



# 2019-2022 Council's Strategic Plan

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**Town of Oakville** 



## What is the Town of Oakville's Strategic Plan?

The Town of Oakville's Strategic Plan is guided by three fundamental elements: our vision, our mission and our values. Our vision is the desired future toward which our entire strategic plan is directed. It describes a future view of our community that we are committed to achieving. Our mission describes both our purpose and our practices. It acknowledges that the town serves multiple stakeholders, and all of their interests are important to us. Our mission also speaks directly to our employees, without whose tremendous effort and contributions we can never achieve our goals. Both our vision and mission are founded on the values that guide all our actions and decisions. These values reflect what we expect from both our employees and our elected officials.

Finally, 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 guickly and effectively to these changing directions.

### Council's 2019–2022 Strategic Plan

For our mission, vision and values to have significant impact on the organization, they also have to be accompanied by deliberate plans of actions to move us toward our desired future. Council's 2019–2022 Strategic Plan outlines the goals, actions and measures that will help us to achieve Council's strategic directions. The focus of this strategic plan is on the strategies, actions and measures to achieve Council's five areas of focus for 2019–2022.

### **Annual Business Planning Process**

The 2019-2022 Strategic Plan is the essential driver of the town's annual business planning process. Council's strategic goals are incorporated into annual departmental business plans and budgets.

### **Community Building Framework**

The strategic plan is a critical element of the town's comprehensive community building framework, outlined in Appendix One, that will enable the town to achieve its vision to be the most livable town in Canada.

# **Vision To be the most livable town in Canada**

## **Mission**

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We ensure our staff receives the same level of respect, commitment and caring that they are expected to deliver to the community.

## **Values**

### **Accountability**

We deliver what we promised. We are accountable for our own actions and results. We are accountable for the efficient and effective use of public funds.

### **Dedication**

We willingly take on responsibility. We are committed to serving our community. We take initiative and we take on our share of the work.

### Honesty

Each of us demonstrates personal integrity, truthfulness and honesty in how we do our job. We inspire public confidence and trust in our government.

### **Innovation**

We pursue innovation by being creative, showing initiative and taking risks. We encourage employees to exercise judgment in meeting customer needs.

### Respect

We value an open, respectful and inclusive workplace. We value the cultural and social diversity of our community. We make it possible for every resident to participate in our community, and in our government.

### **Teamwork**

We act as a team. We demonstrate high levels of trust and cooperation. We collaborate across departments to achieve our goals. We work in partnership with our community.

## Town of Oakville **Strategic Plan**

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#### **Objective:** Provide a planning framework to maintain the character of the community

#### **Actions 2019**

- Continue work on Residential Character Official Plan policy review
- Review North Oakville Secondary Plan
- Complete Palermo Growth Area study
- Complete Bronte GO mixed-use node study
- Advocate for strong local government in response to provincial review of regional government
- Monitor and respond to legislative changes

#### 2020-2022

- Develop Midtown implementation strategy
- Initiate comprehensive zoning by-law review
- Initiate Bronte and Kerr Community Improvement Plans
- Undertake Uptown Growth Area study
- Continued implementation of former hospital site and Brantwood school
- Monitor and respond to legislative changes

### **Objective:** Protect cultural heritage assets of the community

#### **Actions 2019**

- Continue implementation of Cultural Heritage Landscape strategy
- Continue work on identification of the implementation of Bronte and Oakville Harbour cultural heritage landscape designations
- Continue implementation and defence of the town's designation of Glen Abbey Golf Course as cultural heritage landscape
- Complete the Old Oakville Conservation District Review

#### 2020-2022

- Continue implementation of Cultural Heritage Landscape strategy
- Undertake Trafalgar Conservation District review
- Develop heritage tree strategy
- Ongoing support for heritage program

### **Objective:** Promote and support actions to maintain a resilient local economy

#### **Actions 2019**

- Begin Downtown Streetscape construction project, including construction mitigation and smart city initiatives
- Update town's five year Economic Development Strategy
- Undertake health-oriented mixed use node study
- Implement Brownfield Community Improvement Plan
- Continue to support Auto Mayors efforts to support automotive industry
- Implement municipal accommodation tax to support tourism
- Continue to promote local job creation through attraction and retention of businesses

- Ensure Oakville has an adequate supply of serviced, land for new development
- Work with partners to facilitate site selection inquiries and lead servicing.
- Conduct targeted digital and print marketing campaigns to market Oakville as a destination for business investment.
- Undertake regular research to report on economic activity and monitor competitive positioning for investment.



## **Engaged Community**

Goal: Foster a community environment that engages residents of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

#### **Objective:** Engage the community in local government

#### **Actions 2019**

- Continue to make all Council reports and meetings available online
- Continue to utilize diverse strategies to maximize opportunities for public involvement
- Undertake website audit and seek public input into redo of Oakville.ca
- Review social media support and determine if feasible to expand platforms
- Apply accessibility and inclusion lens to all town policies, programs and services
- Incorporate additional accessibility features into renovation of Council Chambers

#### 2020-2022

- Relaunch oakville.ca to support easier access to online tools and services
- Identify potential new tools to support online public engagement
- Continue to apply inclusion lens to all town programs and services
- Continue outreach activities to engage all members of the community

## **Objective:** Provide recreational and cultural events and spaces to promote shared community experiences

#### **Actions 2019**

- Redo Towne Square as part of Downtown Streetscape project
- Open new interim library at Sixteen Mile
- Host Canada Day and Children's Festival events
- Work with Tourism Oakville to promote local events
- Continue to provide affordable camps and recreational programming
- Complete downtown theatre and library studies

#### 2020-2022

- Open new LEED certified Southeast Oakville community centre
- Update cultural strategy to support shared community identity
- Explore opportunities for development of outdoor event space
- Finalize strategy for reuse of former OTHS
- Update Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan
- Creation Zone for Glen Abbey library
- Finalize North Park Master Plan

## **Objective:** Provide effective licensing and enforcement framework to maintain community safety, protection and enjoyment

#### **Actions 2019**

- Review Cannabis implementation
- Review Infill development by-laws and standards
- Implement new Municipal Enforcement Strategy
- Review tow truck licencing
- Develop regulations covering vacant properties

- Review Licencing by-law
- Review Nuisance, Property Standards and Lot Maintenance by-laws
- Continue to implement Municipal Enforcement Strategy



## **Accountable Government**

Goal: Inspire public confidence through open, accountable and efficient delivery of government services.

#### **Objective:** Lead in providing open and accountable government

#### **Actions 2019**

- Continue to achieve ISO 37120 Sustainable
   City platinum status to provide public access to comparable and measurable city data
- Undertake Citizen Survey to measure public satisfaction
- Complete review of Council Code of Conduct
- Continue to report annually on closed Council sessions
- Continue to support access to town data through the town's Open Data portal

#### 2020-2022

- Continue to achieve ISO 37120 Sustainable City platinum status
- Continue to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports that exemplify the spirit of transparency and full disclosure.
- Continue to report annually on closed Council sessions
- Continue to add additional data sets to the town's open data portal

**Objective:** Ensure long-term fiscal sustainability of the town while respecting the impact of decisions on taxpayers

#### **Actions 2019**

- Deliver annual budget that ensures property tax increases remain in line with inflation
- Continue to utilize town's asset management program to maximize life cycle of town assets
- Identify potential alternative financing options to fund new programs
- Identify and advocate for fair share of federal and provincial infrastructure funding
- Continue work of Oakville Municipal Development Corporation

#### 2020-2022

- Complete new Development Charges Study ensuring costs of growth are minimized for existing residents to the maximum allowed by the province
- Continue implementation of Asset Management program
- Continue to develop annual budgets and financial forecasts that ensure long-term financial sustainability of the town

**Objective:** Support a culture of continuous improvement and innovation to enhance cost-effective delivery of town programs and services

#### **Actions 2019**

- Report to Council on completion of town's Service Inventory
- Complete service reviews on Recreation and Culture and Facilities Management
- Review opportunities to streamline permits and approval processes for all land development
- Undertake Fleet Management service review
- Implement Lean training to support continuous improvement initiatives
- Increase services available 24/7 through ServiceOakville telephone and web channels

- Implement further service reviews as identified by the town's Service Inventory
- Implement opportunities to streamline permits and approval processes for all land development
- Continue to implement online and digital solutions to increase customer satisfaction and service efficiency
- Continue to replace end-of-life systems and software
- Fire Master Plan



## **Mobility**

Improve town's multi-modal transportation network to support effective movement of people and goods.

#### Objective: Plan, build and maintain road and parking infrastructure

#### **Actions 2019**

- Phase 1 reconstruction of Lakeshore Rd
- Complete Wyecroft Road environmental assessment
- Complete Lakeshore Road West environmental assessment
- Undertake town-wide parking studies
- Implement Bronte paid parking pilot
- Undertake review of north Oakville parking permits
- Explore implications of autonomous vehicles

#### 2020-2022

- Metrolinx to begin construction of Kerr St. and Burloak underpasses
- Complete Transportation Master Plan
- Phase 2 reconstruction of Lakeshore Road

#### **Objective:** Promote safe travel on town roads

#### **Actions 2019**

- Implement traffic signal optimization pilot
- Complete traffic calming strategy, include review of speed limits and photo radar
- Undertake crossing guard review
- Implement pedestrian safety program

#### 2020-2022

- Ongoing implementation of pedestrian safety program
- Ongoing implementation of traffic calming

## **Objective:** Support opportunities for multi-modal transportation including walking, cycling and Transit services

#### **Actions 2019**

- Continue implementation of Active Transportation Master Plan
- Build addition 12km of multi-use trails and on road bike lanes
- Ongoing participation with Metrolinx committees
- Complete study of accessible transit services
- Continue construction of cross-town trail
- Expand home to hub transit services
- Explore greening of the fleet such as electric vehicles

- Ongoing coordination with Metrolinx
- Ongoing implementation of Active Transportation Master Plan
- New on road bike sharrows as part of Lakeshore Road reconstruction
- Secure lands for second transit hub
- Continue construction of Crosstown Trail
- Install protected bike lanes on Speers Road



Goal: Protect greenspace and promote environmentally sustainable practices.

### **Objective:** Ensure effective stewardship of the town's natural environment

#### **Actions 2019**

- Complete Parkland and Open Space Dedication Strategy
- Develop Invasive Species Strategy
- Implement the Urban Forest Strategic Master Plan
- Refresh I-Tree canopy study
- Continue EAB program

#### 2020-2022

- Implement Oakville Strategy for Biodiversity
- Update Urban Design and Sustainable Development Guidelines
- Develop management plan for the Natural Heritage System
- Complete Harbours Master Plan

#### **Objective:** Create a climate change resilient community

#### **Actions 2019**

- Update Climate Change Adaptation Strategy
- Finalize Stormwater Master Plan
- Educate the community on climate change and emergency preparedness
- Implement Community Resiliency Hubs

#### 2020-2022

- Implement Low Impact Development Partnership projects
- Incorporate Climate Change Adaptation policies into the Official Plan and Urban Design Standards
- Implement Stormwater Master Plan

### **Objective:** Transition to a low carbon future

#### **Actions 2019**

- Implement energy (fuel, water, electricity and natural gas) conservation initiatives
- Update Corporate Energy Conservation & Demand Management Plan
- Launch EV stations as part of Downtown Revitalization project
- Facilitate partnerships to develop Community Energy Plan

- Develop Community Wide EV Infrastructure strategy
- Update Fleet Greening Plan to shift vehicles to low carbon alternatives and implement trip optimization
- Facilitate partnerships to implement Oakville's Community Energy Plan
- Update the Sustainable Building Design Policy and Guidelines

# Livable Oakville Performance Dashboard

### Good Government



- Satisfaction
- External Audit
- Internal Audit

## **Environmental Leadership**



- Recreational Trails
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Energy Consumption
- Waste Diversion

## Economic Growth



- Business Licences
- Education Level
- Household Income
- Unemployment Rate

## Fiscal Sustainability



- Spending
- Tax Increase
- Debt

## **Outstanding Service**



- Experience
- Programs and Services
- Service Levels

## Community Well-being



- Facility Visitors
- Library Card Holders
- Recreation and Culture Participants

### **Getting Around**



- Good Roads
- Active Transportation
- Transit Ridership Per Capita
- Transit Ridership Per Month

### **Public Safety**



- Safe Transit Services
- Belonging and Safety
- Emergency Call
  Response within 620
  seconds
- Emergency Call Response within 240 seconds
- A Road Collisions

meets or exceeds target



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needs improvement



As of September 30, 2018

# Vision 2057 – Community Building Framework



## **Livable Oakville: Achieving our Vision**To be the most livable town in Canada

25+ yrs Guiding principles

Livable Oakville Official Plan

5-25 yrs Key strategic directions

How we build our community

North Oakville implementation

Heritage districts

Zoning by-law/urban design guidelines

Midtown business plan

Growth-area community improvement plans

How we will live in our community

Parks, Recreation, Library master plan Transportation master plan Culture Lives Here master plan Economic development strategy Youth plan

Harbours master plan

How we will preserve our environment

Environmental strategic plan Corporate sustainability plan Natural Heritage System Forestry plan Trails master plan Energy plan How we will afford our future

Capital forecast
Development charges by-law
Program-based, performance-based budgets
Rates and fees strategy

4 yrs What we are planning for this term of Council

Council's 2019-2022 Strategic Plan

1-3 yrs What we are doing this year

Departmental budgets and business plans

**Annual budgets** 

Foundation Sustainable foundation for the future

Public engagement

Performance standards and measurement

Information systems and data management

Employee engagement









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