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## **VAUGHAN GETS A RUNNING START FOR NEW HEALTH CARE FACILITY CAMPAIGN WITH *RUN FOR VAUGHAN***

**VAUGHAN, ON** – At a Council meeting held February 9, 2004, Mr. Basat Khalifa, co-chairman of the *Run for Vaughan* event, presented Vaughan Council with a cheque for \$50,000 from the event's proceeds to be used for the development of Vaughan's first health care facility.

The *Run for Vaughan* event, a 10km marathon held last October 26, 2003, was open to professional and amateur runners and walkers. "We are very excited to present this cheque to Mayor Di Biase and Vaughan Council today," said Mr. Khalifa. "We have been in Maple since 1986 and we take pride in giving back to our community. This seemed like an ideal way to raise funds for the new health care facility."

"The availability of health care services in Vaughan must be expanded to meet demand," said Mayor Michael Di Biase. "This can only be accomplished by building partnerships across the community and the *Run for Vaughan* represents just such a partnership. We are very grateful for the initiative that the Ahmadiyya Muslim community has shown in organizing this fund-raising event."

The second annual *Run for Vaughan* will be held September 26, 2004.

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