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We are highly valued and widely celebrated due to the innovative and outstanding way we satisfy the needs of our residents, businesses and employees. As a result, the process is as fulfilling as the outcome.

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LET’S TALK...

Welcome to Council’s tenth issue of Let’s Talk Oakville, a town-wide newsletter. We hope you enjoy the information and stories about the great events, programs, and services in our community.

Council knows residents want a full picture of what is happening in Oakville and accountability of the progress that Council is making towards our shared goals. If you have any questions or comments about any town business, we would like to hear them at: council@oakville.ca or mayor@oakville.ca.

Enjoy fun and safe fall and winter season!

NEW TO TOWN?

Halton Multicultural Council provides newcomers with information, referrals and orientation to Canada and Halton Region. They also support newcomers in getting jobs and improving their English language skills. Find out more at haltonmc.com.

NEED HELP?

Your Mayor and Councillors are happy to help when you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about the Town of Oakville and Halton Region. To make sure you get the courteous and timely response that 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 Mayor and Councillors to know about your inquiry, you should ask for your communications to be passed on to your Mayor and Councillors or inform us when you call or write to staff. Your Mayor and Councillors always welcome direct contact.
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The fall brings with it a heavy work load. From the Harbours Master Plan to the Bronte Growth Area Review, we will have numerous reports heading back to Council for consideration. I want to thank all residents who have given time and comments into these processes.

On a special note, the town’s budget committee will once again be meeting to do its work for 2017. I will be asking the committee to review our prioritization of transportation infrastructure. From the widening of Speers Road to the midtown relief to the Wyecroft extension, we have many capital projects on our books that must be brought forward into our ten-year capital plan.

I know residents’ quality of life is impacted by congestion, our local economy is impacted by congestion and the knock on effects of speeding and safety related issues are all impacted by our inability to move on transportation related infrastructure investments. I look forward to hearing from residents and sharing your comments with my Council colleagues.

The town and region continue to add our voice to the Province’s request for comments into the provincial growth plans. How much we grow, where we grow and what that looks like are all seeing proposed changes through legislation. Though just one voice, we will strive to be as loud as possible on behalf of Ward 1 and Oakville residents.

As always, please contact regarding these issues or any others that I can be of assistance with.

Sincerely,

Sean

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Bronte Village Mall was recently acquired by Crombie REIT a national leader in retail and development. Subject to zoning Crombie expects it to be a mixed use residential/retail project, but was not in a position to discuss final plans and timing. My meeting with Robert Blacklock, Senior Director Development and Fred Santini, Regional Vice President was most encouraging and comments were shared about the removal of the unwanted chain link fence.

The twenty storey high rise application at East Street and Lakeshore Road was denied by Council and the applicant filed an appeal with the Ontario Municipal Board. In the future we will learn more about the procedure for the appeal and options for public involvement.

The Town’s Official Plan Review is underway. We are taking a thorough look at the policy that directs growth and change in the Bronte Growth Area. Certain densities need to be revised to ensure the existing goals and objectives continue to be realized. Ongoing public input is encouraged.

Five significant intersections have been studied for traffic control with the following recommended for improvement/change: Bronte Road at Rebecca Street, Speers Road and Wyecroft; and Rebecca Street at Mississaga Road and at Third Line (completed).

The Shell Park Tennis Courts on Great Lakes Boulevard are under review by Conservation Halton. The current design is for three lit courts. We encourage feedback and will proceed to tendering.

We continue to manage change and growth in Bronte to ensure that it remains the jewel in Oakville’s crown. I welcome your input.
Traffic speed, calming remain priorities

Lower speed limits and traffic calming measures have been approved by Council to help support greater safety for Oakville pedestrians, motorists and cyclists. In keeping with the Highways Traffic Act (HTA), the roadways in Oakville have a speed limit of 50 kilometers per hour (km/h), unless otherwise posted by a local authority. Roadways posted at lower limits (i.e. 40 km/h) have been limited to local and collector roads, primarily along elementary school routes.

After extensive public consultation, research and recommendations made by staff in a report by the town’s Engineering and Construction Department, the town has approved expanding existing 40 km/h zones around high pedestrian traffic areas. Locations impacted by this change are secondary schools; community centres (including Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre on Bridge Road); senior centres; public libraries; private schools; and along the frontage of all parks bordering or in close proximity to elementary school properties.

Happening in Bronte

Seasonal changes in Bronte mark the end of another great summer of activities and the start of more to follow in the fall and winter. Further to the success of Canada Day celebrations that welcomed 50,000 people to the area, The Art in the Park and The Lake Walk events showcasing local art, food, music and culture, Bronte continues to attract residents and visitors of all ages.

Culture Days take place Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st and 2nd. Arts and culture are the focal point of this weekend event being held Canada-wide. Explore interactive activities at local businesses, local historical site Sovereign House, and at the Queen Elizabeth Park Cultural and Community Centre (QEPCCC). Discover the world of artists, creators, historians, architects, curators and designers at work in your community: www.on.culturedays.ca

On Saturday, Oct. 1st the QEPCCC (2302 Bridge Road) is also featured as part of the Ontario Heritage Trust’s Doors Open event, which has been taking place across the province since April: www.doorsopenontario.on.ca

The Bronte Historical Society invites you to visit the area’s heritage display centre at Sovereign House (7 West River Street) before it closes for the season on October 10th. Visitors will enjoy a self-guided tour of the restored rooms filled with artifacts, photographs, archival documents and memorabilia: www.brontehistoricalsociety.ca

The holiday season arrives in November with the Bronte Business Improvement Area’s (Bronte BIA) Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 26th, 4:00-6:30 p.m. at Centriller Square (2410 Lakeshore Road West). Christmas carols, dancing with Santa and the tree lighting are all part of an old-fashioned Bronte Christmas: www.brontevillage.net

The Bronte BIA provides up to date information on current events and activities online at www.brontevillage.net, on Facebook.com/Bronteevents and on Twitter through @Bronte_Oakville.
Bronte Village under review

Livable Oakville, the town’s official plan, is being updated to prepare for growth to the year 2041. Bronte Village is also under review as one of six areas identified in the town’s official plan that will accommodate future growth and development south of Dundas Street. The Bronte Village Growth Area Review will consider policies that affect growth and change.

An official plan is a legal document adopted by town Council containing the goals, objectives, and policies that guide how land is used, and how development and growth can take place in Oakville. A number of initiatives helping to inform policy direction for Bronte Village have been completed or are already underway. Included are the Bronte Village Heritage Resources Review and Strategy (2012); Bronte Business Action Plan (2012); Transit Service Review and Five Year Plan (2015); Harbours Master Plan (ongoing); Cultural Heritage Landscape Review (ongoing); and Lakeshore Road West Environmental Assessment (ongoing).

Since the time the Bronte Village Growth Area Review began and several public consultation meetings held, the Province released a proposed Growth Plan (2016) with considerable changes to the existing Growth Plan (2009). These changes are also to be examined as part of the ongoing Urban Structure Review study.

The plan for Bronte Village builds upon its existing qualities to realize its full potential and become a thriving main street and mixed use area with a variety of housing options that provide a year round environment for residents, employees, and visitors. Town staff has identified a number of key areas, which require further technical review and analysis as part of policy development for Bronte. Included are redevelopment viability, coordination with other town initiated projects, and functional servicing aspects.

As a result of public input received, and following the Urban Structure Review, and additional technical reviews identified, staff conclude that they will: consider input obtained from the Livable Oakville Council Subcommittee; commence policy formulation; convene the next round of public consultations once a draft official plan amendment is available; and based on positive feedback to “strengthen and enhance urban design policies”, Urban Design staff should begin to prepare urban design guidelines specific to Bronte Village to support the established policy vision for the growth area.

Public input and feedback continues to be encouraged by the town. The public is encouraged to join the Official Plan email list online at oakville.ca/planoakville to receive notifications of upcoming meetings.

Public input supports age-friendly goals

Focus groups, one-on-one interviews and a recent survey are all helping the Town of Oakville shape the community and the needs of older adults now and into the future.

The Town of Oakville has taken steps to become a more age-friendly community where all residents can be active and engaged members at every stage of life. As part of its assessment, recently residents aged 50 and older were invited to share their input by completing an Age-friendly Needs Assessment Survey.

“Like many Canadian communities, Oakville has an aging population and it’s more important than ever to support the health and well-being of residents as they get older,” said Mayor Rob Burton. “The results of this survey will help the town identify, understand and address the most pressing needs and priorities of Oakville’s older adults.”
Pedestrian crossings to be reviewed

Pedestrian safety at high crossing areas is being reviewed by the town. Council has approved that staff retain a consultant to undertake a study to review pedestrian crossing needs based upon specific criteria. The Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) has recently been modified and will provide new ways to address pedestrian crossings that may be appropriate for Oakville.

Staff will report back to Council in 2017 with recommendations on a program that would include the various types and scales of pedestrian crossing devices and the various locations throughout the town that need them. The recommendations of the study would be referred to the budget committee for potential implementation as part of an annual program going forward.

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Applications were denied by Council in May, and the decision has been appealed to the OMB by the owner. A date for a hearing has not yet been set.

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There’s so much to appreciate in our town generally and in Ward 2 in particular and with appreciation for the voters of our community in mind we’d like to take a moment to introduce, in this venue, our new Ward 2 Councillor, Ray Chisholm. As many of you will recall, Ray was elected to replace former Councillor Pam Damoff, who now represents the federal riding of Oakville-North Burlington in Ottawa. Ray has hit the ground running and we’re both delighted to note that we already make a great team.

That’s a pretty neat mirror of what we see throughout Ward 2: this is a riding that’s characterized by some great teamwork and a lot of goodwill.

Take, for example, the amount of cooperation that has gone into the redevelopment of the Oakville Arena. Built in 1950, the arena has a lot of important heritage value and when discussions over its future began a few years ago, we weren’t really sure whether it was going to be torn down and replaced or revitalized and upgraded. We received a lot of community input on the issue and town staff and council invested a lot of time researching and evaluating potential outcomes. We’re now expecting work to begin sometime next year on a revitalization project that will see the most important of the Arena’s heritage features retained and some other exciting additions, like an NHL-sized ice surface.

That’s about teamwork.

Another example of some pretty awesome teamwork has been the outstanding musicianship of the students at T.A. Blakelock Secondary School here in Ward 2. About 140 of them performed at the National MusicFest competition in Ottawa last spring. They chose to play the most difficult pieces on offer and won eight medals, solidifying Blakelock’s reputation as one of Canada’s top-ranked high school bands. Those kids practice constantly and the school’s music director, Mr. Brian Vincent, puts a high value on cooperation and dedication. No wonder they’re so great at what they do!

While we’re on the subject, we’d like to ask for some cooperation and collaboration from our residents in the months ahead as reconstruction efforts begin on the Sixteen Mile Bridge. There are a number of detours planned for the area around the bridge and it’s probably going to make for some frustrating moments for drivers and pedestrians alike. The end result will be great – so we ask for your patience.

Best wishes for a glorious fall!
Canada post says, “No blue boxes please!”

Canada Post and the Town of Oakville are asking residents to refrain from placing blue box recycling containers beside community mail boxes. Their contents will not be collected by Halton Region, Canada Post or the Town of Oakville, and the untended blue box are often an eyesore and a nuisance to neighbouring homeowners.

Out of respect for your neighbours who live near the community mailbox, Canada Post encourages you to bring home all of your mail and review it there. Unwanted items can then be discarded using the municipality’s recycling program. This will ensure the area around your community mailbox remains tidy and free of litter.

Since Canada Post installed community boxes and discontinued door-to-door mail delivery in the fall of 2014, some Oakville residents have voiced frustration about a number issues, the most common of which is that flyers and other pieces of garbage create a mess after they have blown out of a recycling box that a well-meaning neighbour has placed next to the community superbox.

Canada Post is responsible for maintenance of the community mailbox itself and the pad site, including graffiti, damage and snow clearing. If there is a blue box beside your community superbox or a mess at the site, residents are asked to kindly remove it or contact the town to send someone to clean it up.

If you have a comment or concern about your community mailbox, you can make an inquiry through this toll free number: 1-800-267-1177

Save the date for Santa!

This year’s Santa Claus Parade is just around the corner and volunteers are urgently needed to help make the annual event another great success. Any high school students out there looking for volunteer hours? This is your chance!

This year’s parade theme is “A Magical, Musical Christmas,” and help is needed for parade logistics, parade marshaling, costumed characters, costumed character escorts and sponsor banner carriers.

For more information and to download the Volunteer Application Form, please visit the Oakville Santa Claus Parade website at www.oakvillesantaclausparade.ca/volunteers. Once the form is filled out, bring it with you to the Pre-Parade Meeting, the date of which will be announced on the website.

Good news for seniors looking for livability in Oakville

Things are getting a little better for seniors in Oakville now that Town Council has approved a recommendation from town staff to participate in Halton Region’s Older Adult Full Property Tax Deferral Program (OATDP). This is a new financial assistance program that allows seniors to defer their property taxes so they can stay in their homes longer.

Successful applicants to the program must be 65 years or older and the combined income of all owners must be less than $44,800 (other eligibility rules apply).

The OATDP program is one of three programs designed to financially assist senior property owners. More information can be found on the town’s website and staff can help determine if you’re eligible for any of them by setting up an appointment with the town’s tax department at 905-338-4222.

The town has also moved this year to extend the permissions around accessory dwellings in Oakville so that people can provide shelter for an aging parent on their own premises. Under Town of Oakville by-law regulations:

• A maximum of one accessory dwelling is permitted on a lot
• An accessory dwelling is only permitted within a detached dwelling and semi-detached dwelling.
• An accessory dwelling must have a maximum floor area of the lesser of 40% of the residential floor area of the detached dwelling or semi-detached dwelling or 75.0 square metres.

For more information on the regulations around accessory dwellings, please visit www.oakville.ca.
Reconstruction of the Sixteen Mile Bridge

Town staff are finalizing the design for the reconstruction of the Lakeshore Road Bridge over Sixteen Mile Creek with work expected to begin in January 2017 and end in the fall. The roadway approaches between Navy and Forsyth will also be rebuilt as part of this project.

During construction, the bridge will be completely closed off to vehicles and pedestrians, and Navy Street will be converted to accommodate two-way traffic.

Enhancements to the bridge will include removal and replacement of existing concrete deck and steel girders as well as repairs to the existing piers and bridge abutments.

At the end of the project, the rehabilitated bridge will see two travel lanes, a centre turn lane, bike lanes, a wider pedestrian sidewalk with a barrier wall between the sidewalk and vehicle traffic; new pedestrian railings and pedestrian lookouts.

The reconstruction of the Sixteen Mile Bridge is part of the Lakeshore Road Reconstruction and Streetscape design project. For more information please visit www.oakville.ca.

Oakville Arena: the countdown has started

When construction on the Oakville Arena begins—hopefully in early 2017—it will bring years of discussion and excitement to a thrilling conclusion for many Oakville residents.

The arena was built in 1950 and it’s one of only four known surviving arenas in Ontario that have a Hipel truss roof system, an economical lumber-based method of spanning large spaces that was used during the mid-20th Century.

After thorough public consultation in 2014, Council approved a plan that was supported by residents to revitalize and expand the facility while maintaining its heritage and historical features.

An important component for residents was to move the Oakville Senior Citizen’s Recreation Centre on Kerr Street to the arena site so it can be enlarged and improved.

The renovation design concept for the arena also includes:

- retaining the heritage wooden trusses
- an NHL-size ice surface
- a running track
- a gymnasium
- a new Kinsmen Pine Room for public meetings and events
- administrative offices
- a new fire hall will also be built on the corner of Kerr Street and Rebecca Street

Finalized plans should be presented to council later this fall with the expectation that there will be some interior demolition early in the New Year, with exterior changes starting to be visible in the spring. For more information on the project, please visit www.oakville.ca.

School traffic safety

School’s back in and it’s time to remind children about road safety rules, especially when it comes to crossing busy intersections.

Parents and teachers in Ward 2 have expressed particular concern about the safety of young students crossing the road at the Speers Road and Kerr Street intersection as they walk to and from Oakwood Public School. Drivers in this area—and elsewhere, of course—are asked to stay alert, monitor children on the sidewalk and anticipate unpredictable behavior.

Children are more at risk for pedestrian injuries because they think that drivers will see them, they have trouble judging distance and speed, and their peripheral vision is not fully developed. Road safety is everyone’s responsibility – let’s make sure we all respect school buses, obey speed limits, watch for signs and make a complete stop at a red light, even when making a right-hand turn!
T.A. Blakelock SS wins gold at Canadian nationals

Nearly 140 students from T. A. Blakelock Secondary School brought home eight medals for outstanding performances at the National MusicFest competition in Ottawa last spring, solidifying Blakelock’s reputation as one of Canada’s top-ranked high school bands.
The Blakelock Wind Ensemble was one of only four ensembles in Canada to play three “500 Level” pieces, the highest calibre of music possible, and school musicians won:
- Gold for Wind Ensemble – Jennie Yu, student Honour Award
- Gold for Symphonic Wind Concert Band – Calan McDermid, student Honour Award
- Silver for Senior Jazz Orchestra – Kyle Fitzgerald, student Honour Award
- Silver for Junior Jazz Band – PJ Hooper, student Honour Award

The Blakelock music department has almost 300 student musicians in grades 9-12 studying instrumental, guitar and vocal music courses as well as several co-curricular groups - including two concert bands, two jazz bands, a student-led choir and a drumline. The school will be celebrating its 60th anniversary next May so stay tuned for news of how you can participate!

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| Matas – Grandview Living | 114 Maurice Drive | OPA and ZBA to permit 4 townhouse units | Public Meeting – May 12, 2014 | Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371leigh.musson@oakville.ca |
| Kemrock Homes (Lakeshore) Ltd. | 1215 and 1221 Lakeshore Road West | Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision to permit a 24 lot plan of subdivision on a public road. | Final recommendation report to be brought forward to Planning and Development Council in the near future. | Charlie McConnell 905-845-6601, ext. 6042charlie.mcconnell@oakville.ca |
| 237824 Ontario Inc. | 231-237 Rebecca Street | Proposed OPA and zoning amendment to permit 6 multiple attached residential units | Public meeting - February 9, 2015 | Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371leigh.musson@oakville.ca |
| Riverstone Residences of Oakville | 65 Speers Road, 66 and 70 Shepherd Road | Plan of Condominium - Phase one and phase two of a standard phased condominium with a total of 281 units (Empire), Privately owned public square included in phase. | Clearing conditions of draft plan approval | Paul Barrette 905-845-6601 ext. 3041paul.barrette@oakville.ca |
You don’t have to spend a lot of time at Town Hall to realize that we live in a busy, engaged and involved community and you might forgive us both for feeling that Ward 3 is “right up there” in terms of the variety that we weave in to the local tapestry. There is a lot of innovation and reinvention taking place in our area right now and the watchwords for our ward could well be “Review and Re-imagine.”

The evidence is everywhere, beginning with the upcoming demolition of the old hospital building on Reynolds Street. Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH) moved to new premises at the corner of Dundas and Third Line last year and there’s been a lot of vibrant debate over what is going to replace it. There’s still a lot of work to be done to repurpose the site and much more community input will be requested. But the frontrunners for usage at this point include some medical options, a community centre, and residential units. If you would like a souvenir by which to remember our dear old OTMH, make sure you buy a brick through www.Otmhbuyabrick.org. They’re $100 each and all funds will be used to support the new hospital.

We also see the creative spirit at work in the town’s new 2016 Citizens’ Guide to Minor Variance and Consent Processes. Ward 3’s residents associations provided a lot of great input into the new publication and it’s vitally important as a resource for understanding when and how you need to seek minor variances and consent when you’re reinventing property you own.

Did you get a chance to enjoy one of Oakville’s beautiful harbour properties over the summer? There’s a lot of reinvention happening there, as well, as Oakville works on a new Harbours Master Plan to ensure that Oakville Harbour and Bronte Harbour continue to prosper in the years to come.

And there’s more – the former Chisholm and Brantwood Public School properties are being reinvented, the Downtown Official Plan is under Review and Ward 3 has the distinction of being the only ward in Oakville whose boundaries will not be affected by the addition of a seventh ward in time for the 2018 municipal election.

None of this could happen without the dedication of a lot of highly focused residents and town staff members and we salute everyone who has been putting their commitment to their community foremost in their schedules. We wish you all the best for the weeks and months ahead.
Buy a brick from the old hospital

Looking for a piece of Oakville’s history?

Bricks from the old Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital are being sold to raise funds for the Oakville Hospital Foundation thanks to the combined efforts of employees at Caldwell Securities, Croplec Equipment, D’Orazio Infrastructure Group and Perspective Marketing. The old hospital building, is being torn down this fall and about 1,000 bricks are being reclaimed and readied for purchase as souvenirs.

The bricks will be sold for $100 each and 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Oakville Hospital Foundation.

Chris Coderre, an Investment Advisor with Caldwell Securities, is leading the “Buy a Brick” campaign. After asking a few people if they would want to buy a brick from the original Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital building for $100, the answer was a resounding “YES!”

The town jumped on board to support the idea and the fundraiser came to life.

To reserve your nugget of Oakville history, sign-up on the Buy a Brick website: www.Otmhbuyabrick.org.

Committee of Adjustment publication

It can be tough to figure out what’s involved in getting town permission for a change to your property and the process is sometimes fraught with misconceptions and misunderstandings. That’s why the Town of Oakville’s Committee of Adjustment (COA), in a joint effort with our residents associations, has created the 2016 Citizens’ Guide to Minor Variance and Consent Processes booklet (http://www.oakville.ca/assets/2011%20planning/COA-Booklet-2016-FINAL.pdf). It answers commonly asked questions, explains the town’s role in the process and helps residents submit an application.

So what’s the difference between a “minor variance” and a “consent” request?

A minor variance provides relief from a specific zoning by-law requirement, and it excuses a property owner from meeting the exact requirements of the by-law. An example of a minor variance is a request for a reduced setback from a side property line.

Consent is considered where land division is minor and a plan of subdivision is clearly unnecessary for development, or where a boundary is being adjusted. This usually involves some type of land severance.

The Citizens’ Guide outlines the criteria that need to be satisfied for minor variance applications and for the consent granting process.

For more information visit http://www.oakville.ca/residents/committee-of-adjustment-info.html or visit www.oakville.ca and search “committee of adjustment info”.

Harbour Study

Oakville’s access to Lake Ontario is an important part of what makes this town such a great place to live, work and visit and the town is currently developing a Harbours Master Plan to ensure that the Oakville Harbour and the Bronte Harbour continue to prosper in the years to come.

The plan focuses on four key objectives:

1. Providing recommendations on improved public access, better connections to surrounding neighbourhoods, recreational amenities and priorities for both harbours.

2. Determining the future use of the Bronte Marina building (formally Metro Marine)

3. Updating the Oakville Harbours Strategic Business Plan

4. Identifying potential options for future harbour growth

Ultimately, the Harbours Master Plan will establish a long-term, affordable vision for harbour development and infrastructure for the non-boating and boating community. Both harbours are close to each downtown core and provide vital support for the surrounding community, and Oakville as a whole.

If you’d like to make a comment about the future of Oakville’s harbours, please contact harboursplan@oakville.ca.
Development is moving ahead on the sites of two former Ward 3 public schools that the Halton District School Board (HDSB) sold to the Town of Oakville in 2012 in response to declining student enrollment. Here’s the latest on the two sites:

**Former Chisholm Public School Property**

The residential-zoned portion of the site was offered for sale through public tender earlier this summer and the purchaser will be expected to develop the site in accordance with Council’s endorsement of a redevelopment that includes:

- a cul-de-sac and nine detached residential lots, with a density limit density of a maximum of 10 units per site hectare
- an expansion to Charnwood Park, including the existing playground and
- a connection to the existing walkway to Bonnylyn Court

An Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision have been approved by Council.

**Former Brantwood Public School**

Council has endorsed a land-use option for the Brantwood site that includes:

- conversion of the front portion of the school to between four and nine condominium apartments; If retention of the front portion of the school building is not feasible, five detached residential lots with frontages of approximately 15 metres each may be created along Allan Street
- seven detached residential lots with frontages of approximately 15 metres each along Douglas Avenue and,
- a parkette with a relocated playground at the corner of Douglas Avenue and Palmer Avenue.

The redevelopment and implementation plan for the Brantwood site is yet to be finalized.

**Downtown Oakville BIA**

**Tiny Tots on Parade**  
**October 31 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Calling all Trick-or-Treaters! Come to Downtown Oakville’s Towne Square and show us your best costume, then hit the town to gather fantastic treats from our many merchants.

**Tree Lighting Ceremony**  
**November 18 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

The Downtown Oakville Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. in Towne Square to kick off the Christmas season! Enjoy caroling, Santa and the lighting of the tree.

**Santa in the Square**  
**November 26 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Share your Christmas wish list and get your photo taken with Santa in the magical setting of Towne Square - FREE to all!

**Wagon Rides with Santa & Carolers**  
**Saturdays & Sundays November 26 - December 24, 2016 - 11:00am - 4:00 pm**

Finish holiday shopping in Downtown Oakville with wagon rides with Santa (pick-up in Towne Square) and the melodic sounds of carolers!
**Downtown official plan review**

The Town of Oakville has initiated a review of the Official Plan to ensure that our policies:

- are consistent with the latest Provincial and Regional policies
- support the town’s strategic goals and
- reflect the vision and needs of the community

Generally speaking, an official plan is a legal document that contains the goals, objectives and policies intended to guide land use, development and growth in a municipality over the next 20 years or more.

The first projects initiated under the review of Oakville’s official plan, Livable Oakville – and which are currently underway – are the town-wide Employment and Commercial Review and the “Main Street” Growth Area Reviews for Bronte Village, Kerr Village and Downtown Oakville.

The Downtown Oakville Growth Area Review will look at the downtown area’s boundaries, land uses, building heights, and urban design policies, as well as recent development activity.

Any revised land use designations and policies considered will aim to maintain our downtown area as a vibrant, pedestrian-oriented mixed-use centre. At the conclusion of the study, an official plan amendment and a zoning by-law amendment may be recommended.

Council voted this summer to reopen the issue of what style of furniture and lighting should be chosen for downtown. Although public consultation had already indicated that a contemporary theme would be best, a lot of concern and opposition arose when it came time to test specific pieces of furniture like the benches and street lights. The desirability of turning Lakeshore Road downtown into a “flex” street also came up and Council has asked that this issue be re-opened and reviewed as well.

A flex street has no curbs, but rather separates pedestrians and motorists through poles or bollards that can be removed to close the street to traffic and open it up for street fairs and festivals, etc.

There will be opportunities for public engagement around both issues this fall and town staff are expected to report back with their recommendations in early 2017.

Results of all components of the official plan review are not expected until sometime in 2018. For more information, please visit or go to www.oakville.ca and search for “Livable Oakville” or “Streetscape Project.”

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If there is one organization that needs reform, in my opinion, it is the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). There are many examples of how this organization has been used by developers to get what they want regardless of what the local government and residents want. The OMB representative who decides cases is an unelected provincial appointee. Vast amounts of time and money are spent by municipalities and residents fighting cases. Despite that, looking at the history of OMB decisions, the majority seem to favour the developer.

Here in Oakville, it is common to be managing multiple OMB cases simultaneously. One high profile case currently before the OMB is the proposed development of the former Saw-whet Golf Course. Your elected council voted to fight the development proposal on the grounds that it is “premature and not in the public interest”. Your mayor has pledged to save all of the Merton Lands of which Saw-whet is part. Given that Oakville has met its provincially mandated growth numbers to 2031, and that development of Saw-whet is not part of Oakville’s current Official Plan, I feel that should be the end of the story. But it is not, because, in my opinion, the OMB often provides a convenient “back door” for developers to achieve their goals.

The good news is that OMB reform is currently being studied by The Province. I believe any reforms that significantly reduce the OMB’s power to overrule elected municipal governments would allow communities to better plan their own futures.

The summer months are now behind us, marking a busy season for Oakville residents as students head back to class and residents fall back into their daily routine.

Similarly, staff and Council are prepared for a productive and eventful few months at Town Hall. The next few pages show just a few updates on some of the big issues affecting residents in Ward 4.

Over the summer, Council took another step towards a unique Health Sciences and Technology District in Ward 4 by establishing specific parameters for the use of the land, specifically regarding jobs and residents. We were pleased to hear projections of upwards of 9000 new knowledge-based jobs in the district, with a jobs-to-residents ratio of four to one.

You will also get an update on the construction of a new, state-of-the-art facility being built in Ward 4 for the Halton Police, as well as the new ErinOakKids facility on its way to North Oakville.

With so much on the radar, it's difficult to choose just a handful of issues to discuss in the next few pages. I hope we can keep this discussion going and invite any Ward 4 residents with questions or concerns to get in touch. It is vital that Council hear from our residents on the issues that affect you.

I hope to hear from you soon. In the meantime, allow me to extend my best wishes to you and your family for a safe, happy fall season!
Saw-whet OMB hearing update

Hundreds of residents have attended public meetings and spoken out against it, yet a plan to build 785 houses, two multi-storey buildings, roads and plazas on the former Saw-whet golf course land remains a possibility (also included is a smaller parcel of land on the west side of Bronte Road which backs onto Bronte Creek).

What has transpired to date:

• After 5 weeks of hearing time, the Board has heard approximately 2/3 of the evidence of the applicant and none of the evidence of the public agencies. The evidence to date has focused on technical/scientific issues related to storm water, natural heritage, noise and traffic.
• The Board has also heard from 11 of the 50 participants who spoke on June 28th.
• Most of the June session of the hearing was cancelled to allow the parties to work together to try to scope some of the matters with a goal of reducing the amount of hearing time that may be required.

Next steps:

• The parties’ experts are working together to determine what additional information/work might be required to address technical concerns with respect to the applications. These discussions are “without prejudice” which means that the information is confidential until and unless the work results in agreement among the parties on those issues.
• The hearing will likely reconvene in October. The exact date is subject to change depending on the progress, if any, that is being made and the time required to complete the work.
• There will be at least one more day for the participants to speak to the Board.

For information related to the application and the hearing, visit: http://oakville.ca/business/da-8844.html

Life sciences hub to create 8800 new jobs

Oakville is one step closer to becoming the new home for a unique Health Sciences and Technology District (HSTD), establishing Ward 4 as the heart of research and innovation in life sciences.

The proposed hub, located adjacent to the new Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital on Third Line and Dundas, would create a groundbreaking $1.5 billion health science campus serving as the home for research and innovation in healthcare and life sciences.

In July Council approved a number of land-use parameters for the proposal. These serves as standards upon which staff and the developer can continue to work together. The primary use of these parameters is establishing that any residential development in the district is to be wholly complementary to the development’s primary purpose: creating knowledge-based jobs in health sciences.

The proposed district would include a number of retail and residential development to support the concept of a live-work community based on the life sciences. To assure that the HSTD’s focus remain employment in the health sciences, Council endorsed a ratio of four jobs to be created for every one resident.

Within this jobs-to-resident ratio, Council also voted to endorse a ratio of three primary jobs for every one secondary job. Primary jobs are defined as high-wage, knowledge-based jobs while secondary jobs are generally service-oriented positions in retail or hospitality.

Combined, this 3:1:1 ratio will assure the HSTD becomes a hub of research and innovation in a booming sector, making Ward 4 home to nearly 9000 new jobs.

Oakville’s location in the center of a life sciences corridor between Hamilton and Toronto has made it well-positioned to become a hub of investment in this growing industry. With its access to dozens of universities and technical colleges, and the opening of its new, state-of-the-art hospital, Oakville is the ideal location for research and innovation in the life sciences.

Council will continue to work with staff and the developer to make sure that the HSTD fits the environmental and economic needs of the community. The possible height parameters within the development have raised some concerns, and Council will require plans on urban design and architecture before moving forward. In the meantime, a number of technical studies – including studies on the financial and traffic impact of the proposal – are currently underway.

Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on the proposal once public meetings are scheduled. Ward 4 residents in particular are invited to share their thoughts on the proposal with their councillors.
Future of Glen Abbey Golf Club - an update

Last fall, the Town’s Planning Services Department received a request for a pre-consultation on a potential development application on Glen Abbey Golf Course. The Glen Abbey Concept Master Plan submitted to the Town calls for the development of 3,000-3,200 residential units, as well as office and retail development.

In a unanimous vote by Oakville Town Council this past February, the Town initiated Town Wide Planning Studies and an Interim Control By-Law for the Glen Abbey Golf Course. An interim control by-law is a temporary by-law that restricts the use of land to provide a municipality ‘breathing room’ to complete a review or study in respect of land use planning policies that affect the land.

The following studies are in progress:
- Urban Structure review
- Land Use Economic and Impact Analysis study
- Cultural Heritage Landscapes assessment

In March, ClubLink appealed the Interim Control By-Law to the Ontario Municipal Board and a hearing is scheduled for approximately 10 days to begin on January 30, 2017.

Although Club Link appealed the Interim Control By-law, they have not yet filed a development application with the Town.

Next Steps:
- Town staff and outside counsel will advise Oakville Town Council, who will determine if a one year extension to the Interim Control Bylaw will be necessary.
- The Town will receive the finalized reports from the studies commissioned pursuant to the Interim Control Bylaw and determine if it is necessary to issue any planning instruments pursuant to these recommendations.

Erinoakkids update and campaign

Moving forward alongside the proposed HSTD is the new ErinOakKids Centre currently under construction in Ward 4, directly beside the new hospital.

Construction of the new 79,000 square foot treatment centre for children with disabilities and special needs is going forward smoothly. It is expected the site will be completed in early-2017 and opened just a few months later that year.

The centre is part of a broader effort to consolidate ErinOakKids’ current patchwork of facilities into three centres in Oakville, Brampton and Mississauga. This will allow children and families to receive almost all their necessary treatment, therapy and support services under one roof.

The project was undertaken with the support of Ontario’s Ministry and Children and Youth, providing the $50 million necessary for the centre in Oakville. Meanwhile ErinOakKids is raising funds to equip their facilities and support specialized programs through the $20 million In My Dreams campaign.

While the facility spaces are being built, the In My Dreams campaign will fund the purchasing of necessary equipment, as well as specialized programming such as:
- A respite program
  - The Independent Living Program
  - Therapeutic recreation programs
  - Volunteer development programs
  - An emergency funding program
  - Other programs including home and vehicle modification

Oakville businesses and residents have already jumped on board, helping raise millions to help children with disabilities get the support they need to realize their dreams. However, there is still time to support this important initiative. Oakville residents who wish to support ErinOakKids’ In My Dreams campaign are encouraged to visit erinoakkids.ca to learn more.
New Halton Police headquarters construction on track

“The project is on schedule and on budget!” That’s the latest word from Police Services regarding construction of Halton’s new police headquarters, located on nine acres of Regionally owned land on North Service Road, immediately west of the Deerfield Golf Club. Nearly $65 million has been budgeted for the 230,000 sq. ft. facility which broke ground last fall and is expected to be ready for occupancy in July, 2017.

The state of the art facility has been designed to accommodate the needs of the Police service for the next 25 years and will house the administrative and support bureaus of the service along with several highly technical spaces, including a cutting edge Forensic Identification Unit. A 3-storey office tower will sit atop the main floor, with an east-west alignment designed to optimize energy conservation and indoor environmental quality. The orientation of the tower provides a façade that will be easier to manage in terms of sun shading and glare control. The project as a whole is being built using sustainable design practices.

A “Topping Off” ceremony, which is conducted by the general contractor/builder to celebrate the point at which a building has reached its maximum height, took place in June. At that point all steel and cement work has been done and subsequent work takes place within the building structure.

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Z.11001/11335 Dundas Street West, between Tremain Rd. and Regional Road 25 Zoning Amendment Application and Draft Plan of Subdivision Application to permit an Industrial Plan of subdivision Application is currently in circulation and under review. Robert Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 rob.thun@oakville.ca
Brome Green Corporation
OPA.1300.07, Z.1300.07, 24CDM-14003/1530, 24T-14004/1530 Area generally bounded by Upper Middle Road, Brome Road, Quinney Mill Creek and North Service Road. Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, Subdivision and Condominium applications to permit a subdivision consisting of a mix of approximately 875 units. Application appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board. Hearing on-going. Re-convening in June 2016. Paul Barrette 905-845-6601 ext. 3041 paul.barrette@oakville.ca
Pendent Development Ltd.
Phase 3 Z.1317.04, 247-15003/1317 Dundas Street West, between Neyagawa Blvd. and Sixth Line. Zoning Amendment Application and Draft Plan of Subdivision Application to permit a total of 591 units, of which 539 will be detached dwellings and 52 a mix of townhouse and live work units. A revised application is currently in circulation and under review. Melissa Dalrymple 905-845-6601, ext. 3297 melissa.dalrymple@oakville.ca
Golden Arch Tech Investment
Z.1431.16 2418 Khalsa Gate Zoning Amendment Application to permit a ten story mixed use building containing 244 residential units and 791 square meters of commercial space at grade. Recommendation Meeting in Fall 2016 Robert Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 rob.thun@oakville.ca
Graydon-Banning Ltd.
Z.1324.05, 24T-15006/1324 1357 Dundas Street West Zoning Amendment Application and draft plan of subdivision to permit a 205 single detached dwellings and 125 townhouses. Application is currently in circulation and under review. Public Meeting date still to be determined. Robert Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 rob.thun@oakville.ca
Baltery Homes (Willoway
Riveway)
24CDM-15003/1431 2370 and 2388 Khalsa Gate and 2375 and 2395 Brome Road. Standard draft plan of condominium application to build four three storey condominium buildings containing 112 units. Recommendation Meeting in Fall 2016 Robert Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 rob.thun@oakville.ca
Oakville Green Development Inc.
Z.1325.06 and 24T-15005/1325 Northeast corner of Dundas Street West and Third Line Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision to permit the development of a Health Sciences and Technology District containing a mix of employment, institutional, commercial and residential uses, with building heights up to 30 storeys. Application is currently in circulation and under review. Public Meeting date still to be determined. Paul Barrette 905-845-6601 ext. 3041 paul.barrette@oakville.ca
Stateview Homes (Ivy Oak
Estates) 24CDM-16005/1430 South end of Khalsa Gate Common Element Draft Plan of Condominium Recommendation Meeting in Fall 2016 Robert Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 rob.thun@oakville.ca
You need only drive along Dundas Street these days to marvel at how much our area of town has been growing over the past couple of years…and there’s a lot more to come. Population projections estimate that another 55,000 people will call Oakville home over the next 10-15 years and they’ll be bringing with them another 35,000 or so new jobs. Although we know that other areas of town will be adding residential units to the landscape as well, you can’t escape the reality that most of the growth is now, and will continue to be, taking place in the north of town.

We’re ready for it! And we invite Ward 5 residents to embrace the growth with the spirit of accommodation that we’ve become known for. One of the results of all this expansion will be the confirmation of a new ward in the northern area of town, Ward 7. It will be formally in place in time for the next municipal election in 2018.

Keep an eye out for developments at the Oakville Public Library (OPL) as well. The OPL is midway through a review to determine what facilities need to be established to service population growth, and what service levels will be required in each branch location. It’s expected that about 53,000 square feet of additional library space will be required to meet the needs of the town’s anticipated build-out population of 255,000, and preliminary expectations are that the town will need to build four new branches, most likely in Bronte, North Oakville, the Trafalgar Corridor north of Dundas, and Palermo Village.

By the way, Marc Grant is a member of the OPL’s Board of Directors and Jeff is its Chair.

To be honest, we can’t talk about accommodation and collaboration without mentioning the gigantic efforts we’ve been making in this town to deal with the issue of aircraft noise. Thanks to what sometimes feels like endless lobbying, we’ve managed to get a commitment to place a noise monitoring terminal in Ward 5 that will generate data on the size of the problem right here at home. We’ll then be able to leverage that data to effect changes in the noise levels we experience.

We’re also pleased to note that a third-party air noise study has been announced and it will dive deeply into the issue in what we expect to be an impartial and reliable way.

There’s a lot going on here these days, as always – and we wish you and your family a fall season that is joyous and productive.

Jeff and Marc
What’s in store for the library?

Long gone are the days when a library was a sleepy place to just sit and read. The Oakville Public Library (OPL) is now one of the most future-focused facilities in Oakville and it puts a lot of emphasis on simplifying the systems used for circulating reading materials and serving the public in ever more inventive ways.

A new integrated library system was introduced last December to facilitate circulation and cataloguing processes, as well as to provide easy check-in and check-out systems for customers. And more changes are in store. The Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan is under review to determine what facilities need to be established to service population growth, and what service levels are required in each branch location.

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Overall, residents have also expressed a desire for more computer workstations, quiet study areas, and larger group study areas. Here’s what else you might expect of the library going forward:

• With advanced technologies and funding for radio frequency identification (RFID), over the next 12 months Oakville libraries will be rolling out with self-heck-in-and-out and inventory management wands, security gates and automated material handling systems to support customer independence and privacy
• The library is moving to replace coin operated photocopy machines with an automated system that is much easier for customers
• The first digital hub for 3D printing and media lab services, including music creation and publishing books, will begin construction at the Iroquois Ridge Library in February of next year.

The new Oakville Public Library Board Strategic Plan (2016-2019) is in progress and expected to go to the Board this fall.

The Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan study is expected to begin this fall, and it’s expected to go to Town Council and the Library Board by the second quarter of 2017.

Ward boundary review

Town Council voted unanimously earlier this year to move forward on changing the town’s ward boundary system, which will increase the number of wards in Oakville from six to seven in time for the 2018 municipal election.

Under the proposed new model, the boundaries of all wards except Ward 3 will be adjusted to accommodate the new Ward 7, which will encompass the neighbourhoods north of Dundas Street, with Burlington as the boundary to the west, and Eighth Line as the boundary to the east. Two council members will continue to be elected for each of the seven wards, to reflect a Town Council of 14 councillors, plus the Mayor.

The new ward boundary model reflects the federal standard of 25% as an acceptable percentage variation in population size among the town’s wards, and, where possible, aligns with the principles initially approved in 2012 as part of the town’s extensive ward boundary review. These principles include:

• effective representation
• the protection of communities of interest and neighbourhoods
• consideration of physical features as natural boundaries

A report and a by-law to redivide ward boundaries will be presented to Council for final approval this fall, pending the approval of a Halton Region by-law to increase Oakville’s regional representation. The new ward boundary map is available on the Ward Boundary Review page at oakville.ca. Residents are invited to send in any questions via email to the Clerk’s department at wardboundary@oakville.ca.
Air noise updates

Two big developments in the ongoing aircraft noise issue are providing hope to Oakville residents concerned about aircraft noise:

1. The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) has committed to setting up a Noise Monitoring Terminal in northeast Oakville and
2. NavCanada, the private company that operates Canada’s civil air navigation service, has agreed to conduct a third-party review of the airspace around Pearson International Airport

The noise monitoring terminal will be located near the corner of Glenashton Drive and Eighth Line, a position that will allow it to capture 100% of the overhead air traffic. This is the first time a noise monitoring terminal will have been placed outside of the “10 nautical mile” radius that has been traditionally considered the limit of the GTAA’s concern for noise.

The noise monitoring terminal will provide hard data to show which of any future noise reduction strategies work and which are less successful. The equipment is expected to be in place sometime this fall and the data it gathers will be available through Webtrak, the GTAA’s online air tracking program.

Meanwhile, NavCanada has announced that it has contracted the consulting company Helios, Bo Redeborn and Graham Lake to undertake a third party review of Toronto airspace. This company has expertise in airspace design and noise issues and will focus on identifying opportunities to reduce community noise exposure, similar to the study they completed for Gatwick Airport in England recently.

Oakville North-Burlington MP Pam Damoff has expressed support for finding a solution to the aircraft noise issue in Oakville, and she has pledged to exert pressure on the appropriate authorities to develop solutions.

The federal government does not have specific authority over the Standard Terminal Arrival Route(s) (STARs) used by aircraft arriving at or departing from Pearson International Airport. These are set by NAV Canada, and complaints about aircraft noise are the responsibility of local airport authorities, in this case the Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA).

While aircraft noise is technically not within the jurisdiction of the Town of Oakville, Oakville councilors and residents have taken a leadership role in pressuring the government to mitigate the noise effects of overhead air traffic.

A Mayor’s Advisory Group on Airport Noise wrapped up earlier this year after an intensive and largely successful effort to see what could be done to reduce the impact of overhead air traffic. The Residents’ Air Noise Group of Oakville (RANGO) has picked up the baton and is now lobbying NavCanada to make aircraft noise improvements for communities in the Pearson Airport area. For more information on the group, and to sign up to become a member, please visit http://www.oakvilleairnoise.com/.

The North Park high school is on its way!

The Town of Oakville’s Planning and Development Council voted earlier this year to authorize town staff to start negotiating with the Halton District School Board (HDSB) around the development of a new public high school at the northwest corner of Dundas Street West and Neyagawa Boulevard.

The school board has identified a need to acquire approximately 6.2 hectares of land in order to construct the public high school, and make room for associated outdoor playing fields and parking. The proposed site is located next to the Town’s North Park, which would allow for a potential school/park campus at the high school. The school board anticipates that the high school would open in September 2021.

The North Park community development area takes up 79-hectares and when it’s complete it will include active sports fields, the Natural Heritage System and the Sixteen Mile Sports Complex, which features a 1,500-seat Olympic-sized ice surface and three NHL-sized ice pads.

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Oakville Transit introduced service changes on September 4, 2016 that will offer residents even more opportunities to travel within Oakville and to our neighboring communities.

Buses now run on a more frequent schedule on the town’s most popular routes, offering shorter wait times so customers can get to their destination faster than ever before. Greater frequency also means getting to a GO Station is simple and convenient.

Improvements to the Oakville Transit routes means reaching key destinations like the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, Sheridan College, Oakville Place and the downtown core will be easier and faster. In addition, customers can also take advantage of route extensions to connect with Burlington Transit at the Appleby GO Station and the GO Transit Park and Ride at Dundas and the 407, just west of Walkers Line.

In the east, increased service also provide more connection opportunities with MiWay.

And remember you can track your bus easily by using the real time bus tracking system; real time information can be easily accessed from a computer or smartphone by using the Bus Finder tool at oakvilletransit.ca or downloading the Oakville Transit app.

For more information contact 905-815-2020, oakvilletransit.ca, follow us on Twitter @oakvilletransit, or connect with us on Facebook @OakvilleTransit.

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ENGO (North Oakville) Ltd. 24T-12012 | 3868 Sixth Line | Zoning by law and draft plan of subdivision to permit 618 residential units, mixed use, village square and park | Public Meeting held on January 13, 2014. | Geoff Abma geoff.abma@oakville.ca 905.845.6601 x3034
Star Oak Developments Inc. SUB 24T-12015 ZA 1215.01 | North of Balmutho Road West, East of Sixth Line - Part of Lots 14 & 15, Conc. 2 MB7 | Zoning by law and draft plan of subdivision to permit 126 single detached and 91 townhouse units, and approx. 34.5 hectares of Employment Land supported by a private driveway, village square and stormwater facility blocks. | Public Meeting held on January 13, 2014 | Geoff Abma geoff.abma@oakville.ca 905.845.6601 x3034
3457667 Ontario Inc., Merlot Developments | 3060 and 3072 Sixth Line | Zoning by law amendment to permit 109 attached, stacked townhouses with below-grade parking. | Application is currently in circulation and under review | Geoff Abma geoff.abma@oakville.ca 905.845.6601 x3034
Trinity United Church 24T-12016 ZA 1513 Z.1316.27 | 1250 McCauley Street East | Zoning by law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision to create three residential lots. | Public Meeting held on June 3, 2016 | Leigh Musson leigh.musson@oakville.ca 905.845.6601 x 3371
103 Dundas Corporation Zoning Amendment Application Z.1316.04 | 103 Dundas Street West | Zoning Amendment Application to permit an eight storey, 208 unit residential apartment building. | Application is currently in circulation and under review. | Robert Thun 905.845-6601 x 3029 rob.thun@oakville.ca
Dunbar Developments 24CDM-12015 Z.1316.0143 | 2158, 2168, 2180 & 2192 Trafalgar Road | Condominium Application for 112 townhouses fronting onto both public roads and private lanes. | Recommendation report anticipated for Fall 2016 | Tricia Collingwood 905.845.6601 x 3833 tricia.collingwood@oakville.ca
Muttany (Krepp), 404072 Ontario Ltd., Phase 2 | South of Balmutho Road West, East of Sixth Line – Part of Lots 14 and 15, Conc. 1, NDS | Zoning by law and draft plan of subdivision to permit 169 single detached, 128 townhouse units, 64 back-to-back townhouse units, mixed use, natural heritage system, and stormwater management pond. | Application is currently in circulation and under review. | Geoff Abma geoff.abma@oakville.ca 905.845.6601 x3034
Dear Residents,

Council is continuing its work towards its Livable Oakville vision. By controlling growth to what fits, maintaining high-quality infrastructure and service, keeping our finances healthy, and preserving greenspace, we are working to protect and expand on what makes Oakville stand out.

**Controlling growth and planning complete communities**

This past summer, the Ontario government introduced changes to land-use plans which require GTA municipalities to plan for increased growth in residential and employment lands. Meanwhile, Halton Region and the Town of Oakville are undertaking reviews of their official plans to manage growth up to the year 2041, ten years longer than our current plans extend to.

We will continue to focus on managing growth to what fits economically and environmentally, as well as building complete communities with the infrastructure and greenspace necessary to meet Oakville’s high standards of livability.

**Protecting nature**

Council is continuing to focus on preserving greenspace, growing our green canopy and protecting Oakville’s natural landscape. This term we will continue to support a program to manage the effects of the emerald ash borer, advocate for expansion of the Ontario greenbelt and improve waste diversion rates.

**Building and renewing infrastructure**

Council will continue to focus on building and maintaining infrastructure that improves the livability of our communities on a day-to-day basis. We are continuing to increase the funding for road resurfacing projects to make sure Oakville’s roads are smooth and safe. Council has also voted to streamline measures to control the speed of traffic in high-pedestrian areas, so be on the lookout for new speed limits in your neighbourhood.

**Keeping our finances healthy**

Council remains committed to its goal of keeping tax increases at or below inflation, as it has set and met for the past eight years. Meanwhile we are funding high-quality services and expanding our capital budget to improve the condition of Oakville’s roads long-term. We will continue working to maintain the title presented to Oakville by Dr. Enid Slack of the University of Toronto as the municipality with the healthiest finances in Ontario.

It’s important to us that we be accessible to our constituents. If you have any questions or concerns with anything at the town, we’re only a call or a click away.

In the meantime, we wish you all the best this fall season!

Best regards,

Tom and Natalia
Traffic calming update

While Council and staff work to improve infrastructure and make commutes easier, the number one priority remains safety for both drivers and pedestrians.

Of particular concern when considering road safety is traffic calming in high-pedestrian areas. Overwhelming numbers of studies have proven that even a slight reduction in speed can have an enormous impact on the likelihood of a pedestrian collision, and the severity of a collision should it occur.

An Ontario study on traffic and pedestrian death found that 67 per cent of all pedestrian fatalities occurred on roads with a posted speed of higher than 50 km/hr, while only 5 per cent occurred on roads with a posted speed of lower than 50 km/hr. The remaining 28 per cent occurred on roads with a posted speed of 50 km/hr exactly.

After extensive public consultation, in May 2016 Council approved a plan to expand on the town’s traffic calming program in residential neighbourhoods. This plan expands the toolkit for town staff to construct physical traffic calming measures on Oakville’s roads.

Roads that have been identified as having higher-than-desirable traffic speeds are now being studied by town staff. Based on the data collected in this study, staff will be able to create a list of priority roads for physical traffic calming measures.

Oakville’s snowploughs ready for another winter

With winter on its way, Oakville’s fleet of snowplows are ready to take on the nearly 2000 lane kilometres of roadways and get residents where they need to go quickly and safely.

But it’s important to understand the strict policies which determine how your neighbourhood’s streets are cleared.

The first priority during any snowfall are primary and secondary roads. Primary roads are major arteries like Trafalgar, while secondary roads include White Oaks Boulevard, Glen Ashton, Northridge Trail and other connecting roads. These are prioritized to make sure emergency service vehicles can move around town.

If more than 7.5 centimetres of snow falls and both primary and secondary roads have been cleared, plows get to work on residential streets. This can sometimes result in snowpiles forming at the end of driveways. To minimize this, pile snow on the right-hand side when shoveling your driveway.

Among other options, these physical measures include raised crosswalks or center meridians, curb extensions, or passive techniques which use painted lines to narrow the road for drivers. The May 2016 Council vote also requested that staff include radar speed display signs as a physical traffic calming technique, after a successful pilot in 2014 and 2015.

As well as more specific criteria to reduce speeding, Council approved a plan to expand the number of streets with a posted speed of 40 km/hr. Under the provincial Highway Traffic Act, all roads in Oakville have a posted speed of 50 km/hr unless otherwise stated.

Traditionally, the 40 km/hr speed limit was only designated for roads directly surrounding elementary schools. In May 2016, Council approved expanding this speed limit to include the following areas:

- Secondary schools
- Community centres and libraries
- Senior centres
- Public libraries
- Private schools
- Parks (adjacent to elementary school zones)

Council is currently awaiting a report from staff on the time and budget necessary for this speed limit reduction.

The town has also established helpful resources to track snowplows across Oakville. Residents can find a map outlining all different primary and secondary roads around town, or use the snowplow tracker to check the snow removal progress in their community in real time.

To access these handy tools – or to learn more about Oakville’s snow removal policies – visit oakville.ca
Keeping finances strong, stable and healthy

The 2017 budget is already underway, with staff and Council working to build a budget that maintains high-quality services and builds and renews Oakville’s infrastructure – all while keeping tax increases at or below inflation.

Maintaining healthy, stable and strong finances remains a critical part of the livable Oakville vision. Council has set and met the expectation of keeping tax increases at or below inflation for eight years.

In fact, University of Toronto economist Enid Slack recently praised Oakville as maintaining the best fiscal health in Ontario, with a relative fiscal health score of 1473. By comparison, neighbouring Burlington’s score was 162. The chart below shows the top eight scores in Ontario.

The goal of the 2017 budget will be to maintain this record of strong fiscal health and low taxes.

This year Oakville residents are receiving new property assessments from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). On average, the 2016 assessed market value of Oakville’s residential properties has increased 30 per cent from the last reassessment in 2012. This market value is used to calculate the tax rate for property taxes, but the increase in value does not necessarily mean an increase in tax.

Property tax rates in 2017 will be adjusted to offset the overall increase in assessed market value in Oakville. Only those whose property values have increased by more than 30 per cent will experience an assessment-based increase, which will be phased in over four years. Those properties whose assessment is less than 30% will see an assessment-based decrease. Residents who have reviewed their assessments and desire an appeal should do so through MPAC. Deadline for appeal is Oct. 25th, 2016.

Council will also work to make sure the 2017 budget maintains Oakville’s financial stability and triple-A credit rating, while providing the high-quality services and facilities residents expect from their municipal government.

Meanwhile, the capital budget will continue to focus on infrastructure renewal and transportation to keep up with the demands of our growing population. Last year’s ten-year capital forecast projected our road resurfacing program will receive more than $8.5 million in funding for 2017, more than four times the amount of funding dedicated to road resurfacing in the 2006 budget.

The budget committee will also participate in a number of formal and informal public consultations for residents hoping to provide feedback on the budget. Currently four meetings are scheduled for November to provide an overview of the budget and to receive input from public delegations.

The staff-recommended budget will be presented on Nov. 15th, and the Budget Committee recommendations are finalized on Dec. 6th to council. Council is expected to vote to approve the operating and capital budgets on Dec. 12th.

Top eight Ontario municipalities by fiscal health score

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Source: ‘Is Your City healthy? Measuring Urban Fiscal Health’ by Dr. Enid Slack and Dr. Richard M. Bird
Oakville’s four-legged residents

Oakville’s animal services by-laws are designed to make sure being a dog owner remains a walk in the park. Residents in Oakville must follow a number of bylaws that to ensure neighbourhoods remain clean, quiet and safe:

- Dogs must wear an up-to-date Town of Oakville license tag
- Owners must “stoop and scoop” their dog’s waste
- Owners must maintain control over their dogs at all times

The by-laws governing pets in Oakville are enforced by the Oakville and Milton Humane Society, which administers the mandatory licenses and provides information and services to pet owners.

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Oakville is also home to six fenced-off areas – such as Glenashton Park – where dog-owners can let their pets roam and socialize more freely. While walking your dog outside of these leash-free setting, a leash is always mandatory.

While many dogs are certainly capable of remaining calm and well-behaved without a leash, the bylaw exists to give other residents peace of mind. Many residents may have a fear of dogs no matter their demeanor, and it is the town’s role to make sure they can walk the street feeling safe and secure.

For more information about adoption, bylaws and licensing, visit the Oakville and Milton Humane Society at omhs.ca
Livability for everyone

Oakville’s strong economy, healthy finances and competitive tax rates are key parts of our town’s livability.

But with this economic strength and stability it can be easy to forget that there are still residents who are left behind, and families who are not able to fully enjoy everything our community offers.

At two thirds of the provincial average, the rate of Oakville households living below the Low Income Measure is certainly enviable, but that’s no reason not to do more.

Oakville residents already understand that, which is why Oakville’s rate of volunteer participation is also far above the provincial average, according to a report from the Oakville Community Foundation. Organizations like the Kerr Street Mission and the Halton Anti-Poverty Roundtable do fantastic work offering a helping hand to those who need it, and advocating for policies that allow everyone to participate in their community.

As I said to business leaders during my last speech to the Oakville Chamber of Commerce: the poverty problem in Oakville is smaller, and our ability to tackle it is greater, so if Oakville can’t reduce poverty, nobody can.

Halton Region recently took action to help low income seniors handle the rising costs of living, and as we begin to develop Community Safety and Well-Being Plans for all our communities I believe there are even more opportunities to make Oakville a place where everyone can share in our high quality of life.

This work will take time and cooperation between businesses, charities, governments and ordinary residents. If you can help or would like more information about opportunities to make a difference, please get in touch with me. I look forward to working with non-profits, businesses and residents like you to improve Oakville’s livability for everyone.

Property assessments and taxes

Your taxes don’t automatically go up if your MPAC property assessment goes up!

With MPAC’s recent notifications to residents of their new property value assessment, some residents have expressed concern that the rising value in their home’s assessment may increase their property taxes.

But there is no need to fear! The town is required to revise the overall tax rate to keep the total amount of property tax from increasing beyond the amount set in the annual budget.

The 2016 average market value increase in Oakville is 30 per cent. Any residents whose assessment increase is at 30 per cent will not experience any increase. Those above the 30 per cent mark will experience an assessment-based increase that will only be phased in over four years. If your assessment increase is less than 30%, the assessment-based reduction in the property tax will come immediately, without being spread over four years.

There are also opportunities to appeal your property assessment or request a reconsideration. Any resident who received their property assessment in June has until Oct. 25th, 2016 to file for appeal. All other property owners who receive their assessment in October will have until Feb. 25th, 2017.

For more information on your property assessment, visit Oakville.ca
A great place to live and make a living

After ten years of success in job creation, we’ve proven that livability attracts economic development.

In 2009, the Town of Oakville developed a ten-year economic development strategy with the goal of diversifying and strengthening Oakville’s economy.

Since that time, the Town has taken strategic initiatives to support four key knowledge-based industries: advanced manufacturing, professional services, life sciences, and digital media.

As a municipality, there are a number of ways Oakville is able to attract and retain businesses. Our economic development team works to supply employers with the information they need to make the right choices to grow their business.

The town has continued to conduct its Commercial and Employment Land Review, which assesses the availability of lands needed to support economic development in the community. This review looks as far ahead as the year 2041 in preparing for the community’s long-term needs.

The town also works to maintain stable finances and keep tax rates competitive. For the past nine years, the budget committee has coordinated with the Region of Halton to assure property tax increases remain at or below inflation, and the office/non-retail tax rate stays below the GTA average.

In fact, Dr. Enid Slack – a University of Toronto professor specializing in municipal fiscal health – praised Oakville as having the best fiscal health among major municipalities in Ontario.

Most importantly, the town works to maintain Oakville’s livability. In a competitive labour market, it’s essential that employers are able to attract and retain talent. By providing community facilities and services that provide a high quality of life, Oakville remains an attractive destination for the experienced, educated employees that help businesses thrive.

Oakville’s economic development plan is long-term, comprehensive and focuses on innovation to respond to changing needs. Working as a strong partner for local businesses, the town is able to make sure Oakville remains a great place to live and make a living.

Investment in Oakville’s new hospital pays off

Oakville’s new, state-of-the-art hospital is beginning to pay dividends beyond its obvious benefits to our health care. The new hospital is playing a role as a job-creation magnet.

Council has given approval to the parameters to guide evaluation of an application for a unique and groundbreaking new health and life sciences employment district which would serve as a hub for research and innovation in health and life sciences.

The Health Science and Technology District (HSTD) would occupy the 30 acres on the eastern side of the new Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, providing space for businesses in the health industry as well as research and technology firms.

The HSTD would also serve as a unique live-work environment, providing residential space to complement the employment lands being developed.

Council’s approved parameters for the development mandate at least four new jobs being created for every one new resident in the district. Council also voted to require that at least 75 per cent of any jobs created are high-wage, knowledge-based “primary” jobs. Staff will continue to work with developers under these parameters to make sure any residential development exists to complement the HSTD’s primary purpose: creating good jobs and supporting Oakville’s economic development.

By attracting an estimated 8800 new jobs, the HSTD would help make the most of our public investment in the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Using the new hospital – and the upcoming ErinOakKids Centre alongside it – as the centerpiece of a health sciences hub makes the area more enticing for new jobs and economic development.

Now that land use parameters surrounding the HSTD concept have been approved, staff will be moving forward with technical studies of the financial and traffic impact the HSTD would have.

Council will also require a number of other studies and plans for waste management, urban design, pedestrian circulation and the use of open space.

In the months following the submission of these plans the town will be holding public information meetings to receive comments and information from residents.
Keeping Oakville moving

Over the next ten years, nearly all of Oakville’s roads will measure good or better on the Pavement Quality Index used to measure road quality.

The town’s roads are improving and will keep getting better because of a plan endorsed by Council in 2009 to fund the repairs needed to keep Oakville’s infrastructure in good working condition.

This initiative was created by Council’s budget chair, Ward 6 Town and Regional Councillor Tom Adams, who pointed out that if road repair funding was not increased, by 2025 half of Oakville’s streets would be deficient in quality.

Oakville has 705 centreline kilometres of roadway requiring nearly constant supervision and upkeep. Allowing a road to fall into disrepair can be inconvenient, expensive and dangerous for cyclists and motorists.

That’s why the town adopted a plan that has drastically increased funding to get residents where they need to go quickly, safely and conveniently.

Oakville’s Road Resurfacing Program relies on data from the town’s surveying software to identify which roads are below the town’s acceptable standard. By constantly monitoring quality indicators, roads are given a Pavement Quality Index (PQI) score from 1 to 100.

Using that PQI score, the town is able to determine which roads are in need of repair. The town’s goal is to make sure all arterial and collector roads have a PQI of 65 or higher, and all local roads maintain a PQI of 50 or higher.

As it stands, nine per cent of Oakville’s 705 kilometres of roads are considered deficient. In 2009, anticipating an upcoming backlog of deficient roads, Council approved a long-term plan to drastically increase funding and make sure Oakville’s roads remained well-maintained.

In 2006 the funding allotted to road resurfacing was slightly more than $2 million in today’s dollars. In ten years that funding has nearly quadrupled, with over $7.8 million dedicated to road resurfacing this year alone.

Due to the plan put forward in 2009 by Council’s budget chair, road resurfacing will receive an additional $750,000 each year until 2019, where it will be capped at $10.1 million.

Under this plan to prioritize road resurfacing, the town has projected that the number of deficient roads will decrease to 2.4 per cent by 2025. Without this funding, the number of deficient roads would spike to 50 per cent in the same time.

By making major capital investment in road resurfacing today the town is making sure residents enjoy an easier commute for years down the road.

For more information of Oakville’s Road Resurfacing Program, visit oakville.ca

P.L.A.N.T! (Please Let’s Add New Trees!)
We’re planting trees to help our urban forest regrow after the impact of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). You can help! Fall is a great time to plant trees. Take part in a community tree planting or plant a tree on your property.

For a list of native trees and planting tips, visit the planting page at oakville.ca.
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