Let's Talk Oakville is produced to keep Oakville residents informed of important issues and events in our town and to foster dialogue between residents and Councillors. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this publication. For more information, please visit www.oakville.ca.
Welcome to the second issue of Let’s Talk Oakville, Council’s town-wide newsletter. Let’s Talk Oakville has combined six individual ward-specific Council newsletters in one publication that updates residents throughout the Town.

Council recognizes residents want a full picture of what’s happening in Oakville and better accountability of the progress your Council is making towards our shared goals.

If you have any questions or comments on this new format (or anything else) we’d like to hear them at council@oakville.ca or mayor@oakville.ca.

LET’S TALK LIVE!

Join your Mayor and Councillors for the evening of November 30th, to celebrate the completion of the first half of this term of Council, reflect on what has been achieved and discuss what lies ahead.

Residents are invited to share their thoughts on the Town and Council’s progress thus far, while enjoying refreshments and the atmosphere of the Win Henstock Gallery in downtown Oakville.

DATE: Sunday November 30, 2008
TIME: 7:00 to 9:00 pm
LOCATION: Win Henstock Gallery
334 Lakeshore Road East
Downtown Oakville
RSVP: RSVP to mayor@oakville.ca or call 905-338-4173

As space is limited, we suggest that you please RSVP at your earliest convenience.

WHEN YOU NEED HELP

Your Councillors and Mayor are happy to help when you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about the Town of Oakville and Region of Halton, to help make sure you get the courteous and timely response we want you to have. There are also two easy access numbers for information about services that are available.

DIALING 311 gives you quick access to government services within Halton including the Region, the Town and the School Boards.

DIALING 211 gives information about non-emergency community, health and social services.

Under existing Privacy laws and regulations, if you want your Councillors and the Mayor to know about your enquiry, you have to ask for your communications to be passed on to your Mayor and Councillors or copy us when you call or write to staff.
UPDATES

DREAM CENTRE ABOUT TO BECOME A REALITY

The dream is finally about to come true as Kerr Street Ministries (KSM) broke ground on the new youth-oriented Dream Centre earlier this month. When complete, the Centre will feature a new state of the art computer lab, a gymnasium for indoor recreation, fine art and music programming for kids and the community, as well as a youth and adult drop-in centre.

But the Dream Centre will be more than just a building; it will be a warm, welcoming and safe place for the community. It will be a place where youth can build upon their talents and get assistance with everyday things like homework...a place where families who are struggling for help financially can turn for assistance, and take advantage of programs like the food bank...a place where children discover their potential...a place that gives hope for the future.

The Dream Centre is expected to open in the spring of 2010. To date, KSM has raised $2.2 million towards the Centre. However, in order to make this dream a reality, they need to raise another $2.2 million. To help KSM reach that goal, an anonymous generous donor has come forward and offered to match donations dollar for dollar up to $200,000. If you are able to contribute, please call Leslie Schroder at 905-844-7485 or e-mail her for more information at Leslie@kerrstreet.com.

TOWN PROVIDES STRUCTURE TO SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

Each year the Town of Oakville facilitates the replacement of one school playground by way of an $8,000 community grant. This year, the Town was able to offer two playground replacements – one at Falgarwood Public School in Ward 6 and one at Oakwood Public School in Ward 2.

“The replacement of our 24 year old wooden structure to meet CSA safety standards and make it accessible was key,” Barry Littlemore, Falgarwood School Playground Fundraising Committee, said. “The Town of Oakville Parks and Open Space Department was an important partner in funding the installation. This community hub project for Falgarwood School is enjoyed by our neighbourhood 7 days a week.”

Staff now will begin the process of identifying the recipient of the $8,000 community grant for 2009. For more information or to apply for the program, please call Chris Mark, Director of Parks and Open Space at 905-845-6601, ext. 3111 or email cmark@oakville.ca.

FOURTH LINE BRIDGE RE-OPENING ON HALLOWEEN

It’s not a trick – drivers will receive a treat this Halloween by saving valuable commuting time when Fourth Line bridge reopens over the QEW. Since November 2007, Fourth Line has been under construction to facilitate improvements to the QEW by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO).

The short term pain has not been without long term gain. Once construction of boulevards and sidewalks is complete, residents will find the two lane bridge has more than doubled in size. In its place, the new Fourth Line overpass spans the widened QEW with additional lanes for traffic and transit, as well as areas for walking and cycling. The result is a bridge that is far superior to the previous infrastructure. Pedestrian traffic will remain closed until the end of November.

The MTO is currently undertaking highway expansion work to provide High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on the QEW through Oakville between Burloak Drive and Trafalgar Road. Implementing HOV lanes on provincial highways will ease congestion, reduce commute times and promote public transit by getting more people into multi-occupant vehicles. The QEW highway expansion work is expected to be completed by the summer of 2011.

2009 NEW YEAR’S LEVEE

Mayor Rob Burton and Members of Council invite you and your family to join them for a New Year’s Levee.

Sunday, January 4, 2009

1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, Ontario, Oakville Town Hall, South Atrium 1 to 4 p.m.

Come enjoy light refreshments as we welcome in the new year!
Welcome to the fall edition of Let’s Talk Oakville. The leaves are changing, the weather is getting cooler and things are gearing up at Town Hall this fall. We’ve gotten off to a busy start with the passage of a new Private Tree Protection By-law. Designed to help prevent clear cutting by developers, this new legislation will help protect one of our community’s most valuable assets.

The 2009 Budget is the next major item on our agenda, both locally and at the Regional level. We continue to face challenges but rest assured we will work actively to deliver a budget that balances community needs with fiscal responsibility.

We also continue to gather public input for the new Official Plan, Livable Oakville. Thanks to all those who have already come out to share their ideas. We are working hard to control growth and protect our stable neighbourhoods; developers however, continue to ask for exemptions to increase densities, but so far OPA275 has stood up to the test.

In other good news, on my recommendation

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Halton Region is joining the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative (GLSLCI). I will represent the Region at the table, giving Halton a voice alongside Canadian and American communities from around the Great Lakes. We will use this forum to address Lake issues on a basin wide approach, rather than in isolation. I intend to focus on issues such as the algae that plagues our shoreline as well as phosphorus loading and invasive species. This is good news for the Lakes.

Autumnfest in Bronte was a great success. Despite the threatening weather, crowds roamed Lakeshore Road all day enjoying the music, food and vendors offerings. Congratulations to all who participated. I look forward to seeing you at our Fall events.

I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter. Please let us know of your suggestions to make it even better. As always I look forward to speaking with you.

WARD ONE EVENTS • NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 9 ~ Remembrance Day Service
Join local veterans and the community in this annual remembrance of our local military heroes and history. The procession to Lakeshore Road cenotaph begins at 10:30 a.m. from the Royal Canadian Legion, located in Bronte at 79 Jones Street.

NOVEMBER 12 ~ Daniels meeting regarding their site on Duskywing Way
Daniels is hosting a community meeting at 7 p.m. at Bronte Legion on Jones St. to give residents an update on their site on Duskywing Way.

NOVEMBER 29 ~ Christmas in the Village 5 p.m.
Join the annual Bronte Tree Lighting celebration, featuring the Tempus Choral Society and a special appearance by Santa. Taking place at 2376 Lakeshore Road W., just east of Jones St.

LIVABLE OAKVILLE PLANS CONTINUE

The Town of Oakville is in the process of developing a new Official Plan, Livable Oakville, which will provide a clear policy framework to guide the business of the Town in order to achieve the vision “To be the most livable town in Canada.” As part of the work of Livable Oakville, there are currently six major studies and several technical studies and policy papers underway. The Town is seeking input from residents and businesses about what they’d like to see in the Plan. Members of the public are encouraged to get involved in the development of the new Official Plan and take an active role in the planning of Oakville’s future.

The major studies underway include the Bronte Revitalization Study, A Plan for Kerr Village, Midtown Oakville Review, Uptown Core Review, Employment Land Review, and the Residential Intensification Study. These studies focus on areas already identified where intensified growth may be accommodated over the next 20 years. The findings will assist in determining how much intensification can be accommodated in order to meet the legislative requirements under the Province’s Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The details and time lines for each of these studies, including opportunities for public input, are available at www.oakville.ca/16529.htm.

Ward 1 residents in particular will be affected by the outcome of the Bronte Village Revitalization Study. Included in this study is a long term traffic and transportation assessment for Bronte, an assessment of heritage resources and their long time preservation, urban design policies, and a look at the future development potential from a commercial and residential market perspective. More information is available at www.oakville.ca/livable-bronte.htm.

Early in 2009 a new draft Official Plan will be created from the recommendations of the six major studies, policy papers and technical studies for public consultation. It is anticipated that the majority of the new Official Plan will be adopted by Council in the summer of 2009.
LOOSE LEAF PICK UP

The Town of Oakville will be collecting loose leaves from October 14 to December 5, 2008. Ward 1 residents are in collection Area 7 (bordered by the QEW to the north, Third Line to the east, Lake Ontario to the south and Burloak Drive to the west) and will have pick up October 14-17, November 3-7 and November 24-28.

All loose leaves should be placed on the boulevard or on the shoulder in front of your house. Do not place leaves over catch basins or in ditches. Leaves may be placed no earlier than seven days before the first day of your pick up and no later than 7 a.m. on the first day of collection in your zone. Leaves should be free of debris, twigs and other foreign matter.

Homeowners are responsible for the removal of contaminated piles of leaves or leaves put out after collection has taken place. Bagged leaves will be picked up with your yard waste on the same day as your garbage.

For more information, visit www.oakville.ca or call 905-338-4392, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

HANK FORD

From beginnings on a 100 acre Oakville farm on 5th Line, to a life that has included running one of Oakville’s former grist mills, living on both coasts of Canada and working as air crew in World War II, Hank Ford has had his share of adventures. After settling in Ward 1 six years ago, he committed his time to “helping people” through volunteer roles at the Oakville Seniors Residence, the Oakville Seniors Advisory Committee, the Trafalgar Township Group and three Masonic lodges in Milton. With his wife of 66 years, Francis, Hank is moving to the farming area of Forest, Ontario, leaving a legacy of Oakville history and dedicated volunteerism that will be remembered by local residents.

WARD 1 ROADS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Construction continues on Ward 1 roadways, as the Hot Mix Asphalt Resurfacing Program for 2008 is completed and new projects are in progress.

The Lakeshore Road reconstruction from Burloak Drive to Great Lakes Boulevard, the Third Line Road reconstruction from Lakeshore Road to Rebecca Street and the Lakeshore Road at Sheldon Creek bridge replacement are currently underway. Other upcoming projects will include replacement of the cycle path on Rebecca Street from Bronte Road to Vilma Drive and the Lakeshore Road reconstruction from Great Lakes Boulevard to Mississaga Street.

For a list of all Town of Oakville road projects visit www.oakville.ca/roadstudies.htm and www.oakville.ca/roadupdates.htm.
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The South Shell Waterfront Park is a 3.3 hectare open space spanning 800 meters of Oakville waterfront. It will provide linkages to Shell Park, the Petro-Canada Parkette, the eastern portion of the Palm Place lands and the Waterfront Trail. The Town would like to thank Petro-Canada for allowing Oakville to incorporate the Petro-Canada Parkette into the overall South Shell Park design and for relocating its infrastructure to make the site accessible. The area will include waterfront viewing and seating areas, an extended waterfront trail, a parking lot, and an extensive planting program to support the existing wildlife and migratory bird habitat. Future development will include park shelters, washroom facilities, and development of a children’s playground and enhanced beach access. Subject to funding approvals, the completion of the park will take 2 to 3 years.

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Oakville is synonymous with heritage…and with good reason!
Stroll the quaint back streets of the downtown corridor and you'll discover beautifully restored homes from the 19th century – proudly displaying black and white plaques from the Oakville Historical Society. Take a walk down Lakeshore (between Allan and Navy) and you'll find yourself surrounded by first class restaurants and retail establishments, many housed in buildings dating back to the same time period.
Unbeknownst to most, however, a historical plaque is not the same as a historical designation. The plaques simply show pride of ownership in a building over 100 years old. And while many of the buildings in Oakville do have Town Heritage Designation, many more do not.
Says Ward 2 Councillor Cathy Duddeck, “Heritage has always been important to the residents of Oakville but we've seen a renewed interest in the heritage process with the recognition of Oakville’s 150th birthday. This interest, along with changes that were made to the Ontario Heritage Act a few years back, prompted us to put forth a specific proposal – one that required an increase in heritage resources. Our plan was not only enthusiastically embraced by the Mayor but unanimously approved by Council.”
In the past, Town Heritage Designation was handled by those who also had other responsibilities within the Planning Department. As nobody was dedicated to heritage full time, the process itself was more reactive in nature. With the addition of new staff, the Planning Department is now able to approach heritage issues on a proactive basis – having recently hired a Manager of Heritage Planning, one staff person and an inspector who is solely responsible for heritage properties.
Says Duddeck, who also serves on the Oakville Heritage Committee, “We are in a position to act more quickly with regard to heritage designation. Our goal now is to catch-up on our back log and effectively communicate how the process works to the residents of Oakville.” Under the Ontario Heritage Act, designation can be made on an individual structure or part of a structure. It can also incorporate an entire district.
Contrary to popular belief, designation does not obligate an owner to restore a property to its original condition, does not restrict the use of that property and does not prohibit an owner from developing or making alterations to a property.

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HERITAGE MATTERS IN OAKVILLE

However, it does require approval from Town Council if changes to the designated features of the property are contemplated.

Additionally, heritage designation is not limited to “old” buildings. It can also be applied to those structures that:

• Are of a particular type, style or period;
• Are works of a famous architect or builder;
• Played a role in an important historic event;
• Are associated with the life of a prominent member of the community.

Members of the community, as well as building and property owners, can put forth recommendations for heritage designation by contacting Michael Seaman, Manager of Heritage Planning. Oakville Heritage Committee meetings are also open to the public.

While all designations are officially made by Town Council, Oakville is fortunate to have three historical societies that are actively working to protect and promote heritage in our community: the Oakville Historical Society, the Bronte Historical Society and the Trafalgar Township Historical Society. They each play an important role in preserving our legacy and encouraging the conservation of local landmarks and streetscapes as tangible reminders of Oakville’s past.

Old Oakville’s downtown shopping district contains what is possibly Oakville’s most important heritage streetscape, but it is currently unprotected – other than the heritage designations that apply to some of its historical buildings.

As OHS’s passionate volunteers believe a Heritage District designation is appropriate for this area, as a means of maintaining the distinctive local character while supporting a vibrant economic environment, they have begun compiling an inventory of all of the buildings including the history of past owners and uses.

For more information, please visit www.oakvillehistory.org.

COUNCILLOR FRED OLIVER
SERVING OAKVILLE ON AND OFF THE WATER

When it comes to community stewardship, nobody does it better than Ward 2 Councillor Fred Oliver. What few people realize, however, is that this dedicated public servant is actually the Founder and First Commander of TOWARF – the Town of Oakville Water Air Rescue Force.

On the Civic Holiday weekend in August of 1954, then Police Chief Fred Oliver was called upon to assist in a search and rescue operation. Two Sea Scouts, along with a Sea Scout Leader, had been caught in a storm while sailing from Oakville to Grimsby. As a formal search organization did not exist at the time, the task was left to the police, firefighters, powerboaters and sailors from the local yacht club. A number of private planes, as well as one from Air Canada, also joined the cause.

Says Oliver, “We searched the waters from the Oakville Harbour to an area between the Burlington Canal and Grimsby for three days and two nights. We found the two Scouts but we were never able to locate the Scout Leader. It was then that I realized we had no proven way to formally track our search area.”

That was 54 years ago. Today, TOWARF is a Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit with more than 75 trained volunteers – patrolling 45 hours a week and on call 24/7 during boating season.

“It has progressed very well,” says Oliver, “thanks to the tireless support of our volunteers. I’m very proud to be associated with such a committed group of individuals.”

The 2008 patrol season began on April 26 and ends on October 31. Visit www.towarf.com for additional information.
OAKVILLE TRANSIT CONTINUES TO OFFER SENIOR SPECIALS

The Community Bus Program was officially discontinued in July of 2008. But for those who rely on public transportation, Oakville Transit still has plenty to offer. When the program was first launched in 1991, the Town of Oakville owned very few low floor buses, and accessibility for elderly residents was problematic. As a result this bus program was created to fill a transportation gap for Oakville seniors. Time however, has changed things through both a shift in provincial legislation and public mindset. Currently 80% of all regular buses are fully accessible and those that stop at retirement homes and senior residences are almost always accessible.

“Our primary goal is always to maintain an appropriate level of service for our senior community,” says Joanne Phoenix, Manager of Transit Planning and Accessible Services. “Ridership on this program has continued to decline year over year, while the program cost well over $200,000 a year to run. As our regular buses travel over virtually the same routes, it just didn’t make sense to continue to run two separate programs.” Additionally, Oakville Transit offers new Seniors Specials to provide a more focused and direct service that meets specific origin and destination requirements of riders.

In some situations, service to seniors has actually improved as regular buses make more frequent stops and have an extended time schedule. “Our regular transit buses stop in almost all the same places,” says Phoenix. “Those who are physically unable to get to the bus stop are encouraged to apply for care-A-van service.”

Please visit www.oakvilletransit.ca for information about bus routes or call an Oakville Transit representative at 905-815-2020 with any questions or concerns.

REGION DEBATES DND LANDS FUTURE

The Canadian Government has decided to sell the Oakville Barracks (“DND Lands”) at Dorval and Rebecca to its Canada Lands Corporation (CLC) for redevelopment. CLC and the Town are working to develop a plan for a mix of entry-level and step-up housing.

The 17 acre site on the northwest corner of Dorval Drive and Rebecca Street contains 75 houses. Most are vacant. Military personnel occupy a dozen. They are leaving next year.

Ward 2 Councillors Fred Oliver and Cathy Duddeck are excited about this step forward. They have advocated for years for redevelopment of the property.

“We want what’s best for the community. We will be consulting closely with residents next year,” Councillor Oliver said. The transfer to CLC is expected to be completed in 2009.

After meeting with CLC, Mayor Rob Burton said redevelopment could be achieved as soon as 2011. He said CLC wants to create an area similar to Barclay Square. Barclay Square is east of the DND Lands, across Dorval Drive.

In the meantime, Halton Regional staff have put a different use for the site on the agenda of Health and Social Services Committee. In November, Halton Council’s Health and Social Services committee will consider a staff proposal to renovate some of the houses to use as emergency “transitional” housing for three to seven years or longer.

The committee’s recommendation would go before Regional Council for approval in December. If the recommendation is approved, the Region would lease the houses from DND until the site’s redevelopment is ready to go. The Region said it would take at least $100,000 to make up to three of the houses habitable as emergency housing. The houses have bad plumbing, mould and high lead content in their water, according the report. The Region would also conduct a $15,000 public relations campaign to persuade the Oakville community of the need for the temporary housing program.

The Region’s report says it sees the temporary Regional housing on the DND lands as a way to “position the Region as a key stakeholder as the long-term planning and development process unfolds.”

Mayor Rob Burton said he planned to ask the Region “to be careful they don’t wind up delaying the long-awaited rejuvenation of this area.”

Contact Councillors Duddeck and Oliver regarding the dates of the regional meetings.

A UNIFIED VOICE

YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Have you joined your local residents association? Not only is it a terrific way to build relationships among neighbours, but it also facilitates communication between residents and local government.

Members come together to share ideas and work cooperatively to make their neighbourhood a better place, whether dealing with land-use issues, structural improvements or crime prevention.

SOUTHWEST CENTRAL OAKVILLE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SCORA)

Boundaries: Maurice Drive to Fourth Line, south of Mary St. and Wildwood Drive to the lake.

For more information visit www.scora.ca or e-mail at cjohnston@scora.ca

WEST HARBOUR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (WHRA)

Boundaries: all properties west of Sixteen Mile Creek through to and including Lakewood Drive, and north of Lake Ontario to Rebecca Street.

For more information on WHRA issues & activities, visit www.oakville-whra.com.

WEST RIVER RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (WRRA)

Boundaries: Kerr Street east to Sixteen Mile Creek, north of Rebecca Street to Shepherd Rd.

For more information visit www.wrра-oakville.ca or email wrraoakville@hotmail.com.

WEST KERR VILLAGE RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION

Boundaries: QEW to Lakeshore and west of Kerr Street to Dorval Drive.

For more information contact Blake or Brenda Poland at 905-338-0725.

CORONATION PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Boundaries: east of Third Line, west of Woodhaven Park, south of Hixon Street to Lake Ontario.

For more information contact Pamela Knight at 905-827-4641.
Revitalization has its advantages! Residents enjoy higher property values and a better quality of life. Merchants profit from an expanded customer base. Property owners benefit from increased occupancy rates. But while the perks outweigh the pitfalls, revitalization can lead to growing pains. Most notably – an increase in traffic.

Endorsed by Council, the Kerr Village Revitalization Study was first conducted in 2004. The ensuing vision was to establish Kerr Village as a mixed use area for medium and higher density residential uses, as well as new commercial and retail development. The need for the Kerr Village Traffic Study was subsequently identified. Its purpose? Test the capability of the planned transportation network to accommodate both short (2011) and long term (2021) travel demands.

Recommendations were first presented at a public meeting in May of 2007. An additional public open house was recently held on September 17, giving stakeholders the opportunity to view the land use and transportation scenarios proposed by the traffic study consultant. Additional traffic work is still underway, but the study does recommend a number of long term street changes including an extension to Shepherd Rd. and St. Augustine Dr., the removal of the St. Augustine jog at Maurice Dr. and a connection of Mary Street with Herald Ave.

The traffic study will proceed to Council to be received tentatively on Nov. 10. A plan will then be prepared to implement the study in support of future revitalization work. The revitalization work will be presented to the public in late 2008 or early 2009.

The following traffic-related issues are still under consideration:

- **Kerr Street/CN Crossing Grade Separation Environmental Assessment (EA):** The CN railway tracks currently intersect Kerr St. at a grade level crossing controlled by bells, flashers and gates. The study is assessing the need to widen Kerr St. and separate it at grade level in the future – for capacity and safety reasons. The EA commenced in the spring of 2008 and is scheduled for completion in early 2009. The preliminary recommendation is to widen Kerr St. and separate it at grade level with the road running under the railway. The study will select a preferred alignment. Further information from the study will be presented at a Public Information Meeting this fall. All stakeholders will be notified of the exact date.

- **Northbound Right Turn Lane at Speers Rd. and Kerr St.:** The implementation of a northbound right turn lane was planned for this intersection in 2008. However, it has been delayed until 2009 when the future design of the intersection of Speers Rd./Kerr St. has been established from two environmental assessment studies currently underway. These are the Kerr St./CN Grade Separation EA and the Speers Rd. EA.

- **Speers Rd. Environmental Assessment (EA):** A study is currently underway to determine the future lane design of Speers Rd. between Kerr St. and Bronte Rd. This study commenced in early 2008 and is projected to be completed in early 2009. It is assessing the need to widen Speers Rd. for capacity and safety reasons. Recommendations on a preferred design will be presented at a Public Information Meeting this fall. All stakeholders will be notified of the exact date.

**KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

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<td>3 condominium towers comprised of 15, 18 and 21 stories. Applicant is also proposing grade-related commercial uses.</td>
<td>An 8-week hearing is scheduled to start on November 18.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3371</td>
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<td>John Matas – Westdale Develop- ment Corporation</td>
<td>140 Rebecca St</td>
<td>16 unit residential townhouses.</td>
<td>In circulation.</td>
<td>Philip Weirsma <a href="mailto:pweirsma@oakville.ca">pweirsma@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3795</td>
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<td>Moldenhauer</td>
<td>Lakeshore Rd. Between Brock and Brant St.</td>
<td>16 stories with grade-level commercial space; two blocks of 3 storey townhouses.</td>
<td>Public Information Meeting is to be scheduled.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3984</td>
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<td>Leighbirk Developments Inc.</td>
<td>North side of Speers Rd., west of Kerr St.</td>
<td>3 buildings ranging in height from 12 to 18 storeys with townhouse units at base of taller buildings.</td>
<td>Application held in abeyance pending completion of Town’s Residential and Employment Intensification Study</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3984</td>
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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

The **Tree Lighting Ceremony** will take place on Friday November 14th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Heritage Square.

The **Santa Claus Parade** will take place November 15th at 9:00 a.m. along Kerr Street and Lakeshore Road.

Please visit www.oakvillesantaclausparade.com or www.kerrvillage.ca for all of the day’s details.
PRESSURE ON HALTON REGION TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND SERVICES

Welcome to your second edition of *Let’s Talk Oakville*. I want to share some information about one of the most pressing challenges facing Regional Council – the rising costs of maintaining existing infrastructure while expanding necessary services to both infill development locations and new growth areas in Halton Region.

This balancing act, coupled with legislation that prevents us from recovering the full cost of new services from developers, continues to put excess pressure on the region’s finances.

Under the Provincial Places to Grow Plan, Halton is expected to grow from 468,000 in 2007 to 650,000 by 2021. It is estimated that $2.5 billion in Regional water, wastewater, and transportation infrastructure is required to support this growth.

Regional Council has advocated consistently to the Province, and we are awaiting the conclusions of their Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review to see what funding might be available. The Province did announce that the Region would receive $22 million in capital funding for 2008. It’s good news, but it’s a relatively small amount compared to the needs.

Without confirmed and significant assistance from the senior orders of government, regional staff is looking into all other forms of financing to lessen the impact on existing taxpayers. A financial plan will be presented to Regional Council later in the fall. For more information please visit www.halton.ca.

HELP UNITED WAY HELP OUR COMMUNITY

Hello and best wishes for the fall. I hope you will notice the flags along the streets of Kerr Village heralding the annual United Way campaign. With an ambitious goal of $3.41 million, United Way of Oakville has begun the 2008 campaign with a strong commitment to continuing to build a healthy, caring, and inclusive community.

As Council’s appointee to the Board of Directors for United Way of Oakville, I agree with Board Chair Jill Yousie and Campaign Chair Ann Mulvale that we are fortunate to have support from every segment of our town, including small and large business, labour, not-for-profit groups, and individuals. Together we can make a difference – and this year it is more important than ever that we do!

Oakville residents can make donations through their workplace campaign, by mailing a cheque, or by pledging online. For residents who work in another part of the GTA, please remember to designate your pledge back to Oakville.

United Way of Oakville provides funding to more than 30 local service agencies – you’ve seen the helping hand symbol that identifies a United Way Agency. By supporting United Way, you assist those in need and help maintain the ongoing health of our community.

“One Town, One Heart, One Way” is the campaign motto this year. I have witnessed the generosity of Oakvilarians, and I ask that you, once again, open your heart – and your wallet. Join with your Town Council in supporting United Way of Oakville.

For more information and to make a donation, visit www.uwoakville.org or call 905-845-5571.
STRATEGIC PLAN WILL PUT CENTRE FOR PERFORMING ARTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

For Ken Coulter, the 31-year-old Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts is like a special jewel, despite the fact that it’s a little worn around the edges and a little behind the times. He is proud to say that it is one of the most respected community performing arts centres in the country.

But, as Theatre Manager, he also knows that his precious gem is too small to serve the needs of the community. He says the theatre runs “flat out” for most of the year and that he can’t accommodate everyone who wants to use the space or see the performances.

“The Oakville Symphony Orchestra is playing to sold out audiences and has a waiting list,” he says. That’s why the Town is working with a consultant to develop a strategic plan for the Centre. The goal is to assess the ability of the theatre to meet the current and future performing arts needs of the community.

And speaking of needs, Claire Loughheed, Manager of Culture and Heritage Services for the Town of Oakville, says those needs are changing. Members of different ethnic communities in Oakville are looking for ways to showcase new kinds of cultural performances, but the space at the Centre just isn’t available.

“It’s heartbreaking,” she says. “Oakville residents believe they should be able to use cultural space in their own Town, but that’s not always possible. We’re balancing the needs of not-for-profit and for-profit, local and non-local – it becomes very complex.”

Armed with the knowledge that the Centre is already unable to keep up with demand from performing groups and theatre-goers, and that the average time it takes for a theatre to go from proposal to opening is 13 years, the Town decided to research the best ways to keep the existing Centre thriving in the near future. “It would be irresponsible for us not to look at how we can get the best out of what we’ve got,” Loughheed says.

Coulter says the consultant is about half-way through the information-gathering and stakeholder meetings that are necessary to complete the study and write the strategic plan. The plan will tell the Town what things can be done to make the theatre sustainable and give direction about how to get those things done.

Lougheed says she already knows that accessibility issues are going to take centre stage, so to speak. “We know that our population is aging, and we know that older people make up a large part of our audience,” she says. “We need to make sure that accessing the theatre is easy for people.”

Lougheed and Coulter expect that funding requests resulting from the study’s recommendations will be made in time for the Town’s 2010 budget process.

Although Coulter knows the current Centre is bursting at the seams, he is a fan of its downtown Oakville location, saying it has a positive economic impact on the whole area. “The restaurants are full because of us,” he says. “A performing arts centre keeps a downtown area a busy, active place.”

AN UPDATE ON ROAD WORK IN WARD 3

• The design for Cornwall Rd. between Maple Grove and Winston Churchill is nearing completion. This fall, work will begin on utility relocations in support of the road improvements. Also starting later this year and carrying into 2009, we will see modifications to the Joshua Creek bridge, including the addition of a new stand-alone pedestrian bridge (immediately south of the existing bridge) and the construction of a new bridge at Clearview Creek. Roadway construction will follow in 2009.
• Ford Dr. between Cornwall and Constance will be improved in 2009 in combination with the Cornwall Rd. reconstruction work.
• Plans are in the works to reconstruct Linbrook Rd. between Chartwell and Morrison. Design work for this project, and public input, will begin in 2009. Construction, subject to budget approval, could be underway in 2010.
• There are plans to change Water St. from a rural-style road to an urban, two-lane roadway (with curbs) between Navy and Robinson. Design work is progressing and this fall the public will be invited to an information meeting to learn more about the proposed project.
• Lakeshore Rd. is being resurfaced from Navy to First St. This is a multi-year project that is expected to be completed in 2010. Town engineers are finalizing staging plans for the work and continue to talk with the Downtown BIA. The intersection of Lakeshore and Navy has been finished.
• Town staff worked with GO Transit to complete a new sidewalk along the Trafalgar Rd. driveway access to the Oakville GO Station. The sidewalk provides a safe and convenient option for pedestrians to get on the GO from the Cornwall Rd. area.

As always, a list of all current Town projects is available at www.oakville.ca/roadstudies.htm and www.oakville.ca/roadupdates.htm. You may also contact the Town’s Engineering and Construction Department at 905-845-6601 ext. 3302 or 3398.
MORE POWER TO YOU?
NEW POWER PLANT MAY LAND IN SOUTHEAST OAKVILLE

This past August, the Provincial government directed the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) to begin a search for a qualified developer who can build a new power generating facility in the southwest Greater Toronto Area.

Where will the plant be?
The plant will need to connect to the existing transmission corridor that runs between the Oakville Transformer Station (near the Ford plant) to the Manby Transformer Station in Etobicoke. This makes it likely the plant will be in southeast Oakville, southern Mississauga, or southwest Etobicoke. It will be up to each potential developer to propose a site along this corridor. The developers have the freedom to select a site, but they are responsible for doing the work related to the site, such as applications for zoning changes, environmental assessments, etc.

Why is this new plant needed?
Demand for electricity in the Southwest GTA region is twice the provincial average – there are hundreds of high energy users in the corridor. Although energy conservation is working to reduce demand, more supply is needed. The existing transmission systems are strained.

Why is a natural gas-fired plant the preferred option?
Local gas-fired generation produces 60% less harmful emissions than coal-fired generation. And gas offers the same benefit as coal – it can be turned on and off quickly as demand rises and falls.

What is the status of this search process?
When the “Request for Qualifications” is posted by the OPA this fall, they will hear from developers who have the ability to develop, own, and operate a facility within the transmission corridor. The OPA will then put together a shortlist of those who can do the job and have access to the land. In January 2009, those developers will be invited to submit a “Request for Proposal,” which is a much more detailed plan. RFPs will be due in May, and OPA will announce the chosen developer around the end of June.

How do southeast Oakville residents get involved in this process?
Community participation will start as early as this fall. Potential developers will also be talking to the communities surrounding the sites they have chosen.

For more information, watch for updates on the OPA website at www.powerauthority.on.ca, email info@powerauthority.on.ca, or call 800.797.9604.

RESIDENTS ASKING IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

At least one local public interest group is asking an important question about the possibility of a new gas-fired power plant in southeast Oakville, and that question is, why?

Dr. Boyd Upper, one of the founders of Clear the Air Coalition, says gas-fired plants should not be located upwind (west of) the Greater Toronto Area because of the negative health impacts of the air pollution. He points to an Ontario Ministry of the Environment study of the Clarkson Air Shed, which indicates that the southwest GTA is already considered “taxed,” meaning there is too much pollution.

Upper says he doesn’t understand why a new power plant must be located in a residential neighbourhood somewhere along the transmission corridor between Oakville and Etobicoke, when gas pipelines run all the way from western Canada and power can be brought to Toronto from as far away as the St. Lawrence River.

“They tell us it’s cheaper to build close to transmission and gas lines, but what about the long-term impact on human health and those associated costs? What you save is peanuts,” he says. Upper also says that in the Clarkson Air Shed, the 10 largest polluters together emit less than half of the harmful emissions expected to come from a new gas-fired power plant.

“Somebody has to start paying attention to these things,” he says. “In 2005, the Ontario Medical Association reported that air pollution is responsible for 5,900 premature deaths a year in this province.” Visit www.cleartheair-coalition.com for more information.

FIRST LEAVES, THEN SNOW – HERE’S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

NEW! BULK BRUSH COLLECTION IN OAKVILLE
To arrange for pick-up of your untied bulk brush piles, call Halton Region at 905-825-6000. The Region will schedule a date for your pick-up. Make one pile no larger than 3 m (10 ft) long by 1.8 m (6 ft) wide by 1.2 m (4 ft) high, with branches a maximum of 7.5 cm (3 inches) in diameter. Piles must be free of loose debris such as leaves and trimmings.

REGULAR BRUSH GETS PICKED UP WITH YARD WASTE
Brush tied in bundles no larger than 1.2 m (4 ft) by 0.6 m (2 ft) wide, with branches a maximum of 7.5 cm (3 inches) in diameter, will be collected with regular yard waste. You do not have to phone for a pick-up.

BULK LOOSE LEAF COLLECTION
Please ensure that all loose leaves are placed on the boulevard or on the shoulder, not over catch basins or in ditches, and the piles contain only leaves. For more information, refer to the loose leaf pick-up schedule in your Halton Waste Management Calendar, visit www.oakville.ca/looseleaf.htm, or call 905-338-4392.

HOW YOU CAN HELP WHEN THE SNOW FLIES
• Remove snow from fire hydrants and drainage catch basins near your property.
• Pile snow on the right side of your driveway (when facing the road) when shovelling to minimize the ridge of snow created by the snowplow.
• Park vehicles off the street when possible. By-law 1984-1 prohibits parking of vehicles on Town streets between 2 and 6 a.m. from November 15 to April 15. Visit www.oakville.ca/snowremoval.htm for more information. The snow removal information phone line is 905-815-5999.

HELP WITH WINDROW CLEARING
The Town has again partnered with Links2Care to assist seniors and residents with disabilities in removing the snow windrow that the plow deposits at the end of a driveway. For details about cost, eligibility, and registration, contact Links2Care at 905-844-0252.
### APPLICATIONS

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<td>599 Lyons Lane</td>
<td>To redevelop the old Extendicare site into two high-rise condo apartment buildings.</td>
<td>Public Information Meeting held. Application appealed.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3984</td>
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<td>Edgemere Estates Limited</td>
<td>1502 Lakeshore Road East at Maple Grove Dr.</td>
<td>To build 10 residential buildings of 2 1/2 stories, each containing three units. To remove existing dwelling and garage. To retain greenhouse, coach house, gate house, stonewall, and boat house.</td>
<td>Public Information Meeting held. Recommendation report expected this fall.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3371</td>
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<td>Tofino Development Inc.</td>
<td>461 Cornwall Rd.</td>
<td>To re-zone from employment use to shopping centre.</td>
<td>Issues report being prepared for Planning and Development Committee. Expected Council date in late fall.</td>
<td>David Capper <a href="mailto:dcapper@oakville.ca">dcapper@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3042</td>
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<td>Greywalls Development Company Inc.</td>
<td>167 Navy St. (old Red Cross building)</td>
<td>To increase height limit to 7 stories from current maximum of 4 to accommodate 7-storey condo apartment building.</td>
<td>Under review.</td>
<td>Brenda Stan <a href="mailto:bstan@oakville.ca">bstan@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3034</td>
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<td>FC (Olde Oakville) Corporation</td>
<td>Cornwall Rd. &amp; Trafalgar Rd. (Whole Foods plaza)</td>
<td>To expand the existing shopping centre and to use the existing Main Lumber building on a temporary basis.</td>
<td>Public Information Meeting held. Public report expected this fall.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3984</td>
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<td>445312 Ontario Limited</td>
<td>104-114 Robinson St. (Robinson St./Water St./Navy St.)</td>
<td>To allow the site to be developed for a 13-unit apartment building.</td>
<td>Public Information Meeting held. Public report expected this fall.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3371</td>
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Whether it’s a family outing to a local apple orchard or a stroll along the trails right here in Ward 4, fall seems to stir within us a deeper appreciation of nature. It’s a time of inspiration like no other.

And we could all use a little inspiration. Life in the 21st century comes with challenges that can feel insurmountable. Mass extinctions are happening across the globe, climate change threatens our very survival and even as we go about our daily routines, we can count on spending more time in traffic and less time with our families.

But there is both hope and inspiration out there, not just in the splendour of fall, but also in the realization that we all have within us the power to promote change for the better.

That may sound like rhetoric, but just take a look at recent history. It wasn’t too many years ago that ‘one for the road’ was considered socially acceptable and the spraying of pesticides was routine. Right now we’re beginning to see a shifting attitude regarding consumerism, including drinking bottled water.

Attitudes are also changing regarding the issue of urban growth. People no longer believe that growth keeps taxes down, or that growth pays for itself, or that all growth is progress. What is it we’re supposed to be progressing toward? It took the voices (often lonely) of elected representatives and concerned residents to dispel these myths and take a harder look at developers, aggregate companies and water bottlers, all of whom profit from the environment we share.

People standing up and speaking out have created change for the better, time and time again. It’s an awfully big ship to turn around, but there are people living right here in Ward 4 who have already taken the helm. We hope you’ll read our article about Meagan McKeen, a grade 12 student at Abbey Park who attended the G8 Summit in Japan this year. Or join those who want to know how to identify the Emerald Ash Borer so its spread can be stopped.

As your voice on Council, we are asking you to contact us with your concerns and your ideas. And if your particular inquiry needs to be handled by someone at town hall, we will forward it to the appropriate department and monitor results on your behalf.

Inspiration is all around, and giving us the courage to stand up and speak out. We’d like to hear from you.
There are some Ward 4 residents who could probably share fond memories of baseball games either won, or nearly won, at the old Palermo Park, just south of Dundas Street on Bronte Road. The park was dismantled when Bronte Road was re-configured and homes were built in the area.

Construction of a new Palermo Park is currently underway, and it’s expected to be up and running as early as next summer!

Located on the north side of Dundas Street just east of Bronte Road, the new Palermo Park will occupy approximately 18 acres of a 100 acre parcel of land that was transferred to the Town by the Province in 2007. It’s all part of a larger plan that will see the remaining 81.6 acres (east of Palermo Park, between Dundas Street and Highway 407) used for additional general-purpose playing fields, sports fields for soccer and baseball. The park will also provide entry points to the abutting Glenorchy Conservation Area.

Palermo Park construction has been broken down into 2 phases.

**PHASE 1 (Currently under construction, anticipated completion - summer of 2009)**
- Two lit ball diamonds
  - one hardball and one softball
- Interim off-leash area to be relocated from North Park Site
- Park trail system
- Pathway lighting
- Landscaping
- Temporary driveway connection to Dundas Street
- Parking

**PHASE 2**
- Playground
- Splash pad
- One softball diamond
- Removal of interim off-leash area
- Concession/washroom/change room building
- Park trail system
- Pathway lighting
- Landscaping

For more information on Palermo Park contact Rakesh Mistry, Landscape Architect, at 905-845-6601 ext. 3664 or rmistry@oakville.ca
**REGION OF HALTON • CAPITAL PROJECT SUMMARY • WARD 4**

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<td>March 2007</td>
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<td>P2512</td>
<td>Q.E.W. &amp; Bronte Interchange</td>
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<td>PR1834B</td>
<td>Dundas Street</td>
<td>from Proudfoot Trail to Neyagawa Blvd</td>
<td>Reconstruction – widening 4 to 6 lanes and replace existing 4 lane 16-Mile Creek Structure with two new 3 lane structures</td>
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<td>PR2482</td>
<td>Dundas Street</td>
<td>from Third Line to Proudfoot Trail</td>
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<td>Dundas Street</td>
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**MORE WARD 4 PARK NEWS...**

Ward 4’s West Oak Trails Community can look forward to a new neighbourhood park, to be located on the north side of Pine Glen Road at Castlebrook Road.

Castlebrook Park will occupy approximately four acres and feature junior and senior playgrounds, a minor soccer field, a basketball court, a park shelter, asphalt pathways and a seating area. The park is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2009.

For more information on Castlebrook Park, contact Frank Loconte, Landscape Architect, at 905-845-6601 ext. 3158 or email floconte@oakville.ca.

**CALLING ALL GARDENERS!**

Volunteers are needed to help plant and maintain our little community garden at the northeast corner of Old Abbey Lane and Nottinghill Gate for the 2009 season.

A few years ago, a small handful of volunteers, along with Councillor Elgar, transformed the corner by creating a cheerful flowerbed with some annual plants donated by the Town. A young oak tree was also planted on the site. Despite the dry summer we had that year, the garden did exceptionally well. Some residents also expressed appreciation for the tree, recalling the majestic old oak that used to grace the south side of the intersection in Glen Abbey’s early years.

But this past spring, with rainy weekends and some volunteers having moved away, the garden didn’t get planted and, as you’ve probably noticed, the weeds moved in.

Let’s bring back the community garden in ’09! If you can spare a little time and would like to help out, give us a call. It’s never too early to think about spring.
MEET MEAGAN McKEEN INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE CHAMPION

Earlier this year, Meagan was selected as one of three outstanding Canadian high school students to attend the G8 Environment Ministers’ Conference in Kobe, Japan, in May. It was part of British Council Canada’s International Climate Champions initiative, designed to further understanding and action on climate change.

In preparation for the conference, the grade 11 Abbey Park student flew to London, England, in March, where she met the other 38 International Climate Champions (ICC) from 13 different countries, and helped to create a message to present at the G8 summit in Kobe.

Their message consisted of three aspirational challenges for the ministers of the G8 that best reflected the concerns and hopes of young people in dealing with climate change. In May the group reunited in Japan, where they delivered their challenge during a youth summit portion of G8 Environment Ministers meeting.

Her work didn’t end there. As part of Meagan’s ongoing commitment to the ICC, she is currently organizing a regional environmental conference to be hosted by Abbey Park High School in December.

Meagan also chairs Echo Team, a committee that saw Abbey Park achieve ‘Gold’ in a program run through York University that certifies schools as environmentally friendly, based on a set of waste minimization and energy efficiency standards. The Halton District School Board recently set a goal to have 100% of Halton schools certified for at least a Bronze level by 2010. No doubt Meagan, who sits on the board’s Environmental Management Team, played a major role in that decision.

Now in grade 12, Meagan is considering options for university, but we are confident that no matter what she does in the future, Meagan’s legacy of leadership and environmental activism will continue to inspire others, right here at home. “Change begins with us. It is only when we demand it and demonstrate in our daily lives that we will see it happen.” — Meagan McKeen

KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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<td>Inglehart / Crystal Homes</td>
<td>2265</td>
<td>A condominium townhouse development that has received draft approval for 24 townhouses.</td>
<td>The proponent is working to clear conditions of draft approval.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:Gcharles@oakville.ca">Gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3984</td>
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<td>QEW-Bronte Developments Inc. &amp;</td>
<td>1087, 1099, 1105 Bronte Road</td>
<td>To designate the subject lands for mixed-use development consisting of retail and service commercial uses, office uses, institutional and recreational uses, and high-density residential uses. A total of 75,500 square metres of floor space is proposed, which represents a building density of 3 FSI. Building heights are proposed up to 14 storeys.</td>
<td>The application is in circulation and being reviewed by Town staff.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:Gcharles@oakville.ca">Gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3984</td>
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<td>Matam Holdings Inc. (Mattamy)</td>
<td>South-east corner of Proudfoot Trail and Dundas St.</td>
<td>To amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to permit the development of 10 model homes and to add commercial uses to the existing 2 storey building on site.</td>
<td>Under Review. Public information meeting was held. (Applicant may revise application in the future).</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3371</td>
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<td>Creekbank Developments Inc.</td>
<td>2322, 2332 and 2362 Upper Middle Road</td>
<td>To construct an 88-unit residential development within a 3-storey structure. The proposed building is oriented towards Upper Middle Road, with driveway access to minimal surface parking and one level of underground parking.</td>
<td>The site plan application has been received by the Planning Dept and will be in circulation for Town Department and external Agency comments. The file will be brought before the Site Plan Committee – possibly into the first quarter of the new year.</td>
<td>Christina Tizzard <a href="mailto:cttizzard@oakville.ca">cttizzard@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601 ext. 3266</td>
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TRANSIT UPDATE

A “Bike Rack Demonstration Day” took place at the Glen Abbey Recreation Centre in August to help residents learn about the use of bike racks on our buses. The demonstration showed how easy it is to load and unload a bike from the racks.

Transit is continuing to improve accessibility at bus stops in Ward 4 by installing concrete walkways at transit stops.

Bus Schedule Changes:

At the beginning of September Route 13 (West Oak Trail) increased to half hour service on Saturdays. In addition, Route 13 (West Oak Trail) was extended into Palermo West on a temporary routing, pending the opening of Colonel William Parkway, from Richview to Dundas St.

For more information, contact Barry Cole, Director of Transit Services, at 905-845-6601 ext. 3507 or bcole@oakville.ca.
Ward 5 Councillors Jeff Knoll and Marc Grant are always happy to hear from local residents and now they want to make it even easier.

Starting this October your Councillors will be hosting regular drop-in sessions in the Ward. Come out and enjoy some refreshments, share your questions, concerns and ideas with Marc and Jeff to help make your Oakville an even better place.

The first meeting on October 23 was an informal and informative session and they look forward to seeing you at the next gathering on Thursday, November 20th from 7 to 9 p.m. at the River Oaks Recreation Centre, 2400 Sixth line.

THE 2008 WARD 5 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Kick-off the Holiday season with your Councillors Jeff Knoll and Marc Grant at the 2008 Ward 5 Christmas Tree Lighting celebration. This year the tree is getting “greener”, as we convert to energy efficient LED lights, courtesy of Oakville Hydro. There will be a variety of fun activities for the whole family, so join us Saturday, December 6th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Fire Station #4 at 2024 Sixth Line.

For more details contact Jeff or Marc.
WONDER AND WANDER ALONG OUR TRAILS

Thanks to Oakville’s beautiful trail systems, getting back in touch with nature is no more difficult than walking down the street. And Ward 5 is especially blessed with a number of beautiful trails, especially along the banks of 16 Mile Creek, thanks to the hard work and care of generations of Oakville townspeople. This fall and winter, stretch your legs, breathe in the fresh air and watch the seasons colour our landscape with family and friends. Wander along and share the wonder with someone special.

For more information on Oakville’s trail systems, including how you can “Adopt a Trail”, check out www.oakvilletrails.ca.

VITAL SIGNS REPORT IS A CALL TO ACTION

The Community Foundation of Oakville released Oakville’s first Vitals Signs report on October 7th, 2008. The report focused on a wide range of topics from health and wellness, the gap between rich and poor and the environment. Oakville scored highly in a number of areas including our libraries, employment growth, and voter turnout. However, the Vital Signs report also showed areas where the community needs improvement like affordable housing, emergency shelter and child poverty.

“Vital Signs provides residents of Oakville with a third party look at issues our community is facing,” Councillor Jeff Knoll, who also serves as Chair of Halton’s Health & Social Services Committee as well as President of the Halton Community Housing Corporation, said. “This is a useful tool that will raise awareness and get people talking. It will serve as a call to action for each of us to get informed and get involved to help address these issues.”

The report and its background information can be found at www.oakvillesvitalsigns.ca.

DINING OUT IN WARD 5

What has inspired a highly successful downtown Oakville restauranteur to open a second location in Oak Park? Ward 5 Councillor Jeff Knoll believes it’s location and opportunity in Oakville’s trendy Uptown Core that has brought Julia Hanna’s Ritorno to Ward 5. Ristorante Julia is a highlight of downtown Oakville, and has been recognized with numerous awards since its opening in 2003. The Ward 5 Councillors are thinking Ritorno at 261 Oak Park Drive will be just as successful. “Oakville isn’t just about south of the Highway anymore,” Councillor Knoll said. “Oak Park is developing into the vibrant community centre that the Town envisioned.”

The southwest corner of Trafalgar and Dundas has been growing steadily and is now better than ever. If you’re longing for a great family restaurant, the new Keg is now open, while Kelsey’s remains a popular gathering spot. If it’s a pub atmosphere you’re seeking, Greyfriars offers a place to unwind.

Or if you are in a rush or are looking for something light there is a Mr. Sub available, as well as a McDonald’s inside Wal-mart and a Tim Horton’s inside the Super Centre. “The addition of popular dining destinations demonstrates the confidence that business owners have in this area,” said Councillor Marc Grant, “and it gives our residents a great opportunity for local entertainment.”
NEW TRANSIT TERMINAL OPEN IN UPTOWN CORE

Looking for a ride? Ward 5 residents need not look very far. The first phase of the new Uptown Core Transit Terminal recently opened on the southwest corner of Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street. This new facility currently consists of four internal bus bays with a fifth located on the street, all served by five north end transit routes - 19, 20, 29, 30 and 200.

“This terminal’s location, close to major commercial development and high density residential areas, creates a tremendous opportunity for an increase in transit use in the area,” Councillor Jeff Knoll said. “It provides local residents with a viable alternative mode of transportation, while benefiting users and the environment.”

Once the second phase of this terminal is complete, it will have a total of nine bus bays and serve as a major transfer point for all north end routes. In addition, getting from town to town will be easier as it will be a major transfer point between Oakville Transit, Mississauga Transit and GO Transit bus services. In fact, Mississauga Transit has already submitted a formal request to use this terminal for a Dundas express service.

“I’m so pleased that this terminal is now open,” said Councillor Marc Grant, a member of the Oakville Transit Advisory Committee. “Two of Oakville’s most important transportation corridors connect at the new terminal, which provides the opportunity to include the terminal in future plans for higher order transit services.” Transit schedules for routes serving the Uptown Core can be found at www.oakvilletransit.com.

AN EVENT-FULL SUMMER

Sunny days, happy faces and lots of barbecue. This past summer, Councillors Jeff Knoll and Marc Grant were out at area events to provide information, answer questions and of course, serve Jeff’s famous popcorn. Marc and Jeff enjoyed being able to exchange ideas about community issues, while sharing experiences with their Ward 5 neighbours at the River Oaks School Fair and Oak Park Fall Fair.

If you’re thinking about having an event, Jeff and Marc would be pleased to help out, whether it’s for planning, advertising support or simply showing up with plenty of give-aways, the latest planning information for the area and – of course – popcorn.

Drop them a note at ward5@oakville.ca.
**KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 5 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS**

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<td>(Killbarry Holdings Corp) Stan Vine Construction</td>
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<td>Mattamy – Lower Fourth Development Ltd/ Pendent Development Ltd</td>
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<td>32 Dundas Street East (Sixth Line and Dundas)</td>
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<td>Northeast corner of Oak Park Boulevard and Taunton Road</td>
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<td>Dundas and Trafalgar</td>
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<td>South of Dundas between Post Road and Millwood Dr.</td>
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<td>Neyagawa Blvd, north of Dundas St.</td>
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<th>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT</th>
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<td>Official Plan and Zoning By-law. Amendment, Draft Plan of Subdivision and Condominium to development 102 townhouses and 1256 apartment units in three 16-storey buildings and one 6-storey building, and 500 m² of commercial space at grade.</td>
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<td>To amend the Town’s Zoning By-law to permit a wide range of retail and service commercial uses permitted with a “Central Business District (C3) zone”.</td>
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<td>To permit a total of 47 residential units on a 5.38 ha parcel.</td>
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<td>To enable the development of a 138 ha parcel of land for 2317 residential units (detached, multiple attached, apartments).</td>
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<td>4 buildings, up to 18 storeys, roughly 580 units.</td>
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<td>Store expansion including the addition of a full line of groceries.</td>
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<td>Construction of new Halton Regional Police Services Facility. A two storey building, occupying 4.2 acres.</td>
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<td>Community park, including quad pad arena, soccer fields, BMX park.</td>
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<td>Addition of a full size restaurant.</td>
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<td>The application is currently under review; it has been appealed to the OMB and a pre-hearing is scheduled for Nov 12, 2008.</td>
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<td>A public meeting hosted by the Planning and Development Council to be held on Oct. 27, at 7:00 p.m at Town Hall.</td>
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<td>Held Grand Re-opening on October 3rd.</td>
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<td>John Busca <a href="mailto:jbusca@oakville.ca">jbusca@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601 ext 3026</td>
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<td>When an application is submitted, a planner will be assigned to the file.</td>
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**MAJOR ROAD CHANGES TO MAJOR ROADS**

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<td>Dundas Street</td>
<td>Oak Park Boulevard to Ninth Line</td>
<td>Widening Dundas Street to 6 lanes.</td>
<td>Work will begin in Ward 5 in 2009.</td>
<td>To be finished in 2009</td>
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<td>QEW</td>
<td>Bridge over Sixteen Mile Creek</td>
<td>Adding a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane to the 3 existing lanes.</td>
<td>The addition of the bridge is complete and major traffic will soon be shifted to this bridge.</td>
<td>The work is to be finished by the summer of 2011</td>
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<td>Dundas Street</td>
<td>Neyagawa Blvd. to Proudfoot Trail</td>
<td>Enhance the bridge to include all forms of transportation.</td>
<td>The project began in 2007.</td>
<td>Expected to be finished September 2011</td>
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<td>Lower Base Line</td>
<td>Bridge over Sixteen Mile Creek</td>
<td>Henderson Park Bridge to be replaced.</td>
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<td>Subject to regulatory approvals and capital funding – may be completed in 2009</td>
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Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. We continue to work together to meet your needs and we appreciate the trust you have placed in both of us. The decisions we make and the work we undertake today at the Town of Oakville and the Region of Halton impact your lifestyle directly and we take those responsibilities very seriously.

Together, we are working to control urban growth through the creation of a new official plan for Oakville, to direct where urban growth should go and what it should look like. A number of professional studies and reviews are underway to help support this process and to provide firm direction and leadership to the development industry regarding what development will be acceptable to Oakville. The Town of Oakville’s leadership in this area is key to protecting the stability of our existing neighbourhoods.

The Region of Halton is responding to provincial growth plans that require revisions to the Regional Official Plan to accommodate 780,000 residents in Halton by 2031. This planning initiative will determine how much additional farmland in Milton and Halton Hills will be used to house population growth in Halton over the next generation. We hope you will support our calls to minimize the impact this growth will have on our already stressed transportation system and to enhance the policies around green space preservation. The changes to the Regional Official Plan are expected to occur in 2009.

Town staff are working with us to review speeding and traffic safety concerns on a number of roads in the local community. Modified traffic signalization, signage and road line designs are being proposed for some streets and have already been introduced on others. Oakville has also introduced traffic calming measures and mid-block crossing designs in a number of locations within our community. Please call us if you have concerns about your area so that we can review the situation in more detail.

Finally, the 2009 budgets are being prepared at both the Town and the Region. We are working together to create budgets that recognize the overall impact to the property taxpayer. We also understand the need to choose community funding priorities and we look forward to your input over the next two months of deliberations.

As always, we encourage you to contact us with any concerns. We look forward to speaking with you.
Ever enjoyed a nice walk along one of Oakville’s many trails, only to be stuck at the road crossing, hoping that motorists will see you? A new initiative will help make sure your crossing is safer.

A new Mid-block Trail Crossing Enhancement program has been implemented to improve the existing community sidewalk and trail network through enhancements at mid-block pedestrian/cyclist crossing locations throughout the Town.

A mid-block crossing is a location where a roadway bisects a trail without the benefit of a controlled intersection (such as stoplights, a stop sign or a cross walk). Trail users must yield the right-of-way to road users and cross when an appropriate gap in traffic provides the opportunity. Today most midblock crossings are supported by pedestrian/cyclist advisory signs which provide advance warning to motorists to the presence of pedestrians or cyclists where typically one would not expect it.

Five out of the 15 locations across Oakville identified for mid-block crossing treatment are in Ward 6:

- Grand Boulevard at Falgarwood Trail system
- North Ridge Trail at Hydro One Corridor
- Bayshore Drive at Bayshore Woods Park
- Glenashton Boulevard at Morrison Valley North Trail system
- Grand Boulevard at Sheridan Valley Park (only if funds allow)

In advance of the crossing, enhanced lane narrowing pavement markings and advance warning signs will alert motorists of the upcoming crossing location and about the raised landscaped, concrete island in the centre of the road. As the trails approach the road, warning signs will be posted on both sides of the roadway to inform trail users to stop, dismount and yield to oncoming traffic.

On roads less than nine metres wide where the existing road platform is not wide enough to place a raised concrete island, the mid-block crossing treatment will have enhanced advance lane narrowing, markings, and signage to alert motorists to the upcoming crossing location as well as signage on the trails.

“I hope this initiative will reduce the speed of traffic at these trail crossings,” said Councillor Max Khan, “making it safer for both trail users and motorists.”

While you still must stop and wait for a break in traffic, the mid-block trail crossing will make it easier for motorists to slow down and see you. Construction of the five (and possibly six) locations in Ward 6, including landscaping of the islands, is expected to be completed by the spring of 2009.
FALL EVENTS AT IROQUOIS RIDGE LIBRARY

BUSINESS WORKSHOPS
Business professionals will find a lot going on at our Iroquois Ridge branch in November. A free career workshop called “Building Relationships for Your Future: When Self-Promotion is a Good Thing” will run on Tuesday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in partnership with The Centre for Skills Development and Training. Register by calling The Centre for Skills Development and Training at 905-845-1157 ext. 121 or e-mail andronica@thecentre.on.ca.

On Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m., the Iroquois Ridge branch will host “eCommerce”, one of our small business seminars held in partnership with the Halton Region Business Development Centre. The session will help small business owners develop online sales, including reaching target markets.

Cost is $20 and you can register by calling 1-866-4HALTON.

FAMILY STORYTIME
For busy working parents, our free Family Storytime is held every Wednesday evening from 7 - 7:30 p.m. and is a relaxing way to enjoy the library with their children. For those at home during the day, we offer another free Family Storytime on Friday mornings at 9:45 a.m.

TRIM THE TREE!
Drop in to the Iroquois Ridge Branch on Wednesday, December 3rd from 6:30 – 8 p.m. and enjoy holiday crafts and tree decorating. Bring a friend – we’ll need lots of little hands to make decorations for our tree!

UPDATE ON MIDTOWN OAKVILLE PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT
A public open house was held in early October to help residents get involved in the study that will help shape the new Official Plan for the Midtown Oakville area. Midtown Oakville is the area around the intersection of Trafalgar Road and the QEW. Under this new plan, the existing commercial lands south of Iroquois Shore Road and west of North Service Road will be designated for employment uses, including the former Ramada Inn site at 360 Oakville Place Drive.

The application by Creekbank Properties, for the Ramada Inn site, seeks to rezone the land to a mixed-use development including 900 residential condominium apartment units in three separate buildings. Council has yet to make a formal decision on the project.

Following the provincial Places to Grow plan requirements, the Midtown Oakville urban growth centre will accommodate up to 20,000 jobs and residents by 2031. This is a long-term target, and change will not happen all at once. The purpose of the Midtown Oakville study is to establish new land use policies to guide how we grow in this area.

In the future, the Midtown Oakville area could include public services and commercial, recreational, cultural and entertainment uses. It will accommodate and support major transit infrastructure and serve as a high density major employment centre that will attract provincially, nationally and internationally significant employment uses.

Future buildings will be designed to provide interest and comfort at ground level for pedestrians. Parking lots will be carefully sited to avoid unattractive parking lot views from adjacent residential neighbourhoods and roads. Streets will be designed for the best vehicular circulation and increased future pedestrian use, with good use of trees and transit stops.

NORTH-EAST OAKVILLE RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION
If you have ever encountered an issue that has required you to deal with a company or government organization – you know how frustrating it can be to try to navigate the situation alone.

NEO-RA is the newly-formed North-East Oakville Residents’ Association serving residents in Ward 6 Oakville. NEO-RA helps your community by:
- Gaining access to and disseminating information
- Anticipating potential issues of common interest to residents
- Addressing issues of common interest on behalf of residents
- Being ready to act when issues that affect the community arise

Don’t be alone. Join and support NEO-RA to help give your community an effective voice for its interests within the Town of Oakville, the Region of Halton and the Province of Ontario.

For more information go to www.neora.org or email us at membership@neora.org.

GREEN BIN PROGRAM A SUCCESS THANKS TO YOU AND YOU AND YOU!
As you know, the Region of Halton implemented changes to solid waste collection in April, including increasing the frequency of blue box collection, implementing the organics collection process and reducing the frequency of residual garbage collection. These changes have helped to preserve Halton’s limited landfill space, and your continued support has helped to increase the diversion rate of garbage from the landfill to over 60% from the 43% prior to these changes. This will mean that the Halton landfill will have a longer remaining life at the end of this term of council than we started with at the beginning of this term of council. Thank you for helping to make this happen.
NEW SOCCER FIELDS AT GLENASHTON PARK

As any soccer parent knows, local soccer fields can be hard to find. The Parks, Recreation and Culture department has undertaken a master plan to help address the shortage of soccer fields in Oakville. Part of the implementation includes construction of two new soccer fields in Glenashton Park, located on Kestell Boulevard. The new fields will be mini fields that will cater to the growing number of younger soccer players. These fields at Glenashton, as well as other larger standard-size fields in other parts of the town, will open in the spring of 2009. In addition to pick-up games, the fields will be used extensively by the Oakville Soccer Club. “I am pleased about this soccer field project and eager to see other recreational facilities in Ward 6,” said Councillor Max Khan.

UPDATE ON SCHOOL PLANNING FOR CORONATION ROAD

As residents walk their dogs down Coronation Road or pass by on their drive home, they may be wondering what is happening with the empty lot on the west side of Coronation Road between Kestell and North Ridge Trail.

This parcel of land was set aside for use by the Halton District Catholic School Board to build an elementary school. Currently, the land is in two parts owned by two different developers and negotiations are underway regarding the pricing of the land.

The construction of the school, expected to start in 2010 or 2011, will depend on having sufficient number of students in place in order for the Ministry of Education to decide on the funding for the project.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR SNOW WINDROW REMOVAL PROGRAM

Registration starts on October 15 for the Town’s Driveway Snow Windrow Removal Program - a user-paid service for seniors and residents with disabilities.

“Windrows are the piles of slushy snow that snowplows inadvertently leave at the end of driveways,” said Ward 6 Councillor Tom Adams. “To aid seniors and physically challenged residents in removing windrows, the Town of Oakville and Links2Care are again offering a windrow removal service this winter.”

Registration for the 2008-2009 winter seasons runs until November 28, with the program ready for implementation the week of December 1. All registrants are reminded to bring identification, residents with disabilities are asked to bring a doctor’s note when they register. A user fee of $50 applies to help offset the costs of delivering the windrow program.

The service will be initiated every time a snowfall exceeds 10 cm (4 inches) and will be provided within 12-hours after the plowing of all roads throughout town has been completed first.

“This program is a great resource for many members of our community,” added Ward 6 Councillor Max Khan. “It contributes to the safety and independence of seniors and people with disabilities across Oakville.”

To register, application forms must be completed in person at the Links2Care office at 250 Wyecroft Road, Unit 2. The office is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; applications will be accepted until November 28th.

For more information call Links2Care at 905-338-SNOW (7669) or visit the Snow Removal page at www.oakville.ca.
Mayor Rob Burton delivered the second annual Status Report on the Town’s Strategic Plan to Council on September 29th. Calling the Council’s four-year plan “a powerful strategy for success,” the Mayor said Council is getting so much done “because we’ve become so good at working together.”

Council’s work on creating the new Official Plan for Oakville’s future was singled out by the Mayor for praise. “Public input and feedback are reinforcing our understanding of the public’s concerns about growth and how to control it,” the Mayor said. “Together we are creating a plan that will control growth so we can maintain our stable neighbourhoods and our Town’s strong sense of community.”

The Mayor gave other examples of Council’s progress in fulfilling its plan. A new Library in Clearview, a new transit terminal in the Uptown Core and 16 new buses were just a few of the items showcased as achievements in the past two years. New projects that are underway – including a state-of-the-art sports park, a new youth centre and the Town’s first indoor soccer facility – gave a glimpse of what the community will gain in the next two years.

The Mayor said Council’s vision is about more than today’s residents. “It’s for our children, their children and the generations that will come after them. Because what we plan and what we plant, and what we put into place over the next few years will be inherited by them.”

Council has directed a shift of key focal points for the year ahead in the Plan, the Mayor noted, “to enhancing the social, cultural, and fiscal environment, as well as the environmental sustainability of all our programs and services, while continuing to stress enhancing the natural environment and keeping programs and services fiscally sustainable.”

A copy of the speech is available at www.oakville.ca. You can also view a recording of the report by visiting Town TV on our website and locating the September 29th Council meeting.
Ten new acres of parking on Speers Road will expand Bronte GO Station’s parking by 800 spots, giving a boost to employment and transit, Mayor Rob Burton announced today.

The GO system was able to purchase the land after Mayor Burton persuaded Oakville businessman Bill Cooper Sr. to sell the land instead of build on it.

“It’s the kind of thing where the long range goal of the Town’s future economic development outweighs a short term approach,” Mr. Cooper said.

A pedestrian access tunnel under the rail lines will give GO passengers access to the future Speers Road parking area.

“GO has acted to serve the residents of Oakville as quickly as possible,” Gary McNeil, Managing Director of GO Transit, said. “We know that this new parking will be well received. It’s all part of our move to build for the future and provide more GO services to the public.”

With the most successful Mayor’s Invitation Golf Tournament on record and a strong effort over the summer, the United Way of Oakville’s “One Town, One Heart, One Way” campaign is off to a flying start.

“Unable to hit its goals in the past two years and with an ambitious goal of $3.41 million this year, we need all hands on deck to help the United Way of Oakville reverse its fortunes,” Mayor Rob Burton said.

“We need to work together to help the United Way of Oakville meet the needs of our community. To help, I am making myself and the leaders of the Town’s employee-led workplace campaign available to companies that want to create their own employee-led workplace campaigns,” the Mayor said. “This is the proven way to do best.”

The employees of the Town of Oakville have been raising money for the United Way for more than a decade, but it wasn’t until the campaign switched to an employee-led model that the Town was able to double its fundraising success.

The Town is willing to work with other employers in the community to emulate this success throughout Oakville. The Town is doing its part in supporting the United Way of Oakville and is reaching out for everyone to do the same.

The Mayor is always happy to discuss the Town’s program. Please call him at 905-338-4173.
NEW BY-LAW TO PROTECT TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Following an extensive, two-year public consultation process, Council has approved a Private Tree Protection By-law for the Town of Oakville to mitigate any potential clear-cutting. The Private Tree Protection By-law came into effect Wednesday, October 1, 2008.

“What we have come up with is a by-law that fights clear-cutting and protects mature trees without getting in the way of homeowners who are already effective stewards of their own trees,” Oakville Mayor Rob Burton said. “It also allows us to assess our progress toward achieving the Town’s goal of a 40 per cent tree canopy by 2057. This by-law brings us yet another step closer to that goal.”

According to the new by-law, no permit is required to remove trees smaller than 20 centimetres (8”) in diameter. Homeowners are allowed to remove up to four healthy trees measuring between 20 and 76 centimetres (8” and 30”) in diameter, within a calendar year, by completing a no-fee notification form available from the Town. If one is removing a dead or dying tree, confirmation from a tree service company or copy of work order will suffice, or a no-fee arborist certificate available from the Town is required.

To remove more than four trees, property owners must apply for a permit at a cost of $200 per tree for each tree removal after the first four. The fee for the permit increases to $500 for any tree greater than 76 centimetres (more than 30 inches) in diameter, recognizing that mature trees perform a critical role in providing natural habitat, tree canopy and pollution reduction, and so require additional protection.

Contraventions of the by-law can result in fines ranging from $500. The by-law also features an appeal process for homeowners wanting to appeal a decision to deny a permit. Appeals will be heard by Council through the Community Services Committee. A separate appeal fee of $200 per tree is applicable, however this fee will be refunded to successful appellants. Proceeds from permit fees will help fund a tree protection program, including administration, educational programs and public tree plantings.

To view the approved by-law visit the Tree Protection on Private Property web page at www.oakville.ca.
## TOWN COUNCIL’S 4 YEAR WORK PLAN
(Progress To Date, Key Events and Future Plans)

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