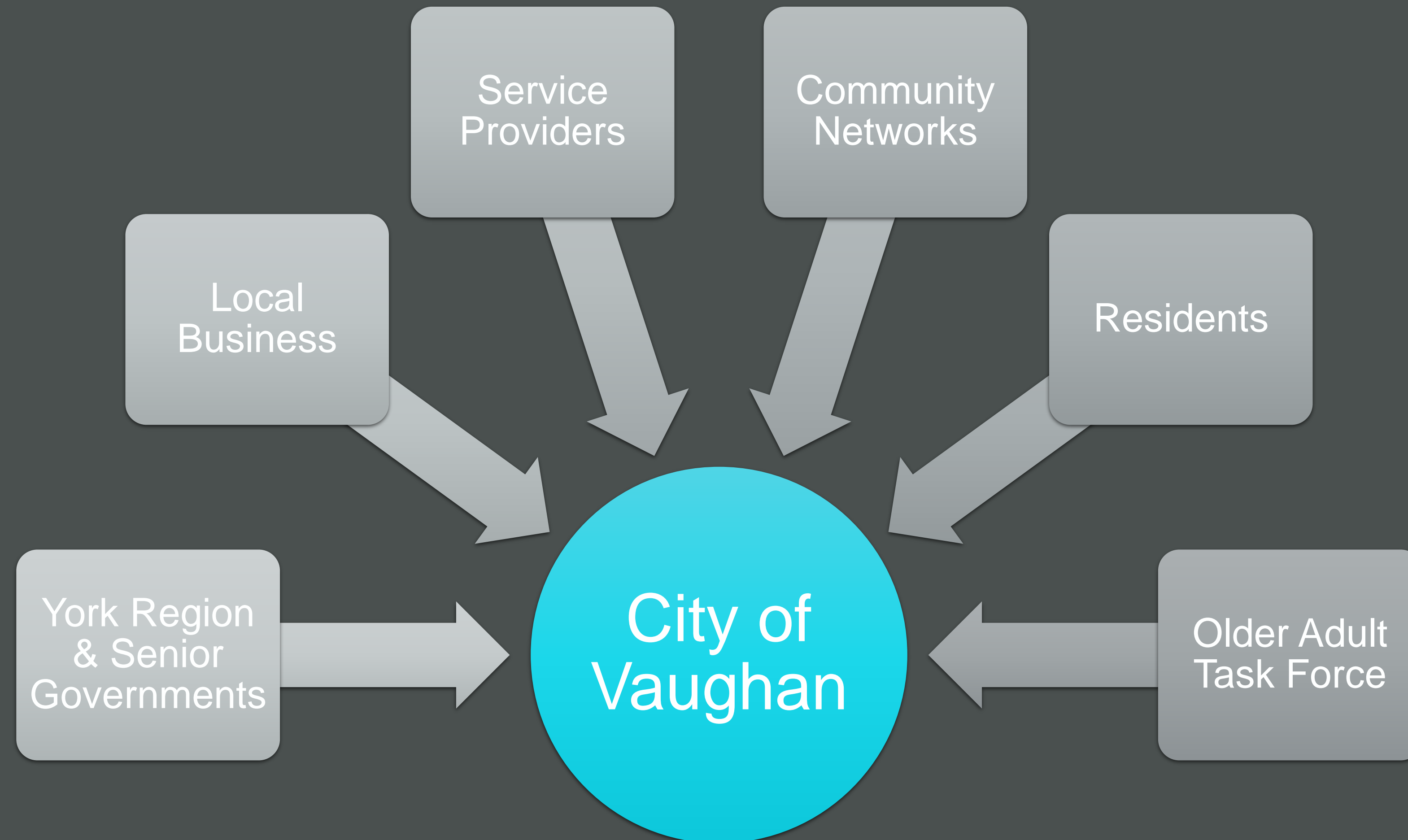
- Equity
- Collaboration
- Accountability
- Connection
- Inclusion



Objectives

- 1.To recognize the diversity of Vaughan's aging population not only in terms of age but also ability, gender, sexual orientation, culture, support needs, and income.
- 2.To support policies that create complete, accessible, and welcoming neighbourhoods.
- 3.To support independent, active, and healthy aging for all residents.
- 4.To realize a shared responsibility among community members and partners to fulfil the vision of this Plan.
- 5.To achieve recognition of the City of Vaughan as an Age-Friendly Community through the Ontario's Network of Age-Friendly Community Initiatives

Collective Accountability



Achieving Action



THANK
YOU!

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