

# LET'S TALK OAKVILLE

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Working together for a stronger community.





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Dear Residents,

Welcome to the eighth edition of the Ward 6 Oakville newsletter. We trust you will find it interesting as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic together. Council is continuing its work towards its Livable Oakville vision while adapting to the impacts of the second wave of the pandemic. We are working side by side other levels of government to protect the health of our community. Meanwhile, we continue to expand on what makes Oakville stand out by controlling growth to what fits, maintaining high-quality infrastructure and services, keeping our finances healthy, and preserving greenspace.

### **PROTECTING OUR HEALTH**

The Town of Oakville and Halton Region continue to work together with our provincial and federal governments to protect the health of our residents and community. Public health initiatives to contain the impact of COVID-19 are ongoing. Every part of local government has changed. From the work of Halton's Public Health team, to the move to greater on-line services and the extension until at least May 31, 2021 of the rules requiring the use of non-medical face masks and so many other initiatives, your local government has been working hard to adapt quickly and thoughtfully to the latest information on how to operate successfully in the age of COVID-19.

### **CONTROLLING GROWTH AND PLANNING COMPLETE COMMUNITIES**

We continue to focus on managing growth to what fits economically and environmentally, as well as building complete communities with the needed infrastructure and greenspace. Oakville's plan directs growth to several nodes and corridors, including the Trafalgar Road corridor, to protect existing stable neighbourhoods from unexpected development applications. The Town of Oakville also plans for increased growth around the GO station and on the lands north of Dundas. Meanwhile, the province is requiring GTA municipalities to plan for more growth



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while reducing local control over where and how development occurs.

### **PROTECTING NATURE**

The pandemic has helped many people appreciate our local greenspace and trails even more. We continue to manage the effects of the emerald ash borer on our trees, plant even more trees and work towards creating a climate change resilient community. We continue to actively protect our local creeks and natural lands. We were dismayed by recent provincial decisions to dramatically reduce the ability of conservation authorities to protect the natural environment as well as public health and safety.

### **BUILDING AND RENEWING INFRASTRUCTURE**

Council will continue to focus on building and maintaining infrastructure that improves the livability of our communities. In addition to road improvements like the expansion to Trafalgar Road, we are also making improvements to support transportation of all types including walking, cycling and public transit. Council continues its work to promote safety on our roads with measures to control the speed of traffic on local roads.

### **KEEPING OUR FINANCES HEALTHY**

The pandemic has caused financial issues for many people as well as for local governments. Despite the severe financial impacts, the Town of Oakville is well positioned with strong reserves and low debt levels that will allow us to weather the pandemic better than many other communities from a financial perspective. Council remains committed to its goal of keeping overall property tax increases in-line with inflation.

It's important to us that we be accessible to our constituents. If you have any questions or concerns with anything at the town, we're only a call or a click away.

In the meantime, we wish you all good health!

Best regards,  
*Tom and Natalia*

# Building a Better Trafalgar Road!

Halton Region is investing in improvements to Trafalgar Road, from Iroquois Shore Road to north of Hays Boulevard, in the growing community of Oakville. These improvements are vital to keeping the road safe and motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and transit users moving.

Construction work has been happening in three phases during the project:

## PHASE 1 – ANTICIPATED COMPLETION IN EARLY 2021

Improvements are wrapping up along the west side of Trafalgar Road. Residents will be able to enjoy the sidewalks with the new bike path and pedestrian bridge opening later in 2021.

## PHASE 2 – ANTICIPATED COMPLETION MID-2021

Traffic lanes began shifting to the west side of the road in fall 2020 to facilitate work on the east side of Trafalgar Road. Lane shifts started at the south project limit and will gradually continue north to Hays Boulevard as construction progresses. Phase 2 improvements include:

- road widening and reconstruction;
- watermain and stormwater management infrastructure;
- sidewalk and curbs;
- new bus stops;
- traffic signals;
- sound walls; and
- tree planting and landscaping.

## PHASE 3 – BEGINS MID-2021, ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DECEMBER 2021

Traffic will shift to the east and west sides of the corridor to facilitate work along the center of Trafalgar Road. This work will start once Phases 1 and 2 are complete.

To minimize traffic impacts along the corridor during peak travel times, night and weekend work will continue on occasion. Advance notice of this work will be posted on the Region's website and social media channels. Visit [halton.ca](http://halton.ca) to find the latest project information and sign up for email updates on construction activity.

Thank you for your patience as we build a better Trafalgar!



## Clearing Snow to Keep You Moving

Armed with plows, sand and salt, Town of Oakville crews are ready to clear your roads and sidewalks as quickly and effectively as possible when the winter weather hits!

Sand/salt trucks are dispatched at the start of a snowfall and at the first sign of roads beginning to ice. Large primary roads with the greatest volume of traffic are salted or sanded first followed by secondary roads which lead to the primary roads. Local residential streets generally receive sand or salt treatment only at intersections, hills and sharp curves. The town has a Salt Management Plan to manage salt use and minimize the environmental impact of salt.

During snow events, primary and secondary roads are plowed first to ensure residents, and emergency vehicles, can safely travel during or immediately after a snowfall. Local residential streets are plowed only after more than 7.5 cm of snow accumulates. The town aims to have all streets cleared within 24 hours after the end of a storm. Heavy snowfalls or successive storms can sometimes extend this period past 24 hours. As in most municipalities, local roads are not cleared to bare pavement.

Sidewalks on primary and secondary roads are cleared when more than 5 cm of snow accumulates and only after roads have been cleared. Residential sidewalks are cleared after 8 cm of snow accumulates.

Wondering if your street was missed? Real-time snow clearing updates are available via the PlowOakville interactive map tracker on [oakville.ca](http://oakville.ca). GPS technology tracks the progress of plows and the map changes to indicate when they pass over a road to show a plow is operating in the area.

Parking on streets is prohibited between 2 and 6 a.m. from November 15 to April 15 to help plowing efforts. You can also help by removing snow from fire hydrants and drainage catch basins near your property. When clearing driveways, push the snow to the right side when looking out to the street to minimize windrow piles caused by passing plows.







## Holiday Fire Safety

The Oakville Fire Department would like to wish all residents of Oakville a happy, joyous and fulfilling holiday season. We also want to promote fire safety during the holidays. There is increased risk of fires in homes during the holidays, so be sure to take time to consider the fire safety of your home. Don't invite disaster into your home over this holiday season and learn how to stay safe while you celebrate.

- Cooking is the leading cause of fires during the holidays. Cooking must not be left unattended.
- Working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors save lives. Check them regularly.
- Keep candles in a sturdy holder; away from children, pets, decorations or combustibles and always extinguish them before you leave the room.

- Smoking is the leading cause of fatal fires during the holidays. Butt out cigarettes in large, deep ashtrays and only discard ashes into non-combustible containers outside.
- Alcohol consumption is a factor in approximately one in five fatal fires during the holidays. Please drink responsibly.
- Inspect Christmas lights and ensure circuits are not overloaded. Use lights based on their proper designation (indoor or outdoor).

The COVID-19 pandemic will make the holidays different this year, but holiday fire safety needs to continue to be part of your tradition. Happy holidays and stay safe!

Visit <https://www.oakville.ca/residents/holiday-fire-safety.html> for more holiday fire safety tips and follow us on Twitter and Facebook @oakvillefire.

## Strengthening Health, Safety and Well-Being in Halton

In October, Halton Regional Council received an update on the progress of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan in Halton.

The plan was initially approved by Regional Council and the Halton Region Police Services Board in late 2017 to bring together a wide range of community partners to improve the health, safety and well-being of Halton residents by addressing the underlying causes of social issues through proactive measures to help reduce more costly later interventions. Leadership is provided by a committee including Halton Region, Halton Regional Police, local municipalities including the Town of Oakville, school boards, and Halton-based hospitals and health planning authorities.

Since launching the Plan, a number of Action Tables have been established with community partners to investigate issues, develop solutions and implement programs and services. These include:

- Establishing a coordinated approach to support Halton residents who are homeless
- Supporting youth exiting the care of the Children's Aid Society to access education, training and employment and to provide mentorship opportunities
- Initiatives to better identify and support older adults at risk of isolation
- A recently established Action Table to address food security



Most recently, the Plan has aligned efforts with the Halton Equity and Diversity Roundtable, and will examine ways to ensure Halton is, and remains, an inclusive community.

A key component of the Plan is an indicator report which highlights how Halton is doing on a wide range of measures of health, safety and well-being.

For more information on the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, or to access the indicator report, please visit [halton.ca](http://halton.ca).

# Pandemic Friendly Winter Recreation

The Recreation and Culture department has teamed up with the Oakville Public Library, Parks and Open Space and Fire Services to take recreational fun outdoors this winter!

Families can enjoy expanded outdoor skating at 14 rinks across town including at Iroquois Ridge. For our avid Nordic skiers and snowshoers, the team will be grooming Joshua Creek Trail, East Joshua Creek Trail and Bronte Creek Trail for more snow fun. In addition, select tennis courts across town will be kept open for pickleball, tennis and dedicated ball hockey, weather permitting. The Oakville Public Library team and the Museum staff are embracing the cold with outdoor book walks and themed and guided strolls on our trails. Cyclists will be able to continue to enjoy the benefits of the Crosstown Trail and waterfront parks trails as plowed paths.

To keep spirits up during this very challenging time, the town has added a beautiful, festive light installation at Coronation Park as a drive by or walking option for the winter months. In addition, there will be an outdoor skating rink for everyone to enjoy!

For residents who prefer to access services from home, the Town of Oakville created an online way to engage residents through existing social media platforms such as the QEPPCC, Senior Services and Oakville Museum Facebook Pages as well as the Youth Services Instagram account. A webpage also provides information and links to recreational and culture activities. The program framework engages residents with current resources through daily activities related to specific themes. Staff are engaging residents with sharing of posts, conducting Facebook Live video streams and daily interactive offerings



through virtual Zoom programming.

Staying active is an important part of healthy living and the Town of Oakville is here to support you!

## Oakville Public Library Continues to Serve

OPL continues to innovate and adapt to the changing times with services and virtual programs supporting our community. We're gearing up for Winter 2021 with another season of great virtual programming! Our Book Clubs continue to be very popular, including many virtual options like the Historical Book Club in partnership with the Oakville Museum, and we're excited to introduce a new book club initiative called the Inclusion and Diversity Book Club in partnership with the Halton Equity and Diversity Roundtable. Other new virtual programs include Literacy LEGO for preschoolers, and Little Artists in partnership with Oakville Galleries.

Other popular programs include Ontario curriculum-inspired Kids Library Clubs, Literary Fan Clubs, New Parent Connections in partnership with Oakville Parent Child Centre, and Creation Zone appointments which provide an opportunity for community members to ignite their creativity and create passion projects using our state-of-the-art technology and equipment in our Creation Zones.

Here's what else is new and exciting at OPL:

- Permanent elimination of all overdue fines for customers
- A new OPL Express service launch: Browse and Borrow, allowing customers to borrow books on the-go at two convenient locations
- Grab and Go for Kids - curated book discovery bags available at all branches

For more information about ongoing reopening plans and program updates, visit [opl.ca](http://opl.ca) or find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram at [@oakvillelibrary](https://www.instagram.com/oakvillelibrary).





## The pandemic isn't over – even though you may be over it.

Your everyday actions are your best defense in the fight against COVID-19.



Keep a two-metre distance from those outside your household.



Wear a mask when required or when physical distancing is a challenge.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.



Wash or sanitize your hands often.

## Public Health and COVID-19

COVID-19 cases have continued to rise across the Province and Halton and it is more important than ever to follow public health direction and take personal responsibility to protect yourself and others. Stopping the spread of COVID-19 is a community effort and our individual actions do make a difference. We know residents have already been playing their parts to reduce the transmission of this devastating virus. Thank you!

As the situation continues to evolve and actions are taken, residents are asked to regularly check the provincial and Halton Region websites for updates, guidance and health requirements. These are the best sources for reliable and up to date information.

Halton Region was placed in the Red Control Level of the Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework at the time this article was written. It is expected that restrictions required under this framework will continue for an extended period of time and that modifications to the restrictions should be expected. Public health experts are continuing to work hard to track cases and to better understand the sources of transmission. The restrictions being imposed are being chosen in an effort to maximize the reduction in community transmission while minimizing the restrictions on the public.

Public health continues to look at a

number of indicators including the number of new cases of COVID-19 in the community, the number of outbreaks and the health system and public health system capacity to manage cases in order to help determine whether the level of broad community restrictions is appropriate.

In the meantime, some actions you can take to help protect yourself and your community include:

- Have close contact only with individuals within your household,
- Practice physical distancing of 2 metres from others when in public & avoid crowds,
- Wear a face mask when this is not possible or where required by Halton's mandatory mask by-law (which has been extended to May 31, 2021),
- Wash hands frequently,
- Self-isolate if you have symptoms associated with COVID-19,
- Download the COVID Alert app.

Please remember how far we have come over the last number of months. We need to continue to be diligent in how we interact with each other even as we look forward to the hope that an effective vaccine will be available to us in the next year. Let's continue to keep our community safe and healthy!

## New Downtown Lakeshore Road Ready for Holiday Season

The revitalized Lakeshore Road reflects both today's business and our historic community charm. Wider granite sidewalks partner with period benches and street fixtures, the enhanced tree-lined boulevards manage the needs of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic while creating a space that is welcoming to both residents and visitors alike.

There's even more going on underground. The extensive reconstruction included new underground gas lines, electrical conduits and communication infrastructure, replacement of water and waste water pipes and Silva cells to ensure healthy trees. Electric vehicle charging stations and public Wi-Fi round out some of the new technology included in the work to replace the aging infrastructure.

Take a walk to see the new downtown holiday décor and visit with local businesses eager to welcome busy shoppers. To help support businesses across town, Council has extended its current patio program. We invite everyone to support our local businesses and enjoy the festive season.



Buy local & shop safely this holiday season:



Shop online.



Pick it up curbside.



Get it delivered.

Visit [halton.ca/COVID19](https://halton.ca/COVID19) for more information on how to protect yourself and others.

# Ward 6 Development Applications Highlights

LOCATION	APPLICATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	PLANNING STAFF CONTACT
1019 & 1059 Dundas St.E – North of Dundas east of Eighth Line	Capoak Inc. & Redoak G & A Inc.	Draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment for 586 residential units including detached homes, townhouses, parks and open space, stormwater pond and commercial uses. File in circulation.	Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 Leigh.musson@oakville.ca
1429 Dundas St. E	Mattamy (Joshua Creek) Ltd. – Phases 3 & 4	Two draft plans of subdivision and zoning amendments to create 1185 residential units including detached dwellings and townhouses, village square, neighborhood parks, elementary school. Public hearings October 26, 2020 and December 7, 2020.	
North of Dundas adjacent to 1429 Dundas St.	Argo (Joshua Creek) Dev Ltd.	Draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment to permit 600 residential units including detached and townhouses, village square, stormwater pond. Public meeting held August 4, 2020.	
1429 Dundas St. E	Mattamy (Joshua Creek) Ltd.	Two 12 storey mixed used buildings containing 329 residential units and 1,937 m2 commercial. Site plan in circulation.	
North Oakville between Burnhamthorpe Road and Dundas	Bressa Developments Ltd. (Mattamy) Dunoak Developments Inc. (Mattamy)	Proposed draft plans of subdivision and zoning amendments to create 1,122 housing units approved through the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.	
1226-1230 White Oaks Blvd., 350 Lynnwood Dr.	Kamato Holdings Ltd.	Zoning amendment to permit a 21 storey rental apartment building containing 214 units. Public meeting held September 8, 2020.	
1005 Dundas St. E and 3033 Eighth Line – NE corner of Eighth Line and Dundas St.	T & M international Investments Inc.	8 storey apartment building with 380 units. Site plan in circulation.	Tricia Collingwood 905-845-6601 ext. 3833 tricia.collingwood@oakville.ca
2352 Eighth Line	11673092 Canada Inc.	Draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment to allow 6 detached homes – Public hearing held November 2, 2020.	Kate Cockburn 905-845-6601, ext. 3124 kate.cockburn@oakville.ca

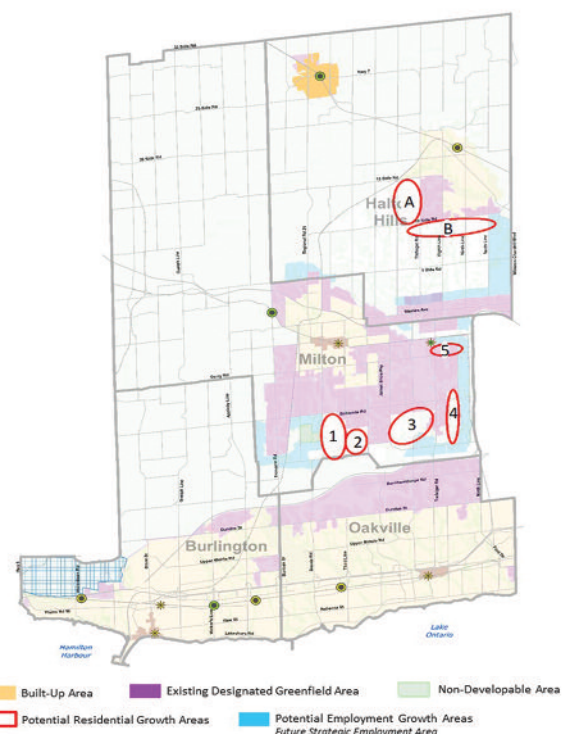
## More Growth Coming to Halton

Halton Region is reviewing the Regional Official Plan because it is required to bring it into conformity with the Province's growth plan called A Place to Grow: The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The Provincial Growth Plan was recently changed to direct Halton Region to plan to allow for 1.1 million people and 500,000 jobs by 2051.

A key component of the Regional Official Plan Review is the Integrated Growth Management Strategy, which will determine how and where Halton will grow to 2051. In July 2020, Regional Council authorized staff to proceed with developing and evaluating four Growth Concepts, which are based on the plans and priorities of the four local municipalities, including the Town of Oakville. The four Growth Concepts cover a range of where growth could happen, including options to build only within existing settlement area boundaries and options that look at building beyond existing settlement area boundaries and onto existing farmland. The possible new urban residential and employment expansion areas are shown on the attached map.

Input from residents and businesses in Halton, as well as the Councils of the local municipalities are critical to the Review, and public consultation on the four Growth Concepts and evaluation will occur in early 2021. The Review will result in the identification of a preferred Growth Concept and will be approved through an update to the Regional Official Plan.

For more information about the Regional Official Plan Review and how to get involved, visit the project website at [www.halton.ca/ropr](http://www.halton.ca/ropr).





# Tom and Natalia in the Community



Groundbreaking of new SparkPower office in Ward 6



Terry Fox flag raising



Remembrance Day at Trafalgar Memorial



Halton Regional Police provide patrol update



Ward 6 residents thanked for their PPE donations to support the Oakville community



United Way flag raising at Town Hall