

LET'S TALK OAKVILLE

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

WINTER 2023

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Dear Residents,

Welcome to the 14th edition of the Ward 6 Oakville newsletter. We trust you will find it interesting, and we look forward to assisting you whenever possible. We continue to manage growth, preserve greenspace, maintain high-quality infrastructure and services, and protect our strong finances.

MANAGING GROWTH

The Town of Oakville continues 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 higher density development in these areas protects existing neighbourhoods from unexpected development applications, reduces demand to urbanize further agricultural land and tends to produce more needed affordable housing.

Due to provincial changes, Halton Region will be transitioning out of planning growth at the regional level.

PROTECTING NATURE

Our local greenspace and trails continue to be appreciated by growing numbers of residents. We continue to actively protect our local creeks and natural lands.

BUILDING AND RENEWING INFRASTRUCTURE

Council continues to build and maintain infrastructure that improves the livability of our communities. In addition to road improvements, we are also improving walking, cycling and public transit infrastructure.

IMPROVING OAKVILLE TRANSIT

Oakville Transit is introducing electric buses and has seen tremendous ridership growth based on the introduction of free transit for youth and seniors. Council continues to promote safety on our roads with measures to control the speed of traffic on local roads.

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.

Best regards,
Tom and Natalia



Electrifying Buses!

Oakville Transit celebrated a major milestone in at the beginning of the year with the arrival of its first-ever electric buses! On the road since the spring, the smaller capacity buses are being used for care-A-van and On-Demand services.

The town is on track to acquire the first 15 zero-emission battery-electric buses to be used for conventional services (larger buses operating on fixed routes) by the end of 2024. Over the next five years, approximately 50

per cent of Oakville Transit's fleet will be converted from diesel to electric.

Electric buses do not produce harmful exhaust emissions or other greenhouse gases, are more energy-efficient, quieter, provide a smoother experience for passengers, and use fewer parts than standard diesel buses.

Using electric buses will support the town's goal of achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 for all our corporate activities.

Ride On-Demand Coming to Falgarwood!

In 2022, Oakville Transit implemented a successful Ride On-Demand transit services pilot in select areas of north and southeast Oakville. Oakville Transit is now expanding Ride On-Demand service to Falgarwood. The current fixed route conventional service (Route 26 - Falgarwood) will be replaced by Ride On-Demand providing more service coverage and service time.

Ride On-Demand transit services deliver transit without the use of larger conventional transit buses and is more flexible by providing shared-ride services. Requesting a trip is easy through an app (coming in 2024),

automated phone system, online booking, or by calling the transit call-centre. Customers will be able to request a ride any time during operating hours, travel from any address to another or to transit hubs in a designated zone, and transfer to other conventional Oakville Transit services.

Ride On-Demand service in Falgarwood is expected to start in spring 2024 in coordination with the launch of a new On-Demand App.

Information will be available on oakvilletransit.ca. For any questions regarding the On-Demand Transit service expansion, please contact Oakville Transit at 905-815-2020 or transit@oakville.ca.

Free Youth and Seniors Transit a Success!

Since introducing free transit service for youth 13 to 19 and seniors 65+ on May 1, 2023, the impact on these two key demographics has been a huge success!

Oakville Transit reports an incredible 102 per cent increase in senior ridership and 86 per cent surge in ridership among youth. Based on the positive trends seen so far this year, Oakville Transit has forecasted ridership for youth and seniors to reach approximately 1 million rides in 2024!

Taking transit is an accessible and sustainable travel choice for residents and Oakville Transit offers a number of services to help residents and visitors get to work, school and more. To take advantage of free transit, eligible customers must tap on board with a valid PRESTO card, which can be purchased for \$4 at Town Hall, Oakville Transit, or local Shoppers Drug Mart locations. Learn more at oakvilletransit.ca.



Stay Safe – Stay Off the Ice

As temperatures drop and ice forms over creeks and ponds, residents are reminded to stay off all bodies of water, including stormwater management ponds. Once frozen over, a stormwater pond may look safe, but inlet and outlet pipes keep water continuously flowing beneath the frozen top layer, making skating and other recreational activities extremely unsafe. Many other factors affect ice strength including air temperature, road runoff, sun, wind, snow and overall thickness of the ice. Stormwater management ponds play an important role in our environment and are not suitable for recreational activities at any time of the year. Please never skate, walk or toboggan on these ponds.

Practice water safety and stay safe this winter:

- Keep family members and pets away from all bodies of water
- Don't follow pets or people on the ice or attempt to rescue – call 911 for assistance
- Avoid recreational activities in or around waterways and check oakville.ca for outdoor skating opportunities



Managing Rainwater Costs

The Rainwater Management Financial Plan (RWMP) is a long-term plan to improve resiliency against climate change and protect our infrastructure. This includes developing a financing plan. Over the years, the town has completed many studies to improve stormwater infrastructure. The multi-phase plan uses work already done and prioritizes infrastructure renewal and upgrade needs to create a long-term forecast and financing plan.



Wheeled Cart Waste Collection Demonstration Project Launched

Halton Region is conducting a Wheeled Cart Waste Collection Demonstration Project which will pilot the use of Blue Carts (recycling) and Black Carts (garbage) for curbside collection and replace Blue Boxes and garbage bags. Wheeled carts are made from durable plastic material and come in a variety of sizes to accommodate household waste volumes and storage. They have secure lids and easy-to-use handles for moving to and from the curb.

Approximately 1,800 households across the region, including some households in Oakville's Ward 6, are participating in the demonstration project. Between October 2023 and September 2024, residents from these households will test the carts for regular curbside collection and share their experiences with the Region.

Halton Region will monitor the project and review feedback from residents. Findings and recommendations will be presented to Regional Council in early 2024, to support decision making on whether wheeled carts should be introduced to all households in Halton region starting in 2026.

Storm water management is crucial in protecting public safety, reducing flood risks, controlling erosion and maintaining water quality in local natural waterways. It is important to make sure runoff travels away from homes and buildings to protect private and public property from flooding during storm events. The recent RWM Plan report estimated it will cost \$640 million over 30 years (averaging \$21.3 million annually) to care for the town's storm sewer pipes, culverts, creeks, shorelines, ponds, ditches and harbours. Aging infrastructure, ongoing growth, and the impact of climate change are all driving the need for improvements. While staff continue to advocate for federal and provincial government funding and support, the town is exploring options for a sustainable funding source to ensure stormwater infrastructure is maintained in a good state of repair and improvements are made to adapt to climate change. The funding source should be affordable, equitable, simple to understand and financially sustainable.

Winter is Coming. Are You Ready for Snowfall?

With winter approaching, residents are reminded to help keep Oakville roads and sidewalks safe and accessible for everyone:

- Park vehicles off the street where possible
- Do not push snow from your driveway onto the road or sidewalk
- Do not push snow onto the sidewalk
- Clear snow from around fire hydrants so they are visible
- Clear snow/ice from around drainage basins during periods of snow melt

Street parking is not allowed at certain times:

- 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. from November 15 to April 15 on any street south of Dundas Street.
- 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. at any time, on any street north of Dundas Street.
- When snow falls. Vehicles parked on the street (with or without permit) may be ticketed if obstructing snow clearing operations.

The Town of Oakville monitors the weather forecast so that our Roads & Works crews are ready to maintain 2,000 lane kilometres of roads and 2,200 kilometres of sidewalks when snow falls.

Learn more about winter maintenance and snow clearing at oakville.ca.



Crime Prevention Starts at Home

Residential Break and Enters

As days get darker, early evening break and enters typically rise, with thieves commonly gaining access by smashing back patio doors to search for jewellery and cash. Police have also noticed an uptick in overnight break and enters targeting high-end vehicles.

Pro tips:

- Avoid storing jewellery and cash in the master bedroom. Thieves almost exclusively target this room.
- Avoid leaving vehicle keys near the front door or kitchen.
- Make your home appear occupied and lock your doors.

Auto Theft

Auto thefts are on the rise, and most in our region occurred overnight in residential areas through targeting the Onboard Diagnostic (OBD) port to reprogram a new key fob.

Pro tips:

- If possible, park your vehicle out of sight.
- Purchase an OBD port lock.
- Hide an aftermarket tracking device (e.g. Air Tag) in your vehicle to increase chances of recovery.

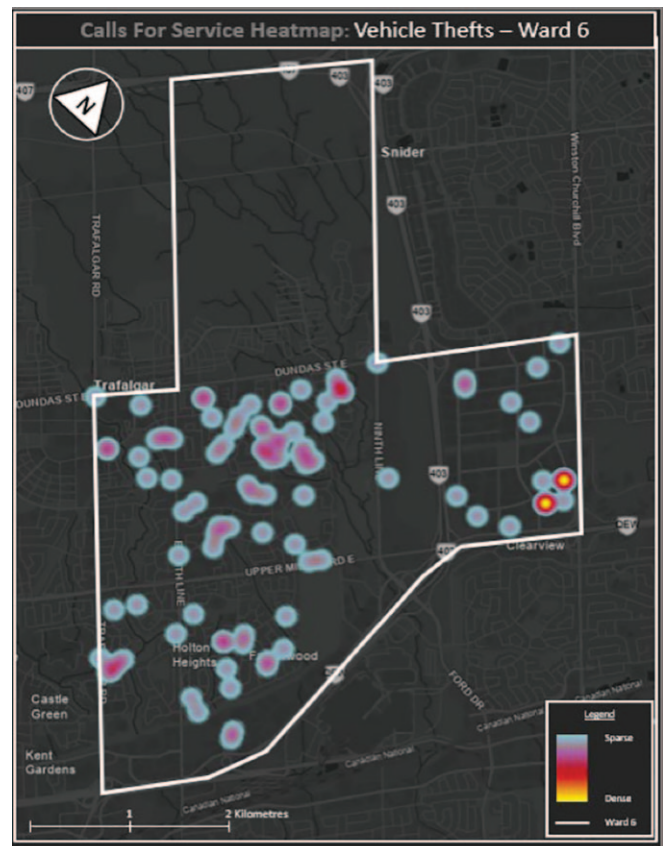
Thieves use technology to steal your vehicle and advancements/changes in technology occur all the time. All to say, the technique used today, may not be the technique used tomorrow.

Thefts from Vehicles

Though cases have been decreasing in Oakville over the last several years, the vast majority of vehicles targeted in 2023 were unlocked, 92% in fact.

Pro tip:

- Lock your doors and remove valuable items.



Community Safety and Well-Being is a shared responsibility. HRP is here to help. For more information, visit haltonpolice.ca. In an emergency, always dial 9-1-1, and in a non-emergency, please dial (905) 825-4777.

Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Program Reducing Fees

In early 2022, the Federal and Provincial Governments announced a \$13.2 billion Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) system that will reduce the cost of child care in Ontario to an average of \$10 per day by 2025-2026 for those in enrolled licensed child care settings.

The Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System will support positive learning opportunities for young learners, empower more women in the workforce, boost the economy, and provide financial relief for caregivers and parents.

Halton Region has made significant progress to implement the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System in Halton. Since December 31, 2022, fees in Halton have been reduced by 53% and 88% of licensed child care programs have enrolled in the CWELCC System.



Halton Region continues to advocate to the Federal and Provincial Governments for adequate and predictable funding to support equitable access to affordable, high quality child care and expansion of CWELCC spaces to meet the needs of Halton families.



Protecting Health with Immunization Programs

All Halton residents over the age of six months are eligible to receive their flu vaccine and COVID-19 vaccine.

The flu shot is your best defense against the flu. The flu shot is a vaccine designed to protect against strains of the flu virus that are expected to be circulating during the upcoming flu season. The vaccine stimulates your body's immune system to fight off infection if you come into contact with the flu virus. The flu shot will not protect you against other infections, such as COVID-19, so it is also important to be up to date with recommended COVID-19 vaccinations.

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization and the Ministry of Health are recommending the use of mRNA XBB.1.5

COVID-19 vaccines this fall. A fall dose is recommended 6 months after a previous dose or COVID-19 infection. Individuals who have not been previously immunized can receive the XBB.1.5 vaccine to start their series. COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective in preventing severe illness and death from the COVID-19 virus.

There are many vaccination options available to residents across the region. To get your flu shot, please visit a participating pharmacy or a primary care provider. To get your COVID-19 vaccine, please visit one of Halton's Community Immunization Clinics, a participating pharmacy or a primary care provider. You can book an appointment online to get vaccinated at one of Halton's Community Immunization Clinics by visiting [halton.ca](https://www.halton.ca).

Report Problems to Service Oakville

Did you know you can report a number of town-related issues online, easily, with the Report a Problem tool?

Thanks to recent upgrades, the tool and our other online services are more accessible and user-friendly. New features include:

- Increased number of services available online, including a general inquiry for any service the town provides
- More frequent status updates and comments
- Keyword search to help you find the service request you're trying to submit
- Ability to submit any question or concern with ServiceOakville, even if you can't find a specific service request for it

- Ability to attach files to your submission – such as a photo to help explain the problem
 - Access to articles specific to Report a Problem case types
 - An enhanced map to better pinpoint the exact location of your service request
 - Easier to read, larger font, and stronger colour contrast for improved accessibility
- Plus, you'll notice a seamless experience whether you're submitting from your computer, tablet or phone.

As always, service requests can also be submitted by phone, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by calling 905-845-6601.

New Council Strategic Plan

The new Town of Oakville Council Strategic Plan sets out a vision for our community to be a vibrant and livable community for all reflecting the community's desire for an active, beautiful, and full-of-life community where people of all ages and abilities have a place to call home.

The plan identifies four priorities to focus on what matters most to the community:

- **Growth management:** Managing growth for a vibrant local economy, meeting infrastructure needs and ensuring we have complete communities and efficient mobility across the town.
- **Community Belonging:** Enhancing community belonging to ensure all residents are invited to engage in a fulfilling community life that is built to support wellbeing.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Ensuring environmental sustainability to meet future needs related to greenspace, natural areas, and act on climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- **Accountable government:** Providing accountable government for excellence in service delivery and responsible management of resources.



Each priority includes specific actions in the 2023-2026 Council term. Council and town staff are ready to serve the community in a responsible, inclusive way, dedicated to building economic, social, and environmental sustainability and acting on the strategic priorities that have been set in the plan. To view the full plan, visit oakville.ca.

Ward 6 Development Applications Highlights

LOCATION	APPLICATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
1226 -1230 White Oaks and 350 Lynnwood Drive	Kamato Holdings Ltd.	Zoning application approved for the demolition of the two-storey office/retail building and to allow the construction of a 20-storey rental building containing 203 new units. The existing parking structure is also to be removed. Currently going through the site plan process.
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.
2358 Eighth Line (at Ravineview Way)	Meadowridge Developers Inc.	Site plan applications for 2 single detached homes (Lots A and C)
3008 William Cutmore	Mattamy (Joshua Creek) Ltd.	Site plan application for 7 storey building containing 163 units.
1429 Dundas Street East (North of Dundas)	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 approved.
1086 Burnhamthorpe Road East	Rampen Holdings Inc.	Draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment for a 185 unit residential subdivision consisting of 133 detached dwellings, 52 townhouse units, natural heritage system and village square. Public meeting held June, 2023.
377, 387 and 411 Dundas Street East (Northeast of Trafalgar and Dundas)	Oakvillage Block 14 – Daniels Emshih	Final approval pending for a site plan application for three 15-storey residential buildings containing 697 units and 447 m ² of retail space with minor variance application for increase in height and parking.
3064 Trafalgar Road	Distrikt	Site plan application for two 30-storey residential towers containing 698 units.

Tom and Natalia in the community



Celebrating Staff Excellence



Seniors 99 Tree Planting Day



Movies in the Park



Remembrance Day



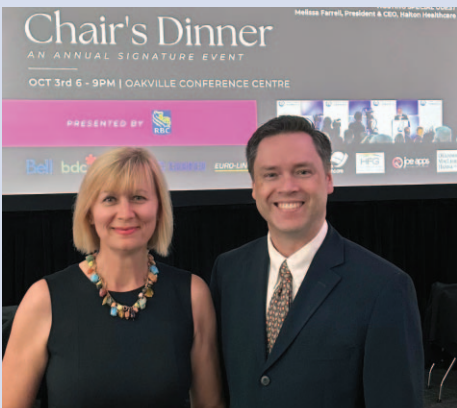
Welcoming New Fire Recruits



Civics class at Iroquois Ridge High School



Oakville Cricket Club Awards



Oakville Chamber of Commerce
Chair's Dinner



National Day of Mourning



OAK swim meet at Iroquois Ridge
Community Centre