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Accessibility Advisory Committee
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Agenda Item # 2

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 Action Plan

1. Policy Review
2. Scan of Best Practices
3. Demographic and Data Analysis
4. Community and Stakeholder Input
5. Internal review and Input

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

650 Residents

9 Members of Council

30+ City Staff

25+ Community

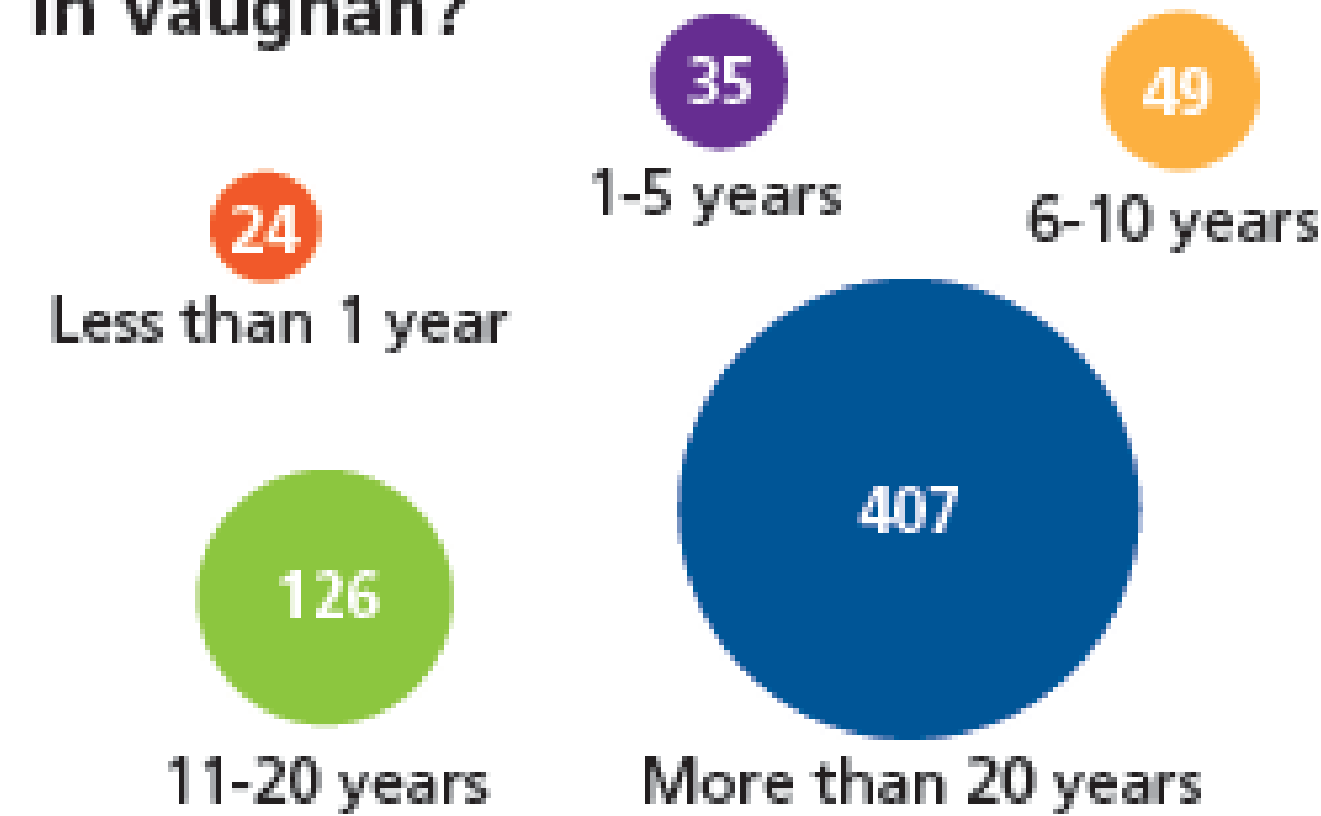
Organizations, Networks
and Clubs



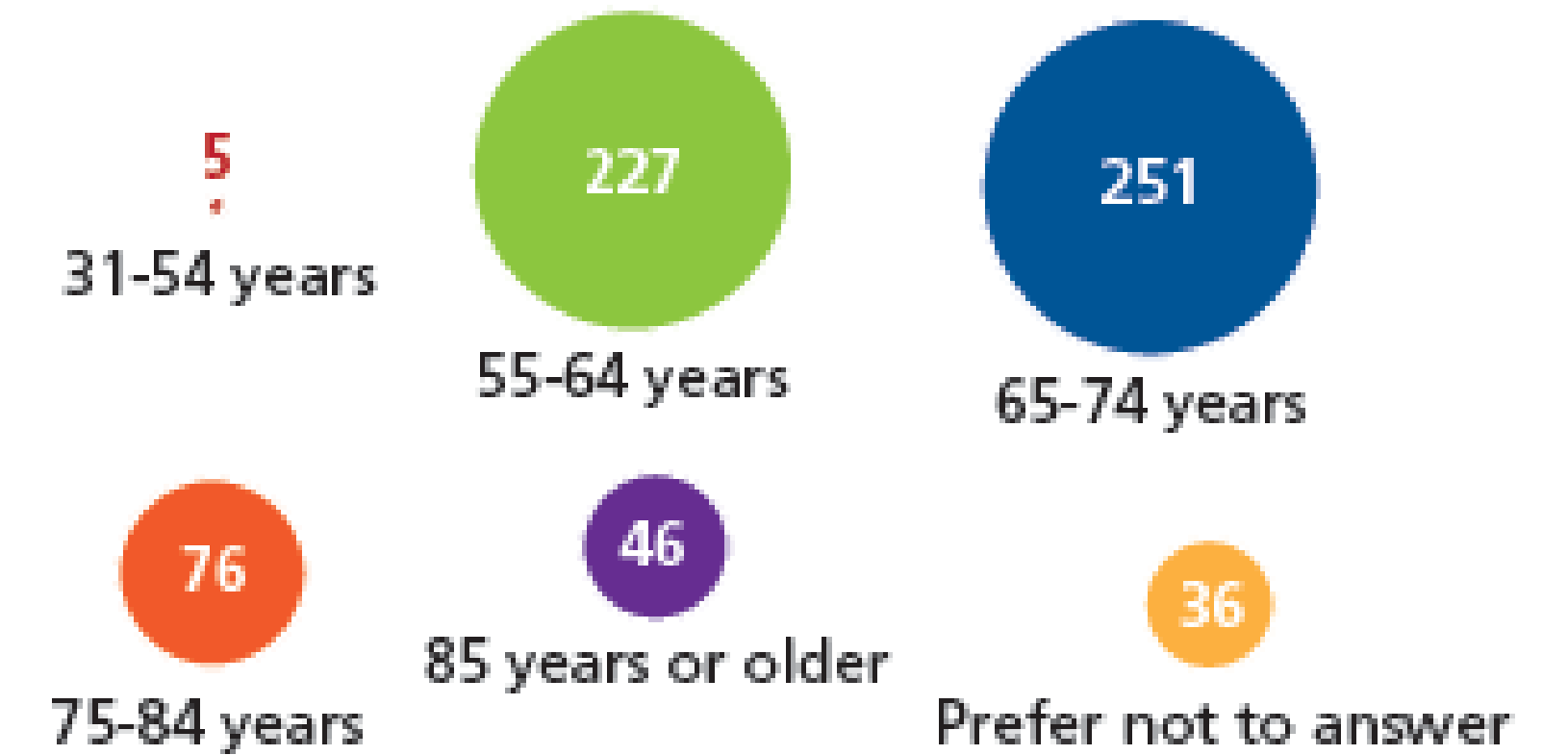
Who We Heard From Residents

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

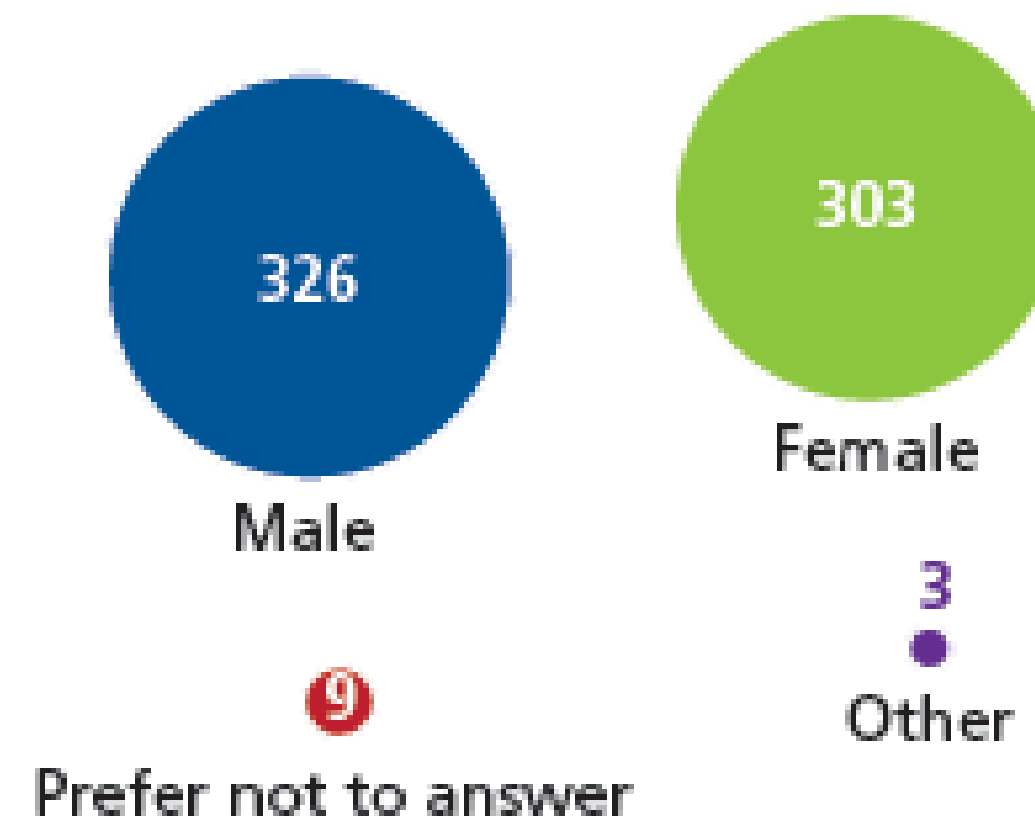
How many years have you lived in Vaughan?



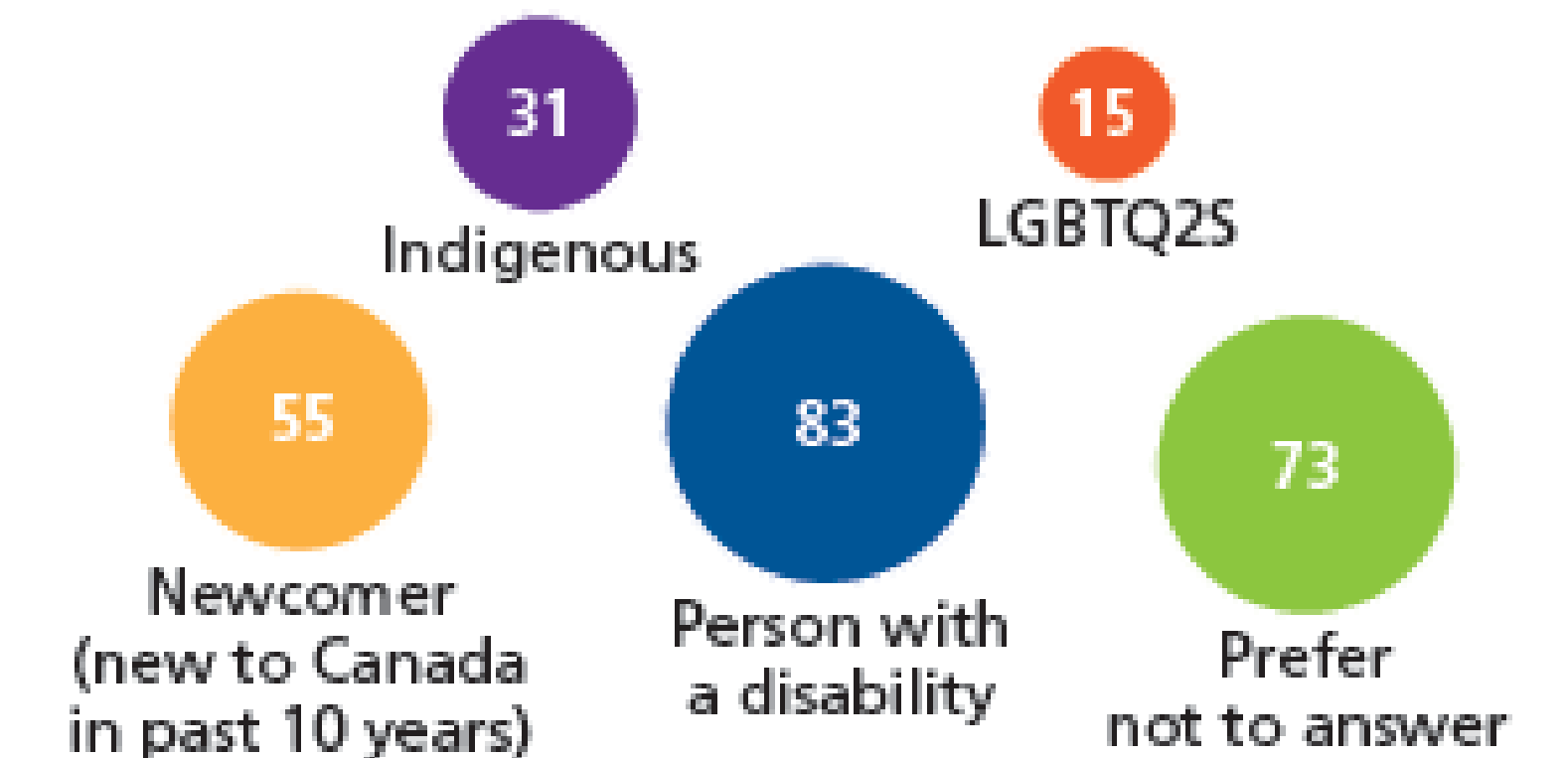
In which category is your age?



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



City of Vaughan Age-Friendly Community Action Plan





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

- York Region and Senior Governments
- Local Businesses
- City Staff, Council & Committees
- Older Adult Task Force
- Service Providers
- Community Organizations, Clubs and Networks
- Residents



Achieving Action

THANK
YOU!

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