

## WeirFoulds Congratulates Claudia Storto and the City of Vaughan Team on their Litigation Management Innovation Award

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WeirFoulds congratulates the City of Vaughan, Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC) Team and Claudia Storto, deputy city manager, legal and human resources, on winning the Litigation Management, Small Department, Innovation Award.

"WeirFoulds nominated Claudia for this award because of her great foresight. She was able to identify potential issues for the City of Vaughan early on and came up with an innovative approach and a fresh process to overcome the issues", said Lyn Townsend, Partner WeirFoulds LLP.

Claudia and the team won the award for their innovative approach to seeking approval from the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) for the VMC Secondary Plan. The Plan outlines and defines the elements that will make up the VMC, the new downtown core for the City of Vaughan and one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Canada.

In order to gain maximum support and accelerated approval Claudia decided to use a multi-faceted mediation approach, as opposed to the lengthy and costly process of litigation.

"We decided mediation was the way to go with this particular project because we wanted as much agreement and support from all of the stakeholders in the area. We used it as a tool to bring everyone to the table and discuss all the outstanding issues in a collaborative way resulting in as much buy-in for the plan," Claudia said.

WeirFoulds was also proud to sponsor the 2016 *Canadian Lawyer InHouse* Innovation Awards. The Awards celebrate in-house counsel, both individuals and teams, who have found ways to show leadership by becoming more efficient, innovative and creative in meeting the needs of their organizations with the Canadian legal market.

[Click here for further information about Claudia and other award winners.](#)

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