







Creating a path to a more livable and sustainable future.

Oakville will celebrate its bicentennial in 2057 and we're already planning and strategically thinking about how we can make a significant impact going forward. For that reason, Council and town staff are working together to integrate projects and initiatives to create one, cohesive road map for the future: Vision 2057.

Vision 2057 brings together all of the town's master plans and other key planning initiatives. This enables Council, town staff and you to see how all of these elements fit into one united vision of our future.

Oakville residents can play an important role by providing feedback. We celebrate the significance that public engagement has made in this community and now is your opportunity to get involved once again. These are the initiatives that will set the direction to help us achieve our vision to be the most livable town in Canada.

Learn about Vision 2057.
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See the results of Vision 2057.

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Mayor Rob Burton





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Guiding Principles

TOWN OF OAKVILLE STRATEGIC PLAN

The Town of Oakville Strategic Plan sets the direction for all of the town plans following our three fundamental elements: our vision, our mission and our values. The town's Strategic Plan is a continual work in progress. Over time, new priorities, new opportunities, new demands and new challenges will emerge, and incorporating annual business plans into the town's strategic planning process ensures us the flexibility to respond quickly and effectively to these changing directions.

TOWN OF OAKVILLE OFFICIAL PLAN — LIVABLE OAKVILLE

Livable Oakville, the town's official plan for the lands south of Dundas Street and north of Highway 407, sets out goals and objectives for land use and development to 2031. It implements regional and provincial land use planning requirements, and guides Council's land use planning decisions. It contains policies that direct growth to identified growth areas, and policies that aim to preserve and enhance established neighbourhoods, green spaces and employment lands. The North Oakville East and West Secondary Plans provide for the land use goals, objectives and policies for lands north of Dundas Street and south of Highway 407 establishing principles for the development of the New Communities of Oakville and preservation of the Natural Heritage System.

LOCAL COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

The Local Community Sustainability Plan will provide a framework for the community to achieve sustainability for present and future generations. The plan will integrate economic, environmental, cultural and social aspects in town decision making and community actions. The long-term goal of the plan is to achieve strong community partnerships, strengthen our resiliency, implement solutions for change and enhance our quality of life.

Community Improvement Plans

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VISION

There's always room for improvement. The town will explore the use of community improvement plans to help its growth areas evolve in accordance with the Livable Oakville Plan.

SUMMARY

The Livable Oakville Plan enables the creation of Community Improvement Plans, in accordance with the *Planning Act*, and sets criteria for the designation of community improvement areas. Staff has reported on how community improvement plans might be used to encourage redevelopment and stimulate investment in targeted areas, and seek direction from Council on how to proceed. Growth areas such as Bronte Village, Kerr Village and Midtown Oakville may benefit from the incentive programs that can be established through Community Improvement Plans to assist with improvements to private property and the public realm, as well as heritage conservation and brownfield remediation.

The town has developed a Community Improvement Plan for Kerr Village.

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inZone New Zoning By-law

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VISION

inZone will guide the use of land, buildings and structures in accordance with the policies of the Livable Oakville Plan.

SUMMARY

The inZone project is the preparation of town's new zoning by-law. inZone will implement the policies of the town's new official plan, the Livable Oakville Plan, into the town's zoning framework. The project is a key action for the 2012-2014 term of Council's Strategic Plan.

inZone will go before Council on February 25, 2014 for final by-law approval.



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Livable by Design

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VISION

The Livable Oakville Plan places an increased emphasis on making thoughtful design decisions integral to the development process.

SUMMARY

New design concepts are being developed for the growth areas, as well as a review of design directives in conjunction with the zoning by-law review. This is all part of the Livable Oakville Plan implementation. Urban Design Manual will establish a design-first philosophy where new development is context-sensitive, and strives to achieve the best solution for the community.

The urban design concepts for the growth areas will provide guidance for the longer term build-out and redevelopment of these areas. There are numerous issues being reviewed including the co-ordination among built form, exterior building design, streetscape provisions, establishing a pedestrian environment, the provision of public transit, and land use.



OTHER RELATED PROJECTS

- Livable by Design Awards
- Livable by Design Manual
- Part B Design Guidelines
- Site Plan Design Standards

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Livable Oakville Implementation

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VISION

To enhance the town’s natural, cultural, social and economic environments by ensuring that environmental sustainability, cultural vibrancy, economic prosperity and social well-being are incorporated into all growth and development decisions.

SUMMARY

The Livable Oakville Plan is the town’s official plan for the lands south of Dundas and north of Highway 407. It sets out the goals, objectives and policies to manage and direct growth to the year 2031.

In order to achieve the goals and objectives of the Livable Oakville Plan, a number of studies and implementation initiatives are required. A work program for these studies and initiatives has been developed and many projects have been completed or have commenced.



OTHER RELATED STUDIES

- Merton Planning Study
- Trafalgar Road Corridor Study

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Midtown Strategy

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VISION

The goal of the Midtown Strategy is to encourage investment in this area's transformation into a vibrant urban centre for people to live and work.

SUMMARY

Midtown Oakville, the urban growth centre that surrounds the Oakville GO Station, will be home to about 12,000 people and 8,000 jobs by 2031. In 2008, the Livable Oakville Plan set out the land use policies; now, under the Midtown Strategy, a number of projects will be created such as a new urban design strategy and plan, and new zoning regulations. In the longer term, a community improvement plan may be drafted. The Midtown Oakville Class EA will also define the many infrastructure improvements needed. All of these projects aim to secure Midtown Oakville as a premier locale for intensification for many years.



OTHER RELATED STUDIES

- Midtown Oakville Class Environmental Assessment
- Metrolinx Mobility Hub
- Urban Design Strategy
- Parking Strategy

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New Communities of Oakville Implementation (North Oakville)

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VISION

To create neighbourhoods in the New Communities of Oakville that are walkable, transit friendly, and incorporate natural open spaces, dense urban cores, commercial uses and employment lands.

SUMMARY

The new communities of Oakville is the town's largest remaining new development to join the family of well established, friendly communities that make up this town.

Located just north of Dundas Street, south of 407, east of Tremaine Road and west of Ninth Line, the New Communities of Oakville will be home to 50,000 people, create nearly 35,000 jobs, and include residential, commercial, employment, institutional and natural open spaces. A number of implementation projects are underway to help support the development in North Oakville.



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OTHER RELATED STUDIES

- North Oakville Zoning By-law (By-law 2009-189)
- Urban Design Guidelines
- North Oakville Trails Plan
- North Oakville Urban Foresetry Management Plan

Development Charges By-Law

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VISION

To collect development charges from developers to help fund the infrastructure costs associated with growth within the municipality.

SUMMARY

The town's Development Charges Background Study is complete and was released to the public on February 15, 2013.

A public meeting was held March 4, 2013, by Town Council pursuant to the provisions of the *Development charges Act, 1997*, which require that Council hold at least one public meeting before passage of a development charges by-law. The by-law was passed that evening and effective March 5, 2013.

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Economic Development Strategy

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VISION

To position Oakville as the town of choice for doing business.

SUMMARY

In 2009, a ten year strategy was developed with initiatives that will move Oakville in new directions that leverage the strengths of the town's existing assets to create a favourable environment for business attraction and a diversified economic base. The strategic initiatives will result in the growth of knowledge-based industries in advanced manufacturing, professional services, life sciences, and digital media sectors that will require office and industrial space.

The strategy also focuses on business retention and expansion to ensure that Oakville maintains its competitive position in the marketplace and is responsive to the needs of business. This means ensuring that businesses have the information that they need, when they need it; informing them of local, provincial and federal programs for funding and training; and helping them navigate the development process at Town Hall. This strategy is a long-term plan for economic prosperity in Oakville. It is an action-based plan that is responsive to a changing global economy, encourages innovation and sets out new directions to achieve a truly remarkable community.

OTHER RELATED PROJECTS

- Economic Development Strategy

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Financial and Strategic Planning

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VISION

To ensure the town's financial sustainability

SUMMARY

Financial and strategic planning is a forward-looking approach to financial management. It provides long-term strategies to balance the financial resources of the town with the long-term needs identified through the various planning processes. The town undertakes several initiatives to ensure the immediate and long-term financial needs of the municipality are met such as the long-term financial forecast, rates and fees strategy as well as performance based program based budgeting to ensure allocation of resources reflects the priorities of the town.

OTHER RELATED PROJECTS

- Long-term financial forecast
- Performance-based, program-based budgeting (PB2)
- Rates and fees strategy
- Oakville Harbours Business Plan
- Financial Impact Analysis of Growth

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Culture Lives Here

Strategic Directions for Culture

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VISION

To define culture for the Town of Oakville and develop a strategic direction for the future.

SUMMARY

On October 5, 2009, Oakville Town Council approved the town's first municipal cultural plan, *Enabling Culture to Thrive in Oakville: Oakville's Strategic Directions for Culture*.

The plan is the culmination of two years of consultation, research and community collaboration. It follows the best practices and standards of municipal cultural planning as set forth by Ontario's Municipal Cultural Planning Partnership, of which Oakville is a member.

The cultural plan is a living document used by the town to develop an integrated approach that connects and builds on the many forms of culture that exist in Oakville. It will change and adapt to cultural opportunities and to the needs of the community and sets the stage for culture to thrive in Oakville.

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Downtown Plan

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VISION

To explore opportunities to create a downtown cultural hub that includes a performing arts centre, art gallery, library, outdoor program space, and indoor cultural space or digital hub that will become the cultural, social, and economic heart of our community and to redesign the downtown streetscape to give it a sense of place for everyone.

SUMMARY

The Downtown Plan is comprised of two studies — the Downtown Cultural Hub, and the Downtown Transportation and Streetscape. The Downtown Cultural Hub Study will explore opportunities to create a downtown cultural and performing arts space including: a performing arts centre, art gallery, library, outdoor program space, and indoor cultural space or digital hub that will become the cultural, social, and economic heart of our community. The Downtown Transportation and Streetscape Study will assess the current traffic and roadway conditions in downtown Oakville and create recommendations to enhance the roadways, beautify streets, improve pedestrian/cycle ways and revitalize the Towne Square, by introducing design standards as well as increasing connectivity, mobility and accessibility.



OTHER RELATED STUDIES/PROJECTS

- Commercial District Parking Study
- Downtown Oakville Heritage Conservation District
- Downtown Oakville Strategic Action Plan
- Downtown Oakville Strategic Review
- Town purchases downtown Post Office, 197 Church Street
- South Central Public Lands Study
- Urban Design Manual
- Zoning By-law Review (inZone)

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Fire Master Plan Update

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VISION

To ensure that the Oakville Fire department fully understands and is prepared for the impact that future growth throughout the Town of Oakville will have on the ability to deliver fire protection and prevention services to all citizens of the town.

SUMMARY

The update was completed in 2011 and remains current through 2016.



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Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan

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VISION

To ensure the wellbeing of the town’s residents, and the cohesive development of communities through parks, recreation and library facilities and amenities, advancing overall quality of life.

SUMMARY

The plan ensures that the provision of community parks and recreational and library facilities continues to meet the needs of Oakville residents. It also identifies facilities and amenities that are essential to the individual well-being of Oakville residents.

The updated plan was approved by the Community Services Committee on October 23, 2012 and was subsequently approved by Council, in principle, on October 29, 2012.

OTHER RELATED STUDIES

- Youth Strategy
- Seniors Strategy
- Special Events Strategy

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South Central Public Lands Study

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VISION

To utilize the surplus lands in South Central Oakville in a way that would fulfill the recreational needs of the citizens as determined by the Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan.

SUMMARY

The South Central Public Lands Study (SCPLS) is a comprehensive land use study focused on three surplus school sites (i.e., Brantwood, Chisholm and Linbrook Public Schools), the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital site, and the Oakville Arena site, including the surrounding Trafalgar Park. All the sites are owned by the town, except for the OTMH site, which the town will acquire when construction of the new hospital is complete at the end of 2015.

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Switching Gears Transportation Master Plan

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VISION

To create a more balanced transportation system that provides a variety of sustainable travel options in Oakville.

SUMMARY

Switching Gears is a blueprint for addressing the short- and longer-term opportunities and challenges of getting around Oakville to 2031. It looked at all modes of transportation including public transit, walking, cycling and ride-sharing along with strategic roadway improvements to ensure the safe, convenient and efficient movement of people and goods. The final plan is now available.



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Energy Management Plan

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VISION

To prioritize energy management in all town departments, optimize energy usage in facilities, provide access to energy information to all employees responsible for energy management, and minimize the impact of increases in energy costs.

SUMMARY

The Corporate Energy Management Plan is a framework for energy management within the town operations. The plan was developed in consultation with the Facilities and Construction Management, Transit, Roads and Works, Recreation and Culture, Environmental Policy, and Finance departments in order to integrate energy management across the entire corporation.

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Environmental Strategic Plan

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VISION

To prioritize energy management in all town departments, optimize energy usage in facilities, provide access to energy information to all employees responsible for energy management, and minimize the impact of increases in energy costs.

SUMMARY

Council approved the first Environmental Strategic Plan (ESP) in December 2005 to help improve the environment in Oakville. The plan provides opportunities for residents, environmental groups, commercial interests, industry, community associations, educators and other community stakeholders to identify what they can do to protect and improve their environment, along with the Town of Oakville.

Progress on the implementation of the plan is reported annually to Council.

OTHER RELATED PROJECTS

- Climate Change Adaptation Strategy
- Health Protection Air Quality By-law
- Active Transportation Master Plan
- Transportation Master Plan
- Urban Forest Strategic Master Plan
- Energy Management Plan
- Oakville Wildlife Strategy

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Heritage Conservation

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VISION

To identify and conserve Oakville’s heritage so that it can be experienced and appreciated by existing and future generations.

SUMMARY

The conservation of cultural heritage resources in the town is an integral part of the town’s planning and decision making. The town uses legislation and planning to protect and conserve cultural heritage resources throughout the community. Ongoing studies and initiatives are also undertaken to continue a culture of conservation.

OTHER RELATED PROJECTS

- Downtown Oakville Heritage Conservation District Plan
- Heritage Incentives Program
- Cultural Heritage Landscapes
- Other Heritage Districts

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Urban Forestry Strategic Management Plan

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VISION

To provide a proactive approach to the management and stewardship of the Town of Oakville's urban forests south of Dundas Street.

SUMMARY

The Urban Forest Strategic Management Plan is a 20 year plan that sets out the steps necessary to achieve short medium long-term goals for the urban forest within the framework of the town's official plan. The 20 year period (2008-2027) is supported by a series of four management plans of five year duration. Annual operating plans complement the five year plan. The principle of adaptive management permits flexible tree operations by town staff that responds to changes in the environment, the community and the direction of town policy.

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