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Regional & Town Councillor Jeff Knoll - Ward 5
Regional & Town Councillor Tom Adams - Ward 6
Regional & Town Councillor Alan Johnston - Ward 1
Town Councillor Roger Lapworth - Ward 4
Town Councillor Cathy Duddeck - Ward 2
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Regional & Town Councillor Fred Oliver (seated) - Ward 2
Town Councillor Mary Chapin - Ward 3
Mayor Rob Burton
Regional & Town Councillor Keith Bird - Ward 3
Town Councillor Ralph Robinson - Ward 1
Town Councillor Max Khan - Ward 6
LET’S TALK... Welcome to the fourth 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.

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.

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 help make sure you get the courteous and timely response we want you to have. There are also two easy access numbers for information about services that are available.

DIALING 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.

GOVERNMENT STIMULUS FUNDING FOR OAKVILLE

Did you know that over $100 million in stimulus funding from all four levels of government has been committed to Oakville? Major projects, including the Town of Oakville’s new transit facility, received a significant amount of money. The funding will allow projects to get rolling much faster, so their benefits can be felt by residents sooner.

The Town’s new transit facility will house more buses and more staff than our current, over-capacitated garage, helping Oakville Transit provide better, more convenient transit service as part of a re-vamp whose first phase will begin this fall. In total, $112.2 million has been secured for projects that will benefit our town.

BREAKDOWN OF STIMULUS FUNDING FOR OAKVILLE

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Oakville Tops In Livability

The results are in! According to the Town’s 2009 Citizens Survey, an overwhelming 89 per cent of Oakville residents surveyed expressed overall satisfaction with key attributes of local government and 88 per cent are satisfied with Town programs and services. A remarkable 85 per cent of residents said that Oakville is better than most areas in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) when it comes to livability. The telephone survey was conducted by Pollara Strategic Insights on behalf of the Town of Oakville. A random sample of 805 residents were asked about their views on the community; what they valued most about Oakville; what they saw as the top challenges facing Oakville; how they rated a wide variety of Town services; and what they had to say about future spending priorities. Findings are accurate to +/- 3.5 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

A GOOD PLACE TO CALL “HOME”

Residents were asked to rate eight key attributes that contribute to quality of life in Oakville. Over nine in ten residents rate a sense of belonging and being safe (94%) and quality of buildings and overall appearance (92%) as Oakville’s top attributes. These are followed by very high ratings of the effort the Town makes to protect heritage (87%), the amount of information provided to residents (85%) and the Town’s responsiveness to the needs of the community (80%). Nearly seven-in-ten say they are satisfied with the Town’s management of tax dollars (69%).

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TOWN SERVICES MEET EXPECTATIONS

Overall, residents were very satisfied with the Town’s programs and services. Seven of 11 service areas receive satisfaction levels of over 80%, led by satisfaction with public library services (91%), parks and green spaces (90%), harbours and waterfront areas (89%), recreation programs (88%), recreation fields and facilities (86%), Oakville’s fire services (83%) and arts and cultural programs and venues (85%). While Town roads and sidewalks (79%), winter road and sidewalk maintenance (71%), provision of municipal parking (67%) and transit (51%) do not exceed 80% these are municipal services that often rate lower in most municipalities.

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PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Residents were asked about the greatest challenge preventing Oakville from being the most livable Town in Canada. The top three challenges are being overcrowded or overdeveloped (12%), town expansion generally (9%) and the cost of living (7%). Notably, 23% of residents say they don’t know or can’t name a particular challenge that prevents Oakville from being the most livable Town in Canada.

MANAGING GROWTH A KEY PRIORITY

To assist with prioritization of policies and plans for the future, residents were asked to choose which priority they would like to see the Town focus on most. Managing growth in the Town was most often selected as the key priority overall by residents, followed by Oakville’s natural environment and then Oakville’s local infrastructure.

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For More Information

This is the fourth Citizens Survey Oakville has conducted. Current and past survey results are available for reference and can be viewed at www.oakville.ca. For more information please contact the Strategy, Policy & Communications Department at 905-845-6601 ext. 3689 or email communications@oakville.ca.
WELCOME TO THE LATEST EDITION OF LET’S TALK OAKVILLE

As we head into summer, you will find lots of outdoor activities to enjoy. We have the Empire Sandy sailing out of Bronte Harbour for both the Waterfront Festival weekend and Bronte’s own Blues Festival from August 15-16. We had our traditional Canada Day activities at Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park, culminating with fireworks over the harbour at night. Be sure to enjoy all that Bronte has to offer this summer.

On June 22, Council approved our new official plan for growth, Livable Oakville. The delivery of this plan, combined with making developers pay for the new infrastructure required for their developments, was a major part of my commitment to you. I am proud that this Council is able to deliver on that commitment. It is an important step towards making Oakville the most livable town in Canada.

Enjoy the summer, and I hope to see you around, strolling the boardwalk or browsing the stores in Bronte Village.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your thoughts and ideas.

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LIVING IN WARD 1

Yes indeed – Bronte is still on fire.

Amongst all the activity surrounding our new official plan, Livable Oakville, which was approved by Council on June 22, other significant developments are being discussed.

The first Council-sponsored public information meeting on the controversial and interesting Bronte Village Mall application is scheduled for September 16. The application has not yet gone before Council.

The Amica project continues to move forward slowly, but the Ontario Municipal Board must first hear the case, commencing in December. It is always difficult to estimate how long these hearings may last.

I have been advised that the Moldenhauer property on the north side of Lakeshore Road, which had applied for eight storeys, is currently under power of sale. The application for approval will be before Council in September. However, staff have advised me that in their opinion the application does not meet the acceptable criteria for our Bronte area. This application has been appealed at the OMB as well, so I expect it will be several months before we have an acceptable application.

Mayor Burton has asked me to lead an advisory group on Natural Trail Standards. I have appointed representation from each ward and we have commenced our discussions. Our group will pass along our thoughts and ideas to Mayor Burton.

Congratulations to Dr. Doug Walmsley and Mrs. Shirley Walmsley for being recognized with the 2009 Oakville Community Spirit Awards Senior Award. It is a well deserved honour after the many years of support and volunteerism they’ve given to the entire town.

Have a great summer and please call me anytime.
Renovations to QE Park Community Centre will begin this September, heralding the start of its transformation into a multipurpose recreation, arts and culture facility. Town Council approved $3.65 million in financing for the project as part of the 2009 Capital Budget Adjustments.

“I am extremely pleased with the initial conceptual approval given to the Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre,” Councillor Ralph Robinson said. “This project has been several years in the making, and when it reopens the Bronte community and the entire town will be able to benefit from and enjoy the enhanced recreational and cultural programs.”

Architects Shore Tilbe Irwin and Partners prepared three design concepts for the new community centre, following extensive public consultation. Two concepts required partial or full demolition of the site. Council chose a third option, which requires the former school to be renovated. The design sets aside 54,000 square feet of space for arts and cultural activities.

“This decision is the culmination of a lot of hard work by staff and residents,” Councillor Alan Johnston said. “We’re looking forward to watching QE Park take shape, and are excited for the day we open it to residents and Oakville’s arts and cultural communities.”

The renovation capital costs of the chosen design are approximately $10 million less than the other two concepts considered.

“There was tremendous community support for this design concept, because it will service the greatest number of community interests and groups,” said Nina de Vaal, Director of Recreation and Culture.

In order to accommodate the demolition of the facility’s interior, QE Park will be closed as of September 1, 2009. The warm pool facility will be moved to Glen Abbey Community Centre, and Town staff will work to accommodate pool and community programs at other facilities where possible.

Council purchased the former Queen Elizabeth Park School in 2004 with the intent of redeveloping it into a community centre. The plan was part of recommendations made in the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Library Master Plan approved in June, 2006.

For more information, visit www.oakville.ca/qepark.htm.

The Town of Oakville’s Parks and Open Space department has been busy creating two new parks in the Bronte area.

**South Shell Waterfront Park** (located at the southern end of Great Lakes Boulevard) is Oakville’s newest waterfront park, and a new neighbourhood park is being created on Nautical Drive.

“The new waterfront park extends Oakville’s waterfront trail,” said Chris Mark, Director of Parks and Open Space. “It has large areas of naturalized planting, a pathway system that follows the lakefront, as well as a loop through the woodlot.”

There are lookouts of the beach and lake along the trail, and several benches.

**Nautical Park** boasts a soccer pitch, parking area, children’s creative playgrounds, splash pad and shade structure. Nautical Park is adjacent to Nautical Woods Park, which has pathways that connect to the Village Wood Park trail system, offering visitors a chance to enjoy the beauty and serenity of this natural area.

For more information about Oakville’s new parks, visit www.oakville.ca/parkstrails.htm.
NEW YOUTH CENTRE IN BRONTE

The new Bronte Youth Centre (BYC) is a fun and welcoming place for local youth aged 13-19 to make new friends, talk and learn. The BYC, which is governed by a behaviour code that promotes respect, registered 158 youth within a month of opening.

BYC Recreation Assistant Kim Lavecchia, who worked at Oakville’s successful first Youth Centre on Cross Avenue, knows the importance of providing youth with a safe place they can go to hang out.

“Every youth is the same here,” Lavecchia said. “We have rules that must be followed, but this is their place.”

The BYC is located at 2296 Lakeshore Road, and is open five days a week after school and in the evenings. Summer hours are Tuesday to Saturday from 2-11 p.m.

“Friday we have tournaments and Saturdays we feature a movie night,” Lavecchia said. “In the fall we will begin our homework club program.”

Grade 11 student Aabed Farag did his high school co-op placement at the BYC, and knows the benefits of participating in the youth centre first-hand, having used the Cross Avenue Youth Centre for two years.

“It’s a great place. It’s a trusted place,” said Farag, “It’s a good place to make new friends.”

Lavecchia brings first-hand knowledge of the trouble youth can get into when they lack community support and a positive social environment.

“I worked as a Youth Services Officer at the Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Centre,” she said. “I want to do my best to make a difference here with youth and ensure that they know there’s another path to go down.”

The BYC provides integrated services, such as education and career counselling. Computers with Internet access are available to use, and the centre has a big screen television, video games and a pool table. The Oakville Public Library has an on-site, rotating collection of popular teen titles that youth can sign out, and the ‘Snack Shack’ offers a selection of light food at reasonable prices. Informal learning sessions will be held on a regular basis, covering topics like drugs, gangs, graffiti, relationships and hip-hop music. BYC staff are supported by the local police and the Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Services of Halton.

“We want to create programs that are of interest to (youth),” Lavecchia said, adding that a suggestion box will be set up to allow youth to contribute their ideas.

To find out more about the new BYC and its programming, drop in or call 905-582-3592.

BRONTE’S LOCAL CONSTABLE IN NEW OFFICE AT HARBOUR LIGHTHOUSE

Bronte’s Village Constable is back! Constable Jen Dewar has an office in the Lighthouse Harbour Plaza at 2340 Ontario Street. The Village Constable office had moved from Bronte Road to the main Police offices on White Oaks Boulevard, but has now returned to the Village.

Constable Dewar brings eight years of policing to her role. She said she will be at local events that require police attendance and any non-emergency occurrences.

“I am the liaison between the Bronte community and businesses and the Police,” Constable Dewar said. “I can answer any police-related questions that the public may have. If you have any questions or concerns related to policing issues, I encourage you to call me.”

Although Constable Dewar does not work a traditional Mon. to Fri. schedule, she is easily available by telephone at 905-825-4747, ext. 5320.

BRONTE SUMMER CALENDAR

Enjoy some of the best lake views in Oakville, and a great selection of events to keep the whole family busy. Art, music, dance and history come alive in Bronte during the summer months!

ALL SUMMER LONG:

Visit www.cjcafeinbronte.com to find out about CJ’s Café and its popular Retro Rock Lounge, Live Music Sundays and various art collections. CJ’s is located at 2416 Lakeshore Road West.

Historic Sovereign House, the former home of Charles Sovereign, one of Bronte’s pioneers, will showcase local history and a rotating art show every two weeks during the summer. The house is located at 7 West River Street and is open Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays from May 24 to October 18, 1-4 p.m. To find out more about Sovereign House, call 905-825-5552.

AUGUST 3 44th Annual Art in the Park
Bronte Harbour Waterfront Heritage Park, 10-5 p.m. For more information, visit the Oakville Art Society website at www.oakvilleartsociety.com/events.

AUGUST 9 Sovereign House Garden Tour and Floral Art Display – Vintage Canadian gardening publications will also be on display.

AUGUST 15 & 16 Harbour Days Music Festival – To be held in Bronte Harbour, the festival offers live music and tall ship cruises.
BRONTE VILLAGE REVITALIZATION STUDY
The final report from the Bronte Village Revitalization Study (BVRS) reflects the views and opinions of Ward 1 residents, and includes three key objectives for development plans as the area continues to grow:

1. To nurture, conserve and enhance a historic lakeside village character
2. To revitalize the village and maintain a complete community
3. To maintain and improve waterfront connections

The goal of the BVRS was to suggest measures that would revitalize Bronte Village and guide future development. Taking into account input from community workshops, research, public consultation, and a technical review, the final report identifies a primary area of change bordered by Sovereign Street to the north, Lake Ontario to the south, East Street to the east, and West River Street to the west, and recommends growth be focused on Lakeshore Road West. The surrounding areas should remain relatively stable.

The BVRS report was brought to Council on June 22. The Town will adopt the policies recommended in the report as part of the Town’s new official plan for growth, Livable Oakville, and the three objectives will become part of an evaluation of a suggested redevelopment plan for Bronte Village Mall.

For more information on the Bronte Village Revitalization Study, visit www.oakville.ca/livable-bronte.htm.

BRONTE VILLAGE MALL
Former architect Wylie Freeman was hired by the owners of Bronte Village Mall to consult with the public to come up with design ideas that would meet the needs of the community.

“I’ve been involved with all aspects of development, and if you can find a way to involve local people it’s so much better,” Freeman said.

Freeman coordinated five sessions with a team of key committed citizens. Discussion focused on building uses, massing, layout and character, as well as safety, affordability, sustainability and the integration of arts and culture.

“We wanted to create a design that brings residents into the area and to help revitalize the space,” he said. The design submission prepared by MSAi Urban Design says that the mall plans will “meet or exceed the target principles set out in the Bronte Revitalization and Livable Oakville studies.”

The plans for the block of land bordered by Sovereign and Jones Streets and Lakeshore and Bronte Roads include a Market Square at the heart of the development, a Veteran’s Memorial Water Park, residences on Sovereign Street, and buildings of varying heights set back from the road, including a 21-storey tower building. Developing the site could take 10 years or more.

The public is invited to continue to take part in the development process by sharing their views at public consultation meetings, which are scheduled for the fall to accommodate the greatest number of residents.

In the meantime, your Ward 1 councillors want to hear your opinion. Share your answer by contacting Councillor Ralph Robinson at rrobinson@oakville.ca, or Councillor Alan Johnston at ajohnston@oakville.ca.

What is an appropriate building height when considering new development in the Bronte Village area?
The long-standing conflict over 1510, 1520, 1526 Lakeshore Road West and 53 Belvedere Drive in the Bronte Community District has been resolved through an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) settlement. The settlement, already approved by Council, allows for 14 single detached homes to be built by Hush Homes. The three lots on Belvedere Drive will be zoned R02, in keeping with the rest of the homes on the street. The remaining 11 will be serviced by an internal road and be limited in height to nine metres.

“We’re pleased to have finally reached a settlement that maintains the character of our older, more stable neighbourhood,” Ward 2 Councillor Cathy Duddeck said. “Our residents were invaluable in supporting our position that this property was not suitable for a high density building of any type.”

The recent OMB decision puts an end to the Reichmann Seniors Housing Corporation’s initial plans to build a three-storey, 125-unit upscale seniors’ apartment complex in the area that is now occupied by the Fantasy Fruit Market.

Reichmann initially purchased the land and submitted the necessary development applications (Official Plan and Zoning Amendments) in 2006. But when the Town did not make a decision within the required time period, the applications were appealed to the OMB.

Reichmann then sold the property to residential developer Hush Homes during the following year. Hush Homes then submitted its own applications with the intention of building 15 single detached homes.

“The Reichmann Seniors project was totally inappropriate for this neighbourhood from the beginning. It would have taken a mature neighbourhood and inserted a high density apartment complex in its midst,” said Pamela Knight, a resident of Belvedere Drive. “Although the Hush Homes project was residential, it still represented 15 three-story homes on small lots in an area with one- and two-storey homes on larger, more mature properties.”

When Council voted down the application, Hush Homes appealed to the OMB, which ruled in the Town’s favour, resulting in the amended development plan.
If you’re thinking of putting up a fence, check out the Town’s Fence By-law 2002-034 before you dig that first hole. There are some important facts you need to know.

HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Front yard
• Maximum solid fence height: 1.5 m
• Maximum fence height with 40 per cent open construction (i.e., latticing): 1 m
• Hedges functioning as a fence must conform to appropriate height restrictions

Rear and side yard fences
• Maximum solid fence height: 2 m
• Maximum height of fence with 40 per cent open construction (i.e., latticing): 2.2 m

MEASURING YOUR FENCE HEIGHT

Measure from the grade at the base of the fence. If you’re constructing on a strip of land where the grade elevations differ, the height of the fence is measured from the average grade elevation.

VISIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Visibility triangle rules require that certain areas of a private property be free from visual obstruction for safety. To determine the visibility triangle for a driveway, you’ll need to measure the land two metres up the driveway and along the property line. The line that connects these points completes the triangle. Corner lots require an additional calculation. No portion of fence higher than 0.91 metres (3 ft) is permitted in the visibility triangle.

BY-LAW 1991-84

Payment for Shared Fencing

If all parties are in agreement, you can erect a division fence right along the property line. Your neighbours are then legally bound to reimburse you for a reasonable and just proportion of the cost of the fence.

If the parties are not in agreement, you are welcome to install a fence on your own property, but your neighbour will not be obligated to compensate you for the actual cost of installation or maintenance expenses, only the basic cost. The basic cost is defined as the cost of installing a 1.2 metre high chain link fence, regardless of the type of fencing you install.

PERMITS

You don’t need a permit from the Town unless your fence is constructed of brick, stone, cement or masonry that is more than 0.6 metres (2 ft) in height.

To see a copy of the Town of Oakville’s Fence By-law call 905-815-2010 or visit www.oakville.ca/bylaws.htm and search ‘Fence Privacy Screen.’
ON THE ROAD AGAIN
ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN WARD 2

Summer has finally arrived and you know what that means – clear blue skies, long sunny days and little orange construction cones!

2009 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

• A new northbound right-turn lane is currently under construction at Kerr Street and Speers Road.

• The Shepherd Road Bridge over Speers Road is scheduled for rehabilitation in 2009. Construction will tentatively begin in July and will take two months to complete. Both traffic lanes on the bridge will be closed during construction, but there will be pedestrian access. The existing transit routes on Shepherd Road will be re-routed until the work is finished.

• Construction continues on Fourth Line between Wyecroft Road and the North Service Road in conjunction with the Ministry of Transportation QEW improvements.

2009 SURFACE TREATMENT CONVERSION PROGRAM

• The Town will be converting eight kilometres of roads from the existing ‘tar and chip’ surface to a new ‘hot-mix asphalt’ surface from May through September. About 107 kilometres of roads have already been converted. Converting a road from ‘tar and chip’ surface to ‘hot-mix asphalt’ requires stripping the road to gravel and pouring asphalt on top. One road takes about three months to fully convert, but the gravel surface will only be exposed for two weeks. In Ward 2, Crescent Road from Queen Mary Drive to Highland Road will converted.

ANNUAL HOT-MIX PAVING PROGRAM

The Town will soon be starting its yearly hot-mix repaving program. In addition to repaving the scheduled roads, the Town will also repair curbs, catch basins and sidewalks, and retrofit the ramps to ensure accessibility. Paving and road work will take place on the following streets in Ward 2:

• Tracina Drive from Hixon Street to Warland Road

• Speers Road between Dorval Drive and Kerr Street (extensive repatching)

A complete listing of current Town projects is available at www.oakville.ca/roadstudies and www.oakville.ca/roadupdates. Direct further questions to the Engineering and Construction department at 905-845-6601 ext. 3302 or 3398.

BULK BRUSH PICK-UP AVAILABLE FOR OAKVILLE RESIDENTS

Oakville enjoys a mature landscape and beautiful trees, but what to do with all those trimmings?

If you have more brush than can be picked up with your regular garbage, you can call Halton Region to schedule a pick-up date. Contact the Region between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, by dialling 311 or 905-825-6000. If you don’t schedule a pick-up date, your bulk brush won’t be collected.

Place bulk brush out before 7 a.m. on your pick-up day in one pile no larger than 3 meters long by 1.8 meters wide by 1.2 meters high (10 ft by 6 ft by 4 ft). Branches can be a maximum of 7.5 cm (3 in) in diameter. If your brush pile is larger than the specified dimensions, your brush won’t be picked up. The pile must be free of loose debris such as leaves and trimmings.

Yard waste is picked up with the garbage every other week. Use paper yard waste bags or a rigid container labelled ‘Yard Waste.’ Yard waste will not be collected from blue boxes, green carts, plastic bags or cardboard boxes, regardless of whether they have been labelled. Brush must be tied in bundles no larger than 1.2 metres by 0.6 metres (4 ft by 2 ft) wide. Branches cannot be thicker than 7.5 cm (3 in) in diameter.

The point of this service is to ensure safe and timely collection. Please note that dumping your brush on the boulevard or on public or private property is considered illegal dumping and you could be subject to prosecution. For more information visit www.halton.ca.
Almost half of all child drownings occur in backyard swimming pools, but a proper four-sided enclosure can prevent seven out of ten drownings of children under five.

The Pool Enclosure By-Law #2006-071 to protect young children was approved by Council in late March, 2006. It made four-sided enclosures mandatory for all backyard pools, regardless of when they were constructed, and applies to all pools with a depth greater than 0.61 metres (2 ft), including inflatable pools, landscape ponds and hot tubs without lockable lids.

Drowning is the second highest cause of injury-related death in Canadian children under the age of 14. According to Safe Kids Canada, about 60 children drown each year – the equivalent of two full classrooms. Another 140 are hospitalized because of near-drowning experiences, which can result in lifelong cognitive challenges including difficulty learning, remembering, planning and concentrating.

The by-law states that the four-sided enclosure must:
• Be a minimum of 1.2 metres (4 ft) in height
• Have openings no bigger than 38 mm (1.5 in)
• Be equipped with a lock as well as a self-closing, self-latching device on all gates and doors
• Be free of parts on the exterior face of the enclosure that could facilitate climbing
• Be completely constructed before the pool is filled with water
• Be maintained in a safe and structurally sound manner

Three-sided enclosures with access from the home directly to the pool are not considered to be full enclosures, unless the entry doors to the pool are equipped with a bolt or chain latch at least 1.83 metres (6 ft) above the inside floor level.

Also, the entrance to the home must be a minimum of 1.2 m (4 ft) from the edge of the water, and be free of stairs or steps.

You’ll need a permit before constructing any new pool. For a one-time fee of $50, Town staff will meet with you to issue your permit, explain the by-law, and ensure that a proper design drawing depicting the location of the pool on your property is filed with the Town. An inspection service to ensure compliance is also available for an additional $50.

Remember that By-law 1977-15 prohibits Oakville residents from discharging pool water into their yards. Please drain all water into the closest storm sewer so it does not contaminate any natural systems nearby.

Visit www.oakville.ca/poolbylaw to learn more.
Council is attentive to concerns from Ward 3 and other Oakville residents about the potential for the Province to build a new power plant in southeast Oakville or southwest Mississauga. We share your worry about the effects a new power plant might have on local air quality and pollution.

Site applications are now before the Ontario Power Authority (OPA), which is the provincial organization that will make the final decision on where the plant will be constructed.

As your municipal government, we will continue to do everything we can to protect Oakville’s air quality and represent your concerns to the Province.

Our position on the issue is clear: We do not want more pollution in our air. We know the cement plant in south Mississauga already has a negative impact on the air quality in east Oakville. We do not support the building of another pollution source in the area.

We believe that the provincial government should make polluters pay by offsetting the pollutants they emit into our air. This is already required by the American Environmental Protection Agency for areas with stressed air sheds. We believe the same practices should be implemented here.

We continue to strongly encourage Oakville residents to write or email Premier McGuinty, the Deputy Premier and the Minister of the Environment to express their concerns.

Both Oakville’s and Mississauga’s Town Councils have followed this issue closely, but chose to address it in different ways. Oakville’s Council passed two by-laws making power plants like the proposed facility illegal in our town until the results of a study on their placement can be analyzed. Our new official plan, Livable Oakville, clearly restates this policy. Mississauga’s Council allowed for power plants to be built in the area around Southdown Road in an effort to block any from being built in other areas of Mississauga.

Regardless of what site the OPA selects for the new power plant, Council will strive to improve air quality in Ward 3 and the rest of Oakville for the sake of our families.
DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE

SUMMER EVENTS

DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE MIDNIGHT MADNESS
July 17, 2009
Celebrating 32 years of Midnight Madness! This is Downtown Oakville’s largest retail event of the year. Midnight Madness draws a crowd of over 50,000 to enjoy a variety of community performers, bands and of course, great food! Experience live music on every block, strolling entertainers and the best buys in town!

DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE JAZZ FESTIVAL
August 7 - 9, 2009
From its grassroots beginnings 17 years ago, this festival has grown to attract thousands of people who come to see live outdoor jazz performances from the finest North American talent. Enjoy cool jazz in the hot sun. Small town charm, big time jazz!

OPPORTUNITY
FOR TOWN IN WARD 3
SCHOOL CLOSURES

Dear residents,

One of the most contentious issues in Ward 3 of late is the decision made by the Halton District School Board (HDSB) to close three public elementary schools in southeast Oakville – Brantwood, Linbrook, and Chisholm. Councillor Bird and I have been listening to your concerns about your desire for more green space and public facilities in Ward 3. Many of you have asked why the Town doesn’t acquire these properties and turn them into community centres or parkland.

Council has in fact publicly stated that we wish to acquire properties deemed ‘surplus’ by the HDSB, which would include the Ward 3 schools listed for closure. However, there is a provincially regulated process the Town has to go through to acquire these properties.

First, HDSB must officially declare the property as surplus and issue a Proposal to Sell. First priority goes to other school boards in Halton, then colleges and universities, then the Crown/Province. If none of these bodies wants to acquire the property, the Town will have the option to make an Offer of Purchase, which must be at “fair market value.”

Councillor Bird and I are on top of the situation and will do what we can to secure the best outcome for the community. Should we acquire any of the school properties, there will be full public consultation to determine how you would like to see them utilized.

We thank you for your input, and encourage you to continue to contact us any time.

Sincerely,

Mary Chapin

DISCOVER OUR GREENHOUSE
AND CONSERVATORY

There is a hidden garden in southeast Oakville where flowers bloom, bees buzz, and brides pose for photographs – even in the dead of winter! It’s the Oakville Municipal Greenhouse and Conservatory at 1100 Cornwall Road.

Some interesting facts:
• More than 120,000 annuals are grown every year at the greenhouse for Town parks and the three Business Improvement Areas (Downtown, Kerr Street, and Bronte).
• Downtown Oakville has 153 barrels and 100 baskets full of flowers; Kerr Street has 100 barrels and 70 baskets; and Bronte has 80 barrels and 60 baskets.
• About 80 orchids are on display throughout the conservatory.
• Only two full-time staff members work at the greenhouse. Volunteers, high school co-op students and special needs adults from Community Living do most of the seedling transplanting.
• Predatory bugs are used to control pests instead of toxic pesticides.
• The Oakville Horticultural Society uses the property for 12 garden plots for children.
• The facility is available to rent all season long for special occasion photographs, small ceremonies or seminars.
• Free tours are offered to school children and other groups from November through March.
• The public is welcome to visit between September and June during operating hours.

For more information, visit www.oakville.ca/conservgardens.htm or call 905-842-7615.
LAKESHORE ROAD EAST WORK POSTPONED
Council amended a plan to reconstruct Lakeshore Road East this summer after hearing critical input from the executive of the Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA). Downtown merchants suggested rescheduling the work because they were concerned that the construction would make accessing local retailers difficult, disadvantaging businesses at what is already a challenging time because of the economic downturn.

Council shared the BIA’s concern and the Lakeshore Road East reconstruction is now expected to be done in two segments: the first in 2011 and the second in 2012. With some patching and ongoing maintenance, the road will be safe to use for several more years.

UPDATES
• Cornwall Road is under reconstruction between Maple Grove Drive and Winston Churchill Blvd.
• Ford Drive is under reconstruction between Cornwall Road and Constance Drive.
• Design work is nearing completion for the reconstruction of Linbrook Road between Chartwell and Morrison Roads. A public information meeting was held May 6, 2009 to receive feedback on the proposed design. Construction is scheduled to start this summer.
• Design work is nearing completion for the reconstruction of Water Street between Navy and Robinson Streets. Construction is scheduled to start this summer.

SURFACE TREATMENT CONVERSION PROGRAM 2009
The Town will be converting eight kilometres of roads from the existing ‘tar and chip’ surface to a new ‘hot-mix asphalt’ surface from May through September. About 107 kilometres of roads have already been converted.

The Town has delivered construction notices to residents and landowners on or near roads that will be converted. Converting a road from ‘tar and chip’ surface to ‘hot-mix asphalt’ requires stripping the road to gravel and pouring asphalt on top. One road takes about three months to fully convert, but the gravel surface will only be exposed for two weeks. The roads to be converted in 2009 are listed below.

For more information visit www.oakville.ca/roadupdates.htm or call Don Talbot at 905-845-6601, ext. 3338.

ANNUAL HOT MIX PAVING PROGRAM
The Town will soon be starting its yearly hot-mix repaving program. In addition to repaving the scheduled roads, the Town will also repair curbs, catch basins and sidewalks, and retrofit the ramps to ensure accessibility. For more information visit www.oakville.ca/roadstudies.htm or call Don Talbot at 905-845-6601, ext. 3338.

A list of all current Town projects is available at www.oakville.ca/roadstudies.htm and www.oakville.ca/roadupdates.htm. You may also contact the Town’s Engineering and Construction department at 905-845-6601 ext. 3302 or 3398.

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NEW CHARTWELL MAPLE GROVE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION FORMED

Southeast Oakville is home to a new neighbourhood association. The Chartwell Maple Grove Residents Association covers the area bounded by Cornwall Road to the north, the lake to the south, Chartwell Road to the west, and Maple Grove Drive to the east.

Daniela Morawetz, one of the founding members, said the main objective is to keep residents informed and represented on any issue that may affect their quality of life and/or property values. “School closures, the new power plant, and potential zoning changes are our three big issues right now,” Morawetz said. “Many people in the area have felt powerless when it came to having a say on these issues, and though adjacent areas had associations, there wasn’t one here.”

When Morawetz crossed paths with Doug MacKenzie and Scott Weller, the founding executive committee was born.

“We have been working closely to get this off the ground quickly,” she said. “As it happens, each of us had a particular interest in one of the issues, so we are fairly up to speed on all of them.”

For more information, visit www.cmgra.org or contact Doug MacKenzie, President, dmackenzie@permolex.com or 905-844-5652; Daniela Morawetz, Vice-President, d morawetz@cogeco.ca or 905-338-9330; or Scott Weller, Vice-President, sweller4@cogeco.ca.

ORGANIC FARMERS’ MARKET MOVING DOWNTOWN

The Organic Farmers’ Market has moved from Kerr Street to Centennial Square in downtown Oakville. The market now sets up shop on Navy Street near the Oakville Performing Arts Centre and the Central Library. It runs every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Market organizers said the new location allows for more foot traffic, and that nearby restaurants offer opportunities to collaborate.

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<td>599 Lyons Lane</td>
<td>To redevelop the old Extendicare site into two high-rise condo apartment buildings.</td>
<td>Appeal settled, application approved as amended.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3984</td>
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<td>Edgemere Estates Limited</td>
<td>1502 Lakeshore Road East at Maple Grove Dr.</td>
<td>To build 10 residential buildings of 2 1/2 stories, each containing three units. To remove existing dwelling and garage. To retain greenhouse, coach house, gate house, stonewall, and boat house.</td>
<td>No date scheduled for recommendation report.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3371</td>
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<td>Tofino Development Inc.</td>
<td>461 Cornwall Rd.</td>
<td>To re-zone from employment use to shopping centre.</td>
<td>Approved by Council on March 9, 2009.</td>
<td>David Capper <a href="mailto:dcapper@oakville.ca">dcapper@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3042</td>
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<td>Greywalls Development Company Inc.</td>
<td>167 Navy St. (old Red Cross building)</td>
<td>To permit a 6 unit, 7 storey residential building.</td>
<td>Under review.</td>
<td>Brenda Stan <a href="mailto:bstan@oakville.ca">bstan@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3034</td>
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<td>445312 Ontario Limited</td>
<td>104-114 Robinson St. (Robinson St./Water St./Navy St.)</td>
<td>To allow the site to be developed for a 13-unit apartment building.</td>
<td>No date scheduled for recommendation report.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3371</td>
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<td>Melrose Investments Inc. and Rosehaven Homes Limited</td>
<td>153 and 157 Reynolds St.</td>
<td>Application to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to develop a nine-storey, 28-unit apartment building.</td>
<td>Public Meeting held March 30, 2009. No date scheduled for recommendation report.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3984</td>
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WARD THREE ~ SPRING 2009
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**PRESERVING COUNTRYSIDE NORTH OF DUNDAS ST.**
Many concerns were raised over the Town’s controversial plan to develop over 3000 hectares of Oakville’s remaining countryside. Residents spoke out, insisting that the plan for intense urbanization also include preservation of forests and meadows, connected to form a system, known as a Natural Heritage System. It took years, but in the end the plan will protect more than double the amount of greenspace that was originally contemplated, and best of all, the taxpayers will not have to pay for a single hectare of land in order to protect it!

**CREATION OF GLENORCHY PARK**
Hundreds of hectares of rural land in north Oakville, owned by a branch of the Provincial Government, were slated for sale to developers. Oakville residents spoke out again, saying that we needed more of the Trafalgar Moraine preserved within in the planned urban area. The Provincial Government listened, and in 2004 they transferred approximately 260 hectares (650 acres) of land to Conservation Halton for management as new parkland.

**MID HALTON SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS**
The Region recently released a report stating that in recognition of the community’s values and concerns, the Region will be installing improved odour management technology as part of the expansion currently underway.

**VICTORY FOR THE TAX PAYER ON DEVELOPMENT CHARGES**
This past April, Regional Council was asked to consider a recommendation to freeze development charges for six months. If approved, this move would give developers a $3.3 million break, an amount that would have to be made up through higher property taxes. Residents spoke out against the proposal, and Councillor Elgar was able to use the 400 plus e-mails he received to help strengthen his argument against the freeze. Even those on Council who initially seemed to be in favour, ended up voting against the freeze.

We hope you’re convinced that it pays to speak out on issues and become part of the decision making process that will shape our future. We’re looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Have a safe and relaxing summer!

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**THINK YOU CAN’T BEAT TOWN HALL? THINK AGAIN!**

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Councillor Lapworth would like you to meet two very special friends. The first is Johanne Golder, Executive Director of the Oakville and District Humane Society, and the other is her charge, Libby, a playful and cuddly Golden retriever cross, who came to the shelter as a stray in need of minor medical attention and a loving new family.

The trio met through Councillor Lapworth’s service as the Town of Oakville’s Council Representative on the Board of Directors, where it’s clear that his life-long passion for animals and position with the Town have made for a perfect fit. “It’s all about building relationships,” he points out. “The Humane Society, the Town and the public working together, to support, along with the numerous services that the shelter provides, compassionate protection and assistance to all animals in need.”

As Oakville’s population has grown, so has that need. Currently, the shelter has space for about 500 animals, and according to Golder, they are bursting at the seams. She sites another reason for the rising number of animals arriving at the shelter, and that is the economic downturn. “More people are finding they can no longer afford to care for their pets who are turning up here, many in need of veterinary care.”

The ODHS is an independent, registered non-profit organization funded by donations, and their single greatest need right now is financial. Golder points out that an easy way to offer support is through the shelter’s monthly giving program and, of course, by adopting from the shelter.

She also has an important message for the public. “Be a responsible pet owner, obey the Town’s animal by-laws that are in place to protect animals and families alike. It’s important to license your dog, place ID on your cat, keep your dog on leash, pick up after your dog, keep your cat safe and secure indoors, and most importantly – spay and neuter!”

Dear Councillors Elgar and Lapworth,

I enjoy my daily walks along the trails of Sixteen Mile Creek Valley, but I’m growing increasingly worried about the effects of human interference on this fragile eco-system. This spring I’ve already witnessed homeowners and the pool companies they hire drain water from backyard swimming pools into the delicate ravines (see enclosed photograph). I’m concerned about the resulting flooding, erosion and damage the chemicals can cause. Isn’t draining pools into ravines against the law?

I also see piles of grass clippings and garden debris, including heavy clay, dumped over fences and in areas near trail entrance points. On one occasion I even caught a perpetrator dumping his grass clippings over his fence. I informed him he was breaking a by-law but seemed undeterred saying it was ok because he “fixes the area up again” every fall. This is nonsense because by the time fall arrives the damage has already been done! How can we educate people so that they will treat our precious natural areas with the respect and care they deserve?

– A Concerned Ward 4 Resident

Dear Concerned Resident,

You are absolutely right, draining swimming pool water into our ravines is an illegal activity. Storm sewers are designed for this purpose so that pool water will end up at the sewage treatment facility. Please report any infraction you notice, including the street address, to the Town of Oakville.

Grass clippings can easily be mulched and left on the lawn as fertilizer. Any dumping into a ravine is illegal and should be reported. We urge all residents to refrain from these activities and ensure that the companies they hire to care of their pools and gardens do so in a responsible manner, respecting the by-laws designed to protect nature for all to enjoy. We thank you for your letter that’s already helping to educate the public!

Sincerely,

Councillors Lapworth and Elgar

For more information about Libby and other animals in need of adoption, or for ways that you can help, please contact the shelter at 905-845-1551 or visit www.oakvillehumane.ca
Yes, that is a personal letter from Barak Obama that Yvette Fox-Della Vedova is proudly holding for the camera. You may recall it hitting the front page of the Toronto Star in early April, with the headline, “Obama Letter Slams ‘Inhumane’ Seal Hunt”. Written in 2006, the then Senator Obama supported Yvette’s efforts to stop the hunt. “As a member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, I will work with my colleagues to ensure that we take the necessary steps to express our outrage with this inhumane measure.”

Yvette told us that she contacted Senator Obama on various issues when she lived in Chicago between 2005 and 2006, and felt he was one official who truly wanted to hear from the people. He took the time to personally return phone calls and write letters, including this one that she had filed away until now.

In deciding to go public with the letter, Yvette hoped that the seal hunt issue alone, and go back to her early years. She became a vegetarian in grade 13, after researching the topics of animal rights and animal abuse for an essay. Later, while working on her MBA, she volunteered as a Cruelty Inspections Agent for the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Having witnessed what she described as the ignorant, brutal and disgraceful treatment of many animals, she fully committed to becoming a voice for their rights.

True to her convictions, Yvette worked tirelessly for the preservation of Grand Oak Woods in 2006 and 2007. When the Ontario Municipal Board ruled that more than three quarters of the local forest would be destroyed for more housing in the fall of 2007, she and her husband quickly got to work building winter shelters in the remaining trees for common wildlife who were displaced by the clear-cutting.

Yvette does not consider her efforts ‘activism,’ but rather a call for positive change from an average household. She encourages others who care to speak out as well, for the simple reason that this planet is for all creatures to share.
### ANOTHER ECO-FEST SUCCESS AT GLEN ABBEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillor Elgar welcomed visitors to his booth at the 9th annual Halton Ecofest, held this past Earth Day. Hundreds attended the popular event again this year, and not surprisingly, Elgar found many were anxious to discuss important issues, such as the impacts of growth on our environment, taxation and development charges.

Councillor Elgar also invited those in attendance to sign on to his distribution list in order to receive a periodic “heads-up” on matters of immediate concern, such as a police update or important issue about to go before Council. For several years now, Elgar’s e-mail notifications have also provided residents with a quick way to voice an opinion on an issue if they choose. If you’d like to add your e-mail address to the list, simply contact him at Elgar@sympatico.ca.

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<td>Northwest corner of Dundas and Third Line</td>
<td>To permit the development of a new hospital with ancillary uses.</td>
<td>Application currently in circulation Statutory Public Meeting at June 9, 2009 Planning and Development Council Meeting.</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>Montrose Abbey Zoning By-Law Amendment &amp; Draft Plan of Condominium</td>
<td>1250 and 1260 Montrose Abbey Drive</td>
<td>To rezone the lands from Agricultural to Residential to permit 10 residential condominium dwellings on a private road.</td>
<td>Refused by Council on October 27/08. Refused by the OMB. OMB Case # PL080961</td>
<td>Brenda Stan 905-845-6601 ext. 3034 <a href="mailto:bstan@oakville.ca">bstan@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Genstar Titleco Ltd. &amp; NHD Developments Inc. - Zoning By-Law Amendment, Draft Plan of Subdivision &amp; Condominium</td>
<td>Southeast corner of Dundas Street West and Postmaster Drive</td>
<td>To rezone the lands to Residential to permit 207 condominium and on-street townhouses, 20 detached houses and a park.</td>
<td>Currently under review by Town Staff. Approved by Council.</td>
<td>Brenda Stan 905-845-6601 ext. 3034 <a href="mailto:bstan@oakville.ca">bstan@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>St. Peter and St. Paul Coptic Church Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments</td>
<td>3113 Upper Middle Road West</td>
<td>To rezone and re-designate the lands to allow for a Place of Worship.</td>
<td>Currently under review by Town Staff. Application withdrawn by applicant.</td>
<td>Brenda Stan 905-845-6601 ext. 3034 <a href="mailto:bstan@oakville.ca">bstan@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Inglehart / Crystal Homes Draft Plan of Condominium</td>
<td>2265 Bronte Road</td>
<td>A condominium townhouse development that has received draft approval for 24 townhouses.</td>
<td>The proponent is working to clear conditions of draft approval.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905.845.6601 ext. 3984</td>
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<td>QEW-Bronte Developments Inc. &amp; 1401114 Ontario Inc. Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment</td>
<td>1087, 1099 and 1105 Bronte Road</td>
<td>To designate the subject lands for mixed-use development consisting of retail and service commercial uses, office uses, institutional and recreational uses, and high-density residential uses. A total of 75,500 square metres of floor space is proposed, which represents a building density of 3 FSI. Building heights are proposed up to 14 storeys.</td>
<td>The application is in circulation and being reviewed by Town staff.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905.845.6601 ext. 3984</td>
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<td>Matam Holdings Inc. (Mattamy) Zoning By-Law Amendment, Draft Plan of Subdivision &amp; Condominium</td>
<td>South-east corner of Proudfoot Trail and Dundas Street</td>
<td>To amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to permit the development of 10 model homes future residential uses in existing buildings.</td>
<td>Public Meeting held on November 24 2008. No date set for recommendation report.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601 ext. 3371</td>
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<td>Creekbank Developments Inc.</td>
<td>2322, 2332 and 2362 Upper Middle Road</td>
<td>To construct an 88-unit residential development within a 3-storey structure. The proposed building is oriented towards Upper Middle Road, with driveway access to minimal surface parking and one level of underground parking.</td>
<td>The site plan application has been received by the Planning Dept and will be in circulation for Town Dept and external Agency comments. The file will be brought before the Site Plan Committee – possibly into the first quarter of the new year.</td>
<td>Christina Tizzard <a href="mailto:ctizzard@oakville.ca">ctizzard@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601 ext. 3266</td>
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Ward 5 Councillors Jeff Knoll and Marc Grant continue to host their drop-in Open Houses at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the River Oaks Community Centre. The Open House will go on hiatus over July and August, but will return September 17.

The open houses are a great opportunity for local residents to casually chat with the councillors, and the meetings have covered a wide range of topics, from public school changes to the planning of the new Ukrainian Orthodox church.

“The meetings give residents a forum where they can alert us to issues in their neighbourhoods before they become problems,” Councillor Marc Grant said. “The increased communication benefits our Ward 5 community.”

Hosting the meetings at the River Oaks Community Centre has allowed the high volume of people using the centre in the evening to drop in on discussions. Councillors Grant and Knoll encourage anyone who’s passing through to stop and chat.

“As the community’s representatives, we always welcome the opportunity to hear from residents,” Councillor Knoll said. “Ward 5 residents are eager to discuss the issues facing our community, and the relaxed atmosphere of these meetings is meant to encourage discussion.”
From its beginnings 25 years ago, the River Oaks community has grown from one of the first residential developments north of Upper Middle Road, attracting professionals, families and retirees looking for a convenient, modern suburban neighbourhood, to an established, maturing community with its eyes focused on the future.

River Oaks has beautiful parks, a modern community centre, and safe, friendly neighbourhoods. In the next decade it will become more walkable, more bikeable, and will have more transit service. The River Oaks community anchors our growing ward as Woodhaven continues to establish itself, new urbanist communities Oak Park and Morrison Village move towards mixed-use development, and intensification and revitalization come to the Uptown Core. In the next five years the last remaining piece of undeveloped land in Ward 5 will be transformed into the Vinelands community, a comfortable, low-density neighbourhood. River Oaks was there when all this began, and it will be there when it’s all finished.

ROAR - THE PRIDE OF RIVER OAKS
The River Oaks Association of Residents (ROAR) was instrumental in shaping the River Oaks community. At its biggest it had over 250 members, including former Town Councillors Janice Caster and Liz Bares.

Ward 5 Councillors Jeff Knoll and Marc Grant are very supportive of ROAR’s involvement with issues affecting River Oaks, including its opposition to reorganizing the Town’s wards along north-south borders three years ago. ROAR recommended retaining the current ward boundaries to avoid marginalizing neighbourhood communities that would be bisected by north and south borders.

Councillors Knoll and Grant also supported ROAR’s recommendation that the forthcoming condominium development along Sixth Line near Dundas Street be kept to four-storey townhomes rather than six-storey apartment blocks, which would have screened the ponds behind the buildings from the public.

ROAR expects to ramp up again and take a large role in neighbourhood advocacy when the OPA 198 lands are developed north of Dundas Street.

BEFORE IT WAS RIVER OAKS
Before the River Oaks community took root, the area bounded by Upper Middle and Trafalgar Roads, Dundas Street and Sixteen Mile Creek was a smattering of older farm-houses. Munn’s Corners was located at Dundas Street and Sixth Line and was named after Daniel Munn, who owned an inn at the south-east corner of the intersection in the early 1800s. Post's Corners was the hamlet named after landowner Ephraim Post at Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street between 1815 and 1851. It was called Postville by 1857 and included a store, school, steam-powered saw mill, inn, drill shed for the local militia and a post office. It was also the stage coach stop between the cities of York and Dundas. The store was owned by Squire James Appelbe, whose home is designated as a historically significant building by Heritage Oakville.

In the late 1960s the inn and store were torn down to make way for a service station. The area formerly known as Postville has always been bustling, so it seems fitting that it will become part of the Uptown Core, with parkland and urban developments occupying the south-west corner of Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street.

River Oaks is a great community with great people, and it will continue to attract residents who are looking for a vibrant and safe place to raise their families. We’re proud of where we’ve come from, and we can’t wait to see where River Oaks will go!
COUNCIL APPROVES 10-YEAR CAPITAL FORECAST

MONEY SET ASIDE FOR PARKS, ROAD AND NEW FACILITIES

Meeting the future needs of the community was Council’s focus in developing and approving the Town’s 2009-2018 capital forecast. “This Council is committed to ensuring this community has the infrastructure and facilities it needs,” Mayor Burton said. “We’ve already made great progress in addressing the town’s current shortage of facilities. This forecast ensures we can maintain and renew our existing infrastructure and also build new infrastructure to meet the needs of future residents.”

Investments identified in the forecast include:

PARKS
- Improvements to Bronte Heritage Park and Westwood Park
- Ongoing renewal of playground, park equipment and woodlots
- Investments in street tree planting

ROADS
- Ongoing hot mix paving program to maintain road quality
- Kerr Street widening and grade separation
- Extension of Wyecroft Road to Bronte Road

NEW FACILITIES
- Renovations to QE Park Community Centre
- New transit facility
- Future library in north Oakville
- Future fire stations north Oakville

“Our goal with this forecast is to give as much to the residents as possible in the way of facilities and upgrades, without letting the costs fall back on them,” Councillor Jeff Knoll said.

Since so many of the projects identified are growth-related, development charges are the largest source of revenue for the capital forecast, representing 41 per cent, or $338 million, of the $822 million total cost. Other revenue sources identified by the plan 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. The total cost for the 10-year forecast is $822 million.

The Budget Committee will be holding public information sessions throughout the summer and fall to seek input into the 2010 budget. Visit www.oakville.ca/2009budget.htm for more information.

WARD 5
NEWCOMERS NOW WELCOMED WITH COUPON BOOK FOR TOWN SERVICES

Newcomers to Canada and Oakville, many of whom have been welcomed into the Ward 5 community over the years, can now take advantage of free visits to community programs and facilities with the Town of Oakville New Canadians’ Coupon Book, which will be distributed by the Halton Multicultural Council (HMC).

The coupon book was developed after the HMC discovered through interviews with English as a Second Language students that there was a need for new Canadians to be able to access local, inexpensive or free programs and services that they could get to by public transit.

The book contains coupons for a variety of programs and facilities suitable for families, including a free visit to River Oaks and other community centres, a free swim and skate at any Town arena and pool, a free library card and children’s book from the Oakville Public Library, a free family membership to Oakville Galleries, and a free tour of Town Hall. The book also contains a coupon for 25 per cent off a monthly pass for Oakville Transit.

NEW BUILDINGS

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## KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 5 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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<td>The Ukrainian Catholic Episcopal Corp.</td>
<td>River Oaks Blvd &amp; Trafalgar Road (South side of River Oaks)</td>
<td>Applicant is proposing an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment to redesignate that lands from Neighbourhood Commercial Centre and Arterial Commercial to Residential Low Density (19 upsh). The proposal is to develop the site for a 960m² church and 1820 heritage centre with access from River Oaks and Trafalgar Road.</td>
<td>Currently under review by Town Staff. Application in circulation. Statutory Public Meeting to be held on May 25, 2009, Planning and Development Council meeting.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601 ext. 3371 Technical Studies and Site Plans available at: <a href="http://www.oakville.ca/19902.htm">http://www.oakville.ca/19902.htm</a></td>
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<td>Kilbary Holdings Corp. (Stan Vine Construction)</td>
<td>River Oaks Blvd &amp; Trafalgar Road (North side of River Oaks)</td>
<td>Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment, Official Plan Amendment and Plan of Subdivision to allow for the development of: To permit a total of 47 residential units: 37 Residential Detached lots with min. 12 m frontages, 10 Residential Detached lots with min. 15 m frontages, Future Residential Blocks (Blocks 48-51), Arterial Commercial Block Roads, Open Space, reserves.</td>
<td>Currently under review by Town Staff. Application in circulation. Public Information Meeting was held in January 2009. Statutory Public Meeting to be held on June 9, 2009, Planning and Development Council meeting.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601 ext. 3371 Technical Studies and Site Plans available at: <a href="http://www.oakville.ca/16541.htm">http://www.oakville.ca/16541.htm</a></td>
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<td>Dundas Sixth Line Developments Inc. (Pinevale)</td>
<td>32 Dundas Street E.</td>
<td>OMB verbally approved settlement for 1358 residential units in three apartment towers having heights up to 18 stories. Stacked townhouses are proposed to front on to Sixth Line.</td>
<td>Awaiting written decision from OMB.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601 ext. 3371 Technical Studies and Site Plans not available on-line</td>
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<td>Trinison (Davis Minardi Home Corporation and Denbridge Developments)</td>
<td>NE Corner of Neyagawa Blvd. and Dundas Street W.</td>
<td>Revised rezoning and Draft plan of subdivision to allow for the development of 670 residential units (singles, semi-detached and townhouses). Proposal to conform to 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> Technical Studies and Site Plans available at: <a href="http://www.oakville.ca/20817.htm">http://www.oakville.ca/20817.htm</a></td>
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<td>Lower Fourth Development Limited &amp; Pendent Development Limited</td>
<td>North of Dundas Street, West of 6th 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> Technical Studies and Site Plans available at: <a href="http://www.oakville.ca/16708.htm">http://www.oakville.ca/16708.htm</a></td>
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<td>Silgold Developments</td>
<td>North-east 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 with a “Central Business District (C3) zone.”</td>
<td>A recommendation report to be considered by Council on 14 April, 2009.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905.845.6601 ext. 3984</td>
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<td>1374264 Ontario Limited (Fitzsimmons)</td>
<td>South-west corner of Trafalgar and Dundas</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 26 January, 2009.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905.845.6601 ext. 3984</td>
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<td>Silwell</td>
<td>South side of Dundas 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>A public meeting was held on 26 January, 2009.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905.845.6601 ext. 3984</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 you may have on any issue – we’re here to listen and 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 lives. 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 an important year for this term of Council. Our new official plan, Livable Oakville, will map 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 stable 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.

As always, we look forward to your comments as we set goals for 2009 and beyond.
NEW OFFICIAL PLAN WILL GUIDE TOWN’S GROWTH AND PRESERVE NEIGHBOURHOODS

The Town’s new official plan for growth, Livable Oakville, will define our town’s future. Its goal is to realize Council’s vision to become the most livable town in Canada. The new plan includes:

- A mixture of housing types to meet the changing demographics of the town over time, including more affordable housing
- A transportation plan that connects Oakville to the broader region and conveniently accommodates cars, but also promotes the use of public transit, cycling and walking
- Designated employment lands for office, commercial and industrial uses
- Accessible health, education and recreation facilities
- Public parks and trail networks that encourage active living, including our Natural Heritage System north of Dundas Street
- Retail properties in a variety of forms, including street-level storefronts, malls and larger format stores

“Livable Oakville will ensure that future development fits with the existing character of our town,” Councillor Max Khan said.

Results from the Midtown Oakville review will guide how we grow in the area around the Oakville GO station. The Province identifies this area as an urban growth centre and requires that it be planned to accommodate 20,000 residents and the services to support them by 2031. Midtown Oakville will be a vibrant, transit-friendly, mixed-use urban community that consists of high-density residential, commercial, employment and recreational buildings.

The Uptown Core is also envisioned as a walkable, mixed-use, transit-friendly community with a high standard of urban design. Although there is now more residential housing, the mixed-use part of the plan has been dominated by big-box retail. In order to update the original plan and keep development on track, the review assessed the existing official plan in light of new provincial planning policies. It looked at current development applications and the availability of existing and new infrastructure such as roads, transit, water and waste-water facilities, and commented on the quality of the urban design and streetscapes in the area.

A new transit plan, whose first phase will be introduced this fall, is designed to accommodate the coming population growth by changing and adding to existing routes, acquiring more buses, and putting a single fare system in place for transit across the GTA.

The Town undertook a comprehensive review of all the lands south of Dundas Street to ensure that stable neighbourhoods are protected from intensified development.

SUSTAINABLE HALTON: REGION’S NEW GROWTH PLAN

Halton Region made amendments to its official plan for growth in June, and will present its final version to the province in late 2009. The Region’s population is expected to grow to 780,000 people by 2031, and Sustainable Halton will map out how this growth will be accommodated. Livable Oakville will ensure it is compatible with Sustainable Halton by planning for intensification in existing neighbourhoods that can absorb additional residents, and creating denser housing in new developments.

CAMPFIRES OKAY WITHIN BY-LAW LIMITS

What could be better than roasting marshmallows round an open fire on a warm starry night? It’s a rite of summer that doesn’t have to be reserved for the campsite. Under the Open Air Burning By-law 2006-174, residents can use commercially sold fire pits and fire devices without permission, as long as these guidelines are followed closely:

- The size of your fire pit can be no bigger than two feet by two feet by 16 inches high, and no more than eight inches above the ground.
- Only charcoal or clean, dry, seasoned wood without preservatives can be burned, and it must stay in the pit.
- Your fire must be out by 11 p.m. and not begun before 10 a.m.
- Make sure you only use your fire pit in favourable weather conditions – when there are no fog or smog alerts and when the wind is less than 30 km/hour.
- Keep your fire pit at least three metres from your house, garage and other buildings, or objects that could catch fire.
- Make sure you have adult supervision, and a water hose and 2A fire extinguisher nearby at all times.

“Safety is always our main priority and this by-law clarifies the how, when and where residents and businesses can legally and safely have an open-air burn,” Councillor Tom Adams said.

The by-law also lists the type and size of cooking appliances that can be used, the types of materials that can be burned, the safest placement of fire in the yard, and the hours of permitted burning and smoke migration. Permission for open-air burning for special events must be authorized by the Fire Chief.

More details on the by-law and permit process can be found on the Oakville Fire Department’s website at www.oakvillefire.ca, or by calling the Fire Prevention Office at 905-338-4404.
SAVINGS PROGRAMS HELP TOWN OFFSET ECONOMIC DOWNTURN

The Town is in a good financial position to manage through the current economic downturn. While growth-related revenues have dropped over the first three months of the year, Council has put a number of savings programs in place to ensure the Town will have a balanced budget at the end of the year.

“We recognize that declining growth-related revenues may continue to pose problems in 2010,” said Budget Committee Chair Tom Adams. “Council is committed to carefully balancing expenditures with revenues to invest in the future of this community.”

“The Town is pursuing applications for stimulus funding on a number of capital projects to ensure the community has the infrastructure it needs now and in the future.”

The revenue decline from building and development services, including the decrease in development charges, is being offset by an increase in revenues in other programs such as recreation and transit.

Overall the Town has saved a potential $3 million through expenditure constraints, which include holding off on hiring for 32 vacant positions at the Town; reducing overall department budgets for travel, conferences and other discretionary spending; and waiting to replace some equipment and vehicles. These measures will help make up for the forecast shortfall in revenues.

The Town will continue to monitor economic trends and Council will reassess the financial situation this summer to determine whether any additional steps need to be taken.

“The economic consequences of the recession on our residents will remain top-of-mind as Council moves forward with the budget process,” Councillor Max Khan said.

The Town has also identified projects that can be largely funded by development charges, and that can wait until the corresponding growth needed to obtain the money from the development charges takes place.

“It’s clear that growth in north Oakville will take place more slowly than originally forecast,” Councillor Adams said. “There were projects that were related to the forecasted growth that we thought we’d need sooner than it turns out we do. So we can save money by planning to start work on them at a later date.”

These include new sports fields and a new public works yard north of Dundas Street, and a number of road improvements related to growth.

2010 BUDGET TO PASS THIS FALL

Town Council is expected to pass the 2010 budget this fall. Council will begin preparing for the budget starting in June, with Regional and Town Councillor Tom Adams continuing as budget chair. As always, Council’s goal is to carefully balance the Town’s revenues with demands for spending. The budget committee will provide initial direction to staff concerning priorities for funding allocation.

The Town understands that taxes from the Town of Oakville and Halton Region are both levied on Oakville residents, so they will be considered jointly. To provide input to the budget process, please send an email to budget2010@oakville.ca.

TOWN WINS FIGHT TO SAVE TAXPAYERS FROM INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS

At a recent meeting, the Halton Region Administration and Finance Committee recommended that development charges be frozen, thereby potentially passing some of the cost of infrastructure construction due to new development on to the taxpayer. The Town opposed the freeze.

“This council has placed a high priority on removing the cost of growth from the taxpayer,” said Mayor Burton. “I’d like to thank Councillors Tom Adams and Allan Elgar for their strong support in this matter.”

If development charges, which are indexed annually based on the Statistics Canada Construction Price Indexes to protect local taxpayers, were frozen at their then-current value for six months, the impact to taxpayers could have been as high as $3.3 million – a 1.6 per cent increase in taxes. Following a lengthy debate, Regional Council chose to continue to index the charges and avoid passing the costs to taxpayers.

Development charges are levied on developers to recover the costs of new infrastructure required by a development, including water and waste-water systems, roads, police and emergency services, and municipal facilities.
TAKE UP AIRPLANE NOISE WITH THE GTAA

If you regularly hear loud airplane noise from your home or work, phone the Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA) Noise Management Office – the more complaints they receive, the more likely they are to take action.

In addition to responding to complaints concerning aircraft noise from the public, the GTAA reviews and recommends changes to the operating restrictions and noise reduction procedures at the airport, and also investigates potential violations and takes preventative action.

While the Town can and does regulate local noise through the Town’s noise by-law, airplanes are out of the Town’s jurisdiction. Transport Canada is the federal government body that regulates the noise produced by airplanes.

To make a noise complaint by telephone, contact the GTAA Noise Management Office at (416) 247-7682. Office hours are Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A prompted voicemail service will allow you to leave a complete and detailed message outside of office hours. You can also lodge a complaint online at http://gtaa.com/en/community_relations/noise_management/register_a_complaint/. For noise complaints further than 10 nautical miles from Toronto Pearson Airport, contact Transport Canada at (416) 952-0335.

TOWN FIGHTS FOR SCHOOL LOT ON CORONATION DRIVE

Town Council will support the Halton Catholic District School Board in opposing a developer’s plans for a residential subdivision on a portion of a site on Coronation Drive that was originally set aside for a new elementary school.

“The residents have made it very clear that another school site is required,” Councillor Max Khan said. “We will fully support their position.”

As of this spring, the school board had acquired the northern portion of the site but the developer who owns the southern portion has applied to build residential housing. The developer has taken that application to the Ontario Municipal Board.

The Town’s Legal department will support the school board in opposing the subdivision development and pursuing the future establishment of an elementary school on the site.

If the site is acquired by the school board, the eventual construction of the school will depend on funding from the Ministry of Education, which in turn is dependent on whether a sufficient number of students are living in the catchment area.

WARD 6 ROADS GET NEW PAVEMENT

The construction may be a short-term inconvenience, but the smooth road surfaces in our neighbourhood will be worth it in the long run.

The following roads are scheduled to be repaved in 2009:

- Glenashton Drive - from Glenora Drive to Grosvenor Street and from Cashey Drive to Pineview Drive
- Grand Boulevard - from Grosvenor Street to Kimberley Drive and from Upper Middle Road to Livingston Road
- Hickory Circle - from Laurelwood Drive to Hickory Circle
- White Oaks Boulevard - from Eton Place to Marlborough Court
On behalf of Town Council and staff, I would like to thank all of you for participating in the process of creating our new official plan, Livable Oakville.

From town-wide planning meetings to area-specific workshops, the Planning Services department hosted many successful public events that drew crowds of residents and business owners to discuss the future of our community.

We strove to give every Oakville resident a chance to contribute their voice to this discussion, and so many of you did. Because of this, developing Livable Oakville has been a collaborative process involving residents, staff and Council every step of the way.

Our new official plan is stronger thanks to the input we received from you, and our town has an even brighter future thanks to your efforts.

Sincerely,
Mayor Rob Burton

THANK YOU!

Ward 3 Councillor Mary Chapin will lead the new Creative Oakville Mayor’s Advisory Group (MAG) that will research the impact of Oakville’s arts and cultural community on our municipal economy, and provide feedback on how Council can help the community thrive.

“Arts and culture groups strengthen Oakville’s sense of identity and enhance our quality of life,” Mayor Burton said. “Council is committed to strengthening the cultural community and helping it grow.”

As vice-chair of the Town’s Cultural Advisory Group, Councillor Chapin is a natural fit to lead the Creative Oakville MAG. She helped develop the Town’s Parks, Recreation, Culture and Library Master Plan, and indulged her interest in local history as chair of the Museum Advisory Board for three years.

“The group’s objective is to identify the most effective ways of supporting Oakville’s creative community,” Councillor Chapin said. “I know firsthand the importance of this community to our town, and I’m committed to understanding its needs and working with Council to meet them.”

Enhancing Oakville’s cultural environment is one of Council’s strategic goals. In May, Council approved renovations to the QEP Community Centre that will provide dedicated space for Oakville’s arts and cultural groups.

For more information on the Town’s cultural initiatives, visit www.oakville.ca/cultureliveshere.htm. For the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Library Master Plan, visit www.oakville.ca/bpo-prcl.htm.
The new official plan, Livable Oakville, will ensure the core characteristics that make Oakville a great place to live are preserved as our town prepares to absorb the growth that will take place over the next 30 years.

Thanks to a comprehensive, town-wide consultation process that asked for and received extensive input from residents, Livable Oakville was designed by Oakville, for Oakville. Together we have taken a huge step forward towards our goal of becoming the most livable town in Canada.

The development of Livable Oakville was a truly collaborative process. The Town’s Planning Services department held over 100 public consultation meetings, which attracted more than 1000 community members, many of whom attended more than one meeting. The ideas you shared with us have made Livable Oakville stronger and more representative because it reflects the needs of the community.

Despite Oakville’s growth over the years, we have remained dedicated to protecting the unique character our neighbourhoods and communities, and we will continue to do so. We are committed to environmental and economic sustainability, to preserving and enhancing our natural environment, and to providing the highest quality community services. Livable Oakville upholds all of these principles, which are critical to ensuring any future growth in Oakville is only beneficial.

The new official plan clarifies Oakville’s land use policies and specifically outlines the scale and location of all new developments in the town, making it easily defensible against challenges from developers. Its language is strong and clear, which will protect our interests at the Ontario Municipal Board.

In response to the Province’s mandate to intensify already developed areas, our plan has directed growth to specific areas designated for sustainable urbanization. This will enable us to protect the character and heritage of our existing communities while building walkable, transit-friendly urban neighbourhoods with small environmental footprints to accommodate the growth.

The areas designated for intensification are Midtown Oakville (Oakville’s Urban Growth Centre), Uptown Core, Palermo Village, Kerr Village, Bronte Village, and Downtown Oakville.

Livable Oakville is a forward-looking plan that not only addresses the issues of today, but gives us the ability to absorb growth in the decades to come. The entire town took part in preparing our new official plan, and the entire town can take pride in its completion. Thanks to the hard work of residents, staff and Council, Oakville can embrace a bright future.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD WINNERS

Mayor Burton with the 2009 Community Spirit Award Winners. From the back left, Dora Mugambi from Young Achievers of Halton, Group Volunteer Award winner; James Valitchka, Youth Award winner; Todd and Trent Courage, International Award winners; Jonathan Kenney, Individual Volunteer Award winner. From front right, Barbara Savage, Heritage and History Award winner; Mayor Rob Burton; Sybil Rampen, Art Award winner; Douglas and Shirley Walmsley, Senior Award winners; Catherine Kavassalis, Environmental Award winner.
The Town of Oakville won an important victory at the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) in May to prevent Creekbank Developments Ltd. from building three condo buildings of 28, 30 and 33 storeys on the abandoned Park Plaza Hotel site at 360 Oakville Place Drive.

“Retaining valuable employment land for the Town is vital to Oakville’s economic growth,” Mayor Rob Burton said. “The OMB decision enforces Council’s goal to seek opportunities for business development as we move towards a sustainable, knowledge-based economy.”

The property is within designated employment lands, which the Town fought to protect. The OMB concluded that allowing Creekbank Developments to build a residential development on land reserved for office and commercial use would be a violation of policy.

“By preserving these lands, the Town will be able to create a vibrant employment community that reflects the vision of both the Town and our residents,” said Jane Clohecy, Planning and Development Commissioner.

The Town is undefeated at the OMB since the current term of council began. Other victories include the preservation of the Natural Heritage System north of Dundas Street, and the rejection of a big-box home improvement store by By-Ways Construction and Ryan-Lee Investments, planned for the corner of Eighth Line and Iroquois Shore Road.

The Town’s draft Economic Development Strategy, released in May, includes three goals: to attract knowledge-based industries in the professional services, advanced manufacturing and life sciences sectors; to respond to the needs of the business community in order to foster business retention and expansion; and to explore international business opportunities.

The Town’s new official plan, Livable Oakville, includes policies to protect employment lands to meet the Town’s future business needs as it grows.

Creekbank Properties Ltd. will now develop a new office complex at 360 Oakville Place Drive.

“In speaking with the Mayor and people within the Town, we’ve agreed that if that is the way it should go, we’ll embrace that and work with them to create the best office development that the town has ever seen,” said Todd Cullen, President of Creekbank Developments Ltd.

For more information on the Town’s Economic Development strategies, visit www.oakville.ca/economicdevelopment.htm/.

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The Student Freedom Pass (SFP), introduced by Council in the summer of 2007, was originally created to help high school students get to their after-school activities independently and cheaply. This summer it gets even better.

The SFP now gives students an unlimited number of transit rides all day, every day during July and August. For just $10 per month, students can travel to and from their summer jobs, summer school, or anywhere else they want to go, without having to pester their parents for a ride.

Travel by transit is a safe and reliable way for students to get around, and it gives them the freedom to participate in all the Town’s summer activities. The SFP is a win for everyone.

The SFP is available wherever Oakville transit passes are sold. Visit www.oakvilletransit.ca for more information.
### TOWN COUNCIL’S 4 YEAR WORK PLAN

(Progress To Date, Key Events and Future Plans)

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