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Dear Residents,

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

PROTECTING OUR HEALTH

The Town of Oakville and Halton Region continue to work together with our provincial and federal governments to protect the health of our residents and community. Public health initiatives to contain the impact of COVID-19 are ongoing. No part of local government services has gone unchanged. From the work of Halton's Public Health team, to the move to greater on-line services and new rules around the use of non-medical face masks and so many other initiatives, your local government has been working hard to adapt quickly and thoughtfully to the latest information on how to operate successfully in the age of COVID-19.

CONTROLLING GROWTH AND PLANNING COMPLETE COMMUNITIES

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

requiring GTA municipalities to plan for more growth while reducing local control over where and how development occurs.

PROTECTING NATURE

The pandemic has helped many people appreciate our local greenspace and trails even more. We continue to manage the effects of the emerald ash borer on our trees, plant even more trees and work towards creating a climate change resilient community. We continue to actively protect our local creeks and natural lands.

BUILDING AND RENEWING INFRASTRUCTURE

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

KEEPING OUR FINANCES HEALTHY

The pandemic has caused financial issues for many people as well as for local governments. Council remains committed to its goal of keeping overall property tax increases in-line with inflation and work is underway to meet this target again for 2021. We have also extended 2020 final tax deadlines and provided waivers of penalty and interest payments on outstanding property taxes to help residents cope with financial concerns.

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

In the meantime, we wish you all good health!

Best regards,
Tom and Natalia

Trafalgar Road Improvements Update

The Trafalgar Road Improvements project, from Leighland Avenue to north of Hays Boulevard, is advancing very well and is on schedule to be fully completed by December 2021. Since the beginning of the year, Phase 1 work has continued along the west side of Trafalgar Road, and includes:

- road widening
- watermain and stormwater management infrastructure installation
- sidewalk and curbs
- pedestrian bridge north of Leighland Ave.
- bus stops, traffic signals & streetlighting
- off-road bike path
- soundwalls & landscaping

While some Phase 1 work will continue north of Upper Middle Road, Phase 2 work along the east side of Trafalgar Road, between Iroquois Shore and White Oaks Boulevard, has already commenced. The corridor will continue transitioning from Phase 1 to Phase 2 until winter 2020. Phase 2 work

along the east side of Trafalgar Road includes:

- road widening
- watermain and stormwater management infrastructure installation
- sidewalk and curbs
- bus stops & traffic signals
- soundwalls & landscaping

Phase 2 is anticipated to be completed in mid-2021, at which point Phase 3 work will begin and includes shifting traffic over to the east and west limits of the corridor to allow for construction work along the center of Trafalgar Road.

Night and weekend work will continue on occasion in order to mitigate traffic impacts along the corridor. Advance notice of this work will be posted on the Region's website and social media channels. Visit halton.ca to find the latest project information and sign up for email updates on construction activity.

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



40 km/h Speed Limits and Photo Radar

A pilot program is currently underway to test the effectiveness of neighbourhood 40km/h speed limit zones in two neighbourhoods in Oakville. Signs are posted at the entrances to the neighbourhoods to advise drivers that the default speed limit within the area is 40km/h. Speed surveys were conducted prior to erecting the signs, then speed surveys were conducted again once the signs were posted. Follow up speed surveys planned for this spring were postponed until traffic patterns stabilized again. We are resuming our traffic count and speed survey programs in September so that we can complete these pilot studies and report back to Council with our findings and recommendations.

Ontario municipalities are now permitted to use Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE, commonly referred to as "photo radar") to address speeding at designated school zones and community safety zones. There are 21 Community Safety Zones in Oakville, primarily encompassing schools, and adjacent parks, on major collector roads. These areas would be candidates for ASE.



Similar to Red Light Camera offences, tickets issued under ASE would be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle.

Town Council will consider an ASE program for Oakville through the upcoming budget process. Traditional speed enforcement, traffic calming and education campaigns are other tools that would continue to be used to address speeding on town roads.

Project #Noisemaker & Police on Park Patrol

The Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) and the Town of Oakville are committed to maintaining community safety and liveability through prevention, education and enforcement initiatives.



In an effort to keep our community a wonderful place to work, live and play, we look to resident input to help guide our patrols. In response to your concerns, two new enforcement projects were launched by the HRPS in the summer of 2020.

Project #Noisemaker launched region-wide in June 2020 to address road safety and an increased incidence of motor vehicles with illegal modifications, unsafe vehicle conditions and aggressive driving. Concerns submitted by the community and proactive enforcement measures have resulted in over 100 traffic stops and nearly 200 Provincial Offence Notices in Oakville up to August 6.

Project Police on Park Patrol (POPP) launched in July 2020 in response to concerns regarding nuisances in public spaces. POPP has introduced enhanced patrols at a number of municipal parks, school properties and trail systems in Oakville and Burlington. Patrols in Oakville public parks, including Valleybrook Park, Tannery Park, Bronte Bluffs, Pinery Park, and a number of elementary and high schools have resulted in excess of 40 Town By-Law tickets and Provincial Offence Notices up to August 6.

The HRPS would like to thank residents, and the Town of Oakville, for their commitment to keeping community safety and well-being a top priority.



Unleash the power of community action – get to know Oakville’s Community Energy Strategy!

In February 2020, Council made an historic leap forward in taking action on climate change by unanimously endorsing the Oakville Energy Task Force’s Community Energy Strategy (the Strategy).

Oakville’s Energy Task Force is a team of community leaders representing local businesses, government, utilities, schools and community groups. They actively advise and champion community implementation of the Strategy.

Oakville’s energy vision is founded on community collaboration and innovation to ensure Oakville’s sustainable energy future is clean, affordable and resilient.

Using a 2016 baseline, the goals set out in the Strategy are to:

- increase energy efficiency by at least 40 per cent by 2041.
- enable transition to a goal of carbon neutrality by reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by at least 50% by 2041.
- return at least \$7 billion in cumulative energy cost savings to the community by 2041.

The goals of the Strategy promote a green recovery that generates local, high-quality jobs and returns money into Oakville’s local economy.

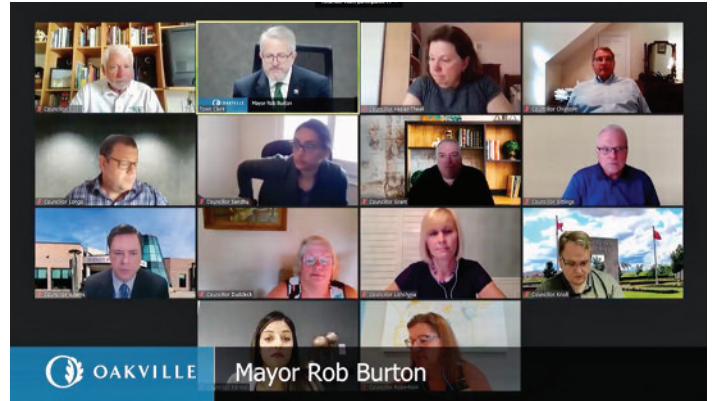
The Strategy’s projects focus on the two largest sources of GHG emissions in Oakville, transportation (50% of the total emissions inventory baseline) and residential buildings (30% of the total emissions inventory baseline).

In 2019, Council unanimously declared a climate emergency to accelerate climate action. The Strategy directly supports the declaration by providing clear and achievable targets to significantly lower community GHG emissions and improve Oakville’s overall energy efficiency.

We all have a role to play! Help achieve Oakville’s energy vision by learning more about the Strategy and how you can get involved at <https://www.oakville.ca/environment/community-energy-plan.html>.

Virtual Council Meetings – Work Continues!

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Ontario amended rules in March to allow Council to meet virtually to continue to carry out the business of the Town in a safe manner. In May, Council also amended its rules of procedure to allow the public to participate in public meetings that may be held electronically. Anyone wishing to delegate can do so from the comfort and safety of their home. In July, the Province extended the permission to meet electronically at the request of the Town of Oakville and many other municipalities.



Anyone who wants to delegate at Council or committee meetings is encouraged to advise the Clerk by noon on the day of a meeting commencing at 6 p.m. and by noon on the last business day before a meeting being held prior to 6 p.m.

Council appreciates hearing input from residents and the ability to take part in meetings from your home or office makes it much easier. Please visit Oakville.ca for more information on Council agendas. You can subscribe to, get alerts of livestream meetings and watch meetings online at the Town YouTube channel.

Keeping Parks Clean Together

We have seen a significant increase in the use of our parks and greenspaces over the last few months. The upside is more of the community is getting out to enjoy our tennis courts, playgrounds, splash pads, basketball courts and trails. The downside is the significant increase in litter, garbage and debris left behind.

Please do your part to help us keep our parks and greenspaces clean and beautiful. Parents should remind their teens about garbage disposal etiquette including putting litter in waste receptacles provided at parks and facilities, and practicing stoop and scoop when out with your pet. The large amount of PPE (personal protective equipment) including masks and gloves, that people are discarding in parks, parking lots and along roadways has been especially prevalent during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please dispose of PPE properly in your garbage at home or in a waste receptacle at parks, shopping centres or transit shelters. Please help keep our community safe and COVID-free by properly disposing of your PPE.

If we all work together, our parks, greenspaces and community will be cleaner and safer for everyone to enjoy.



Recreation and Culture Programs Return

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we've rethought how we deliver recreation and culture programs including the way we communicate changes. We're learning a lot and appreciate your ongoing support and patience as we navigate toward our new normal.

To enhance online services, share real-time information with our customers, and reduce print materials, we have moved to a paperless Parks, Recreation and Culture guide. We are implementing an improved online version of the guide which will include a more user-friendly and convenient program search tool. Visit programs.oakville.ca to search currently available programs.

To ensure we are offering safe and relevant programs this fall, we have pushed back the start date for registered, multi-session programs, to start on Tuesday, October 13th with registration beginning on Wednesday, September 16th at 7 a.m.

Specifically in Ward 6, Iroquois Ridge Community Centre is offering

select recreation programming, swimming and has opened its fitness centre by appointment only.

Starting September 8th, Seniors Services in-person programs that are safe to resume have begun as well as additional pre-booked drop-in activities. All drop-in activities are available for pre-booking at active.oakville.ca. One month membership terms for fitness and general activities also resume in September.

The team at Iroquois Ridge Community Centre have implemented enhanced disinfecting protocols, physical distancing cues and other safety measures to ensure your visit is safe. Equipment in the fitness area has been spread out into additional areas to maximize capacity while providing additional space for distancing.

We look forward to safely welcoming you back to our facilities! For up to date information about what's currently open and closed, please visit oakville.ca.



Oakville Public Library is back!

This year has been unlike any other in recent memory, with the world coming to terms with a global health crisis. In times of need, community support and resources are critical for maintaining a semblance of normalcy and belonging.

Oakville Public Library (OPL) is still a trusted space of connection, learning and innovation for Oakville. As we continue to navigate the pandemic and a "new normal," OPL is working hard to provide in-branch access as well as grow virtual programming and online services. Here's a sneak peek of what to expect this fall at our community branch, Iroquois Ridge:

- Virtual book clubs for adults
- Back by popular demand, virtual Kids Library Club with more options for preschool and school-age children
- Launches of new reading programs, including new Virtual Babytime, a program designed to introduce young families to library programs, services and early child literacy.
- The Creation Zone will open for appointment-based learning sessions and access to technology and tools.
- More interactive programming content, such as storytimes, creation challenges and tutorials, on OPL's YouTube channel (youtube.com/OakvillePublicLibrar).

For ongoing reopening updates and information on programming, connect with OPL at opl.ca and @oakvillelibrary on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.



Town of Oakville welcomes new CAO

In July, Council was pleased to appoint Jane Clohecy as the town's new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Jane brings over 30 years of municipal experience to this role, having previously worked at the

Region of Halton, City of Markham and City of Toronto.

Jane joined Oakville 14 years ago. The town's reputation for employing highly-skilled and innovative professionals, and ability to deliver first-rate programs and services to a growing community are what steered her our way.

Jane's held numerous positions at the town, including Commissioner of Community Development, Deputy CAO and Acting CAO. Some of Jane's key accomplishments include:

- Development and oversight of the Livable Oakville Plan
- Introduction of the town's extensive public consultation process for projects and planning applications
- Launching the revitalization of Oakville's historic downtown through the creation of the Downtown Plan
- Providing strategic direction on major development applications and Local Planning Appeal Tribunal hearings, including Glen Abbey
- Providing leadership and direction for the Former Hospital Site Project
- Successfully managing the town's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic

Now as CAO, Jane's experience, and commitment to innovation, excellence and continuous improvement, will serve her well in leading the organization to achieve the strategic goals set out by Council.

As we welcomed Jane to her new role, we said goodbye to Ray Green, who served the Town of Oakville for 44 years, with the last 14 as CAO. We are grateful for Ray's contributions to advancing Council's vision to make Oakville the most livable town in Canada, and wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.

Welcome Back Oakville!

This summer, Oakville rallied together to support an industry hit hard by the pandemic shutdowns – the local small business community.

The Welcome Back Oakville campaign launched in July with widespread support, inspiring action and spotlighting the ways businesses have adapted to welcome customers back safely.

Support local in the new normal!

Welcome Back Oakville makes it easy to support local in the new normal. Expanded patios, curbside pick-up, and online stores are just a few of the updates businesses have made to reopen their doors.



Explore VisitOakville.com for an interactive business map listing service changes and new safety measures. Plan a day rediscovering the amenities that make Oakville unique with Townie to Tourist itineraries to help you escape

to nature or enjoy a romantic staycation.

For an inside look before your visit, search #WelcomeBackOakville to view videos and posts featuring the familiar faces and safe new spaces of Oakville small businesses.

Share your shop local story using #WelcomeBackOakville and join the community-wide campaign to support small business in Oakville.

Welcome Back Oakville is a Mayor's Economic Task Force initiative, a partnership between Mayor Burton, Town of Oakville Economic Development, Oakville Chamber of Commerce, Visit Oakville, and the Oakville Business Improvement Associations.

Face Masks and COVID-19



During the pandemic, Oakville residents have been asked to stay home as much as possible to help flatten the curve of infections and allow the health care system to cope with treating the sick and build up its capacity. We are very pleased to say that Oakville residents have played their part in crushing the curve to give our health care systems time to ramp up capacity. Thank You!

As the provincial government slowly opens up the economy, Town Council and staff are very much focused on ensuring that it be done in a safe manner. In doing so, public health

professionals continue to stress the importance of washing our hands, limiting crowds and maintaining physical distances of 2 meters (or 6 feet) from others outside your household.

However, if physical distancing is a challenge or not possible, then wearing a non-medical face mask (for example, a cloth mask or face covering) is highly recommended. Town Council unanimously supported a motion requesting Halton Regional Council institute a region wide by-law making it mandatory to wear a face covering or non-medical mask in indoor public spaces. We are pleased that Halton Region did so with the by-law coming into effect on July 22, 2020 until November 30th. Halton Regional Council will review the by-law again prior to November to determine if changes are needed and to extend the bylaw if necessary.

There are a number of exemptions to the bylaw such as for persons with underlying

medical conditions that inhibit breathing, persons who may experience emotional or mental health impacts or for young children, but the rest of us can do our part. Studies indicate that if the vast majority of us wear a face mask in public when we cannot physically distance such as while shopping or using public transit, we will significantly lower infection rates and potentially avert a second wave. Non-medical face masks do not fully protect the wearer from infection from others, but they can catch a wearer's infectious respiratory droplets. As a result, face masks can help reduce community transmission by asymptomatic people who may otherwise infect others without knowing.

Please remember how far we have come over the last number of months. We need to continue to be diligent in how we interact with each other. Let's continue to keep our community safe and healthy!

Santa Claus is coming to Town!

While it won't be his normal route this year, Santa will arrive on his sleigh on the evening of November 21st in Downtown Oakville escorted by Oakville Fire and Halton Police. Children will be able to submit questions for Santa and Mayor Burton will host him on Cogeco TV to see what he has to say.

The annual kids colouring contest will also be taking place. You will be able to watch Santa's arrival from the comfort of your home to help everyone continue to be safe in these unprecedented times. Check Oakville.ca closer to the date for more details.



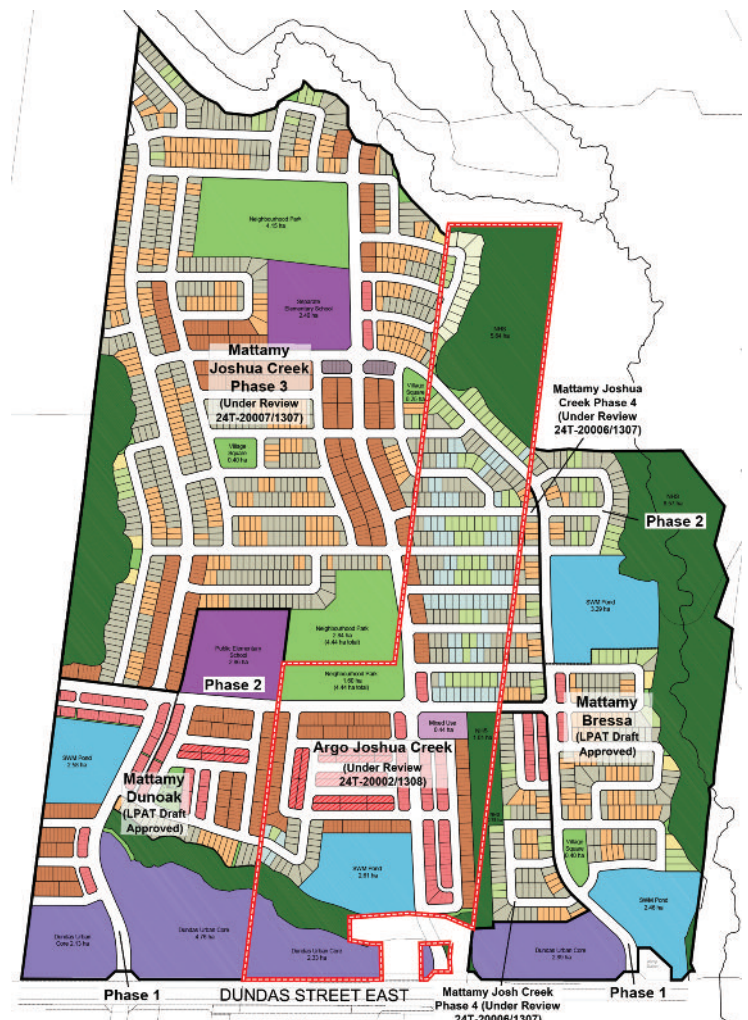
Ward 6 Development Applications Highlights

LOCATION	APPLICATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	PLANNING STAFF CONTACT
North of Dundas 1429 Dundas Street E	Mattamy (Joshua Creek) Ltd – Phases 3 & 4 24T-20007, Z 1307.07 24T-20006, Z 1307.06	Two draft plans of subdivision and zoning amendment to create 1185 residential units including detached dwellings and townhouses, village square, neighborhood parks, elementary school. Under review.	Leigh Musson 905 – 845-6601, ext. 3371 Leigh.musson@oakville.ca
	Bressa Developments Ltd (Mattamy) SP 1307.002/02	Two 12 storey mixed use buildings containing 329 residential units and 1,900 m2 of commercial space. Under review.	
North of Dundas adjacent to 1429 Dundas Street	Argo (Joshua Creek) Developments Inc. 24T- 20002, Z 1308.03	Draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment to permit 600 residential units including detached and townhouses, village square, stormwater pond. Public meeting held August 4, 2020.	
1226-1230 White Oaks Blvd & 350 Lynnwood Drive	Kamato Holdings Ltd Z 1512.09	Zoning amendment to permit a 21 storey rental apartment building containing 214 units. Public meeting scheduled for September 8, 2020	
1005 Dundas St E & 3033 Eighth Line (NE corner)	Urban Core Z 1310.15	12 storey - 562 unit apartment building application. Public meeting held Jan 13, 2020.	Tricia Collingwood 905-845-6601 ext. 3833 tricia.collingwood@oakville.ca
1380 Joshua's Creek Drive	Strategy 4 SP 1507.006	Two storey office building – under review	Kate Cockburn 905-845-6601, ext. 3124 kate.cockburn@oakville.ca
2352 Eighth Line	11673092 Canada Inc. 24T-20008, Z 1411.26	6 lot draft plan of subdivision – under review	

Development north of Dundas

It's hard to miss the massive amount of development happening on the north side of Dundas Street these days. Significant construction north of Dundas has been expected ever since Halton Region designated the land for urban development in the 1990's. Since then, the Town of Oakville has been through numerous legal battles with developers over how the development will occur. The fights have been over such things as how natural lands will be preserved, how traffic and parking will be managed, the phasing of development and how community amenities will be provided. In general, the right to develop was won by the landowners through the legal planning proceedings, but developers must still adhere to plans for the area.

Developers are now at various stages of approval to commence construction on a number of sites just north of Dundas between Eighth Line and Ninth Line. You will see a number of them listed in the development activity chart. We urge you to contact the Planning Department and ourselves with concerns so that they can be addressed appropriately.



Tom and Natalia in the Community Pre-COVID-19



36th Annual Oakville Prayer Breakfast



Raise Her Voice Chamber Choir performance at Town Hall New Year's Levee



Opening of bocce court at Glenashton Park



Spring Festival 2020 with Jiu-Jiu Chinese Association



2020 International Women's Day - Zonta Club of Oakville



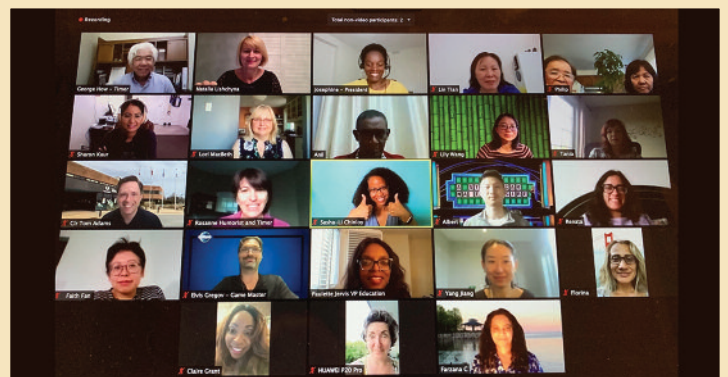
Celebrating Christmas Eve Mass at St. Peter and St. Paul Coptic Orthodox Church



2020 International Women's Day event - SAVIS of Halton and WHAM



Oakville Cricket Club Awards Dinner



We went virtual with groups like Own the Moment Oakville Toastmasters during COVID