

## 1. THE LIVABLE OAKVILLE PLAN

### 1.1 Purpose

The *Planning Act* of the Province of Ontario requires that an official plan “contain goals, objectives and policies established primarily to manage and direct physical change and the effects on the social, economic and natural environment of the municipality.”

The Livable Oakville Plan:

- a) establishes the desired land use pattern for lands within the Town, south of Dundas Street and north of Highway 407, to 2031;
- b) coordinates land use and *infrastructure* requirements to ensure that the anticipated growth can be accommodated;
- c) establishes a framework and policy context for decision making that provides certainty for the planning process; and,
- d) conforms or does not conflict with provincial plans, has regard to matters of provincial interest, and is consistent with provincial policy statements.

### 1.2 Plan Organization

1.2.1 The Official Plan is referred to as “the Livable Oakville Plan”, “Livable Oakville”, “this Plan” or “the Plan” and establishes the policies and land use designations that implement the Town’s vision “to be the most livable Town in Canada.”

1.2.2 This Plan is to be read in its entirety as a comprehensive and integrated policy framework for setting priorities and making decisions.

1.2.3 Parts A through F and the accompanying schedules constitute the Livable Oakville Plan.

1.2.4 Part A, Introduction, describes the purpose, the Plan’s structure, and the context, effect and duration of the Plan.

1.2.5 Part B, Mission Statement and Guiding Principles, establishes the basis for the Plan to implement the Town’s vision “to be the most livable Town in Canada.”

1.2.6 Part C, Making Oakville Livable, contains general objectives and policies to direct growth and *development* decisions in the Town. This section provides policies to manage growth and *development* in a sustainable manner. It also includes population and employment forecasts to 2031 and *intensification* targets.

- 1.2.7 Part D, Land Use Designations and Policies, establishes the land use designations used in the Plan, as described below.

**Table 1: Land Use Designations**

Category	Designation
Residential	Low Density Residential
	Medium Density Residential
	High Density Residential
Mixed Use	Main Street 1
	Main Street 2
	Urban Centre
	Urban Core
Commercial	Central Business District
	Core Commercial
	Community Commercial
	Neighbourhood Commercial
Employment	Office Employment
	Business Employment
	Industrial
	Business Commercial
Institutional	Institutional
Natural Area	Natural Area
Open Space	Parks and Open Space
	Waterfront Open Space
	Private Open Space
Utility	Utility
Parkway Belt West	Parkway Belt West

Each designation sets out what uses may be permitted and provides the relevant policies.

- 1.2.8 Part E, Growth Areas, Special Policy Areas and Exceptions, consists of comprehensive objectives and policies for each of the Growth Areas identified on Schedule A1. The Growth Areas are those areas to which *intensification* is to be directed. The *Special Policy Areas* include areas in the Town that are subject to further study under this Plan and areas for which additional policies apply.

- 1.2.9 Part F, Implementation and Interpretation, describes the *development* approval processes and planning tools that the Town will apply to implement the policies of the Plan.
- 1.2.10 Appendices provide background information to assist in the interpretation and implementation of the policies of this Plan but are not considered part of this Plan.
- 1.2.11 The North Oakville East and West Secondary Plans are not part of this Plan and provide a separate policy framework with a land use pattern and policies for the lands between Dundas Street and Highway 407. References to, or depictions of, these lands are provided for the purpose of information and context only. References to Town-wide population and employment forecasts take into account estimates for the lands between Dundas Street and Highway 407.

### 1.3 Context

- 1.3.1 The Town of Oakville is a local municipality within the Regional Municipality of Halton (the Region) as shown on the map below:

**Figure 1: Planning Area Context**



**1.4 Effect and Duration**

- 1.4.1 No by-law may be passed, and no public work may be undertaken by the Town, which does not conform with this Plan. The capital works program and resulting capital budget are intended to provide the *infrastructure* required to implement the land use designations and the objectives of the Plan.
- 1.4.2 The policies of this Plan provide guidance for the *development* of the Town to 2031.
- 1.4.3 The Region has undertaken a statutory five year review of its Official Plan under the *Planning Act*, and updated its Official Plan to bring it into conformity with various Provincial policy initiatives through Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 38. Livable Oakville, which was adopted prior to the completion of the Region's Official Plan review, may require further amendments to bring it into conformity with the Region's Official Plan as amended.