

# LET'S TALK OAKVILLE

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

FALL 2021

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Working together for a stronger community.





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Dear Residents,

Welcome to the tenth edition of the Ward 6 Oakville newsletter. We trust you will find it 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 includes the vaccination work 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 options for more high-rise development to avoid expanding into further agricultural areas.




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We are very pleased that Town Council supported a motion to acquire the surplus reservoir site on the east side of Trafalgar Road adjacent to Milford Lane and Riverstone Drive from Halton Region for the purpose of creating a new public park for public enjoyment.

### **PROTECTING NATURE**

The pandemic has helped many people appreciate our local greenspace and trails even more. We are managing the effects of emerald ash borers and gypsy moths on our trees, planting even more trees and working towards creating a climate change resilient community. We continue to actively protect our local creeks and natural lands. We are hopeful that the province will support our request to add additional protections to the urban river valley area of Joshua Creek.

### **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 like the expansion to Trafalgar Road, we are also improving walking, cycling and public transit infrastructure. Council continues to promote safety on our roads 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 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, we're only a call or a click away.

In the meantime, we wish you all good health!

Best regards,  
**Tom and Natalia**

**#RollUpYourSleevesHalton!**  
**There are many ways you can get your COVID-19 vaccine.**

Walk-in Clinic    Pharmacy    Primary Care Provider    Pop-up Clinic

Learn more about where you can get vaccinated at [halton.ca/COVIDvaccines](https://www.halton.ca/COVIDvaccines).

**As of September 22, proof of vaccination requirements are in effect to access certain settings such as restaurants and gyms. Patrons must provide their vaccination receipt and identification with a name and date of birth that matches their receipt.**

## Stopping the spread of COVID-19

The past 18 months have been challenging for our community. You have been asked to do a lot to protect yourself and others, in an effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We are making great progress together and we would like to share some important updates from Halton Region Public Health about our COVID-19 response and vaccination program.

### COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Thanks to the incredible commitment of Halton residents, more than 80 per cent of residents 12 years of age and older are now fully vaccinated!

It remains critical for us to reach 90 per cent of our community fully vaccinated so we can achieve community protection against the COVID-19 virus. If you haven't gotten your vaccine yet, there are many convenient options available in our community.

To learn where you can get your vaccine and find other important information, visit [halton.ca/COVID19vaccines](https://www.halton.ca/COVID19vaccines). You can also stay up to date on vaccination rates and coverage in Halton by using Halton's interactive dashboard at [halton.ca/COVID19](https://www.halton.ca/COVID19).

### VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS AT SOME LOCAL BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS

As of September 22, 2021, certain non-essential businesses and organizations require patrons to provide proof of vaccination. Patrons need to show their vaccination receipt and identification with a name and date of birth that matches the vaccination receipt. To get a copy of your vaccination receipt, download it from the provincial portal ([covid19.ontariohealth.ca](https://www.covid19.ontariohealth.ca)) or call the Provincial Vaccine Contact Centre at 1-833-943-3900. To learn more about the vaccine

certificates, please visit [ontario.ca](https://www.ontario.ca). An enhanced vaccine certificate, as well as a verification app is being developed by the Provincial Government and will be available beginning October 22.

In addition, Halton's Medical Officer of Health has released new instructions for businesses to implement workplace vaccination policies to protect their workplaces. These recommendations and additional resources to support businesses are available on Halton's COVID-19 Resources for Businesses webpage ([www.halton.ca/For-Residents/New-Coronavirus/COVID-19-Resources-for-Businesses](https://www.halton.ca/For-Residents/New-Coronavirus/COVID-19-Resources-for-Businesses)).

### CONTINUING TO FOLLOW PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES THAT REMAIN IN PLACE

While our vaccination rate is a hopeful sign, the fourth wave of the pandemic driven by the Delta variant is serious. We must all continue to listen to public health officials and follow the guidelines in place to protect our families, friends and community. Please continue to:

- wear a mask when required;
- keep a 2-metre distance from others;
- wash and sanitize your hands often;
- cough and sneeze into a tissue or sleeve; and
- stay home when feeling ill, even if you have mild symptoms, and get tested.

As always, you can continue to visit [halton.ca/COVID19](https://www.halton.ca/COVID19) for the information about COVID-19 in our community. You can also follow @RegionofHalton on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube for timely updates, videos from Halton's Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Meghani, and more. Thank you for continuing to do your part to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Oakville and Halton.

## Inflation Target for 2022 Budget

Council gave staff direction to prepare the 2022 budget with an overall property tax increase in line with inflation expected at 2% for the upcoming year.

The staff recommended budget will be presented to the Budget Committee in November for consideration. It will be aligned with Oakville's strategic priorities with initiatives and capital projects based on Council's strategic plan and areas of focus as well as through the Town's asset management

framework. Members of the public are welcome to provide input to the Budget Committee and Council.

*Operating and 10 Year Capital Budgets released - November 16*

*Public Delegations at Budget Committee - November 30 & December 2*

*Budget Committee Recommendations - December 14*

*Final Council Approval - December 20*

# Trafalgar Road Work Finishing This Winter

Halton Region is improving Trafalgar Road between Iroquois Shore Road and north of Hays Boulevard. The project is vital to keeping the road safe and motorists, cyclists, pedestrians and transit users moving. The project is expected to be complete this December.

## PHASES 1 AND 2 – MAJOR WORK COMPLETE

Roadway work on the west and east side of Trafalgar Road is complete. Minor work related to the sound walls, final grass sodding and other activities outside the roadway remain.

The new pedestrian bridge and bike path open formally in November 2021.

## PHASE 3 – STARTED SUMMER 2021

Traffic shifted to the sides of the corridor to allow work along the centre of Trafalgar Road. Ongoing improvements include:



- median construction;
- permanent traffic signal installation and activation;
- top asphalt paving; and
- final restorations.

This final phase is anticipated to be complete in December 2021.

# Transit Drivers Get Great Training

Transit operators are often the first contact customers have with Oakville Transit and their training is important to both transit riders and other residents on our roads. The Town of Oakville is fortunate to be able to train and certify transit operators in-house at our transit facility. The Driver Certification Program (DCP) allows the Town of Oakville to train, test and recommend the transit operators for CZ licence upgrades under the authority of the Ministry of Transportation (MTO).

The program is designed around six general areas of competency identified for transit operators including defensive driving skills, customer service, communication, emergency procedures, route direction and vehicle operations. Transit operator candidates are required to successfully complete the DCP five week program which prepares the new candidate to assume their responsibilities. This ensures the operator has the skills and knowledge to safely operate Oakville Transit buses and to provide excellent customer service.



The first 12 days of the program allows the candidate to upgrade their licence with a trained MTO signing authority, to learn policies and to maneuver the bus in a safe environment using our transit simulator. During the following three weeks, the transit candidate shadows with a training mentor and drives the routes in-service while under the supervision of a senior transit operator.



Once the candidate has successfully completed all their training and the final evaluation, the new transit operator is given their own shifts and drives in-service.

Driver refresher training is also provided to drivers on a regular basis reviewing defensive driving techniques and safe

vehicle operation.

Professional transit operators are important members of the Town of Oakville workforce and our community relies on their commitment to excellence whether they ride transit themselves or share the roads with our transit vehicles.

# Building a Cycling Friendly Community

As a result of the pandemic, outdoor recreation has become an even more popular and safe option for families. Increasing numbers of adults and children are cycling in their local neighbourhoods and on the multi-use trail system, and it is anticipated that this trend will continue in 2022. This increased level of cycling has helped raise the local profile of cycling and the town is continuing to take steps to increase the awareness of cycling safety.



The Share the Road Cycling Coalition (STR) and the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) announced in early May that Oakville joins Canmore, Collingwood, Cornwall, Markham and Thunder Bay with a silver designation in the Bicycle Friendly Community Awards. Oakville is among 13 Canadian communities that have been awarded with a new or higher designation as a bicycle-friendly community.

When using the local trail system, remember to share the trail, have a proper working bicycle bell and alert pedestrians and other cyclists when approaching from behind. The town's Cycling Safety webpage includes the rules and regulations of cycling in Oakville, including cycling videos, trail etiquette, Oakville cycling laws, Ontario cycling laws, and roadway rules.

With over 240 kilometres of on-road bike lanes and off-road cycling paths, and a vast array of cycling facilities, Oakville has recreational cycling opportunities for everyone! Visit the Cycle, Walk Oakville web page on oakville.ca for trail maps and more cycling facilities and opportunities.

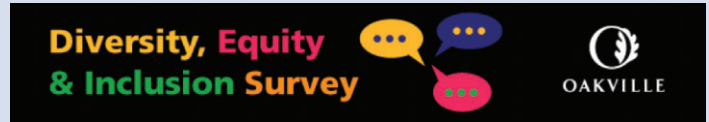


# We want to hear from you!

## NOW UNTIL NOVEMBER 5

As part of the town's 2021 Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan, public consultation is underway to collect important feedback on town programs, services and communications as it relates to diversity, equity and inclusion.

To ensure we continue to take a holistic approach to diversity and inclusion in delivering town programs and services, and advance Council's vision for Oakville to be the most livable town in Canada, community members are encouraged to complete the town's diversity, equity and inclusion survey and share input to help us



identify opportunities for improvements.

To learn more about the 2021 Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan and to access the survey, visit [oakville.ca](http://oakville.ca).

Responses will be used to create a multi-year inclusion plan for the Town of Oakville to be developed in 2022.

Share your feedback!

## Program registration WOW! Learn how.



The new responsive site offers an enhanced customer experience with increased self-serve options from any device. Users can expect a more seamless registration process, plus options to purchase memberships and book facilities online.

With only a few clicks, users can easily review their program calendar, memberships, and transaction history online. Enhanced search features allow users to search programs by keyword, age, day, time and location. Last-minute ice times are available to book online up to 48 hours in advance with plans to expand facility rental options over time.

Videos on how to create an account, register for a program and more can be found on the Registration Information page on [oakville.ca](http://oakville.ca) to assist users as they transition to the new system.

Registration for fall programs is now open. If you have questions or require registration support, please call 905-815-2000 or email [recreation@oakville.ca](mailto:recreation@oakville.ca) from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

As the town introduces more in-person programming, the health and safety of our staff and community continues to be our top priority. Residents are reminded that as of September 22, all visitors aged 12 years and older must show proof of vaccination to enter town-owned recreation and culture facilities, and Town Hall. Visit the COVID-19 information page on [oakville.ca](http://oakville.ca) for details.

Get active and creative with the Town of Oakville! On August 16, 2021, we launched a new and improved registration and booking system to access recreation and culture programs and services online.

The previous software used by the town is no longer supported by the vendor. This created an opportunity to implement a more user-friendly system that better meets the needs of our residents and the Town of Oakville.

To ensure personal information is correct and security requirements are met, all new and returning customers must create a new account.

## Leash Up in Parks and on Trails

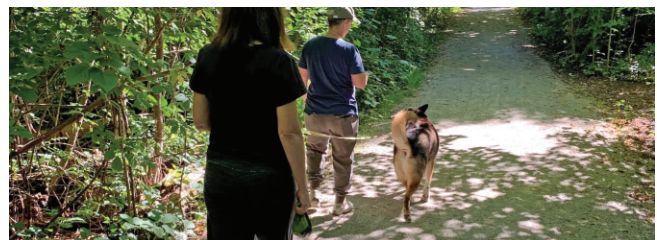
Being in nature and getting outdoor exercise has been one of the activities that has flourished during the pandemic. These green spaces have become an extension of our homes where we feel safe and secure.

Residents have been respectful of personal space by maintaining physical distance so that everyone can enjoy their time walking, running or riding. Furry family members have also been enthusiastic to join in these activities in our green spaces. Dog owners should be aware that our parks and trails are not leash-free. The Town of Oakville does have a number of specific leash-free parks, including at Glenashton Park, to accommodate dogs running and playing while off leash.

We want to remind dog owners to be mindful of other residents who can experience anxiousness and fear when they come upon an unleashed dog even if your dog is not generally aggressive. The Town regularly receives complaints about owners

allowing dogs to be off-leash along trails and in parks. In response, Town of Oakville Park Ambassadors work to remind dog owners about the by-law and the Oakville and Milton Humane Society staff are on regular patrols to enforce keeping dogs on leash.

Please be kind and follow the rules that are designed to so that everyone, dogs included, can enjoy a healthy and stress-free time in nature. Thank you!





## Santa Claus Is Coming to Town!

The Town of Oakville has again invited Santa to come to town for a number of events to help spread holiday cheer safely this year. Instead of hosting our traditional Santa Claus parade, Santa will once again be sitting down with Mayor Rob Burton for a fireside chat that will be shared online on November 27 for all to enjoy! And you can be part of the show! Santa and Mayor Burton want to hear from you, with the return of our popular colouring contest, and video questions for Santa. Visit [oakvillesantaclausparade.ca](http://oakvillesantaclausparade.ca) for more details!

Santa will also join the Oakville Professional Firefighters Association's Drive-Thru Toy Donation event on December 10 at Coronation Park. Back for another year, a beautiful holiday light display will premiere in coordination with the Toy Donation event, which will include Santa waving from his sleigh to car passengers. For more event details, please visit [oakville.ca/events](http://oakville.ca/events)



## Helping Clear Snow Windrows

The Town of Oakville's driveway snow windrow clearing program will be open for online registration starting October 1, 2021 until November 19, 2021.

The town's windrow clearing program helps seniors 65+ and people with physical disabilities or medical conditions that are unable to clear the windrow on their own. The service is provided after a snowfall exceeds 7.5 cm (3 inches), and after all residential roads are plowed. Windrows are removed only once per winter event. The service does not clear any other areas of the driveway or sidewalk, only the pile of snow where the road meets the end of the driveway.

Windrow clearing starts after the town has finished plowing all roads. In extreme snowfalls, it may take up to 36 hours after snowfall has ended for your windrow snow to be cleared. If a faster level of service is required, or if you need your entire driveway cleared, you may prefer to hire a private snow plowing company.

The program runs between December 1, 2021 and March 31, 2022. There is a fee of \$108.03 (\$95.60+HST) for the 2021-22 season and is available by applying using the online application form and providing an e-transfer to [service@oakville.ca](mailto:service@oakville.ca). Once the application has been processed, the fee is not refundable.

## Keeping Your Power On

Oakville Hydro is committed to maintaining highly reliable electricity standards and ensuring uninterrupted power supply to all customers including to the over 11,000 customers in Ward 6. Always motivated by providing best-in-class customer service, Oakville Hydro adopted new, innovative strategies and initiatives to better predict and prevent future interruptions. Their dedicated technicians and operators are on call 24/7, 365 days a year and are focused on achieving electricity reliability, which means maintaining assets to prevent power interruption from occurring in the first place and reducing the impact to customers if an interruption does occur. Incorporating business award-winning spatial intelligence technology, proactive asset replacement programs are in place to reduce the likelihood of an interruption. Integrating smart devices within its distribution grid has also improved the response time for staff to restore power in the event of an interruption. These smart devices are the first step in the restoration process sectionalizing the faulted area to restore service in seconds to as many customers as possible.

Ensuring and improving reliability is a journey that does not end with enhancements continuing to take place in Ward 6. In 2021, Oakville Hydro has proactively replaced four deteriorated switching assets with automated counterparts. Assets along 8th Line were also replaced to improve reliability for customers in the surrounding neighbourhood. These upgrades will reduce the likelihood of a failure occurring in the area and, if an interruption were to occur, outage times can be reduced by up to 30 minutes. In addition to the work completed this year, Oakville Hydro is continuously looking for areas of improvement and has three potential rebuild projects planned for various neighborhoods within Ward 6 scheduled between 2022 and 2026.





# Development Applications Highlights

LOCATION	APPLICATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
1226 -1230 White Oaks and 350 Lynnwood Drive	Kamato Holdings Ltd.	Site plan and zoning application 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 proposed to be removed. Application under review.
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.



## Glen Abbey Saved

In July, ClubLink withdrew its appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal of applications to demolish the Glen Abbey Golf Course and replace it with a high-density residential development, conserving the historic and culturally and environmentally important lands.

The announcement that the Glen Abbey lands will be conserved is precisely what Town Council, Halton Regional Council and Oakville residents have been working towards for many years and we thank the community volunteers who worked to ensure the Glen Abbey property was conserved.

Designed by golfing legend Jack Nicklaus, Glen Abbey Golf Course was originally constructed by the Royal Canadian Golf Association (now Golf Canada) as the home of the Canadian Open. Today, it is one of the most famous courses in Canada and an iconic landmark in Oakville and the surrounding Glen Abbey community. Demolition of Glen Abbey

would have irreversibly removed its cultural heritage value.

ClubLink's proposal did not adhere to the town's Livable Oakville Official Plan, which sets out the vision for our community to preserve our heritage and stable residential neighbourhoods, while identifying nodes and corridors as the focus of high-density growth. Nor did it conserve the heritage value of the golf course, which is subject to a designation by-law enacted by Council under the Ontario Heritage Act.

Town Council refused ClubLink's applications, and adopted its own official plan and zoning provisions to ensure the conservation of Glen Abbey, which ClubLink appealed. As a result, the town was engaged in lengthy proceedings before the courts and the Ontario Land Tribunal for the last five years. A hearing before the Tribunal for a final determination on ClubLink's appeals was scheduled to start on August 9, 2021, however it will not proceed given ClubLink has withdrawn its appeals.



# Charities Need Your Ongoing Support!

## Some local examples in northeast Oakville

● Halton Multicultural Council – One Community for All  
[www.hmconnections.com](http://www.hmconnections.com)



● Goodwill Career Centre support for job seekers  
[www.goodwillonline.ca/employment-services](http://www.goodwillonline.ca/employment-services)



● Health Partners International of Canada (HPIC) – Improving access to medicine in vulnerable communities  
[www.hpicanada.ca](http://www.hpicanada.ca)



● Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides – New location coming soon!  
[www.dogguides.com](http://www.dogguides.com)



● My Furniture Bank – So that everyone has a furnished home  
[www.mifb.ca](http://www.mifb.ca)



● Reach Out Centre For Kids  
[www.rockonline.ca](http://www.rockonline.ca)

● Oakville Community Foundation [www.theocf.org](http://www.theocf.org)

