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LIVABLE OAKVILLE UPDATE

After Council unanimously adopted the new Livable Oakville Official Plan on June 22, 2009, the Plan was submitted to Halton Region for approval.

Town staff is working with regional staff to finalize a set of modifications to the plan. Once complete, a draft list of modifications will be brought forward in a report to the Planning and Development Council. Once the modifications are endorsed by Council, the Region is expected to approve the Livable Oakville Plan.

A 20-day appeal period will follow the approval, which is expected this fall.

Livable Oakville accommodates the growth mandate outlined by the provincial government while preserving the character of our established neighbourhoods, protecting our parks and woodlands, diversifying our land use and making the most of our employment areas.

“Council and town staff are proud of Livable Oakville and the thorough public consultation process we conducted during its creation,” Mayor Rob Burton said. “Over 100 public meetings were held in the past two years, and together with our residents we’ve created a strong, defensible plan to control growth in our community.”

LET’S TALK...

Welcome to the fifth issue of Let’s Talk Oakville, Council’s town-wide newsletter. 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. This issue provides a recap of what happened in the town this summer and fall, and what’s coming up in the winter. Look for our next issue in the new year. If you have any questions or comments on any town business we’d like to hear them at council@oakville.ca or mayor@oakville.ca.

MORE ONLINE

Go to www.oakville.ca for everything you need to know about the Town of Oakville. Note the expanded access to more information at www.oakville.ca/mayor.

NEW TO TOWN?

The Oakville Newcomers Club offers women fun, friendship and community involvement. Please visit online at www.oakvillenewcomersclub.com or call 905-827-3496.

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 make sure you get the courteous and timely response we want you to have, there are two easy access numbers you can use.

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

DIALING 311 gives you quick access to all government services within Halton including the Region, the town and the school boards.

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 your Councillors, or copy us when you call or write to staff. Your Mayor and Council always welcome direct contact.
WORK BEGINS ON THE NEW COMMUNITIES OF OAKVILLE

This past August marked the beginning of the development of the New Communities of Oakville, north of Dundas Street. Trinison Management Corporation broke ground on the first new neighbourhood, near Neyagawa Road and Dundas Street, and the process of transferring the first portion of the Natural Heritage System (NHS) — 900 hectares of woodlands, marsh, ravine and open fields that will be preserved as development moves forward — into the public domain began.

“Transferring land in our Natural Heritage System to the public domain will ensure it is preserved for generations to come,” Mayor Burton said. “The New Communities of Oakville will be walkable, transit-friendly, new urbanist neighbourhoods, connected by this system of woodlands and green space.”

When the New Communities of Oakville are complete in approximately 25 years, the area north of Dundas Street bordered by Ninth Line, Highway 407 and Bronte Road will be home to approximately 50,000 people, and as much as 35,000 will also work there thanks to mixed-use development that will include retail and office space. The new communities will be connected by the NHS.

NEW DEVELOPMENT CHARGES
MAKE GROWTH PAY FULL LEGAL SHARE

In developing Livable Oakville, Council and town staff listened to residents and made financial sustainability one of the plan’s guiding principles. This past August, Council passed a new development charge by-law that makes sure growth pays its full legal share of the cost of the infrastructure needed to support it by increasing the town’s development charge for new single family residential units by 63 per cent.

As Oakville grows, new roads, sewers and facilities will be needed, along with repairs to existing infrastructure.

Development charges protect taxpayers from bearing the financial burden of these needs.

The new development charge by-law makes sure that in the end, most of the cost of new development is paid by developers, allowing the town to focus on building new facilities, providing better transit, and improving services for all residents, whether they’ve lived here for one year or twenty.

For a detailed look at the benefits of the new development charges, see page 27.

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 3, 2010
Town Hall, South Atrium, 1225 Trafalgar Road
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Come enjoy light refreshments as we welcome in the new year!
As we enter the final quarter of 2009, Council can look back on a productive year. We delivered our new official plan, Livable Oakville, which will guide development while preserving our existing neighbourhoods. We delivered new development charge by-laws for both the town and the Region of Halton that ensure developers, not residents, pay for the costs of growth. And we are delivering new and improved municipal infrastructure as we continue to strive to make Oakville the most livable town in Canada.

The infrastructure projects include the expansion of the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant, the expansion of the Mid-Halton Wastewater Treatment Plant, the nearly completed Burloak Water Treatment Plant, and working with the region to move forward on the Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park development.

You will also have noticed that the QEW/Bronte Road interchange is taking shape. It will certainly ease the flow of traffic once complete. Improvements to Speers Road are also moving forward. The section from Bronte Road to Third Line will undergo rehabilitation and upgrading in 2010.

Renovations have started on the QE Park Community Centre and we can look forward to using the expanded space in the not too distant future. And finally, we have introduced an expanded bus system to better cater to Oakville’s residents.

Thank you for your continued feedback — it is important to me. Please contact me with your comments, ideas, or concerns.

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In the spring edition of Let’s Talk Oakville, I wrote that the Bronte Village Mall application would undergo public consultation beginning on September 16. We are now well underway. The first Council meeting concerning the application is scheduled for this fall.

The application falls under the guidelines of the previous official plan and as we progress it will be important that both the developer and the town listen to everyone’s viewpoints and work closely to determine what is best for the Bronte community.

Council’s newly approved Oakville development charge by-law came into effect on August 31, 2009. This is part of my commitment to my constituents. The town’s by-law will generate $625.9 million in revenue to fund new facilities to 2018 and new road infrastructure to 2031.

The QE Park Community Centre has received final Council approval for the funding required for all internal renovations and the revised and downsized parking lot. Our new community centre has been a long time in coming, but we are looking forward to the projected reopening in early 2012.

I trust that everyone is busy preparing for the upcoming holiday season. Best wishes to everyone and, as always, please call me anytime.

EXCITING AND HOT OFF THE WIRE
The four older buildings on the north side of Lakeshore Road east of Jones Street and west of Nelson Street in Bronte were purchased on October 21 by Baskovic Holdings. The new owner tells me that he has no plans for redevelopment, but that he will leave everything as two stories and will completely renovate the second floor apartments and the existing street level retail stores. He anticipates the front cladding to be stucco.
A WIN FOR THE COMMUNITY

On October 22, 2009, the Town of Oakville and EAD Lakeshore Developments Inc. appeared before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and presented Minutes of Settlement for a 15-lot single detached residential development at 3047 Lakeshore Road West. The developer had previously applied for a 23-unit townhouse development proposal which Council turned down in September 2008. The result of the OMB approving the settlement will be the construction of a new neighbourhood of single detached homes in keeping with the character of the surrounding community.

THE TOWN OF OAKVILLE: ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL

Since becoming law, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) has established mandatory accessibility standards that identify, remove, and prevent barriers for people with disabilities. The Town of Oakville has taken steps to comply with the law’s first standard (Accessible Customer Service), with January 1, 2010 set as the date for compliance. Councillor Ralph Robinson has been the longest-standing member of the Accessibility Advisory Committee created to help reach this goal.

“Our goal is to continue to promote accessibility awareness and ensure that those with disabilities receive a positive customer experience,” said Accessibility Program Coordinator Carol Gall. “We are moving towards compliance with all the regulations of the standard by year-end.”

In addition to making progress on the first standard of the law, the town has also prepared submissions for the Ministry of Community and Social Services’ public review for three other standards: Information and Communication, Employment, and Built Environment.

The AODA applies to every person or organization in the public, broader public, and private sectors of the province of Ontario. The purpose of the AODA is to create a fully accessible Ontario by 2025.

BYC POPULAR WITH LOCAL YOUTH

Just eight months after opening its doors, the Bronte Youth Centre (BYC) has welcomed 300 registered youth to its facility. During the summer, the turnout was no less than amazing, said Kim Lavecchia, the facility’s recreation assistant. With the start of the school year and expanded hours of operation and educational programming, the number of youth using the centre will continue to grow.

The BYC, located at 2296 Lakeshore Road West in the Bronte Plaza (beside Domino’s Pizza), offers drop-in hours and educational programming for youth between the ages of 13 and 19 years.

Educational workshops provided by Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Services (SAVIS) and an animation workshop provided by the Oakville Galleries were also popular summer events this year.

During the school year, the BYC will continue to offer great programming including:

• Free homework help, Tuesday to Thursday, 3 to 4 p.m.
• Y.A.R.D. (Youth in Active Recreational Development) for youth with special needs, Thursdays, 6 to 9 p.m.
• Monthly tournaments of pool, snooker, chess, ping-pong, and foosball, Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m.

For full program details, pick up a copy of the Youth Centre’s Youth Beat newsletter, issued monthly and available at the town’s two youth centres (the Oakville Youth Centre is located at 177 Cross Avenue, Unit 3). For more information, drop by the centre or contact Kim Lavecchia at 905-582-3592 or klavecchia@oakville.ca.

Back to school means back to the BYC for more hours of fun!

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Tues. and Wed. 3 to 8 p.m., Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m.
Fri. and Sat. 3 to 11 p.m.
PROPOSED PLAN FOR BRONTE VILLAGE MALL DISCUSSED AT PUBLIC MEETING

An application to amend the town’s zoning by-law to permit the redevelopment of the Bronte Village Mall for a mixed-use retail, office, and residential development was discussed at a public information meeting on September 16, 2009.

Approximately 60 local area residents joined Councillors Alan Johnston and Ralph Robinson to share their opinions about the proposed plans.

The development would cover five blocks between Lakeshore Road West, Bronte Road, Jones Street and Sovereign Street. Buildings with heights varying from two to four storeys would front onto Lakeshore Road West, containing a food store and other retail uses. One 21-storey building would front onto Bronte Road and two 10-storey and two 8-storey buildings would front onto Sovereign Street.

Town staff is preparing a report to be presented at a public Council meeting in the near future. Council will vote on the application and staff recommendation report at a later date.

For more information, visit www.oakville.ca/ca-bronte-bvmall.htm.

PUBLIC INPUT IS STILL WELCOME.

Questions and comments may be directed to Leigh Musson in the Planning Services department at 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 or by email at lmusson@oakville.ca.

RENOVATIONS BEGIN ON QE PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

On September 8, 2009, phase one of demolition began on the QE Park Community Centre, making way for renovations that will create an updated space for:

- a pool
- three gymnasia
- child minding facilities
- meeting space
- active living space
- a youth centre
- a seniors’ centre
- approximately 54,000 square feet of cultural space including studios, meeting, rehearsal and performance spaces, music rooms, offices, and storage

“This is not an average community centre; QE Park will be a place to showcase and enhance arts and culture in our community,” said Councillor Alan Johnston. “Residents of all ages and interests will enjoy its diverse amenities.”

New construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2010, and the centre is projected to reopen in early 2012. Outdoor and site plan details remain under review and are not yet approved. The town continues to invite community input, which has been so integral to the planning of QE Park Community Centre thus far.

“This community centre is a long-awaited addition to the Bronte community,” said Councillor Ralph Robinson. “We look forward to watching its transformation and its opening.”

The Town of Oakville purchased the former Queen Elizabeth Park School from the Halton District School Board in order to redevelop the facility into a community centre. The plan was part of recommendations made in the Parks, Recreation, Culture, and Library Master Plan approved by Council in June 2006.

While the centre is under construction, aquatic programs have been relocated to other town pools. Visit www.oakville.ca/qeparkpool.htm for details or contact the Recreation and Culture department at 905-338-4250. For updates on construction, visit www.oakville.ca/qepark.htm.

BRONTE OPEN HOUSE AND TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The annual Bronte Village Open House and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Saturday, November 28, 2009. The event, which runs from noon to 5 p.m., officially celebrates the arrival of the holiday season in Bronte and will feature a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus, the 60-member Tempus Choral Society, food, and other entertainment.

Everyone is welcome to join in the fun as Bronte counts down to Christmas during the tree lighting, which will begin at dusk (approximately 5:30 p.m.).

All activities take place in Centriller Square, located at 2416 Lakeshore Road West across the road from the Bronte Village Mall. For more information, contact Ann Sargent, Bronte BIA, at 905-825-3258, email info@brontevillage.net, or visit: Website: www.brontevillage.net Facebook: Bronte Events Oakville MySpace: www.myspace.com/brontebusinessimprovement
## KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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<td>2143111 Ontario Inc. (Bronte Village Mall)</td>
<td>2441 Lakeshore Road West</td>
<td>An application has been received to amend the town’s zoning by-law to permit the redevelopment of the Bronte Village Mall for a mixed-use retail, office, and residential development (451 dwelling units) and a total commercial gross floor area of 14,314 square metres. The development is proposed in five blocks with buildings of 2- to 4-stories fronting onto Lakeshore Road West containing a food store and other retail uses, one 21-storey building fronting onto Bronte Road, and two 10-storey buildings and two 8-storey buildings fronting onto Sovereign Street.</td>
<td>Application is currently in circulation for technical review. Public meeting was held on November 9, 2009.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Amica (Oakville South) Inc.</td>
<td>140, 144, 150, 154, and 158 Bronte Road</td>
<td>Proposed official plan and zoning by-law amendment to allow for the development of a 139-unit seniors retirement building.</td>
<td>Application has been appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). The applicant has appealed the application to the OMB for lack of decision. The OMB hearing is scheduled for November 26, 2009.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>EAD Lakeshore Developments</td>
<td>3047 Lakeshore Road West</td>
<td>Proposed official plan and zoning by-law amendments and condominium and subdivision applications to allow for the development of 24 residential townhouse units accessible by a private condominium roadway.</td>
<td>Application was presented to Planning and Development Council on September 8, 2008. The application was refused by Council. The application was appealed to the OMB. See page six of this newsletter for an update on the OMB hearing.</td>
<td>David Capper 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 <a href="mailto:dcapper@oakville.ca">dcapper@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Great Lakes Business Park Land Trust 1</td>
<td>Southwest corner of Great Lakes Boulevard and Superior Court (Burloak Employment District)</td>
<td>Applicant proposes a zoning by-law amendment seeking permission to amend existing zoning from E2 to E1 and T1, and to realign existing zoning boundaries. The plan of subdivision proposes to create nine blocks and a municipal right of way providing access from Great Lakes Boulevard.</td>
<td>Application is currently in circulation for technical review. Public information meeting held in April 2009. Recommendation report pending. Notice to be provided.</td>
<td>David Capper 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 <a href="mailto:dcapper@oakville.ca">dcapper@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Great Lakes Business Park Land Trust II</td>
<td>Northeast corner of Burloak Drive and Rebecca Street (bounded by Great Lakes Boulevard, Burloak Drive, and Rebecca Street in the Burloak Employment District)</td>
<td>The application proposes the creation of an industrial plan of subdivision containing four blocks. The proposal includes two development blocks, a storm water management facility block, and a woodlot block. The woodlot and storm water management facility blocks are to be dedicated to the town at a future date.</td>
<td>Application is currently in circulation for technical review. Public information meeting held on October 7, 2009. Recommendation report pending. Notice to be provided.</td>
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<td>Moldenhauer Developments</td>
<td>2355-2379 Lakeshore Road West</td>
<td>The applicant is proposing an 8-storey seniors oriented residential building with ground floor retail/commercial uses. Details of the proposal are as follows: an 8-storey building with a total gross floor area of 15,575 square metres; 143 seniors residential units; 1,094 square metres of residential amenity area; 1,643 square metres of ground floor retail/commercial uses; and underground parking for 91 spaces.</td>
<td>Application is currently in circulation for technical review. Application was sent to Planning and Development Council in September 2009. Application was appealed to the OMB. Pre-hearing conference was held on October 14, 2009. The OMB hearing is scheduled to begin on January 6, 2010.</td>
<td>David Capper 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 <a href="mailto:dcapper@oakville.ca">dcapper@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>New Province Homes</td>
<td>South side of Nautical Boulevard, east of Great Lakes Boulevard</td>
<td>Proposed zoning by-law amendment and draft plan of subdivision to allow for the development of 73 detached residential units.</td>
<td>A public hearing has been held with respect to this application. However, Council has not made a decision on the application. The applicant has appealed the application to the OMB for lack of decision. Application was approved by the OMB on April 2, 2009.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Oakville Great Lakes Marketplace (Bousfields Inc.)</td>
<td>Northeast corner of Rebecca Street and Burloak Drive (Burloak Employment District)</td>
<td>Applicant proposes an official plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment seeking permission for retail commercial land uses. The proposal consists of a retail and service commercial development within nine buildings comprised of approximately 12,000 square metres of floor area. A single vehicular access is proposed from Burloak Drive and two are proposed from Rebecca Street.</td>
<td>Application is currently in circulation for technical review. Public information meeting was held in April 2009. Recommendation report pending. Notice to be provided.</td>
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On February 17, 2009, Council passed the following resolution: “That staff be requested to report, no later than June 2009, on various options for Council’s consideration to control the lighting of large parking and community use areas located within residential neighbourhoods in order to minimize the impact on residents.”

On June 29, 2009, Council subsequently approved the staff recommendation to conduct a two-phase municipal lighting strategy study reviewing the town’s current policy and practices concerning outdoor lighting. So what does this mean for area residents?

PART 1: Lighting of Recreational Facilities in Existing Residential Neighbourhoods

The purpose of this initial phase is to provide specific options, guidelines, and policies for evaluating the lighting of new facilities, as well as to address concerns with respect to installing or retrofitting lighting in existing residential neighbourhoods. It applies to publicly-owned outdoor recreational facilities within town parks and open spaces, private schools, public schools, and institutions. The overall objective is to:

• Provide safe use of facilities consistent with field requirements for specific sports
• Effectively use energy resources
• Maintain attractive residential neighbourhoods
• Protect the natural environment
• Minimize financial impact
• Sustain appropriate levels of service

The town anticipates completion of Part 1 by early November 2009.

PART 2: Comprehensive Municipal Lighting Strategy

The purpose of this second phase is to establish an all-encompassing lighting strategy for the town as it relates to each of the following categories:

• Town-owned facilities including, but not limited to, community centres, arenas, pools and open spaces, and municipal parking lots, as well as outdoor recreation amenity lighting for all sports fields, tennis courts, trails, walkways, etc.
• Town and regional streets and boulevards including traffic and pedestrian lighting, transit stops, and active transportation corridors
• Private development and commercial lands that are generally publicly accessible including, but not limited to, commercial buildings, malls and plazas, institutions, schools, and car dealerships

Town staff has recommended that this second phase be deferred to the 2010 Budget Committee for consideration and final approval because it requires significant internal and external resources.

“We welcome the input of residents and stakeholders on the formulation of the strategy,” Councillor Cathy Duddeck said. “We’re committed to being transparent in our process and thorough in our research and consultation.”

For more information, visit www.oakville.ca/lighting.htm. Written comments and questions can be submitted via email to lighting@oakville.ca or faxed to 905-338-4254.
COURAGE BROTHERS AIM FOR $60,000 IN 2010

Trent and Todd Courage launched the Polar Bear Dip 25 years ago in 1985 in a local backyard. Today it takes place every January 1 in Lake Ontario, off the shores of Coronation Park (Lakeshore Road West near Woodhaven Park Drive), and it’s the largest Polar Bear Dip in Canada. In June, Todd and Trent were presented with the Oakville Community Spirit Award (International Award) for their outstanding voluntary contributions to an international initiative or project.

Over the past 14 years, the Courage Brothers’ Polar Bear Dip has raised over $430,000 for World Vision Canada. Last year, 425 people took the plunge while more than 5,000 spectators cheered them on.

The 2009 Polar Bear Dip raised over $55,000 to drill new wells and build reservoirs that will provide clean water to the people of Kahi in Rwanda. The fundraising goal for the 2010 dip is $60,000, which will be used to fund the second half of the Kahi Water Project. In early October, the Courage brothers visited the project with World Vision Canada.

For more information about the Dip, call 905-469-6677 or 1-800-COURAGE, or visit www.polarbeardip.ca.

A UNIFIED VOICE: YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATIONS

Residents’ associations are a terrific way to build relationships among neighbours, but they also facilitate communication between residents and their local governments. Members come together to share ideas and work cooperatively to make their neighbourhoods a better place, whether dealing with land-use issues, structural improvements, or crime prevention.

Residents’ associations are encouraged to register with the Clerk’s department at the Town of Oakville. Associations that register with the town receive agendas by mail if desired (this information is also available on the town’s website), are notified of upcoming planning applications in their wards, and their association’s updated contact information is posted on the town’s website. To register your association, please call 905-845-6601, ext. 3161 or email townclerk@oakville.ca.

The following residents’ associations in Ward 2 have registered with the town:

CORONATION PARK RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION
Boundaries: East of Third Line, west of Woodhaven Park, south of Hixon Street to Lake Ontario
Contact: Pamela Knight, 905-827-4641

SOUTHWEST CENTRAL OAKVILLE RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION (SCORA)
Boundaries: Maurice Drive to Fourth Line, south of Mary Street to Lake Ontario
Update: SCORA is currently focusing its efforts on the redevelopment of the St. Thomas Aquinas High School property. While they support the project overall, residents are concerned about intrusive field lights, excessive parking, and the loss of green space.
To learn more, visit www.scora.ca.

WEST KERR VILLAGE RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION (WKVRA)
Boundaries: The “West Kerr Village” area from Kerr Street to Dorval Drive and the QEW to Lakeshore Road (with the exception of a small segment west of Brock Street and south of Rebecca Street that is part of the WHRA)
Update: After a blissfully quiet summer, the WKVRA is working to grow its membership and to build a stronger association. Residents continue to work on several issues, including the revitalization of Kerr Village and the proposed methadone clinic on Kerr Street. For more information, visit www.wkvra.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.
Update: Like their counterparts, WRRA members are actively working with local officials to address the proposed methadone clinic on Kerr Street. Visit www.wrra-oakville.ca to learn more about ongoing initiatives in this neighbourhood.

WEST RIVER RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATION (WRRA)
Boundaries: Kerr Street east to Sixteen Mile Creek, north of Rebecca Street to Shepherd Road
Update: Like their counterparts, WRRA members are actively working with local officials to address the proposed methadone clinic on Kerr Street. Visit www.wrra-oakville.ca to learn more about ongoing initiatives in this neighbourhood.
NEW MAYOR’S ADVISORY GROUP FORMED TO IMPROVE PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Ward 2 Councillor Cathy Duddeck is leading one of the five Mayor’s Advisory Groups (MAGs) recently created by Mayor Rob Burton: Uniform Public Notification. Its primary purpose is to look at opportunities to increase public involvement in town initiatives by standardizing and ultimately enhancing communications.

“The residents of Oakville have expressed concern regarding the public notification process and the timely sharing of information,” said Councillor Duddeck. “This particular advisory group is a vehicle for people from all wards to provide feedback about the current procedures and to offer suggestions for improvement.”

MAGs are focus groups that enable councillors to collect information on chosen topics and then deliver their findings and recommendations to the Mayor.

“I look forward to working with all parties and I am confident we can improve our public notification standards,” Councillor Duddeck said.

Four other MAGs will report on Sustainability, Consumer Waste (specifically plastic bags and bottles), Natural Trail Standards, and Arts and Culture Economic Development Opportunities (also known as “Creative Oakville”).

The Uniform Public Notification MAG met for the first time on Wednesday, October 28.

For more information, please contact Councillor Duddeck at 905-845-8374 or email cduddeck@oakville.ca.

KERR STREET MINISTRIES’ DREAM CENTRE: BUILDING HOPE IN THE COMMUNITY BRICK BY BRICK

Located in the heart of Oakville, Kerr Street Ministries (KSM) gives support to Oakville’s most vulnerable citizens and serves individuals in need from everywhere in Halton region.

KSM has operated successfully for the past ten years and serves more than 1,800 people at any given time. The small staff and 300-plus volunteers at KSM have outgrown their current space, but thanks to the generosity of local churches, service organizations, businesses, corporations, and individual contributors, construction of a 19,000 square foot, $4.5 million Dream Centre is currently underway.

“The demand for our services has never been higher,” said KSM Executive Director Benjamin Ward. “Our ultimate goal is to break the cycle of poverty and to assist children, youth and adults in pursuing productive lives. We offer support, guidance, safety and comfort, but most of all, we strive to restore dignity to those who accept our help.”

The new two-storey facility, slated to be completed in May 2010, will include a full gymnasium for sports leadership development programs, performing arts studios for musical development, a full computer lab for literacy, numeracy and life skills training, and the KSM food bank. As well, a fully-equipped Longo’s kitchen will serve meals to the needy.

“The Dream Centre will be especially valuable to our at-risk youth,” Ward said. “A lack of recreational activities, after-school programs and supervision almost always increases the incidence of crime and raises the high school drop-out rate.”

Construction of the Dream Centre officially began on August 17, 2009. At present, $3.6 million has been raised. This figure includes a grant of $182,960.82 from the Region of Halton and a grant of approximately $142,000 from the Town of Oakville. The Longo Family Foundation donated more than $85,000 to support the planned Longo’s kitchen, and the Mayor’s Invitational Gala Reception on September 11 raised $490,000 to add to the $107,000 raised by the Mayor’s Invitational Softball Tournament this past July.

KSM still needs an additional $900,000 to complete the project.

For more information, visit www.kerrstreet.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 7.7 per cent of Oakville’s residents live below the poverty level*
- The number of people living below the poverty level almost doubles in the Kerr Street area (up to 14.2 per cent)*
- 19 per cent of the families within the Kerr Street community are single-parent**
- 20.1 per cent of those 25 years and older have not completed their high school education***

** Source: Kerr Street Ministries Brochure - “To Give Hope For The Future.”
WARD 2 - ON THE ROAD AGAIN

The following summer and fall road work projects have been completed:

- A northbound right-hand turning lane at Kerr Street and Speers Road
- Rehabilitation of the Shepherd Road Bridge over Speers Road
- Construction on Fourth Line between Wyecroft Road and the North Service Road
- Crescent Road conversion from “tar and chip” to “hot-mix asphalt” surface from Queen Mary Drive to Highland Road
- “Hot-mix asphalt” paving on Tracina Drive from Hixon Street to Warland Road

Road work still underway:

- Halton Region construction at Speers Road and Dorval Drive, including water main replacement, road widening, and traffic signal and intersection upgrades (scheduled for completion by 2010)
- Extensive re-patching on Speers Road west of Morden Road (scheduled for completion by 2010)

For a complete listing of current town road projects, please visit www.oakville.ca/roadstudies.htm and www.oakville.ca/roadupdates.htm. Further questions may also be directed to the Engineering and Construction department at 905-845-6601, ext. 3398 or email publicworks@oakville.ca.

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<td>Town of Oakville: town-initiated official plan amendment</td>
<td>Elmwood Parkette: Elmwood Road</td>
<td>Re-designation of property from parkland to residential low density.</td>
<td>Approved by Council on May 25, 2009.</td>
<td>Rob Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 <a href="mailto:rthun@oakville.ca">rthun@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School</td>
<td>Corner of Dorval Drive and Rebecca Street</td>
<td>New high school.</td>
<td>Final approval, except for sports field lighting. Will be re-submitted to Site Plan Committee at a future date.</td>
<td>Philip Wiersma 905-845-6601, ext. 3795 <a href="mailto:pwiersma@oakville.ca">pwiersma@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Empire Communities</td>
<td>Corner of Speers Road and Kerr Street</td>
<td>Two condominium towers – 10 and 14 storeys: 214 units with grade-level commercial uses.</td>
<td>Revised plan approved by Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). Sales centre granted conditional approval.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>John Matas: Westdale Development Corporation</td>
<td>140 Rebecca Street</td>
<td>Residential townhouses: 16 units.</td>
<td>Conditional approval granted by OMB on June 23, 2009.</td>
<td>Philip Wiersma 905-845-6601, ext. 3795 <a href="mailto:pwiersma@oakville.ca">pwiersma@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Go West Realty Ltd.</td>
<td>16 Lakeshore Road West</td>
<td>Addition to existing one-storey commercial building to create 3-storey office building.</td>
<td>Site plan file deferred due to tree removal issue. Applicant to meet with resident to reach agreement.</td>
<td>Christina Tizzard 905-845-6601, ext. 3266 <a href="mailto:ctizzard@oakville.ca">ctizzard@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Moldenhauer Developments</td>
<td>Lakeshore Road: between Brock and Brant Streets</td>
<td>16 storeys: 165 units with grade-level commercial space and two blocks of 3-storey townhouses.</td>
<td>OMB hearing scheduled for April 12, 2010.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Leighbirk Developments Inc.</td>
<td>Speers Road (north side) and Kerr Street (west side)</td>
<td>Three buildings, ranging from 12 to 18 storeys with townhouse units at base of taller buildings.</td>
<td>Review temporarily suspended. Awaiting outcome of new official plan.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>JRB Design</td>
<td>42 Lakeshore Road West</td>
<td>Land re-development: commercial uses at grade-level, 21 residential apartment units, preservation of heritage building and magnolia tree, 4-storey podium with fifth storey terraced from fourth floor.</td>
<td>Public information meeting and public meeting held. Recommendation report sent to Planning and Development Council on October 13, 2009.</td>
<td>David Capper 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 <a href="mailto:dcapper@oakville.ca">dcapper@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Nexus Holdings Inc.</td>
<td>409 and 417 Lakeshore Road West (addresses reassigned as 104-128 Paliser Court)</td>
<td>13 detached dwellings with a common road giving access to each.</td>
<td>Approved: condo registered.</td>
<td>David Capper 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 <a href="mailto:dcapper@oakville.ca">dcapper@oakville.ca</a></td>
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Summer 2009 went by in the blink of an eye and here we are well into the fall season already! In this edition of *Let’s Talk Oakville*, we hope you’ll find news you can use. We’ve included loose leaf pickup schedules and reminders about snow removal. We hope to see you downtown at one of the many special events planned over the next couple of months — and don’t forget to watch out for our new Village Constable Les Baylis.

We know you want to hear about the Ontario Power Authority’s recent decision to award a contract to TransCanada Energy to build and operate a power plant in our community. Check out the article on page 29.

Both Town Council and Halton Regional Council are working on their respective budgets for 2010. The Region has set a challenging target of a zero per cent increase in its budget, while preserving the services that you value. Check the local print media, www.oakville.ca, and www.halton.ca for opportunities to provide your own suggestions to both councils.

As always, we want to hear from you about what’s published here and what you’d like to see in future editions. Please contact us with your feedback.

**DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE STRATEGIC REVIEW**

Characterized by its historic business district, active cultural facilities, and heritage neighbourhoods, downtown Oakville is an important cultural anchor for all of Oakville. Its shops and restaurants fulfill local residents’ daily needs, and it’s also the venue for popular shopping and entertainment events that attract a great number of visitors from outside of town.

In order to maintain and enhance these qualities, the town has initiated the Downtown Oakville Strategic Review. Town staff are working on the terms of reference for the review and a background document on facts about downtown Oakville.

The next phase of the review will be brought forward this fall and your input will be important. For more information visit www.oakville.ca or contact Kirk Biggar in the Planning Services department at 905-845-6601, ext. 3968 or by email at kbiggar@oakville.ca.
SEE WHAT’S UP IN YOUR DOWNTOWN

Friday, November 20
OFFICIAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
Join Mayor Rob Burton and the Salvation Army Band at 7 p.m. in the Town Square. Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves will treat everyone to hot apple cider. It’s a perfect way to celebrate the holiday season in beautiful downtown Oakville.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
OAKVILLE SANTA CLAUS PARADE
Like a trusted friend, this event never disappoints. The parade starts its route through downtown Oakville at 9:00 a.m. Grab your spot early!

November 28 to December 20
HOLIDAY MAGIC IN DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE
It’s holiday shopping at its best. Strolling caroller quartets and festive horse-drawn wagon rides with Santa delight shoppers along historic Lakeshore Road every weekend.

“GREEN” LIGHTS MAKE DOWNTOWN SPARKLE

Last November, as part of phase one of the Do it GREEN Downtown initiative, all 207 snowflake lights in downtown Oakville were converted from incandescent lights to LED, reducing their energy consumption by 80 per cent.

In April 2009, to celebrate Earth Day, the Downtown Oakville BIA converted all the incandescent twinkle lights on Lakeshore Road East to energy-saving LED.

For more information, visit www.oakvilledowntown.com or call the BIA office at 905-844-4520.

CLEARVIEW LIBRARY MOVING TO NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Clearview branch of the Oakville Public Library has been an outstanding success, with use increasing by leaps and bounds. Circulation for 2009 is already up 41 per cent over last year.

Starting in the fall of 2010, look for the Clearview branch in its new home at the new public elementary school in Clearview. The more central location at 2860 Kingsway Drive (at Chalfield Drive) will be easier for Clearview residents to access. Until then, the Clearview branch will continue to provide the same great services in its current location at 1148 Winston Churchill Boulevard (at Sheridan Garden Drive). For more information, visit www.opl.on.ca or call 905-815-2033.

WARD THREE RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATIONS

If you want to be more informed and involved in your community and you’re interested in preserving the qualities you like most about your neighbourhood, get involved with your local residents’ association. Find the one in your area and get in touch.

Chartwell Maple Grove Residents’ Association (CMGRA)
Doug Mackenzie - 905-844-5652 - www.cmgra.org

Clearview Oakville Community Alliance (COCA)
Laura Mang - 905-829-1069 - www.ourclearview.org

Joshua Creek Ratepayers’ Inc. (JCRI)
Ron Fiorelli - 905-844-1955 - www.joshuacreek.org

Oakville Lakeside Ratepayers’ Association (OLRA)
Joseph Sarnecki - 905-849-7577 - www.oakvillelra.ca

Trafalgar Chartwell Residents’ Association (TCRA)
Nick Hutchins - 905-849-8259 - www.tcra.ca
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OAKVILLE ARTS COUNCIL PROVIDES SUPPORT AND SERVICE

Looking to hire a photographer, commission a painted mural for your home, or find theatre classes for your children? Are you a local group searching for help with operations or finding funding?

For more than 30 years, the Oakville Arts Council (OAC) has supported Oakville artists and today it serves as the primary source for information related to the arts. The OAC currently represents more than 300 groups, businesses, and individual artists and promotes and supports the arts through a variety of services.

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY
This service provides contacts for local arts groups, businesses, and individual artists who offer classes, commissions, and more.

BROCHURE RACK PROGRAM
The OAC literature racks are located at five strategic locations across town (Hopedale Mall, Oakville Place Shopping Centre, Central Library Adult Collection, Sobeys on Cornwall Road at Maple Grove Drive, and the OAC Office) and contain information about arts activities happening in the community.

ARTS ABOUT TOWN
The OAC publishes the only arts magazine in Oakville that covers all the arts disciplines. Arts About Town has stories on local artists, arts groups, and relevant issues to the arts community as well as a detailed calendar of local events.

STARS AMONG US OAKVILLE ARTS AWARDS
One of the most exciting events of the year is the Stars Among Us Oakville arts awards and gala. This annual red carpet event showcases local talent and enables individual artists with a cash award.

To learn more about the OAC, visit www.oakvillearts.com.

LEAF COLLECTION AND SNOW REMOVAL

DATE ZONE
October 19 to 23 5, 6, 7, 9
October 26 to 30 1, 3, 4, 10
November 2 to 6 6, 7
November 9 to 13 4, 5, 9
November 16 to 20 1, 3, 10, 8
November 23 to 27 4, 5, 6, 7, A
November 30 to December 4 1, 3, 9, 10

For information about zone numbers and loose leaf pickup in your neighbourhood, please visit www.oakville.ca/looseleaf.htm or contact the town at 905-338-4392 or roadsandworks@oakville.ca.

Please ensure that all loose leaves are placed on the boulevard or on the road's shoulder, not over catchbasins or in ditches, and that the piles contain only leaves.

Halton Region accepts the following as yard waste:
• leaves
• pumpkins
• sticks and twigs
• tree trimmings
• decorative cornstalks
• fallen fruit from trees
• yard and garden trimmings

Help us get rid of snow quickly and safely by:
• Removing snow from fire hydrants and drainage catchbasins near your property
• Piling snow on the right side of your driveway (when facing the road) when shovelling to minimize the height of the windrow created by the snowplow
• Parking vehicles in the driveway when possible.

Remember that vehicles are prohibited from parking on town streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. from November 15 to April 15.

For more information, please visit www.oakville.ca/snowremoval.htm or call the snow removal information telephone line at 905-815-5999.

WINDROW SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM
The town has once again partnered with Links2Care Oakville to provide windrow snow removal service for seniors and individuals with physical disabilities. The program cost is $50 for the season and registration for this program runs from October 19 to November 27, 2009. The program starts on November 30 and runs until April 2, 2010. Registration must be done in person during the registration dates at Links2Care, 250 Wyecroft Road, Unit 2. Applications and information are available online at www.links2care.ca/seniors.php and www.oakville.ca/snowremoval.htm, or by calling Links2Care at 905-338-7669.
KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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<td>Dominic D’Urzo</td>
<td>418 Chartwell Road</td>
<td>To create five residential lots.</td>
<td>Under review.</td>
<td>David Capper</td>
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<td>Edgemere Estates Limited</td>
<td>1502 Lakeshore Road East at Maple Grove Drive</td>
<td>To build 10 residential buildings of 2.5 storeys, each containing three units.</td>
<td>Application under appeal. Town and applicant have reached a settlement.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson</td>
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<td>Kanef Group of Companies</td>
<td>2680 Sheridan Garden Drive</td>
<td>To remove existing service station kiosk and canopy and replace with a car wash and service station kiosk.</td>
<td>Under review.</td>
<td>Brenda Stan</td>
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<td>Greywalls Development Company Inc.</td>
<td>167 Navy Street (old Red Cross building)</td>
<td>To permit a 7-storey, 6-unit residential building.</td>
<td>Application under appeal.</td>
<td>Brenda Stan</td>
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<td>445312 Ontario Limited</td>
<td>104-114 Robinson Street (Robinson / Water / Navy Streets)</td>
<td>To allow the site to be developed for a 13-unit apartment building.</td>
<td>Expected to go before Town Council this fall.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson</td>
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<td>Melrose Investments Inc. and Rosehaven Homes Limited</td>
<td>153 &amp; 157 Reynolds Street</td>
<td>To develop a 9-storey, 28-unit apartment building.</td>
<td>Application under appeal.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles</td>
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<td>Melrose Investments Inc. and Rosehaven Homes Limited</td>
<td>132 &amp; 136 Allan Street</td>
<td>To develop an 11-storey, 44-unit residential condominium building.</td>
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<td>Brenda Stan</td>
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<td>Melrose Investments Inc. and Rosehaven Homes Limited</td>
<td>296, 300 &amp; 312 Randall Street, 293 Church Street</td>
<td>To develop a 3- to 6-storey mixed-use project containing ground floor retail, two floors of office space, and three floors of residential housing comprised of 36 dwelling units.</td>
<td>Under review.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson</td>
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In the spring edition of *Let's Talk Oakville*, we highlighted examples of important planning decisions that were directly influenced by residents who spoke out and got involved.

Well, you’ve done it again. Over the past few months, an overwhelming number of taxpayers made their opinions known regarding the issue of development charges in Halton Region.

As a result, on July 15, Regional Council voted unanimously to pass a plan that ensures that the regional roads, water, and wastewater infrastructure that is required to support growth in Halton is paid for by the development industry and not by existing taxpayers.

Government seems to work best when citizens are informed and involved. As your representatives on Council, we believe that government should do everything in its power to ensure that it remains open, accountable, and transparent to the public.

That's why we support the creation of a lobbyist registry for Halton Region.

You might be aware of a recent proposal that came before Regional Council to create an online, searchable registry that would make public any communication between councillors and/or staff and paid lobbyists. Regional staff studied the request and recommended that Regional Council “approve in principle the establishment of a lobbyist registry pursuant to section 223.9 of the *Municipal Act.*”

We were disappointed that the Administration and Finance Committee did not endorse the staff recommendation at their meeting on September 9. However, the issue was hotly debated at the council meeting on September 16 and the majority of councillors eventually voted in favour of a plan to research the matter further.

Your Ward 4 councillors believe the public has a right to know which companies are lobbying which councillors or senior staff — whether it be at a council meeting or social event, on the phone, by email, or in a private meeting. It’s our opinion that such a registry would provide a service to the public and keep everyone accountable. What do you think? Let us know.

There are many issues of concern at the local level as well including a plan for the installation of lights on the outdoor track at St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School. The town is pleased with the Ontario Municipal Board’s (OMB) decision on November 2 confirming that the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) must seek site plan approval from the town for the construction of field lighting on a sports field at Loyola.

Fall is a busy time for most families but making even a small effort to stay informed about the issues we face as a community can make a big difference in the long run. Let us know about the issues that concern you.
TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES PROVE EFFECTIVE

How do we keep pedestrians safe when education, signage, and enforcement fail to slow drivers down, especially in front of our schools?

“Traffic calming” is a term given to measures intended to reduce speeding in places where excessively high speeds have been observed and conventional methods of speed deterrence have not been effective. These measures basically make it uncomfortable for motorists to travel at excessively high speeds, and have been proven effective in other communities across North America, including nearby Burlington. There are two categories of traffic calming:

**Passive traffic calming**
These measures include pavement markings, such as edge lines and bicycle lanes, that reduce the width of driving lanes. You’ll find these markings along Abbey Wood Drive.

**Physical traffic calming**
Roads are modified to create physical impediments to speeders such as raised medians, curb extensions, speed humps, and rumble strips. Raised medians have recently been built in front of Abbey Lane Public School and St. Bernadette Elementary School.

Does traffic calming work? The short answer is yes. Traffic studies were conducted before and after raised medians were introduced at the Heritage Glen Public School site in 2008, and were found to be effective in bringing speeds down.

A third traffic-calming project is also underway in Ward 4. ‘Mid-block trail crossings’ are raised islands designed to offer pedestrians and cyclists refuge when crossing some of our wider, busier streets where they intersect with trails. Mid-block crossings are being introduced at several locations along Pilgrim’s Way and one on Nottinghill Gate. We can also look forward to the addition of colourful flowerbeds at these locations next spring.

There’s no doubt that the new measures create a minor inconvenience for motorists and will take some time to get used to, but that seems like a small price to pay for keeping everyone safe. We encourage motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians using these areas to let us know what they think.

NEW OFF-LEASH FACILITY OPENS IN PALERMO PARK

Tiny miniature pinscher Zach seems to enjoy keeping above the fray as his canine siblings listen attentively to instructions from pet owner Dolores Doherty at Ward 4’s newly completed off-leash dog park. Located on the north side of Dundas Street (Highway 5) just east of Bronte Road (Highway 25), the large, fully-fenced facility provides dogs with a safe and pleasant rural environment in which to enjoy some playtime with their human families and canine friends.

Dolores is actively involved in the leash-free movement in Ward 4, serving as volunteer president of the Abbey Oaks Off-Leash Management Committee since 2002. She knows that the park provides much more than an opportunity for dogs to run.

“It’s a fantastic community gathering place for dog lovers to meet and share their stories and information. Our newest park offers a grass-covered open field, two pergolas for shade and seating, and ample parking from 7:30 a.m. until park closing at dusk.”

The off-leash park, also known as Abbey Oaks, has had a history of relocation. Years ago when the first park closed to make way for Loyola High School, Dolores became concerned.

“For several months, the park users waited patiently for a new plan from the town. Then Councillor Elgar became involved and thanks to his determination a new facility opened on Neyagawa Boulevard in 2002, and was enjoyed by hundreds of people and their dogs for almost five years until it closed to make way for the North Park sports complex. By this time, the town fully recognized the value of an off-leash park and a replacement was planned for Palermo.”

Dolores reminds park users to bring their own water and to follow the dog park rules posted at the gate to have a safe and enjoyable visit. You can learn more about the park by visiting www.abbeyoaksoffleash.com.

**Please Join Us!**

Join Councillors Elgar and Lapworth for a coffee and light refreshments on Thursday, December 17 between 7 and 9 p.m. at the Glen Abbey Community Centre (Room B), 1415 Third Line.
Come out and discuss any issues. Everyone is welcome!
A drive along Dundas Street provides a startling contrast between our urban and rural environments. Most differences are obvious at a glance but some, like the quality of the earth beneath our feet, are harder to detect.

To the north, the soil has remained relatively undisturbed. It is alive with nutrients that have evolved along with the area over several millennia. In the south, that same precious topsoil has been scraped away during the construction process and the ground has been further compromised by compaction from heavy machinery. Although a thin layer of topsoil is replaced after subdivisions are built, many nutrients are lost.

What are the long-term effects of soil compaction? Just walk along a street like Old Abbey Lane and take a closer look at the trees planted along the boulevard over two decades ago. Some have been removed because they died off completely and the ones that remain are mostly stunted and weak. The problem is widespread across much of Southern Ontario where modern construction methods have been used. Tree roots simply cannot grow and absorb needed nutrients from the compacted and depleted soil.

But there is some good news. A project to rehabilitate struggling trees along Third Line seems to be working. In 2006-2007, a technique called radial trenching was undertaken to encourage new root growth and, each year, the health of the affected trees has been improving. A similar project is now being considered for other areas in the ward.

In addition, this past April, council approved a new by-law that toughens the requirements for topsoil depth and quality for new subdivision agreements. For example, the depth of topsoil required over private property lands and sodded areas in public boulevards has doubled from 4 inches (100 mm) to 8 inches (200 mm). To improve root growth, trees planted in boulevards must now include trenching to a specified depth of 30 inches (750 mm). The complete by-law can be found at www.oakville.ca/bylaws.htm.

It’s clear that some issues are too large to be resolved at the ward level, but grassroots awareness is where solutions begin.
BOULEVARD BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT
“A BLOOMING SUCCESS”

It began as a pilot project in 2007, offering civic-minded businesses, groups, individuals, and organizations an opportunity to help beautify Oakville. Today, the Oakville Blooms Median and Boulevard Sponsorship Program has taken root across town, including here in Ward 4 where boulevard gardens treated passersby to an exceptionally colourful display this year.

Through the program, medians and boulevards are planted with annual flowers grown in the Oakville Greenhouse. To offset costs, citizens, businesses, and organizations sponsor specific locations and receive recognition for their contribution with signage at the site. All boulevards are designed, planted, and maintained by town horticulture staff.

“It’s really about civic pride,” said Councillor Roger Lapworth. “People care about the neighbourhoods they live in, and want to feel proud of them. Everyone benefits.”

Currently, sponsorship in Ward 4 has been limited to locations along Third Line, north of Upper Middle Road, and Councillor Allan Elgar would like to see the program expanded.

“We live in the largest ward in Oakville,” Councillor Elgar said. “There are many neighbourhoods that could benefit from this program and we are interested in working with town staff and potential sponsors to make that happen.”

For more information, please call 905-845-6601, ext. 3610 or visit www.oakville.ca/oakvilleblooms.htm.

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<td>Dundas Street widening (from 4 to 6 lanes) from Neyagawa Boulevard to Proudfoot Trail including new bridge structure at Sixteen Mile Creek</td>
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<td>PR-2048D</td>
<td>Regional Road 25 widening (from 2 to 4 lanes) from QEW to south of Upper Middle Road</td>
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<td>PR-2120A</td>
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<td>PR-2346A</td>
<td>Burloak Drive widening (from 2 to 4 lanes) from QEW to Upper Middle Road and intersection improvements at Mainway</td>
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<td>PR-2482A</td>
<td>Sanitary sewer construction (Dundas Street from Proudfoot Trail to Third Line) and water main construction (east of Bronte Road to Proudfoot Trail)</td>
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<td>Design to begin fall 2009</td>
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<td>PR-2512</td>
<td>QEW/Bronte Road interchange and relocation of water main and sanitary sewer</td>
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GETTING TOGETHER IN THE COMMUNITY

WARD 5 DROP-IN SESSIONS WITH MARC AND JEFF

Join us the third Thursday of every month at the River Oaks Community Centre between 7 and 9 p.m. for a coffee and a chat. All topics are open for discussion.

• Thursday, January 21
• Thursday, February 18
• Thursday, March 25
• Thursday, April 22
• Thursday, May 20

WARD 5 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Celebrate the season with us at our annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Fire Station 4 (Sixth Line and Upper Middle Road). Come out for hot drinks, fresh-baked goods, caroling, and maybe even a visit from the jolly old elf himself! Please bring a nonperishable food item or new unwrapped toy to donate.

• Thursday, December 17 at 7 p.m.

IMPORTANT QUAD PAD ARENA NEWS

Help us name the quad pad arena! Watch for details in December.

The quad pad arena, located on the west side of Neyagawa Boulevard, north of Dundas Street, is scheduled for completion in 2010. The arena includes a 1,500-seat Olympic-sized ice surface and three NHL-sized ice pads.
Big changes to Oakville Transit’s route system took effect on September 6, and since then, Ward 5 has become a focus of cross-town service, with bus terminals at Sheridan College and the Uptown Core being improved and upgraded.

“The new service design is the first step towards making transit a more viable option for getting around town,” said Councillor Jeff Knoll. “Everyone knows it’s better for the environment, the challenge now is to make it more convenient.”

The grid system consists of six new transit routes running north-south and east-west, offering more direct travel across town. Local routes servicing neighbourhoods provide direct connections to the grid. The new system also allows for more choices and faster service to the Oakville, Bronte, and Clarkson GO stations, and introduces a direct connection to the City of Mississauga.

“Starting in mid-October, Mississauga Transit will be running an Oakville Express bus route from the Islington subway station to the Uptown Core Terminal,” said Councillor Marc Grant, “This is exciting because it will allow riders to access the TTC and major stops along Dundas Street, including the University of Toronto at Mississauga campus, right from our own backyard.”

The Oakville Express bus will run at 20 minute intervals during peak service hours.

Changes to the system are ongoing, and rider feedback is essential to ensure transit service remains as convenient and useful as possible.

One change to the new system that has already been made is the return of the #19 bus to its original route along Oakmead Boulevard and River Oaks Boulevard East. When put into practice, the new service route did not improve the timing or efficiency of the bus as was expected. By switching it back, the service once again accommodates riders who live on the streets previously bypassed.

If you have feedback, contact your local councillors, Oakville Transit at 905-815-2020, or transit@oakville.ca.

For more information, complete route maps, and to keep up to date as the service evolves, visit www.oakvilletransit.ca.
WARD 5 COUNCILLORS FOCUS ON FOOD BANKS

The season is upon us where thousands of Oakville citizens open their hearts and cupboards and donate to food banks so everyone can enjoy a warming meal over the holidays. So it seems timely to remind us all that the food that is so appreciated during the holidays is needed just as badly during the rest of the year.

Councillor Jeff Knoll collects food donations through his business for Kerr Street Ministries, which runs a food bank and drop-in centre among other services for Halton residents. Last June, he also organized a food drive through Chartwell Baptist Church.

“Food is a basic need that unfortunately not everyone in our community is able to afford; Kerr Street, like other Oakville food banks, is in need of nonperishable food and volunteers every single day of the year,” he said. “If every resident took only $3 of their weekly food budget to spend on goods for the shelters, we’d be very close to meeting the need and reducing the worry.”

The Salvation Army Lighthouse Shelter, run in partnership with Halton Region, is unique in that it also takes perishable, fresh-food donations.

“Like everyone, we’re always in need of more food for our residents,” said Rachel Sawatzky, Director of the Halton Lighthouse Shelter. “Our drop-off hours are fairly flexible so we can accept just about anything, and will share what we can with our community partners in Oakville.”

Councillor Marc Grant, who is a formally-trained cook, spends his Saturdays and Sundays preparing lunch, snacks, and dinner for the residents at the Lighthouse.

“Feeding up to 25 people every day using donations is a constant challenge so we gladly welcome any fresh produce and meat, or even prepared items left over from family parties or community or business functions,” he said. “A nourished body leads to a prepared mind and that goes a long way to getting people back on their path.”

For more information on how to help, please consult the chart below or contact your Ward 5 councillors.

OAKVILLE FOOD BANKS – HOW YOU CAN HELP

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<td>Fareshare Food Bank</td>
<td>Serves Oakville residents with demonstrated financial need.</td>
<td>Money</td>
<td>• Saltine crackers</td>
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<td>905-847-3988</td>
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<td>The food bank uses donations to purchase staple goods for its regular families.</td>
<td>• Canned whole potatoes</td>
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<td>1240 Speers Road, Unit 6</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>• Canola oil (473 ml)</td>
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<td>Hours:</td>
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<td>Drop off donations of nonperishable food items at the food bank year round. Drop off donations at fire stations and area supermarkets during the week before Thanksgiving, the week before Easter, and during the Christmas season.</td>
<td>• Powdered laundry soap</td>
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<td>Mon. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.</td>
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<td>Food bank</td>
<td>• Spaghetti</td>
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<td>Thurs. 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.</td>
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<td>Drop off nonperishable items daily between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.</td>
<td>• #5 and #6 diapers</td>
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<td>To use the food bank, register during regular hours.</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>• Oil</td>
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<td>Kerr Street Ministries</td>
<td>Serves Halton Region.</td>
<td>Money Visit <a href="http://www.kerrstreet.com">www.kerrstreet.com</a> for instructions on monthly or one-time monetary contributions.</td>
<td>• Rice</td>
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<td>905-845-7485</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>• Sugar</td>
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<td>484 Kerr Street</td>
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<td>Drop off nonperishable items daily between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.</td>
<td>• Canned vegetables</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:admin@kerrstreet.com">admin@kerrstreet.com</a></td>
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<td>Food bank</td>
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<td>Hours:</td>
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<td>The after-school youth drop-in program is always in need of healthy snacks. Contact Michelle Lockhart at 905-845-7485, ext. 237.</td>
<td>• Any healthy food choices.</td>
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<td>Food bank and drop-in:</td>
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<td>Food bank is always in need of</td>
<td>• Monetary donations to purchase one litre of milk per week for each family.</td>
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<td>Tues. 10 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.</td>
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<td>Thurs. 2:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.</td>
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<td>Sat. 9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</td>
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<td>Oak Park Moms and Tots Neighbourhood Centre</td>
<td>Serves Oakville families.</td>
<td>Money Visit <a href="http://www.oakparkmomsandtots.ca">www.oakparkmomsandtots.ca</a> for details.</td>
<td>• Fresh fruit</td>
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<td>905-257-6029</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>• Breads</td>
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<td>River Glen Mews Plaza, 2530 Sixth Line, Unit 9</td>
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<td>Drop off nonperishable items on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon.</td>
<td>• Cereals</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:michelle@oakparkmomsandtots.ca">michelle@oakparkmomsandtots.ca</a></td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>• Meats</td>
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<td>Food bank Hours:</td>
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<td>• Fresh vegetables</td>
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<td>Wed. noon – 12:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>• Leftover sandwich trays, cheese trays from BBQs, etc.</td>
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<td>The Salvation Army</td>
<td>Serves Oakville residents. Apply during office hours.</td>
<td>Money Visit <a href="http://www.salvationarmyoakville.ca">www.salvationarmyoakville.ca</a> for ways to contribute.</td>
<td>• Meals for Halton Lighthouse Shelter</td>
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<td>Ontario Central Division Community Services Oakville</td>
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Nearly 1,000 people attended the 12th Annual Oak Park Fall Fair on Saturday, September 12 at the Winfield Parkette and Tribute Communities Sales Centre, presented by Councillor Jeff Knoll and Oak Park Moms and Tots. Kids enjoyed the face-painting, horse-drawn wagon rides and inflatable slide, and the whole family could take part in the silent auction, a nine hole mini-golf course, and plenty of free entertainment and food. Over 650 people enjoyed the Disney film UP as part of the festivities, raising over $6,000 for Oak Park Moms and Tots Neighbourhood Centre. Many thanks to Councillor Marc Grant, Encore Cinemas, and our generous sponsors for helping to make the biggest annual event in Ward 5 so successful!

## KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 5 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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<td>1374264 Ontario Limited (Fitzsimmons)</td>
<td>Southwest corner of Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street</td>
<td>To amend the official plan and zoning by-law to permit high-density residential land uses at a density of 300 units per site hectare, an increase to the maximum permitted height from 12 storeys to 20 storeys.</td>
<td>A public meeting was held on January 26, 2009.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Kilbarry Holdings Corp. (Stan Vine Construction)</td>
<td>River Oaks Boulevard and Trafalgar Road (north side of River Oaks Boulevard)</td>
<td>Proposed zoning by-law amendment, official plan amendment, and plan of subdivision to allow for the development of a total of 47 residential units: 37 residential detached lots with minimum 12 metre frontages, 10 residential detached lots with minimum 15 metre frontages, future residential blocks (blocks 48-51), arterial commercial block, roads, open space, and reserves.</td>
<td>Currently under review by town staff. Application in circulation. Public information meeting was held on June 9, 2009 at the Planning and Development Council meeting.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Lower Fourth Developments Limited and Pendent Development Limited</td>
<td>North of Dundas Street, west of Sixth Line</td>
<td>To develop the lands for a wide range of residential, commercial, institutional, and open space uses, consistent with the master plan for North Oakville East. Proposed residential uses consist of detached, semi-detached, and townhouse dwellings, live-work units, and multiple dwellings.</td>
<td>Currently under review by town staff. Application in circulation. Public information meeting not yet scheduled.</td>
<td>Rob Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 <a href="mailto:rthun@oakville.ca">rthun@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Silgold Developments</td>
<td>Northeast corner of Oak Park Boulevard and Taunton Road</td>
<td>To amend the town’s zoning by-law to permit a wide range of retail and service commercial uses permitted within a “Central Business District” (C3) zone.</td>
<td>Approved.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Silwell</td>
<td>South side of Dundas Street between Oak Park Boulevard and Post Road</td>
<td>To amend the official plan and zoning by-law for the purpose of increasing the permitted residential height and density of the high-density residential blocks.</td>
<td>Appealed by applicant. Pre-hearing conference was held on October 27, 2009.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Trinison (Davis Minardi Home Corporation and Denbridge Developments)</td>
<td>Northeast corner of Neyagawa Boulevard and Dundas Street West</td>
<td>Revised rezoning and draft plan of subdivision to allow for the development of 670 residential units (singles, semis, and townhouses). Proposal to conform to the North Oakville East secondary plan.</td>
<td>Currently under review by town staff. Application in circulation. Public information meeting was held on October 13, 2009.</td>
<td>Rob Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 <a href="mailto:rthun@oakville.ca">rthun@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Trinison – Timsin Holdings Corp. / Arrassa Investments Inc.</td>
<td>Northwest corner of Sixth Line and Dundas Street West</td>
<td>Revised rezoning application and draft plan of subdivision for the development of 214 residential units (singles, semis, and townhouses). Proposal to conform to the North Oakville East secondary plan.</td>
<td>Currently under review by town staff. Application in circulation. Public information meeting not yet scheduled.</td>
<td>Rob Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 <a href="mailto:rthun@oakville.ca">rthun@oakville.ca</a></td>
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Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. We take our joint responsibility as your representatives on Town Council very seriously. Please contact us with feedback on any issue — we’re here to listen and to help. This newsletter is a way of telling you what we’re doing at Town Hall and how it will impact you in your day-to-day life. If you have a concern about anything you read or hear or see, take it up with us by calling or sending us an email.

2009 is shaping up to be a strong year for this term of Council. Our new official plan, Livable Oakville, has provided a map for the future of our community. We committed to delivering Livable Oakville to you back in 2006 and we’re very proud of the content of this forward-thinking plan. Livable Oakville protects existing neighbourhoods from undesirable development, while creating new, dynamic places to live and work.

We are also renewing existing municipal infrastructure and acquiring new facilities and we continue to find ways to make sure residents do not bear the costs of growth. In fact, we passed a new development charge by-law this summer that increased the charge on new single family units by 63 per cent.

As always, we look forward to your comments as we set goals for 2010 and beyond.
WARD SIX FALL 2009

GREENING NORTHEAST OAKVILLE

Ward 6 Councillor Tom Adams teamed up with Oakvillegreen’s Ground Breakers team to beautify the ward in several locations this past spring, including planting seventy-five trees and shrubs in Postridge Park on May 23 along with a team from Home Depot (Cross Avenue store), the North-East Oakville Residents’ Association (NEORA), Abbey Park High School Eco Club, and other volunteers. The planting was the third of four spring plantings organized by Oakvillegreen.

“A greener community is a better community any way you look at it,” Councillor Adams said. “It’s great to see how many community organizations make it a priority to plant more trees and native plants in our neighbourhoods.”

On May 26, St. Marguerite D’Youville School was buzzing with activity as more than fifty students, teachers, and volunteers from the school’s Green Team, as well as Councillor Adams and the Ground Breakers, planted fifty native trees and shrubs along the east fence. Grade three students also helped to beautify the school grounds by planting the front gardens with dozens of colourful annuals.

REGIONPASSES
FINANCIAL PLAN

On July 15, 2009, Halton Regional Council voted unanimously to pass the Financial and Implementation Plan for the 2008/2009 Allocation Program. This plan ensures that the regional roads, water, and wastewater infrastructure required to support growth in Halton are paid for by the development industry and not existing taxpayers.

During the summer, Ward 6 Councillor Tom Adams, Ward 4 Councillor Allan Elgar, and Regional Chair Gary Carr requested the assistance of residents and looked for comments on the very important question of who should pay for the cost of growth in Halton. Hundreds of residents sent emails to express their overwhelming support of Halton’s Allocation Program, indicating they do not want to be burdened with the cost of growth. Developers had been campaigning to have road construction postponed or have taxpayers subsidize the development.

Halton regional staff identified requirements for over $2.4 billion in water, wastewater, and road infrastructure that would need to be built over the next 12 years to support planned development. The region’s official plan requires that Regional Council approve an acceptable financing plan before development can proceed. The financing plan determines who pays and who assumes the risks of financing the required infrastructure — regional taxpayers or developers.

Councillor Adams is thankful to residents for participating in the debate over the Allocation Program decision either by email, phone, or in person as a delegate at Regional Council.

“Resident interest and involvement in this important community issue was a critical and invaluable part of the democratic process and helped solidify the council vote in the face of significant developer lobbying,” said Councillor Adams.

Council encourages Halton residents to continue to be involved in their regional government and to participate in important discussions such as this.

MUNICIPALITIES CALL ON THE PROVINCE TO OPEN DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACT

Municipalities continue to call on the provincial government to open the 1997 Development Charges Act and allow municipalities to charge the development industry for infrastructure such as hospitals, and to eliminate the 10 per cent municipal contribution required on some infrastructure that supports new growth. As it stands, the province continues to require local property taxpayers to subsidize the development industry.

In fact, on September 16, Halton Regional Council passed a resolution asking the province to review and amend the Development Charges Act to better define how the province plans to finance the new infrastructure that will be needed to keep pace with growth in Ontario.

During the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in Ottawa this past August, Ward 6 Councillor Tom Adams asked Tim Hudak, Leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party, if he would allow municipalities to recover the full cost of growth by opening the Development Charges Act. Hudak was very clear in saying no.

Premier McGuinty has also made no move to update the twelve-year-old Act.
COUNCIL PASSES NEW DEVELOPMENT CHARGE BY-LAW

Oakville Town Council took steps to collect more of the costs of future growth in Oakville by adopting a new development charge by-law. The by-law, which came into effect on August 31, 2009, set new development charges that will generate $625.9 million in revenue to fund new facilities to 2018 and new road infrastructure to 2031.

"Council is making good on our promise to make sure our current taxpayers do not bear the brunt of the costs of growth," said Ward 6 Councillor Tom Adams, Chair of the Budget Committee.

The new charges reflect the growth-related capital expenditures anticipated by the ten-year capital forecast which was approved by Council on June 1, 2009. The new infrastructure needed to support development includes roads, libraries, fire stations, community centres, parks, and public transit.

The by-law will increase development charges for a new single family residential unit by 63 per cent. A new single family residential unit in north Oakville will now garner a charge of $21,682 compared to the previous charge of $13,327. An area-specific charge of $336 per single family residential unit for storm water management applies in south Oakville, for a total charge of $22,018 compared to the previous charge of $14,102.

Development charges are the largest source of revenue in the forecast and are expected to cover $338 million of the $822 million in expenditures identified in the ten-year capital forecast. The balance of the development charge revenue to be raised from the new by-law will finance road infrastructure from 2018 to 2031.

"Maximizing the funds provided by development charges is key to building complete communities," said Ward 6 Councillor Max Khan.

Long-term projects the town expects to fund with development charges include:

- North Park quad pad arena
- QE Park Community Centre
- A new library branch
- Two new fire stations
- Additional buses
- Widening of Kerr Street
- Mid-town and QEW crossing
- New operations depot in north Oakville
- Expansion of Wyecroft Road
- Development of new parks

Due to legislative restrictions, development charges cannot cover 100 per cent of growth-related costs. Other revenue sources identified in the capital forecast include reserves and reserve funds, gas tax revenues, and local infrastructure funding revenue that will come to the town from the elimination of regional pooling for social services costs.

LATEST UPDATE
ON SCHOOL PLANNED
FOR CORONATION DRIVE

As most residents know, the empty lot on the west side of Coronation Drive between Kestell Boulevard and North Ridge Trail was set aside for use by the Halton District Catholic School Board (HDCSB) to build an elementary school. The northern portion of the land is owned by the HDCSB. However, the southern portion of the land is owned by a developer who has applied to allow for residential construction on the land.

The matter is currently before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and a hearing is now scheduled in March 2010, if negotiations by the HDCSB to acquire the land do not resolve the matter. The town will support the HDCSB at the OMB, and if successful, school construction could potentially start in 2011, subject to the HDCSB receiving funding from the Ministry of Education.

NO REMOTE CONTROL CARS
ON NINTH LINE

Ward 6 Councillors Tom Adams and Max Khan are pleased that an application to allow the temporary use of remote control cars at the 5 Drive-In Theatre on Ninth Line was withdrawn by the applicant. The application had been a source of concern for local residents.

HALTON REGION RECEIVES
AWARD FOR GREENCART PROGRAM

On August 18, Halton Region received an Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Federal Gas Tax Award for Halton’s GreenCart program. Shown with the award from left to right are Halton Region Chair Gary Carr, Ward 6 Regional and Town Councillor Tom Adams, Federal Minister of State Gordon O’Connor, and AMO President Peter Hume. As a result of the waste collection programs launched last year, including weekly collection of the GreenCart and Blue Box, Halton Region successfully diverted 60 per cent of residents’ waste from the landfill, up from 42 per cent in 2007.
Public transit is definitely the way to go green — it's better for the environment and better for your wallet. Oakville Transit has launched a new service design that offers more choice, more direct travel across town, and more convenient service.

“The new system is more convenient and more efficient, so we hope it will attract more riders than ever,” said Ward 6 Councillor Max Khan.

The new service design includes a grid system consisting of six new transit routes running north to south and east to west facilitating faster and more direct travel throughout the town.

The new grid routes are:

**ROUTE 1** (Trafalgar) – Runs north and south on Trafalgar Road from the newly expanded Uptown Core Terminal into the new terminal at the Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning and then to the Oakville GO station. This service runs every 20 minutes, Monday to Friday.

**ROUTE 2** (Lakeshore) – Runs east and west along Lakeshore Road from the Bronte GO station to Ford Drive and Kingsway Drive. This route also continues along Upper Middle Road on Route 6.

**ROUTE 3** (Third Line) – Runs north and south along Third Line from Dundas Street into the Bronte GO station and continues to Hopedale Mall.

**ROUTE 4** (Speers/Cornwall) – Runs east and west along Speers Road, Cornwall Road, and Royal Windsor Drive making connections at the Bronte GO, the Oakville GO, and the Clarkson GO stations.

**ROUTE 5** (Dundas) – Runs east and west along Dundas Street from Colonel William Parkway to the Uptown Core Terminal.

**ROUTE 6** (Upper Middle) – Runs east and west along Upper Middle Road from Bronte GO station to Ford Drive and Kingsway Drive. This route also continues along Route 2.

“I encourage residents to try taking transit,” said Ward 6 Councillor Tom Adams. “I think residents will find it's much easier and more convenient than before.”

The new bus schedules and maps are available on www.oakvilletransit.ca, and hard copies are available from town community centres, libraries, Town Hall, and at the transit office at 480 Wyecroft Road. For more information, contact Oakville Transit at 905-815-2020 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) or email transit@oakville.ca.

**REGIONAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

Many of the main roads in Oakville are regional roads serviced by the Region of Halton, including Dundas Street (Regional Road 5), Trafalgar Road (Regional Road 3), Upper Middle Road (Regional Road 38) and Ninth Line (Regional Road 13). The region is considering projects on several of these roads to ease congestion, including:

- Widening Trafalgar Road from four to six lanes and adding dedicated transit lanes from Lehighland Avenue/Iroquois Shore Road to Highway 407
- Widening Dundas Street from four to six lanes from east of Highway 403 to Oak Park Boulevard
- Widening Ninth Line from two to four lanes from Upper Middle Road to Dundas Street

The region is completing Class Environmental Assessment Studies for construction on Trafalgar Road and Ninth Line, and is expected to start a study on Upper Middle Road next year.

Halton Region looks at existing road conditions (cross-sectional elements and overall traffic operations) and different options for improvement (widening the road and intersection improvements). They also study the impact of improvements on the social and natural environments.

For further information, contact Nick Zervos, Senior Transportation Coordinator at the Region of Halton, at 905-825-6000, ext. 7632 or nick.zervos@halton.ca.
COUNCIL DEMANDING ANSWERS ON POWER PLANT DECISION

The decision to build a power plant in Oakville was made by the province through the Ontario Power Authority (OPA). Their selection process raised more questions than it answered. Council has clearly expressed its deep disappointment and strong concerns with the province’s decision to put a power plant less than 400 metres from schools and homes in our community.

At a Special Meeting of Council held on October 20, Council declared its intentions to ask the OPA for full disclosure of the approval process and environmental study documents. Council has called on the OPA to provide the town with detailed results of the evaluation process and rating assessment of each proponent, and TransCanada Energy to release all of its documents and studies as well as environmental impact reports related to its proposal, including data relating to air quality, human health, ecological health, environment and emission controls.

Town staff and our legal advisors have given us strong advice that we must focus on facts and evidence. Outside legal counsel Rod Northey described the provincial environmental legislation as completely inadequate when it comes to protecting people from harmful emissions. He has recommended that the town call on the provincial government to close these environmental loopholes, and that a ‘no power plant stance’ before considering all evidence would be premature.

Council is also asking the Minister of the Environment for a full Individual Environmental Assessment, which would require more rigorous study of the site and potential impacts of the power plant. Together with our residents and our partners at all levels of government, we will demand a thorough environmental assessment that includes substantive standards and invites and considers input from the community that will be affected.

MP Terence Young, MPP Kevin Flynn, and Regional Chair Gary Carr have pledged their support for Oakville Town Council by offering their assistance to the town in its challenge of the province’s decision to locate a power plant in Oakville. Together with our residents, we will speak with one voice: we do not support a plant that lowers our air quality and adversely affects our community.

According to TransCanada’s website, the target operational date for the power plant is in late 2013. Several approvals are required before the plant can operate. The process will be long, and Council will stay engaged.

Earlier this year, Council passed an interim control by-law and official plan amendment to ensure the necessary planning work and study could take place before any power plant over a 10 megawatt capacity could be constructed in Oakville. Ford and TransCanada appealed this by-law and official plan amendment to the Ontario Municipal Board, and a decision is pending following a hearing that ended on October 20, 2009.

A special button has been created on the front page of the Town’s website, www.oakville.ca, to link residents to a page with updates on the power plant.

I want to thank all of our residents and residents’ associations who have been supporting the Town throughout this process. By listening to each other and working together with creativity and imagination, we can achieve our goals and protect our community.
COUNCIL DIRECTS BUDGET COMMITTEE 
TO CONTROL TAX IMPACT

At the start of the summer, Council provided the Budget Committee with guidelines for preparing the town’s 2010 budget. In addition to focusing on services offered to residents, they were asked to find ways to minimize the budget’s impact on property taxes.

“The Budget Committee is working hard to examine options and provide value to residents,” said Councillor Tom Adams, Budget Committee Chair.

The Budget Committee’s ultimate goal is to maintain the current level of service to Oakville residents, and follow through on the town’s commitment to build new facilities to catch up with previous growth.

Using performance-based, program-based (PB2) budgeting helps the Budget Committee set performance targets for each program and evaluate their performance year over year, enabling them to minimize the tax impact of the 2010 budget while allowing the town to continue providing services that residents want and value.

The Budget Discussion Document was presented to the Budget Committee on November 5, 2009, and can be viewed on TownTV.ca. After being reviewed by the Budget Committee, the final 2010 budget will be presented to Council on December 9.

Residents are encouraged to attend public deliberations. Those interested in presenting to the Budget Committee can register by email at townclerk@oakville.ca or by phone at 905-815-6015.

TD BANK FORECASTS 
GROWTH IN CANADIAN ECONOMY

With the Canadian economy on a gradual path towards economic recovery, the outlook for Oakville’s housing market and business development is positive.

Demand for housing in Oakville is outpacing supply, and the town has invested in infrastructure, transit and the environment, all of which were identified by Don Drummond, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist at TD Bank, as important factors in a prosperous economy.

Drummond presented data showing resilience in the Canadian housing market and the national economy as a whole in his presentation to the Oakville Chamber of Commerce 55th Annual Chair’s Dinner on September 17, 2009.

“Recessions are the economy’s way of telling people to do something new,” Mayor Burton said. “In Oakville, we’ve taken the opportunity to develop a 10-year Economic Development Strategy that focuses on attracting knowledge-based industries, making sure it’s easy to do business with Town Hall and exploring opportunities in international business.”

While presenting the Economic Development Strategy last spring, Mayor Burton declared the beginning of the economy’s recovery.

“Our town is strong,” the Mayor said. “I’m excited for the future of business here.”

To find out more about the town’s 10-year Economic Development Strategy, visit www.oakville.ca/economicdevelopment/.

To see Mr. Drummond’s full presentation, visit the Oakville Chamber of Commerce website at http://www.oakvillechamber.com/presidents-dinner-business-networking.aspx.
FIRE DEPARTMENT READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY

The Oakville Fire Department will have a new heavy-rescue truck early next year, and added new staff to make sure Oakville residents can count on the fire department to respond as quickly as possible to any emergency.

“The first few minutes of an emergency are critical,” Mayor Rob Burton said. “We're making sure there are enough trucks and staff to get to any emergency as quickly as possible.”

Heavy-rescue trucks respond to every emergency from motor vehicle accidents and fires to hazardous material spills, and have special equipment onboard to handle routine fires, high-angle and confined space rescues, and other emergency situations. The town already owns one heavy rescue truck, but with Oakville’s population growth over the last few years, an additional truck became necessary to ensure quick response times.

“The town's Fire Master Plan recommended additional firefighters and new equipment to ensure public safety,” noted Oakville Fire Chief Richard Boyes. “Council has moved quickly to provide us with the resources to address these concerns.”

The 20 new recruits added this year will staff the new truck, fill vacancies left by retirement, and satisfy staffing guidelines recommended by the Ontario Fire Marshal to respond as quickly as possible to fires. The Oakville Fire Department will be able to provide fire containment and extinguishment and rescue services simultaneously.

“Council has given firefighters the tools to provide better service and make everyone safer,” said Carmen Santoro, President of the Oakville Professional Firefighters Association.

For more information, visit www.oakvillefire.ca.

ROAD WORK BRINGS INFRASTRUCTURE UP TO DATE

The town is committed to investing more money in rebuilding and repairing roads to help close the gap in our infrastructure funding and to build new roads to accommodate future growth.

Four major road reconstruction projects were undertaken in 2009: the widening and extension of Cornwall Road, reconstruction of Linbrook Drive, improvements to the North Service Road, and the extension of Colonel William Parkway.

Where capacity was increased through road work, the project was financed with the help of development charges.

In 2009, the town will spend a little over $3 million on 26 asphalt-resurfacing projects. Roads were selected for resurfacing according to need, and the timing of work was coordinated with the Region of Halton to minimize the impact on residents.

“Every year the Engineering department is tasked with fixing Oakville’s roads and it must maximize improvements using the budget given by Council,” said Mayor Rob Burton. “The selection process for road work helps us get the most from every dollar.”

BIG CHANGES AT OAKVILLE TRANSIT MEAN BETTER SERVICE

On September 6, 2009, Oakville Transit introduced a new service design that offers more choice, more direct travel across town, and more convenient service. Since January, Oakville Transit has accomplished 10 major initiatives to improve the level of service for Oakville residents (see sidebar).

“The new transit system will give our residents what they’ve been asking for — more convenience and more choice,” Mayor Rob Burton said. “Improving public transportation in Oakville is a priority for Council and is an essential element in creating a more livable and environmentally responsible community.”

The town spent $1.5 million on improvements to Oakville Transit in 2009. “Our goal is to create a system that makes Oakville Transit the number one choice in transportation for residents,” said Barry Cole, Director of Oakville Transit.

With guidance from Council, Oakville Transit was able to ensure that sufficient planning was completed for a proposed new transit facility to qualify for stimulus funding from the provincial and federal government. The town obtained $30 million in infrastructure stimulus funds to put towards the $45 million facility, which will be completed in spring 2011. The new facility will be certified LEED Silver under the Canadian Green Building Council’s rating system, and designed to service hybrid buses.

For more information about the new service design, please read the articles on pages 22 and 28.

OAKVILLE TRANSIT’S KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• 6 new cross-town routes
• Uptown core terminal with 9 bus bays and connections to other municipalities/regions
• New Sheridan College terminal on campus
• Increased Care-A-Van service hours and door-to-door service
• 11 new buses and 8 buses refurbished for increased life expectancy
• 37 new bus shelters and over 1,000 new bus stop signs
• Youth Freedom Pass
• Oakville Transit’s bus fleet is 90% accessible
• Planning and preparation for the new, expanded transit depot
• Staff training and employee engagement survey
## TOWN COUNCIL’S 4 YEAR WORK PLAN

(Progress To Date, Key Events and Future Plans)

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- Total tax increase of 2.10 per cent  
- Great oak saved  
- Council adopts 4-year work plan  
- Pesticide by-law passed  
- 150th celebration begins  
- First Mayor’s Advisory Group (tree protection) | - Second annual New Year’s Levee  
- Total tax increase of 3.78 per cent  
- NHS boundaries preserved at OMB  
- Harbours dredged  
- Mayor’s roundtable on social services  
- Town appoints Ontario’s first Municipal Energy Conservation Officer | - Oakville Transit launches Youth Freedom Pass  
- Town announces 40 per cent tree cover in 50 years  
- OPA 275 protects neighbourhoods and directs growth to Midtown Care  
- 5-year transition to performance-based, program-based (PRB) budgeting begins  
- Council approves North Oakville East Secondary Plan  
- Seven new buses | - New library opens in Cleancity  
- Council relieves taxi shortage  
- Town wins Natural Heritage System (NHS) at OMB  
- Town hires two Fire department staff  
- Mayor announces new parking structure at Oakville GO station |
| 2008 | - Tree protection by-law designed by Council  
- Construction begins on indoor soccer building  
- Town launches GHG baseline and reduction targets  
- Youth Strategy update comes to Council  
- Town wins OMB Northcote decision  
- GreenCart program begins  
- Tree planting  
- Public consultations: Livable Oakville | - New transit terminal opens in Uptown Care  
- Groundbreaking for North Park sports park  
- NHS sign unveiling  
- Construction begins on Glenashton, Palermo, and Millstone Parks  
- Groundbreaking for KSM’s Dream Centre Heritage tree hunt  
- Nine new buses  
- Temporary ban on drive-thru  
- New drive-thru rules study begins | - New official plan – Livable Oakville  
- Nautical Park opens with new soccer field  
- Palermo Park opens with two baseball diamonds  
- Tree planting  
- Bronte Youth Centre opens  
- New Mayor’s Advisory Group (Creative Oakville)  
- Town successfully opposes conversion of employment lands at Oakville Place Drive  
- DND lands  
- Livable Oakville | - New Clearview library branch opening  
- Seven new buses  
- Tree protection by-law update to Council  
- Two new soccer fields at Glenashton Park completed  
- Town hires 22 Fire department staff  
- Construction begins on Nautical, Castlebrook, and South Shell (phase 1) Parks  
- Public consultations: Livable Oakville |
| 2009 | - Third annual New Year’s Levee  
- Total tax increase of 3.30 per cent  
- Council resolution on power plant concerns  
- Temporary ban on power plants  
- Power plant locations study  
- Four new Mayor’s Advisory Groups (sustainability, consumer waste, uniform public notification, and natural trails standards)  
- St. Thomas Aquinas H.S. site plan approval  
- Indoor soccer building opens at Pine Glen  
- Town successfully opposes condominium proposal and protects woodland on Montrose Abbey Drive | - Construction begins on South Shell Park (phase 2)  
- Places to Grow compliance deadline  
- Oakville urban forest arts contest  
- New 4 buses  
- QE Park Community Centre renovations begin  
- New Council resolution on power plant  
- Drive-thru ban extended  
- New development charges cut growth  
- Developers appeal new development charges | - Millennium Park opens with new soccer field  
- Castletown Park opens with new soccer field  
- Town hires 13 Fire department staff  
- Special Council information meeting on power plant  
- ServiceOakville counter opens  
- Edgemere Estates OMB hearing  
- Town secures review of Loyalist field lights at OMB  
- New and expanded transit service design implemented  
- Council opposes paid parking at 1235 Trafalgar Road medical building | - Fourth annual New Year’s Levee  
- One new Mayor’s Advisory Group (lobbying rules)  
- Construction starts on new Oakville Transit bus garage facility |
| 2010 | - Performance-based, program-based budgeting (PRB) fully implemented  
- Tree planting  
- Mayor’s invitational golf tournament  
- KSM’s Dream Centre opens  
- Stage two implementation of PRESTO farecard system  
- Places of worship study  
- Drive-thru study | - Oakville urban forest arts contest  
- Six new accessible conventional buses to replace older non-accessible conventional buses  
- One new care-A-Van ramp-equipped bus  
- 3D new transit shelters  
- Mayor’s invitational softball tournament  
- Forester Park splash pad  
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- Oakville-Frazer茄 Hospital lands study  
- Quad pad arena to open in North Park  
- Westwood Park (phase 1)  
- Bronte Town Centre Heritage Park (phase 1)  
- Aspen Forest Park soccer field  
- New OMB library branch opening  
- Stage three implementation of PRESTO farecard system  
- Municipal election (October 25, 2010)  
- Comprehensive zoning by-law review  
- Urban design guidelines |