



Humanity First Community Center Project

Project Description

Humanity First is a registered charitable non-profit organization providing support to communities at a national and international level. Our organization invests in issues that matter the most, in order to strengthen communities and give humanity a chance to exceed their potential and help build for a brighter future.

Humanity First proposes to build a Community Centre which offers various programs and services for the fast growing community in the City of Vaughan.

This Community Centre will be beneficial to all members of the community, providing services to new immigrants, youth, elderly, women and children. There is a need to establish a physical facility which is dedicated to promote community togetherness, as well as to bring positive change in the lifestyle of citizens through various recreational and educational activities.

This Community Centre will be located in an area where it is accessible to a major part of the multicultural community, where such a resource facility is direly needed.

The proposed project will create employment opportunities throughout the development of this facility, and will involve hundreds of youth and diverse members of community in positive contribution to Canadian society.

Project Benefits

The development of the Humanity First Community Centre will be beneficial to members living in the City of Vaughan, providing significant social and economic benefits. The construction of a new building would be a safe place for community members to receive various services and facilities from Humanity First. The new construction will meet the building safety standards and be expected to last for a very long time.

The economic life of the asset will be preserved due to the implementation of enhanced building plans according to safety standards and use of high quality materials. Upgrades will be included in the development for preservation and enhancement purposes, therefore appreciating in value due to its prime location in the growing city of Vaughan.



Maintenance and safety of the building will be prolonged through the installation of security cameras and energy efficient indoor and outdoor lightings.

The Community Centre will be available for Humanity First Clients for various recreational and educational programs. The Community Centre allows for various other advantages, including environmental benefits and improved efficiency of transportation networks.

Environmental benefits include a focus on energy and water conservation and a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Heating, lighting, windows, and washrooms will all be energy efficient, based on energy saving guidelines.

Recycling and compost programs will also be implemented to help minimize the impact on the environment.

The community centre will be located on a bus route, making use of the existing transportation network. Bike racks will be installed on the premises to encourage biking as a means of transportation, therefore further reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The proposed site for the Community Centre will be situated within walking distance for a large group of residents who are looking forward to such a facility in their area.

Project Location

Civic Number	10610
Civic Number Suffix	
Unit/Suite/Apt	
Street Name	Jane
Street Type	Street
Street Direction	
Municipality	Vaughan
County/District	York County
Province/Territory	Ontario
Postal Code	L6A 3A2

The main intersection for the project location is Major Mackenzie Road and Jane Street when you are going North on Jane Street. If you are going South on Jane Street, the major intersection is Teston Road and Jane Street.



Project Focus

Humanity First seeks to build stronger communities, in which individuals are engaged and in - tuned with helping anyone and everyone in need. Humanity First's mandate has four over-arching themes under its mission to serve humanity, as outlined below:

This project focuses following objectives:

- To facilitate full and active participation of ethnic, racial, cultural, and religious communities in Canadian society and to increase public awareness, understanding and informed public dialogue about multiculturalism, racism, and cultural diversity in Canada.
- Assist new Canadians and cultural communities to gain knowledge and skills for economic, social, and cultural integration and civic engagement;
- Provide opportunities and support for the involvement of new Canadians and cultural communities to work in partnerships with various stakeholders towards identifying and resolving issues affecting them (schools, social services, employment, recognition of foreign credentials, justice systems, policing, media, etc);
- Assist cultural youth at-risk to gain self-confidence, knowledge, and skills for participation and civic engagement (volunteerism);
- Provide opportunities for youth through partnerships with their peers, adults, and community leaders as well as through mentorship initiatives, to gain practical learning experience and develop the skills necessary to contribute to the economic, social and cultural life of their communities;

Humanity First has envisaged a project that will not only serve above groups but will also play a pivotal role in the education and counseling of youth, eliminating abuse against women and young and eradicating use of drugs along with other evils that can weaken our communities. It will also provide assistance to new immigrants and people requiring skills training.

Humanity First possesses the resources that will be required to complete this Center and requests the Government to play its part in this important project.

The Humanity First Culture and Heritage Center will provide following services:

- Volunteerism and participation of diverse communities
- Guidance and Counseling to new immigrants.
- Educational programs to inculcate Canadian values of equality, respect, responsibility and affection in youth.
- Program to promote respect for women and eradicate abuse.



- Workshops to effectively counter social issues and problems.
- Educational programs and strategies to eradicate use of drugs.
- Health, educational and recreational activities for senior citizens.
- Learning programs for English and ethnic languages.
- Workshops for Resume writing and effective job search.
- Computer training courses
- Community Library & Resource Center
- Audio/Visual Services

Programs By Humanity First Community Center (HFCC)

Humanity First is already providing a number of services for many years. With establishment of Humanity First Community Center a physical location will further enhance and improve these programs making them available to greater community.

Newcomer Orientation

HFCC will provide new immigrants with a practical orientation to life in Canada. Our counselors will help understand rights and responsibilities as a new Canadian and learn about the city, fill out important forms, launch a job search and find affordable housing.

One-on-one Counseling

Many find the stress of settling in a new country too much to cope with. HFCC will offer one-on-one counseling, providing information, guidance and emotional support to those who need it.

English Language Programs

HFCC will offer a number of programs to help newcomers strengthen their language skills, including LINC (Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada) classes and seminars on pronunciation, telephone skills and workplace communication.



Information Workshops

Offering practical information workshops for newcomers, HFCC will cover a broad range of topics from what you need to know about parenting in Canada, to how to file a tax form, determine what benefits you are entitled to, or target a specific profession in your job search.

Self-Help Networks

HFCC self-help networks are designed to facilitate discussions around settlement and employment challenges and opportunities, giving newcomers the chance to connect and provide mutual support to each other.

Social & Recreational Activities

Providing regular social and recreational opportunities, HFCC encourages sharing food and cultural traditions together, learning about the Canadian way of life, and improving their conversation skills. HFCC will also offer a number of other services that many people will benefit from including specialized programs for seniors, adult, child care and youth employment services. A gymnasium will be built for sports activities including but not limited to Basketball, Volleyball, Badminton and Table Tennis.

HFCC Volunteer Program

Newcomers can gain valuable Canadian workplace experience by becoming part of the HFCC Volunteer Program. Volunteers can get involved in providing clerical support, setting up programs, promoting workshops and more. Public will benefit from including specialized programs for seniors, adult and youth employment services and high-quality child care.



Program to Counter Social Issues:

Special counseling and guidance programs will be offered for youth to educate them about impact on families and society due to involvement in drugs, violence, sex and fraud. HFCC will provide alternate activities that are healthy for individual, family and society.

Employment & Computer Training Programs

HFCC will assist women, men and disabled youth to learn a skill, assist in job search, brush up on English for the workplace, or re-enter paid work after raising children. Our program will help link with employers for job placements, gain access to the latest job market information and internet job research, and prepare for the working world after a period of unemployment or relocation, or after receiving social assistance.

Programs for Women and Children

A support network will be established for women and children that are changing their lives to live free from violence in their homes, families, and local communities.

A network of service providers will be created to work with the community to share expertise and resources as we increase the number of culturally sensitive service providers who work with various communities.