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Working together for a stronger community.



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Dear Residents,

Welcome to the ninth 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 adapting to pandemic impacts. We are working with other levels of government to protect our health. 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. From the vaccination work of Halton's Public Health team, to the move to greater on-line services and the extension until December 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 nodes and corridors such as the GO station, the Uptown Core area and the Trafalgar Road corridor as well as to the lands north of Dundas. This plan protects existing stable 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 one option that will accommodate growth without expanding Halton's existing settlement area boundary.




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We are very pleased that Town Council recently 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 continue to manage the effects of emerald ash borers and gypsy moths on our trees. We are 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 recent request to add additional protections to local urban river valley areas including the Joshua Creek area.

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 with measures to control the speed of traffic on local roads.

KEEPING OUR FINANCES HEALTHY

The pandemic has caused financial hardships 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, we're only a call or a click away.

In the meantime, we wish you all good health!

Best regards,
Tom and Natalia

Looking for information on COVID-19 vaccines?

For up-to-date information on:

- Halton's vaccine program, vaccine safety and more, visit [halton.ca/COVIDvaccines](https://www.halton.ca/COVIDvaccines)
- Ontario's vaccination program, visit [ontario.ca/COVIDvaccines](https://www.ontario.ca/COVIDvaccines)
- COVID-19 vaccines approved for use in Canada, visit [canada.ca/COVIDvaccines](https://www.canada.ca/COVIDvaccines)

Remember to get your information from trusted sources.



Halton Region Public Health COVID-19 Information

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, residents and businesses should 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 regularly updates its COVID-19 vaccination schedule and opening appointments based on the Province's direction. The schedule and appointments are dependent on supplies received from the Federal Government and doses allocated to us from the Provincial Government.

Local public health evidence continues to show that people working outside the home are more likely to become infected with COVID-19. These workers are at a higher risk given the work they need to perform in the community to continue delivering products and services that are essential to our everyday lives. Local public health evidence also continues to show that older age is a key predictor for becoming severely ill, hospitalized or dying of COVID-19.

For these reasons, Halton Region prioritized workers who could not work from home, beginning with the oldest populations. Based on public health evidence, this approach helped to reduce COVID-19 transmission, severe illness, and death in our community.

Halton's Medical Officer of Health urges all residents to get vaccinated at the earliest opportunity in order to gain protection from COVID-19 as soon as possible. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. The vaccines protect you and help build immunity across our community. Vaccinating our community as quickly as possible is our top priority. Teams are working tirelessly to make getting an appointment and getting vaccinated as easy as possible.

Our teams and clinics are prepared for more vaccine supply – Halton Region has the capacity in our Vaccination Clinics to significantly increase the number of vaccines given out if supply is provided.

PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES POST-VACCINATION

Halton Region Public Health reminds residents that maximum protection from COVID-19 is not achieved until at least two weeks after an individual's second dose.

We know people are tired, anxious and want to get back to normal. While many people have received a first or second dose, we are still weeks to months away from community protection and significantly relaxing public health measures.

Regardless of immunization status, it is important for all residents to continue to practice public health measures even after they have been vaccinated. This includes:

- covering your mouth and nose with a mask (Halton's Mandatory Mask By-law has been extended to December 31, 2021);
- covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve;
- washing hands often and avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth;
- staying at least two metres (six feet) away from others outside of your household;
- self-isolating when sick; and
- following Provincial orders and regulations.

Researchers are still studying the protection vaccines provide, including whether you can have an asymptomatic infection (no symptoms) and spread the virus to others even though you have been vaccinated. While you may have received the vaccine, there are others in our community waiting to be vaccinated who are still susceptible to the virus.

From no vaccine being available to significant numbers of vaccinated residents, remember how far we have come over the last few months. We need to continue to be diligent in how we interact with each other even as we look forward to the success of the vaccination campaign that is well underway. Let's continue to keep our community safe and healthy!

Pandemic Related Property Tax Deferrals

Recognizing the financial hardship that some property owners are experiencing due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Town Council approved a 2021 Property Tax Deferral program. The program allows eligible applicants to defer 2021 property taxes owing until December 15, 2021. Eligible residents will need to attest on the application a COVID-related reason, have no tax arrears

on account prior to March 1, 2020 and pay taxes directly to the town and not through a mortgage company.

The application can be found on the Town's website at the section marked: For Residents>Taxes and Assessment>Due Dates. Penalty and interest will apply to outstanding tax past December 15, 2021.

Building a better Trafalgar Road!

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

PHASE 1 – Completed

Roadway work on the west side of Trafalgar Road is complete. Minor work related to sound walls and final grass sodding outside the roadway remain. Residents can use the sidewalk. The pedestrian bridge and new bike path formally open later in 2021.

PHASE 2 – Anticipated completion summer 2021

Traffic has been shifted to the west side during work on the east side. The watermain and storm-sewer infrastructure is complete. Ongoing work includes:

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



PHASE 3 – Begins summer 2021, anticipated completion December 2021

Traffic shifts to the east and west sides for work on the centre of Trafalgar Road.

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

Kids 12 and under ride free on Oakville Transit



The Town of Oakville has made it more convenient and affordable for families to travel throughout the community. On Monday, March 1, 2021, Oakville Transit introduced fare-free travel for kids aged 12 and under.

This pilot program aims to promote a healthier and more engaged community, providing additional value to residents when travelling on public transit with children by eliminating financial barriers and creating a seamless travel experience. This can contribute to an easier and more affordable transit experience, resulting in long-term transit use.

Oakville Transit is piloting this program until December 31, 2022 in order to allow for accumulation and analysis of sufficient post-pandemic data to inform a 2023 budget decision.

For more information, please visit oakvilletransit.ca.

Develop and Practice a Home Escape Plan



It's important for you to know that fire is fast. It only takes a couple of minutes for thick, black smoke to fill a house. There is no time to grab things to take with you – there is only time to escape.

That's why you need to plan and practice a home fire escape plan. Sit down with everyone in your household and discuss how each person will get out of the home in a fire. Draw a map of each level of your home showing all doors and windows. Choose a safe meeting place outside.

Go to each room and look for two ways out. Teach your children how to escape on their own in case you cannot help them. Make sure they can open windows, remove screens and unlock doors. If anyone needs help to escape, review who will assist the very young, older adults or people with disabilities.

Practice feeling the door before escaping. Before opening your door, feel the door with the back of your hand. If it is hot, leave the door closed and use your second way out.



Practice the plan with everyone in your household. Push the button on your smoke alarm to start your home fire drill. Practice what to do in case there is smoke. Get low and go. Get out fast. Go to your outside meeting place. Never re-enter a burning building. Get out and stay out. Call 9-1-1 using a cell phone or from a neighbour's home.

40 km/h Speed Limits and Photo Radar Coming to Oakville

After a pilot program tested 40 km/h speed limits in two Oakville neighbourhoods, the majority of Council voted in January to rollout 40 km/h limits across all local and minor collector roads. Staff were directed to report back with a two to three year implementation plan this September.

Concerns about the planned lower speed limit have been raised as reports from other communities show that lower limits don't result in slower speeds unless they are accompanied by other traffic calming measures. Before and after speed surveys conducted during the Oakville pilot program showed results consistent with other reports. Other concerns noted in the staff report were increases in driver aggressiveness such as drivers passing others who abide by the lower limit on collector roads and a potential false sense of security and expectation on the part of pedestrians and cyclists.

Staff are to plan the change in speed limits in conjunction with an education program, working with the Halton Regional Police Service as well as other complementary measures.

Staff will also be reporting back on the installation of four semi-fixed photo radar (Automated Speed Enforcement or ASE) cameras within Community Safety Zones after Council approved the required funding this January. Similar to Red Light Camera offences, tickets issued through ASE would be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle.

All members of Council share the desire for safer roads and we would welcome feedback about the planned changes and other traffic concerns at ward6@oakville.ca.



Licensing Vaping Product Retailers

As of March 1, 2021, retailers selling vaping products are required to apply for a tobacco/electronic cigarette retailer licence.

Oakville Town Council approved amendments to the Business Licensing By-law to include electronic cigarette and vapour retailers. Oakville joins cities like Toronto, Hamilton and London, which also have by-laws requiring licences for businesses selling vaping products.

This means, any person applying for a tobacco/electronic cigarette retailer licence will be required to comply with zoning and insurance requirements, pass a health inspection, provide business documents and confirm compliance with the Smoke-

Free Ontario Act (SFOA). The new licensing requirement will allow the town to ensure SFOA requirements are tracked and complied with.

Retailers not complying with the act will have their licence suspended on a second violation and revoked on a third. Residents must be 19 years and older to buy vaping and smoking products. The public can report stores who don't comply to Service Oakville at 905-845-6601

The Business Licensing By-law is currently under review and an update report is expected this summer. You can find more information at oakville.ca.

Keeping Our Trails Beautiful

Trail maintenance is one of the annual programs undertaken by the Town. The Town is blessed with a wonderful, interconnected trail system and Ward 6 has an abundance of trails for you to explore and enjoy. Trails are heavily used and valued by the community and the Parks and Open Space department has a trail maintenance program to ensure they remain in good condition. This program runs primarily from May to October. Trails are inspected for sections that are low and wet or that become narrow due to overgrowth from vegetation. During trail inspections, staff also look for illegal dumping, erosion or washout including from private pool water drainage and illegal private gates onto natural areas.

Each year a number of trails undergo rehabilitation to refresh the width and surface of the trails. Drainage culverts are also added or replaced where required. This year Ward 6 trail improvements are planned on the Morrison Valley South Trail (north of the Wedgewood Morrison Diversion channel and trail access from Litchfield Road), Iroquois Shoreline Woods, and Joshua's Creek Trail.

Please contact Service Oakville to report any problems or trail issues. These reports help staff pinpoint areas of concern.

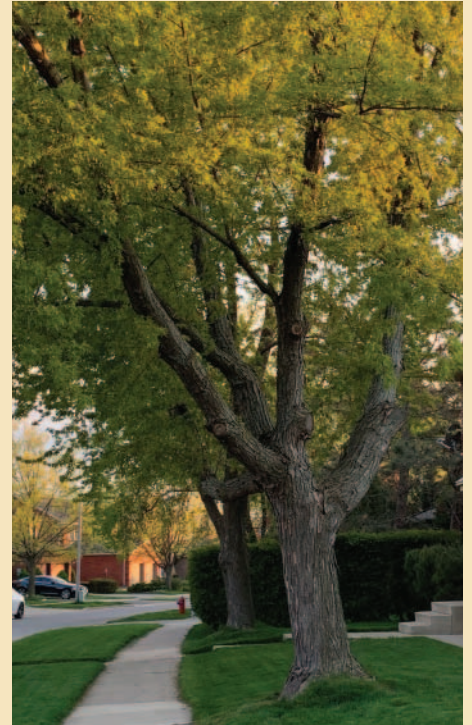
Enjoy the beautiful trails!



Protecting Private Neighborhood Trees

The Private Tree Protection By-law regulates and prohibits the injury or destruction of trees on private property within the Town of Oakville. The enhanced by-law was enacted on May 2, 2017 and protects healthy private trees over 15 cm in diameter. Property owners must apply for a permit and on site consultation before removing any tree that has a trunk measuring 15 cm or larger in diameter. The private tree by-law has proven to be a deterrent for the unnecessary removal of healthy private trees. The process has been improved by adding the option for online applications and payment. This enables residents to apply for the permit from the comfort of their home.

The first step after an application is received is a site visit consultation to educate residents on options to minimize the number of trees requested for removal. Staff also provide free permits for all hazardous, dead and ash tree removals during their consultation site visit.



Supporting Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

Inclusion is about creating an environment where people have both the feeling and reality of belonging and are able to live and work to their full potential with respect, dignity and freedom from discrimination.

In January, Council endorsed the Halton Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Charter, strengthening our efforts to take action and foster inclusivity in Oakville. Town staff also launched the 2021 Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan. This plan includes key initiatives such as staff and public consultation, internal policy reviews and the incorporation of best practices to extend the plan into a multi-year Inclusion Action Plan.

Another project underway is the installation of three rainbow crosswalks demonstrating the town's solidarity with members of the LGBTQ2+ and BIPOC communities this June. The crosswalks on Lakeshore Road will be at the intersections of Navy Street, Kerr Street and Bronte Road.

As your councillors, we welcome the opportunity to hear from you on your experiences in Oakville and on ways the Town can further support diversity and inclusion initiatives. Town Council stands together with you against all forms of racism and discrimination to help build an inclusive community and ensure equity for all.

Ward 6 Development Applications Highlights

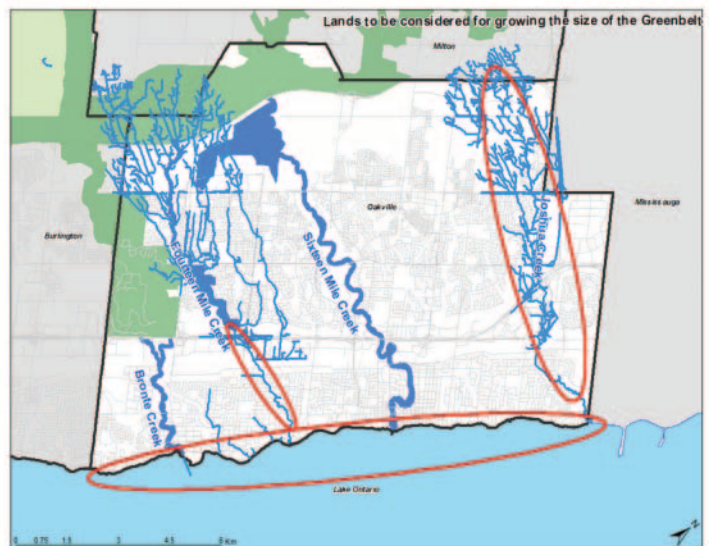
LOCATION	APPLICATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	PLANNING STAFF CONTACT
1019 & 1059 Dundas St.E – North of Dundas east of Eighth Line	Capoak Inc. & Redoak G & A Inc.	Draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment for 586 residential units including detached homes, townhouses, parks and open space, stormwater pond and commercial uses. Public hearing was January 5, 2021.	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. Phase 3 public hearing held December 7, 2020 and Phase 4 approved April 12, 2021.	
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, mixed use block, 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 m ² 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 – Approved March 8, 2021.	Kate Cockburn 905-845-6601, ext. 3124 kate.cockburn@oakville.ca

Protecting Joshua Creek Valley

The 2017 Greenbelt Plan was first introduced in 2005 to help shape the future of the Greater Golden Horseshoe. It provides an overarching strategy that offers clarity for what must be protected for current and future generations. The Greenbelt Plan identifies where urbanization should not occur to provide permanent protection to agricultural land and related ecological and hydrological features, areas and functions. The Greenbelt Plan also allows the inclusion of publicly owned lands in Urban River Valleys. Urban River Valleys recognize the importance of connections between Lake Ontario and other areas.

In February 2021, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing initiated consultations for “growing the size of the Greenbelt”. The proposal identified two priority areas for growing the size of the Greenbelt: a study area of lands focused on the Paris Galt Moraine, and ideas for adding, expanding and further protecting Urban River Valleys.

In April, Town Council endorsed a resolution to grow the size of the Greenbelt in Oakville. This resolution will be consolidated with Halton Region’s submission and provided to the Province for consideration. Areas in Oakville recommended for inclusion in the Greenbelt include public lands that are part of Fourteen Mile Creek



and Joshua Creek Valley. Council also recommended that the Province consider including Oakville’s public lands along the Lake Ontario shoreline.

Get Out and Enjoy the Beautiful Trails in Ward 6!

