

# LET'S TALK OAKVILLE

ALL THE LATEST NEWS FROM YOUR **WARD 6** COUNCILLORS

WINTER 2022

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Working together for a stronger community.





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Dear Residents,

We trust you will find the 11th edition of the Ward 6 Oakville newsletter interesting. As we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic together, Council continues with the Livable Oakville vision while working with other levels of government to protect our health. 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. Our work has included the vaccination efforts of Halton's Public Health team, the move to greater on-line services, the continuation of mandatory use of non-medical face mask requirements and implementing the proof of vaccination system in local facilities. 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 manage growth in Oakville to support complete communities with the needed infrastructure and greenspace. Oakville's plan directs denser growth to nodes and corridors like the GO station, the Dundas/Trafalgar Uptown Core area, the Trafalgar Road corridor as well as to the lands north of Dundas. Allowing for these development areas in the plan protects existing neighbourhoods from unexpected development applications.

Halton Region is currently considering options for where growth will occur over the next 30 years based on provincial requirements. This includes choosing whether to support opening development into more of Halton's agricultural lands. The Oakville Council has expressed




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criticisms of options that would see prime agricultural land developed in Halton. Thank you to the hundreds of residents who have provided their input on this important issue.

### **PROTECTING NATURE**

Our local greenspace and trails continue to be appreciated by growing numbers of residents. In 2022, you will see work to manage the effects of emerald ash borers and LDD (European gypsy) moths on our trees, the planting of even more trees and work towards creating a climate change resilient community. We continue to actively protect our local creeks and natural lands.

### **BUILDING AND RENEWING INFRASTRUCTURE**

Council continues to focus on building and maintaining infrastructure that improves the livability of our communities. In addition to road improvements, we are also improving walking, cycling and public transit infrastructure. Oakville is also introducing electric buses in the near future. Council continues to promote safety on our streets with measures to control the speed of traffic on local roads.

### **KEEPING OUR FINANCES HEALTHY**

Despite the severe financial impacts of the pandemic, 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 passed the 2022 Budget keeping the overall property tax increase at 1.5%. This is lower than neighbouring municipalities and below the current inflation level.

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

In the meantime, we wish you all good health!

Best regards,  
**Tom and Natalia**

# Working together to slow COVID-19 in our community

Throughout the past two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, our community demonstrated incredible strength and commitment to protecting the health and safety of our residents by following public health guidance and getting vaccinated. Our health care professionals and frontline workers have been working tirelessly to respond to the pandemic and keep our community going. These individuals have shown incredible resiliency and dedication, and we would like to thank them for the work they do each and every day.



As we continue to respond to the evolving situation, please keep doing your part to protect yourself, your family, friends and our community:

- **get vaccinated;**
- **wear a tight-fitting three layer or medical mask;**
- **keep a 2-metre distance from others;**
- **wash or sanitize your hands frequently; and**
- **stay home if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 and visit [ontario.ca/exposed](https://ontario.ca/exposed) for information about what steps to take to protect yourself and others.**

Getting your COVID-19 vaccine, remains the best way to prevent severe illness, hospitalization or death. There are many options for vaccination available in our community, including:

- **Halton Region Community and Paediatric Vaccination Clinics;**
- **more than 100 local pharmacies;**
- **many primary care providers; and**
- **Provincial clinics in our community, including GO-VAXX bus stops.**

To help get our community protected as quickly as possible, if you have an appointment booked at one of Halton's clinics and find an earlier appointment elsewhere (for example, a pharmacy), or are no longer able to attend your appointment, please remember to cancel online. This adds the appointment back to Halton's online booking system and allows someone else to get vaccinated.

As Provincial and local guidance is modified to accommodate the current situation, please remember to always get information from reliable sources:

- For information about COVID-19 vaccination in Halton, including vaccine safety, frequently asked questions and more, visit [halton.ca/COVIDvaccines](https://halton.ca/COVIDvaccines).
- For up-to-date COVID-19 information, including what to do if you test positive, have symptoms or have been exposed, please visit [halton.ca/COVID19](https://halton.ca/COVID19) or [ontario.ca/exposed](https://ontario.ca/exposed).

Let's all continue to work together to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community, and please remember to be patient and kind to each other.

## 1.5 per cent tax increase in Oakville lowest in Halton

The 1.50 per cent 2022 tax increase set by Oakville is the lowest tax increase in Halton Region for 2022.

Oakville Council unanimously approved the 2022 operating and capital budgets recommended by the Budget Committee to deliver improvements to town services that residents and businesses value while outperforming Council's direction to keep the overall property tax increase in line with inflation.

Budget Committee Chair Councillor Tom Adams noted that the \$328.2 million 2022 operating budget and \$276.3 million capital budget supports the town's response to the pandemic, invests in building new community facilities and improves traffic and pedestrian safety, while ensuring the town's long-term fiscal sustainability. While continuing to maintain its strong financial reserves and low debt levels, the budget provides significant funding for maintaining Oakville's roads, bridges and other infrastructure in a state of good repair.

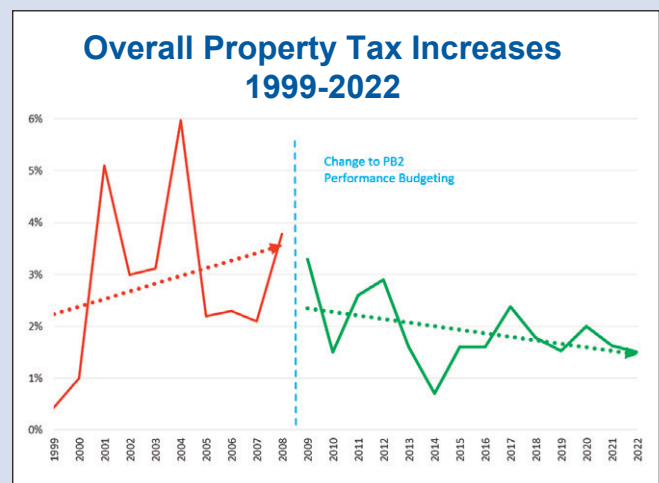
The combined operating and capital budgets result in a 1.67 per cent increase to the town's portion of the tax bill, for an overall property tax increase of 1.50 per cent when combined with the regional and educational tax levies.

The 2022 Budget includes funding for the new North Park community centre, library and sport fields, the Sixth Line (North Park to William Halton Parkway) and Speers Road (Fourth Line to Dorval Drive) widening with active transportation, electric buses, storm water and erosion control infrastructure improvements, oakville.ca website multi-year rebuild, as well as the opening of

various new parks, parkettes and trails. It also provides funding for the new basketball court at Glenashton Park as well as improved funding for LDD (European gypsy) moth management.

Based on assumptions of how the COVID-19 pandemic may continue to affect operations, the budget is designed to fund initiatives that provide alternative recreational opportunities for residents and minimize the financial impacts due to lost revenues in areas like transit, parking and sports field rental revenues.

For more information on the 2022 Budget and to view all final budget documents, please visit [oakville.ca](https://oakville.ca).





# New Basketball Court by Iroquois Ridge Community Centre



Basketball continues to be an extremely popular outdoor activity and we are pleased to announce that a brand new court is being constructed this year at Glenashton Park adjacent to Iroquois Ridge Community Centre. This basketball court will replace the previous basketball facility at Valleybrook Park that was recently converted to pickleball. The new full size, coloured surface court is proposed to be located at the rear of the community centre. Construction is expected to begin in late spring with completion over the summer. We are very excited to be adding this basketball facility to provide another outstanding amenity for residents.

## Updating Postridge Park

The children's playground and splash pad at Postridge Park has been a neighbourhood destination for a number of years for Ward 6 residents. We are pleased to say that the playground and splash pad will be rehabilitated in 2022.

Parks and Open Space staff conducted public consultation last fall with respect to a theme for the updated splash pad and playground. As many residents know, the splash pad was originally constructed with a pirate ship theme and has been enjoyed by children for many years. Public comment supported a wetland feature theme, but a number of residents noted the pirate ship has always been a favourite for children. As a result Parks staff will retain the pirate ship and add a number of wetland themed apparatus.

Due to potential supply chain delivery issues, staff are recommending the splash pad and playground close immediately after Labour Day and



that the work be completed by late November. Waiting until fall will ensure the community has use of the playground and splash pad over the entire summer. We look forward to this new and exciting park facility at Postridge Park

## Managing LDD Moths

Lymantria dispar dispar (LDD) moth (formally known as European gypsy moth) is a non-native, invasive insect that is considered a major destructive pest in North America. When populations are high, they can eat all of the leaves on a single tree in a short amount of time. When trees are repeatedly defoliated in successive years, they can die. 2021 saw one of the highest recorded population numbers of LDD moths in Ontario over the last 30 years.

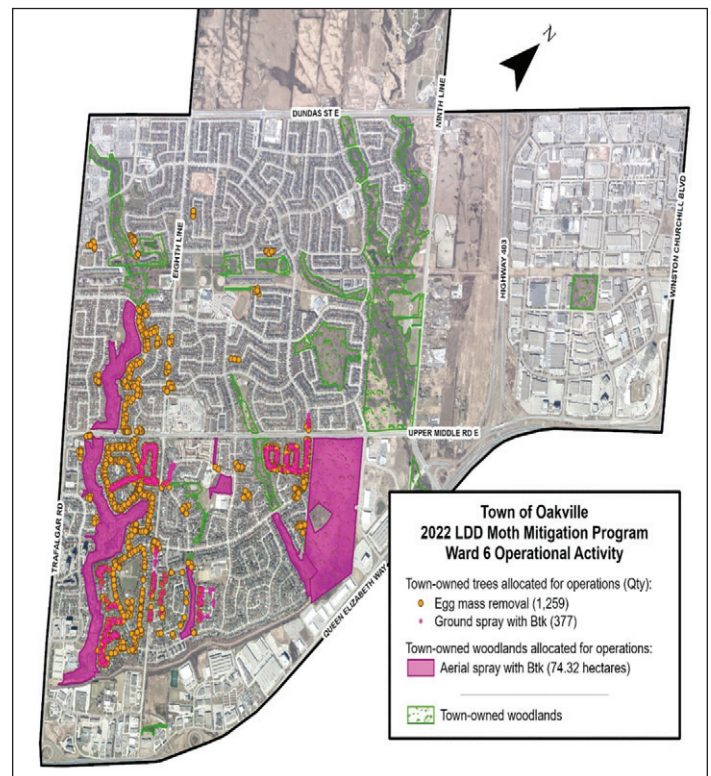
### WHAT THE TOWN IS DOING...

There remains the concern that the province and Town of Oakville could see another year of heavy LDD moth infestation in 2022. Based on information from egg mass surveys conducted in 2021, the Town will be undertaking egg mass scraping, local ground spraying of Btk (natural bacteria), and is currently planning an aerial spray program for affected woodlands this coming spring.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO...

Here's what you can do to protect your trees and help control the spread:

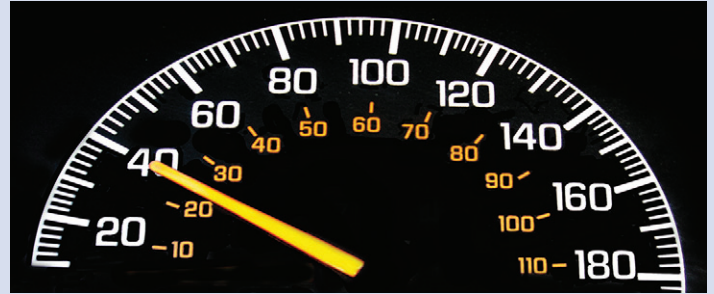
- Physically remove LDD moth egg masses. Use a putty knife or trowel to scrape eggs into a container and destroy the eggs by leaving them in soapy water for several days.
- In the spring before caterpillars emerge, apply sticky bands or burlap around trees to trap emerging LDD moth caterpillars. Commercial sticky bands can be found at most home and garden stores.
- Use gloves to hand-pick and crush caterpillars.



# Automated Speed Enforcement Coming to Glenashton

Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) systems use a camera and a speed measurement device to enforce speed limits by capturing and recording images of vehicles travelling in excess of the posted speed limit. When an ASE system records a vehicle exceeding the posted speed limit, a ticket is issued to the registered plate holder regardless of who was driving the vehicle at the time of the offence. This results in a monetary fine, but no demerit points being applied. The town-wide implementation is scheduled to begin in Summer 2022 with the installation of 14 cameras, including one on Glenashton Drive.

Automated Speed Enforcement cameras are only eligible to be installed in Community Safety Zones (CSZ) in Oakville. A CSZ is a section of roadway designated through a by-law passed by Council to identify it as a road segment where public safety is of paramount concern. CSZs may include roadways near schools, day care centres, active parks, hospitals, senior citizen residences, and may also be used for collision prone areas within a community.



In Ward 6, Glenashton Drive between Grand Boulevard and Eighth Line was approved for a CSZ in December 2021, which makes it eligible for an ASE camera this summer. This section is currently governed by a "Flashing 40 km/h speed limit". In conjunction with the CSZ implementation this spring, the speed limit on this section of Glenashton Drive will be reduced to 40 km/h at all times.

## Electric buses coming to Oakville!

Given Oakville's 2019 climate emergency declaration, and its strong commitment to reducing its impact on the environment, Oakville Transit is getting ready to green its bus fleet!

With support from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, the town is aiming to have its first order of electric buses on the road in 2022/2023! The town is also working to construct supporting infrastructure, such as electric vehicle charging stations, battery energy storage, and upgrades to the Wycroft Road Transit facility, to meet the new vehicle requirements.

Oakville Transit currently has 102 conventional buses and an

additional 22 specialized vehicles. The town is planning to purchase 46 conventional and 27 specialized electric vehicles over the next seven years, with a transition of the entire transit fleet from diesel to electric by 2036.

Transitioning to battery-operated electric buses provides a cleaner, smarter alternative to single-occupant automobile use, and will have a significant positive impact on the town's corporate goal to reduce GHG emissions 80 per cent from 2014 levels by 2050.

Making the move to electric vehicles is one of Oakville Transit's top priorities for the coming years.





## 2022 Road Resurfacing



The town is investing approximately \$9 million in its road resurfacing program this year. The primary goal of the annual resurfacing program is to rehabilitate and maintain Oakville's road network. The town uses a pavement management system to evaluate the pavement quality of our roads. Staff use this information to prioritize the roads in the poorest pavement condition to be resurfaced each year. The list of roads to be resurfaced is coordinated with other town projects, Region of Halton projects, local development and utility work.

The roads that are scheduled to be resurfaced in Ward 6 in 2022 include:

- Glenashton Drive from Trafalgar Road to Eighth Line
- Portland Avenue
- Brighton Road

The resurfacing program normally runs from May to November. We anticipate Glenashton Drive will be resurfaced in the Fall of 2022 after the Region of Halton completes Basement Flooding Program works.

Residents and businesses will receive a letter approximately one to three weeks in advance of work and a further notification two to three days before the work starts. Work will take three to four weeks to complete and is typically completed in six phases:

1. Localized Concrete Repairs
2. Maintenance Hole Adjustments
3. Full or Partial Depth Milling
4. Base Asphalt Placement
5. Surface Asphalt Placement
6. Restorations

## Apply, track and pay for building permits and inspections online

The Town of Oakville has a new service that enables residents and building industry professionals to apply for zoning occupancy certificates and building permits as well as request inspections online. It's easy. Visit [oakville.ca/onlineservices](http://oakville.ca/onlineservices), sign up for a town account, and select Construction and Renovations. From there, registered users are able to apply for a building permit or zoning certificate of occupancy by uploading permit-related drawings and documents, pay electronically, track the status of an application as it moves through reviews and approvals, request inspections and view the results. For additional information, visit the Town's How to Apply for a Building Permit or Electronic Payment Information web pages.

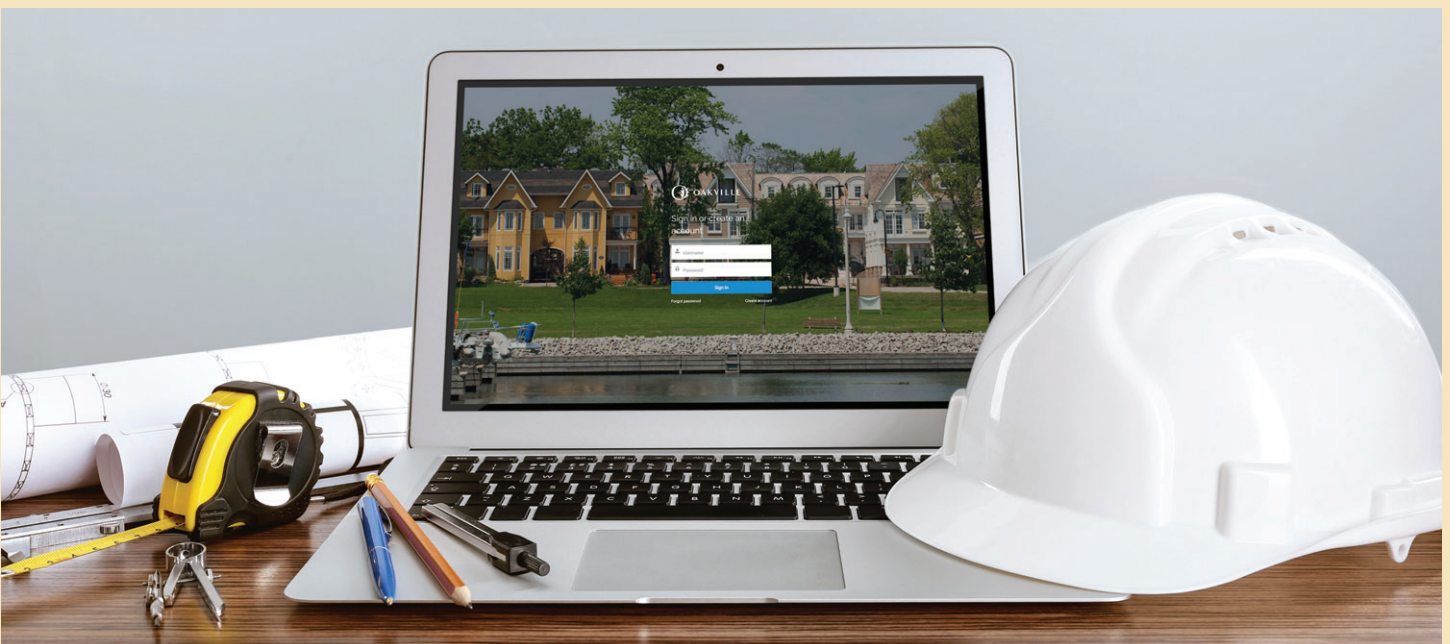
The town is able to accept all types of building permit applications

ranging from small decks and home renovations to large industrial and multi-storey buildings. This addition to services available online is part of the town's Digital Oakville Plan with the goal of providing comprehensive online services and streamlining processes to create consistent, predictable and customer-focused services for our community.

Building Services staff monitor feedback from customers and employees and remain committed to refining and improving the delivery of the online service provided.

The Building Services team is available to support residents with their building permit applications and questions. Contact us at [buildingrequests@oakville.ca](mailto:buildingrequests@oakville.ca) or 905-845-6601.

Build safe. Build smart. Build with a permit.



# Development Applications Highlights

LOCATION	APPLICATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
1226 -1230 White Oaks and 350 Lynnwood Drive	Kamato Holdings Ltd.	Zoning application approved for the demolition of the two-storey office/retail building and to allow the construction of a 20-storey rental building containing 203 new units. The existing parking structure is also to be removed.
1949 Ironoak Way	Lions Foundation/Dog Guides of Canada	Site plan application to permit the construction of a two-storey dog training facility. Application under review.
1005 Dundas St E and 3033 Eighth Line – Northeast corner of Eighth Line and Dundas	T&M International Investments Inc.	8 storey apartment building with 380 units. Site plan in circulation.
3006 William Cutmore and 1415 Dundas Street East	Mattamy (Joshua Creek) Ltd.	Application under review for two 12-storey mixed use buildings containing 328 units and 1,140 m <sup>2</sup> of commercial space.
1429 Dundas St E.	Mattamy (Joshua Creek) Ltd. – Phase 3	Draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment to create 1024 residential units including detached dwellings and townhouses, village square, neighborhood parks, elementary school. Phase 3 public hearing held December 7, 2020.
256, 260, and 294 Hays Boulevard and 271 Oak Park Boulevard	SmartCentres on behalf of SmartREIT	Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment application for two residential towers (28 and 29 storeys) with 585 residential units and 589.9 m <sup>2</sup> of commercial space. Public Meeting held September 13, 2021.
377, 387 and 411 Dundas Street East (Northeast of Trafalgar and Dundas)	Oakvillage Block 14 – Daniels Emshih	Site plan application for three 15-storey residential buildings containing 697 units and 447 m <sup>2</sup> of retail space. Application under review.
3064 Trafalgar Road	Distrikt	Site plan application for two 30-storey residential towers containing 698 units. Application under review.

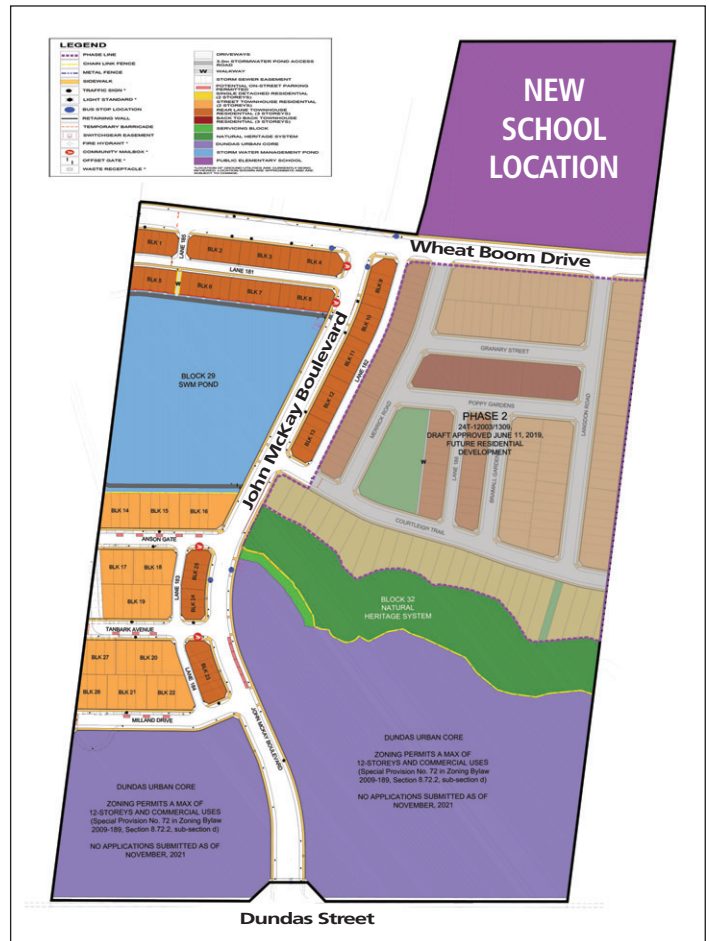


## New School in Northeast Oakville

The Halton District School Board has received approval and funding from the Ministry of Education to build a new elementary school in northeast Oakville. Currently referred to as Oakville NE #3 public school, the Kindergarten to Grade 8 school will be located on the northeast corner of Wheat Boom Drive and John McKay Boulevard.

The school will accommodate 778 students and will include a five room 88-space childcare centre that will accommodate infant to preschool aged children. The HDSB has appointed the architectural firm of Hossack & Associates Architect to design the school and advance the development approval process.

The Board is targeting a 2023-2024 school year opening date at the earliest, pending approvals and construction timelines. The programs available at this school will be determined at a later date.





# Tom and Natalia in the community



Remembrance Day service in north Oakville



Chinese New Year with the Oakville Jiu-Jiu Senior Association



Glenshton Park ice rink



Hanukkah celebration with Shaarei-Beth El Congregation



Black History Month flag raising