

## Working Together

### City of Vaughan Role and Mandate in Culture

Like leading jurisdictions in Canada and internationally, the City of Vaughan recognizes a shift in the role of government from a traditional “planner-provider-deliverer” model to an increasingly collaborative “enabler-convener-catalyst-broker” model. To succeed, the City of Vaughan must serve the following roles in support of cultural development:

- Leaders and innovator
- Facilitator and connector
- Provider and deliverer
- Advocate and lobbyist
- Planner and strategist

### Internal and External Partnerships and Collaboration

*Creative Together* will only succeed through the effective collaboration across departments and across the community with business and community partners. It provides a strategic framework for the City and its partners to work toward shared goals and advance economic prosperity and cultural vitality throughout Vaughan.

Some municipalities that have developed cultural plans establish interdepartmental culture teams or working groups to coordinate planning and implementation across departments. These are sometimes accompanied by internal senior or special purpose committee structures (e.g. Culture Committees).

In order to ensure cross-sectoral collaboration with the City and across business, education, the cultural sector, service agencies, community foundations, and social service organizations for example, many communities have established a leadership group (sometimes called a Cultural Roundtable). This group is then mandated to mobilize community partnerships and commitments in implementing immediate cultural planning initiatives and identifying future opportunities. These Roundtables establish working groups or task forces to undertake specific projects or tasks, hold annual cultural summits to discuss issues and celebrate successes, and convene issue-based community forums to discuss specific topics relevant to cultural development.



A possible Creative Together Project Advisory Committee (PAC) has representation from a range of municipal and community interests all of whom have important roles to play. Consideration should also be given to establishing a Culture Committee and/or reconstituting Cultural Advisory Committee with broader representation and responsibilities for ongoing cultural planning and development opportunities in Vaughan.

Going forward, it will be important that Council and staff, citizens and all stakeholders are kept informed through ongoing communications that supports the implementation of Creative Together. An increased leadership role for the City of Vaughan will have staff and resource requirements that will need to be addressed as the plan goes forward.



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