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Working together for a stronger community





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Dear Residents,

Welcome to the fifth edition of the Ward 6 Oakville newsletter. We trust you will find it interesting. Council is continuing its work towards its Livable Oakville vision. We are working to protect and 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.

Controlling growth and planning complete communities

The Ontario government is introducing changes to land-use plans which require GTA municipalities to plan for increased growth in residential and employment lands. The changes are requiring our planning staff to continue to monitor and respond to legislative changes as both Halton Region and the Town of Oakville undertake reviews of their official plans to manage growth to the year 2041. The Town of Oakville continues to plan for increased growth in the Midtown and Uptown areas as well as on the lands north of Dundas.

We will continue to focus on managing growth to what fits economically and environmentally, as well as building complete communities with the infrastructure and greenspace necessary to meet Oakville's high standards of livability. Oakville's plan directs growth to several nodes and corridors to protect existing stable neighbourhoods from unexpected development applications.

Protecting nature

Council is continuing to focus on preserving greenspace, growing our green canopy and protecting Oakville's natural landscape.



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This term we will 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 on a day-to-day basis. In addition to road improvements, we are also making improvements to support transportation of all types including walking, cycling, and transit users. Over the last decade, we have resurfaced a significant number of the roads in the Falgarwood and Iroquois Ridge neighbourhoods. Residents will continue to see annual work to maintain our local infrastructure. 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

Council remains committed to its goal of keeping tax increases at or below inflation and we are also happy to report that the 2019 tax increase was the lowest of all the local municipalities. We continue to expect inflationary increases into the future.

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 the best this summer!

Best regards,
Tom and Natalia

Transforming Trafalgar Road

To keep traffic moving and maintain infrastructure in a state of good repair, Halton Region is improving Trafalgar Road from Leighland Avenue to north of Hays Boulevard. Improvements include:

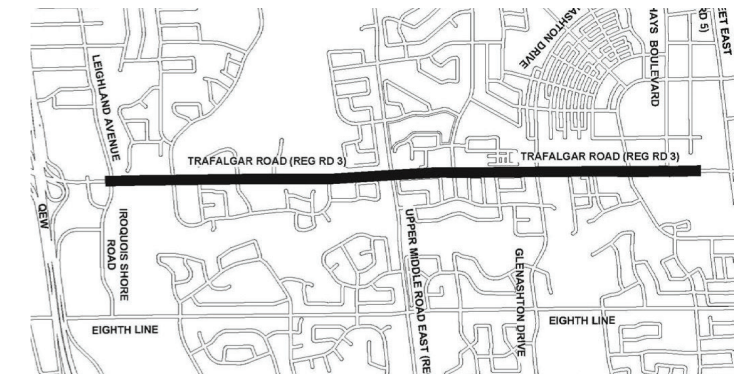
- Widening Trafalgar Road from four to six lanes;
- Road resurfacing;
- Installing new street lighting and traffic signals;
- Replacing watermain and stormwater infrastructure;
- Installing new transit, off-road cycling and sidewalk infrastructure.

Trafalgar Road is a critical north-south corridor in Halton Region, and these improvements will help accommodate changing and growing travel demands.

The major work is anticipated to begin in the fall of 2019 and continue for 2 years. Utilities are already being relocated including Union Gas and Oakville Hydro who have already started to move infrastructure along Trafalgar Road.

Managing Disruptions

This work may cause traffic delays, lane shifts or lane restrictions. We will make every effort to minimize inconveniences. Emergency vehicle access will be maintained at all times. Mitigation plans are being put in place to minimize disruptions during construction. This includes phasing of the work and work to better control traffic flow during construction.



Overall Property Tax Increase Only 1.53%

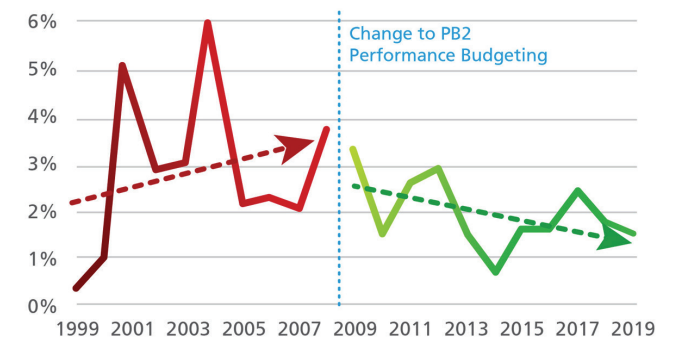
Oakville Town Council unanimously approved the town's operating and capital budgets for 2019. With a budget theme of "efficient and affordable", residents will see a 1.99 per cent increase on the town portion of the total tax bill. The overall property tax increase will only be 1.53 per cent when blended with the approved regional increase of 1.9 per cent and the expected educational tax levy, all of which make up the total. The overall increase is well under the inflation rate for the Toronto area.

"Once again, we are addressing the needs of our community while providing the lowest overall property tax increase among our neighbours," said long-time Budget Committee Chair and Ward 6 Town and Regional Councillor Tom Adams.

Oakville's 11-year trend towards smaller tax increases comes after switching to performance-based program budgeting (PB2).

The \$337.3 million operating budget provides numerous programs and services including the maintenance of roads and community facilities, fire services, transit, parks and trails, recreation and culture, senior services and libraries. Program enhancements for 2019 include funding for the new Trafalgar Park Community Centre, the Sixteen Mile Branch library and final phase of the Municipal Enforcement Strategy. Anticipated savings of \$2.1 million are being recognized from efficiency review work undertaken in 2018 and 2019.

Overall Property Tax Increases



The \$116.3 million capital budget includes funding to support new facilities, transportation, infrastructure renewal and growth related infrastructure. Some capital projects for 2019 include the Southeast Community Centre, the Downtown Lakeshore Reconstruction project, the Road Resurfacing and Preservation Program, a new northwest Oakville fire station, transit bus replacements and several parks in north Oakville. Capital funding of \$250,000 for a study to replace Town Hall was deferred.

"Thanks to the many people who shared valuable input with Council," said Budget Committee member and Ward 6 Town Councillor Natalia Lishchyna, "We appreciate your contributions to our decision making."

Will we become the City of Halton?

The Government of Ontario has announced a review of Ontario's eight regional municipalities, including Halton, and the County of Simcoe and their lower-tier municipalities by two special advisors. The provincially appointed advisors are developing recommendations for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the purpose of "improving governance, decision-making and service delivery" in the areas under review. The province has included the options of moving to single-tier municipalities and amalgamating existing municipalities in the review. Neither the provincial review nor the concept of amalgamations was ever discussed during the recent provincial election.

This review has caused a great deal of concern from local residents who are concerned about the loss of local control, local voices and the diversity of representation that we currently enjoy. In fact, hundreds of emails have been sent to the province by residents in opposition to the concept of changing our current governance model.

Every local municipality in Halton including the Halton Regional Council has passed a motion in support of the current effectiveness of our two-tier municipal government as it has evolved through mutual agreement with our partner municipalities. Every local municipality in Halton has been highly ranked in the listings of best places to live in Canada. Together, we contribute to Halton Region's ongoing AAA credit

rating. However, Moody's Investors Service recently noted that they will be monitoring the outcome of the review and any impact it may have on the region's credit profile. A reduction in our credit rating would increase property taxes.

Reviews of previous amalgamations have shown that they are financially costly and enormously disruptive without producing the benefits desired. Many people in Oakville are asking why the province is trying to fix something that is not broken.

The province is accepting comments on the review until May 21, 2019 at <https://www.ontario.ca/form/survey-regional-government-review>.



Provincial Planning Bringing More Sprawl

The Province of Ontario sets the rules by which municipalities have to plan growth. These rules include how many people must be planned for in each municipality, where employment and residential land should be allowed and who should pay for new infrastructure.

Recent proposed changes by the province will increase the amount of land used for development throughout the GTA. These changes are designed to allow more low density development to occur outside the existing urban areas. The proposed density requirements for new residential subdivisions will be harder to support with transit and are likely to add to existing traffic congestion across the GTA over time.

The proposed changes would also allow employment land to be converted to non-employment uses outside of a normal municipal comprehensive review. Protecting employment land from conversion to non-employment

uses is an important element of Oakville's economic development strategy to ensure local employment is available for residents.

Halton Region has also recently passed a resolution urging the provincial government to improve the Development Charges Act to ensure all growth related costs for municipal infrastructure and services are recovered through development charges. Halton, Oakville, Burlington, Milton, Halton Hills and the local school boards have an annual \$87.7 million collective funding gap due to the inability to fully recover the costs of growth under the current legislation. Local property taxpayers are paying for the costs that developers should be paying. The resolution was passed in response to the provincial government's current review of development charges, which many are worried will be further amended in favour of developers.

Fun at the Northeast Oakville Fair!

The Northeast Oakville Fair Committee is proud to present the 4th Annual Northeast Oakville Fair with presenting sponsor The Cooperators on Sunday, May 26. Over 3,000 local residents came out to enjoy this free community event last year and we are thrilled to welcome another successful fair this year.

The fair is organized by local volunteers, partnering with the Town of Oakville to bring the community together for a day of fun, learning and community building.

Join us at Glenashton Park, next to the Iroquois Ridge Community Centre, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The fair will host a bouncy castle, a 110 ft. obstacle course, a wipeout sweeper, music, a photo booth

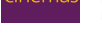
and robots. Expect a story time session from the Oakville Public Library, the Remax hot air balloon and Oakville Hydro truck bucket rides. Free waffles and popcorn will complement the food trucks.

Join us as a community volunteer, a sponsor, or a member of our community out for a day of activity. There's something for everyone - You don't want to miss out!

For more information or to help out, contact Reshad Nazeer, Northeast Oakville Fair Committee Chair r.nazeer25@gmail.com



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Summer Activities for Kids

Have fun in your own neighbourhood!

The Town of Oakville offers diverse camp programs to suit any taste including arts, adventure, sports, science, and more. Enjoy unique P.A. Day and Summer Camps for kids aged 4 to 13. Register by the week and take advantage of our convenient before and after-care option. Our traditional Summer Sizzlers camps, and unique girls-only sports camps are conveniently offered at Iroquois Ridge Community Centre.

NEW! Summer Sizzlers Super Playgrounds

Register once. Play all summer! We're excited to offer the classic Summer Sizzler experience across five sites in Oakville including Postridge Park on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m. Campers will enjoy fully supervised games, crafts, sports and making new friends without the commitment of a full day of camp! Only \$25 per pass. Take advantage of morning and afternoon sessions offered July 2 through August 23. Parents/guardians must sign participants in and out.

Visit oakville.ca for camp information and to register. All staff are HIGH FIVE® certified.

Summer Pool Pass for Youth

Dive into aquatics at Oakville's five outdoor and five indoor pools all summer for only \$30 plus tax! Valid May 25 to September 2 for ages 2 to 17. Passes are available for purchase at community centres and Town Hall from May 13 until July 31. Visit active.oakville.ca for drop-in schedules and locations.

Cleaning Bayshire Pond

Bayshire Pond in Ward 6 provides a refuge for local wildlife and residents alike who enjoy taking a walk on the trails surrounding it. It is also an important part of the Town stormwater management infrastructure that requires maintenance to function optimally. Residents may recall that in the Summer/Fall 2017 the Town reconstructed the boardwalk and pedestrian bridges and undertook some channel works in the immediate vicinity of the pedestrian bridge. However, additional work is necessary to clean out the pond.

Bayshire Pond is a stormwater management pond (SWMP) designed to collect runoff from the local storm sewer system following rainfalls, melting of snow or local activities such as watering lawns and washing cars. SWMPs are built to temporarily hold this water, provide treatment to remove the pollutants through settlement of materials, and then slowly release the treated water to our waterways. Without these ponds, large amounts of water would enter a stream all at once, causing flooding and eroding soil from the stream banks.

Residents may see activity on the site starting in April as staff prepare plans and undertake wildlife and ecological studies. The pond settlement clean out and related works such as installing a new outfall structure are tentatively scheduled to be undertaken in approximately the August to October period.

It's important to note that generally within one season the naturally dense vegetation and grasses and wildlife will return to the area and continue to flourish. More information will be provided to the neighbourhood as this process gets underway.



Parks and Open Space Update

This following work will be undertaken in Ward 6 this spring/summer:

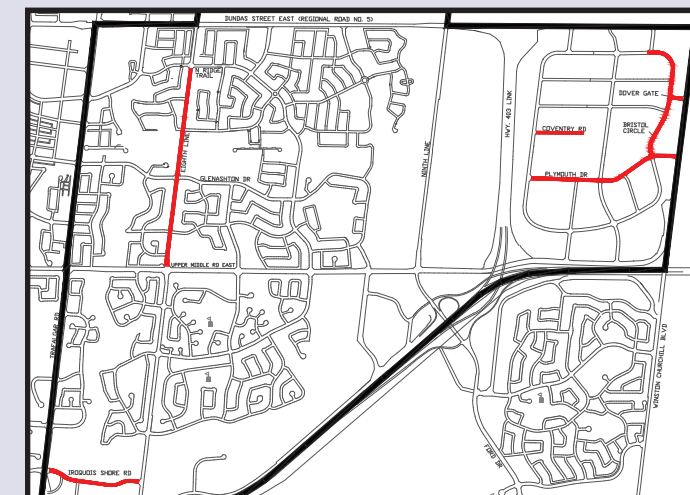
- Resurfacing of the tennis courts at Litchfield Park
- Pathway rehabilitation on East Joshua's Creek Trail
- Parking lot lighting at Pinery Park
- Rehabilitation of lighting on Morrison Valley Trail (Lambeth Rd - White Oaks Blvd)
- Replacement of small set of stairs on walkway adjoining Sheridan Valley Park trail



Ward 6 Development Activity

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	STATUS
24T-12004/1307 and Z. 1307.03	Bressa Developments – North Oakville, east of Eighth Line – Phase 1 & 2 draft plan of subdivision to create a total of 226 residential units (detached and townhouses), Natural Heritage System, Village Square Park, Stormwater Management Pond	Local Planning Appeal Tribunal approved Feb.7, 2019
24T-12004/1304 and Z. 1309.04	Dunoak Development – North Oakville, east of Eighth Line – draft plan of subdivision to create 336 residential units (detached and townhouses), Natural Heritage System, School Block, Stormwater Management pond	Local Planning Appeal Tribunal hearing April 2019
Z. 1310.13	Oakville Urban Core Dev. – Northeast corner of Dundas and Eighth Line – 8 storey 255 unit apartment building and 20 townhouses	Zoning approved
Z. 1209.08	Ontario Zoroastrian Community Foundation - 1187 Burnhamthorpe Rd E– place of worship	Zoning approved, site plan approval required
SP 1306.003	3164 Ninth Line – Arbor Memorial Inc. – site plan application to construct Phase 2 mausoleum	Site plan under review
SP 1506.013	1900 Iron Oak Way – 2 storey, 5,142 m2 office building	Site plan under review
SP 1507.006	1380 Joshua's Creek Dr. – 2 storey office building	Site plan under review
SP 1410.001	1011 Upper Middle Rd mall – 15,000 ft2 Shoppers Drug Mart	Under construction
SP 1505.009	1694 North Service Rd E – Polish Alliance of Canada - 3 storey commercial building	Site plan under review
S P 1508.026	1315 and 1325 North Service Rd E – Liuna Centre - 6 storey office building	Site plan under review

Road Update



ROAD TO BE RESURFACED	FROM	TO
EIGHTH LINE	Upper Middle Rd E	North Ridge Trail
IROQUOIS SHORE RD	Trafalgar Road	Eighth Line
DOVER GATE	Bristol Circle	Winston Churchill Blvd
BRISTOL CIRCLE	Hampshire Gate	Plymouth Drive
PLYMOUTH DRIVE	Bristol Circle	Winston Churchill Blvd
COVENTRY ROAD	Bristol Circle	End



Oakville Chamber of Commerce Dinner



At Iroquois Ridge High School



Christmas Mass at St. Peters and St. Pauls Coptic Orthodox Church

Tom and Natalia in the Community



Farm Boy Grand Opening in Ward 6



Golden Hawks Mess Dinner



International Women's Day celebrations



Halton Women's Place fundraising gala



Chinese New Year Celebration



Hanukkah celebration at Shaarei Beth-El Synagogue



Jiu-Jiu Seniors Association at IRCC