



Vaughan Blooms for You in 2009!

Communities in Bloom

**National Symposium on Parks & Grounds
and National Awards Ceremonies**

Vaughan, Ontario

Tuesday, Sept. 29 to Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009

Preliminary Programme



The City Above Toronto

Welcome to Vaughan

Welcome to Canada's fastest growing city with over 250,000 residents. Say hello to the best in Canadian art, top-notch entertainment venues, heritage and cultural attractions, lively multicultural festivals & events, a wide array of dining options, newly-built superior hotels, incredible shopping, award-winning wineries and some of Ontario's best golf courses.

Home to many of Canada's leading tourism venues including: Canada's Wonderland, the McMichael Canadian Art Collection and the Kortright Centre for Conservation, Vaughan is known as *The City Above Toronto*. Throughout its rapid growth Vaughan has maintained a high quality of life. The city was recently recognized as "the fourth best and coolest place in Canada in which to raise a family" by *Canadian Family magazine*.

So much to see, do and experience.
Join us! *Vaughan Blooms for You* in 2009!



Front (from L): Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, Mayor Linda Jackson, Ward 3 Councillor Bernie DiVona, and Ward 1 Councillor Peter Meffe.

Back (from L): Regional Councillor Mario Ferri, Ward 2 Councillor Tony Carella, Ward 4 Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco, and Ward 5 Councillor Alan Shefman.



Message from Mayor Linda Jackson and Regional Councillor Mario Ferri

We are pleased to invite you to join us for the 2009 Communities in Bloom National Symposium on Parks & Grounds and National Awards Ceremonies.

Vaughan is the first municipality to achieve consecutive successes in Communities in Bloom at the provincial, national and international levels. The results have been tangible: a more attractive community, increased civic pride, a rise in tourism and an enhancement of Vaughan's profile in Ontario, in Canada and around the world.

We are pulling out all the stops to ensure you have a great time in Vaughan. Enjoy our vitality, our hospitality, our diversity. Come and learn, network, develop partnerships, share ideas and be rewarded for your beautification efforts. We look forward to seeing you.

Vaughan Blooms for You in 2009!

Sincerely,



Linda D. Jackson
Mayor
Member, Communities in
Bloom Beautification Committee



Mario F. Ferri
Local and Regional Councillor
Chair, Communities in
Bloom Beautification Committee



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS 2009

Tuesday, September 29

- Pre-Conference and Companion tours

Wednesday, September 30

- Companion Tours, Symposium Sessions and Technical Visits
- Mayor's Welcome Reception & Flag Exchange Ceremony at the Vaughan Civic Centre

Thursday, October 1

- Themed Breakfast, Companion Tours, Symposium Sessions and Technical Visits
- Multicultural Street Festival – Travel around the world as Vaughan's mosaic of cultures will be showcased through music, food, entertainment, games and lots more.



Friday, October 2

- Themed Breakfast, Companion Tours, Symposium
- Keynote Speaker & Lunch
- Discover Vaughan!
An evening of wining, dining, shopping and entertainment.

Saturday, October 3

- 5 Km Walk (Fundraiser) around the Conference Site
- Champagne Brunch National and Provincial Awards Ceremony
- Companion Tours & Leisure Activities
- Closing Gala Celebrations and Extravaganza!
An enchanting evening will be the culmination and showpiece of the conference. The evening will start with cocktails followed by an amazing meal, live entertainment and prizes.

Sunday, October 4

- Post-conference tours



Great Shopping

Vaughan offers visitors a choice of small specialty boutiques, impressive shopping malls, brand name discount outlets and so much more.

Vaughan Mills Shopping Centre features over 200 stores including fashion, outlets, dining and entertainment greats such as Lucky Strike Lanes, NASCAR Speed Park and Bass Pro Shops - a treasure for the outdoor enthusiast.

Promenade Shopping Centre offers the shopper over 140 stores of the best retail has to offer. Kleinburg Historic Village is known for a wide choice of quaint boutiques and specialty shops.

In the area of Highway 7 & Highway 400 shop at the Power Centre, home to big- box retailers and brand name outlets. Also check out Magnotta Winery. At Highway 7 and Interchange Way, you can experience entertainment at Yuk Yuk's, Dueling Pianos, Wendel Clark's Sports Lounge, Berlin Night Club, Dave & Busters, Tee Time Indoor Golf and many more great exciting venues.



Fine Dining

Vaughan's mosaic of cultures is reflected in its many superb restaurants offering casual and fine dining. Check out Lago at Eagle's Nest Golf Club in Maple and Terra in Thornhill - acclaimed by Toronto Life Magazine. The Doctor's House is a memorable Kleinburg dining landmark.

In Thornhill there is a strong Jewish flavour accented with new cuisine from Russia and Ukraine.

Vaughan has a wide variety of South Asian restaurants featuring Japanese, Chinese, Thai, Indian, Vietnamese and Korean cuisines.

With 35% of Vaughan's population of Italian origin, you'll find some of the best trattorias, bakeries, cafes and fanciful eateries outside of Italy.

Exciting contemporary restaurants that combine great food and fun include such favourites as Dave & Buster's, Vinnie Gambini's, Vinnie Zucchini, and Entertainment Central.



See, Do & Enjoy!

Vaughan offers so much to see and do including some of Canada's leading attractions. Canada's Wonderland, the premier seasonal theme park in Canada, features over 200 attractions, 65 thrilling rides, Splash Works and Behemoth - Canada's tallest, fastest roller coaster (Open Friday night, Saturday and Sunday).



McMichael Canadian Art Collection showcases 100% Canadian art including works by the Group of Seven, First Nations, Inuit and contemporary artists.



Reptilia, a unique reptile zoo, features 20 foot long pythons and a Nile crocodile - the biggest on display in Canada.

Located in Vaughan Mills, Lucky Strike Lanes is an upscale bowling lounge. NASCAR Speed Park offers sheer excitement on five exciting tracks for all ages.



The Kortright Centre, Canada's largest environmental centre, offers more than 18 kilometres of nature trails.



Pre and Post Conference Tours

Toronto City Day Tour (approx. 3 hours)

Highlights: The CN Tower, Rogers Centre (The SkyDome), Harbourfront, Shopping areas including Yorkville, theatre district, Casa Loma area and the ROM.

Toronto City Night Tour (approx. 4 hours)

Highlights: Chinese Lantern Festival, Chinatown, Queen Street West, Corso Italia, Greektown on the Danforth or a night of theatre and dining.

Niagara Falls & Niagara Wine Region Day Tour (approx. 10-12hrs.)

Niagara Falls- an experience you'll remember forever.
Highlights: Maid of the Mist, buffet lunch overlooking Niagara Falls, free time in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Helicopter Tour (additional charge), winery stop and tasting and Royal Botanical Gardens (Hamilton/Burlington).



Discover Vaughan!

Historical Vaughan

Wednesday, September 30, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Early settlers began to settle in Vaughan in the late 1700's, although indigenous peoples inhabited the area since 9000 BC. Learn from experts at the City of Vaughan Cultural Services Division about the history of Vaughan and its indigenous people. Our historical experts can talk about significant archaeological sites in Vaughan and interpretations from these excavations.

In addition you will learn about over 245 properties identified as Significant Heritage Structures under The Ontario Heritage Act.

Accompanied by knowledgeable historians, you will visit a number of key heritage sights in Vaughan and learn their history. Visit the home of Lord Beaverbrook, Thoreau MacDonald House and Vellore Village.



A Taste of Vaughan
Thursday, October 1, 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Vaughan is home to many cultures and as many interesting food experiences. Today we will do the pasta, wine and cheese route. Begin your tour with a lesson in making home-made pasta. Be our guest in the kitchen of a genuine Italian Trattoria. Learn firsthand how to make pasta dough and roll gnocchi. Once the lesson is complete, enjoy the fruits of your labour with a wonderful Italian luncheon.



Following lunch we resume our tour with a visit to Magnotta Winery, which is also a Brewery and a Distillery. Learn firsthand from the renowned wine makers the great success Magnotta has enjoyed winning over 300 awards for its wines. Sample as you go! Learn the secrets of great beer and how some of Canada's finest vodka is distilled. Visit the outlet store and marvel at the paintings that are featured on Magnotta labels. Our day finishes with a visit to Quality Cheese, a major cheese producer in Vaughan. Learn how many of the favourite cheeses enjoyed in Canada are produced.



Shop Till You Drop

Friday, October 2, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Vaughan is home to mega shopping. Vaughan Mills is the only shopping centre of its kind in Canada. With over 200 brand name stores Vaughan Mills can offer the shopper an incredible array of goods. Brands include Bass Pro, Holt Renfrew, Tommy Hilfiger and many more.

In addition to Vaughan Mills there are two major Power Centres located East and West of Highways 7 and 400. Here are the big box names, including: Home Outfitters, Wal-Mart, IKEA and Home Depot. Promenade Mall in Thornhill features many of this country's top retailers including such popular brands as Coach.

With over 400 shops this tour may be featured twice.



Arts and Culture

Saturday, October 3, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Let your motorcoach whisk you to the picturesque village of Kleinburg, home to the McMichael Canadian Art Collection. Here the museum's curator has created a private guided and narrated tour of the museum's highlights all for you.

Delight in a private viewing of rugged Canadian landscapes by the world renowned Group of Seven. Thrill to the deep and haunting paintings of Emily Carr or marvel at the use of light by Quebec painter Clarence Gagnon.

Walk the path of McMichael to the small graveyard where the Group of Seven are buried and hear tales of murder, intrigue and curiosity that surrounded their lives.

Stroll picturesque Kleinburg and visit historical buildings specially opened for visiting CIB delegates.

Per Person \$35.00



Great Accommodations

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