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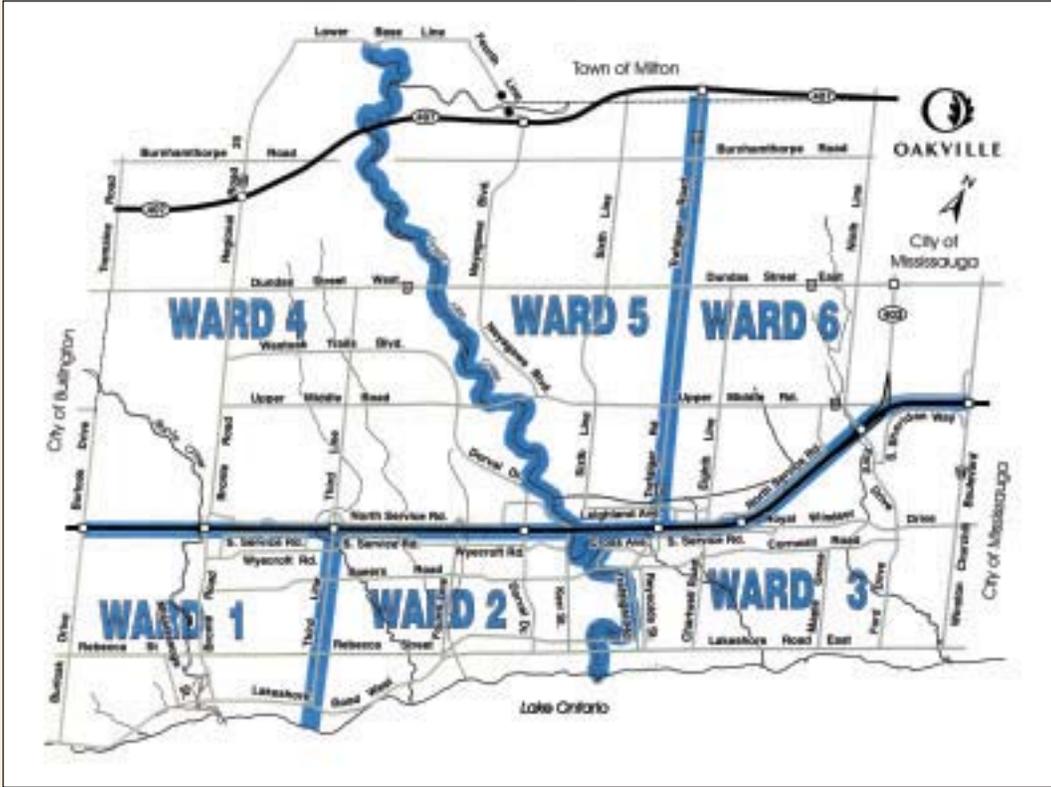
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ON THE COVER: Alexis and Matthew explore the Sixteen Mile Creek Trail in Ward 5. **CREDIT:** Oakville Camera Club member Jacques Van Dyk.



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LET'S TALK OAKVILLE COVER PHOTO CONTEST

Attention all shutterbugs! Are you an amateur photographer interested in having your photo on the cover of the *Let's Talk Oakville* newsletter (circulation 67,000)? If so, please send us your original photos of events, people, places, or scenery in the summer in Oakville. The winning photo and photo credit will be on the cover of the next newsletter (summer 2010 edition).

ENTRY RULES

1. The contest topic is "summer in Oakville – events, people, places, or scenery."
2. A maximum of three photos may be entered by each contestant.
3. Photos must have a vertical or portrait orientation and must be minimum 300 dpi at 8"x10" or larger. JPEG, TIFF, or RAW files will be accepted.
4. The contest is open to all amateur, non-professional photographers.
5. Photos must be the original work of contestants and not have been entered into a previous town contest or published in any publication.
6. The winner will be chosen based on content, creativity, and relevance to the contest topic.
7. Entries can be emailed to letstalkoakville@oakville.ca. Entries on CD/DVD can be dropped off or mailed to *Let's Talk Oakville* Photo Contest, c/o Executive Assistant to Council, P.O. Box 310, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville, ON, L6J 5A6.
8. Entry forms are available at www.oakville.ca/townnewsletter.htm or by phoning 905-845-6601, ext. 3788. Photos not accompanied by a signed entry form will not be eligible for the contest.
9. The deadline for entries is Friday, June 4, 2010 at 11:59 p.m.

For more information, contact 905-845-6601, ext. 3788 or letstalkoakville@oakville.ca.

LET'S TALK...

Welcome to the sixth issue of *Let's Talk Oakville*, Council's town-wide newsletter. In this issue, we'll look back on the last four months and tell you about some great events, programs, and services to watch for this spring.

Council knows residents want a full picture of what's happening in Oakville and better accountability of the progress Council is making towards our shared goals. *Let's Talk Oakville* will help you learn more about what's happening in our town. 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.



ADDITIONAL COPIES

If you would like to receive additional copies of *Let's Talk Oakville* for your home, business, or organization, please contact 905-845-6601, ext. 3788.

MORE ONLINE

Go to www.oakville.ca for everything you need to know about the Town of Oakville. Visit www.oakville.ca/mayor to read updates from the Mayor's Office, watch videos and track Council's accomplishments.

NEW TO TOWN?

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

NEED HELP?

Your Councillors and Mayor are happy to help when you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about the Town of Oakville and Region of Halton. To make sure you get the courteous and timely response we want you to have, there are two easy access numbers you can use.

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

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

Under existing privacy laws and regulations, if you want your Councillors and the Mayor to know about your enquiry, you have to ask for your communications to be passed on to your Mayor and your Councillors, or copy us when you call or write to staff. Your Mayor and Council always welcome direct contact.





Become a member today! Visit www.iShopOakville.ca and join the shopping club whose members receive special offers from local merchants. "I Shop Oakville!" is a partnership between the Town of Oakville, Oakville Chamber of Commerce, and the Bronte Village, Downtown Oakville and Kerr Village Business Improvement Areas (BIA). Don't miss out!

MAYOR'S REQUEST FOR MORE TIME ON HOSPITAL FUNDING DECISION GRANTED

On March 1, the provincial government granted Mayor Burton's request for more time to make a decision on Oakville's contribution to the Local Share Plan (LSP) for the new hospital. Halton Healthcare Services has requested the town contribute \$200 million to complete its LSP. The province requires Council to announce a decision by April 24.

The town undertook an extensive public consultation process and found that residents do want a new hospital and support some level of municipal funding for the project. The community was polarized on the amount that should be contributed. Only a slim majority supported increasing property taxes by the amount required to provide a \$200 million contribution.

"This Council remains committed to securing a new hospital for Oakville," said Mayor Burton. "We want to contribute to a safer, modern hospital, but in a way that is financially sustainable. We will work hard with HHS and the province to achieve these goals."

Infrastructure Ontario, the provincial agency that oversees hospital construction, has agreed to share the uses and sources of the LSP with members of Council. This will provide more transparency and help the town understand how its contribution is being used. Council will work to decide on a contribution that is affordable to residents and ensures that our community receives the quality of health care it needs.

For more information on funding the new hospital, visit the town's website at www.oakville.ca/newhospital.htm.

COUNCIL PASSES NEW BY-LAW TO PROTECT AIR QUALITY

On February 1, Council unanimously approved Health Protection Air Quality By-law 2010-035 to protect residents from the negative health effects of fine particulate matter (fine PM) in the Oakville-Clarkson airshed.

Under the by-law, facilities in Oakville that produce major emissions of fine PM would be reviewed by Council and require Council's approval to operate. The by-law will apply immediately to proposed facilities and transition conditions will apply to existing facilities. Applicants would be evaluated on:

- The type and amount of emissions produced
- Existing and predicted levels of fine particulate matter
- Public health effects associated with emissions
- A plan to reduce harmful emissions

Fine PM is not currently regulated by the government of Canada or Ontario and the air quality by-law addresses gaps in current federal and provincial environmental regulations. The by-law empowers the town to safeguard the health, safety and well-being of people in Oakville by collecting information on fine PM emissions from proposed and existing facilities in Oakville. It is not structured to restrict industrial operations in Oakville, but to ensure that potentially harmful emissions are monitored, regulated and reduced.

"We regularly hear concerns from residents that we have the dirtiest air in Ontario," said Mayor Burton. "People don't like it and they have long been corrosive in their criticism that no one does anything about it. Council and I have decided we will act since no one else will."

To learn more about the town's efforts to improve air quality visit www.oakville.ca/healthprotectionairquality.htm.



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WELCOME!

As we move into spring, I would like to highlight Town Council's recent accomplishments.

During this term, we wrote the Livable Oakville Plan. We also have a new official plan at the Region of Halton. Both plans protect existing neighbourhoods, control growth, and expand the Natural Heritage System. They also direct developers to pay the maximum allowable development charges.

Locally, Council is delivering on infrastructure. New equipment for the Fire department, new parks, the Bronte Youth Centre, renovations to the Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre, and road rehabilitation are among the many projects that have been completed or are currently underway.

We also delivered an Environmental Strategic Plan and increased fiscal accountability with the implementation of performance- and program-based (PB2) budgeting. We also have an award-winning Economic Development Strategy, a new Oakville Tourism Partnership, and an enhanced transit system. The introduction of commercial parking standards in Bronte in the near future will bring us in line with the rest of Oakville and benefit our many merchants.

I am committed to protecting these gains, and will also ensure that the new Harbours Master Plan is fair and equitable. Finally, I am excited to be leading a Mayor's Advisory Group on lobbyist registries. For more information, read the article on page 31.

As always, listening to your thoughts, ideas, and concerns is important to me. Please continue to provide me with your valuable feedback.

LIVING IN WARD 1

It is exciting to be able to look back on all the things Council and Bronte residents accomplished together over the last three years. The back page of this newsletter shows the many actions we've taken as part of our [2007-2010 Strategic Plan](#). Yes, "Bronte is on Fire!"

In December 2009, Council and staff finished the 2010 budget and I am very satisfied that we were able to hold our tax increase to a modest 1.6 per cent, which amounts to \$16.50 per year for each \$100,000 of assessment, or \$66 for a house assessed at \$400,000.

We have been working hard to enhance our natural environment and 85 per cent of residents surveyed in 2008 were satisfied with the green space available.

The Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park, which the town assumed responsibility for following the dissolution of the Bronte Butterfly Foundation, is looking great. On Saturday, May 15, we will hold an official ceremony to recognize the many contributors to this project. Watch local newspapers for more details.

The Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre renovation is moving forward on schedule and will be a wonderful community facility when it opens its doors in the winter of 2012.

The Bronte Harbour is in the midst of developing a new financial plan and it is my objective to ensure any increase in costs to boaters is reasonable and effectively phased in.

We will continue to work through the actions set out in our [Strategic Plan](#). I look forward to hearing from you at any time as we continue through this process.



MONUMENT AT PETRO-CANADA PARK HONOURS YOUNG BOXER AND COMMUNITY MENTOR

A monument honouring the memory of acclaimed boxer, athlete, and community member Mike “PrimeTime” Post — a “Friend – Mentor – Warrior” to many — now marks the Bronte Road entrance into Petro-Canada Park.

Post, who passed away suddenly in 2008 at the age of 28, was undefeated in the amateur ranks and was well on his way to becoming an International Boxing Association (IBA) World Junior Welterweight Champion. Post was also the owner of Bronte’s PrimeTime Personal Fitness & Boxing Inc. and brought the sport to the local community by making his gym and training site available to interested amateurs and local high school students.

“I was pleased to spearhead the Mike Post memorial initiative,” stated Councillor Robinson. “Mike’s memorial is a reminder of his impact as an athlete and as a valued member of our community.”

Post used hill sprints as part of his training and his preferred sprinting site was the steep roadway to Petro-Canada Park. To honour Post’s athletic achievements, the hill where he trained, and the relationships he built with the community, Council approved the monument requested by Post’s family and community members on June 1, 2009.

REGIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTS ROPA 38, PROTECTS NATURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM

Halton Regional Council unanimously adopted Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 38 (ROPA 38) on December 16, 2009. ROPA 38, which represents the final phase of the Sustainable Halton planning process, illustrates how Halton Region will accommodate growth from 2021 to 2031 and reinforces the planning principles and policies that guided the town’s Livable Oakville Plan.

“ROPA 38 is a huge step forward in the planning of sustainable communities and the preservation of our green space through the Natural Heritage System,” said Councillor Johnston.

The updated policies in ROPA 38 focus on planning healthy and complete communities that have sustainable infrastructure to support growth. They centre on managing growth and intensification, protecting employment lands, and preserving the Natural Heritage System (NHS).

For more information on the NHS, read the articles on pages 19 and 31.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS IN BRONTE

Work on several of Bronte’s beautiful parks is scheduled to take place throughout 2010 to ensure they continue to provide enjoyment to the community. Here are some highlights:

- Shell Park will get a new wooden arbour in the rose garden and two new bridges across Sheldon Creek
- South Shell Park will have a new seasonal washroom
- Donovan Bailey Park will see pathway improvements and tree and shrub plantings
- Bronte Athletic Field will have new artificial turf
- The Fishermen’s Park walkway will see improvements to the steps and railings
- Bronte Bluffs Park will have enhanced parking
- Bronte Beach Park will get a new picnic shelter



Significant landscaping was completed at Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park (located between East Street and Bronte Road, south of Ontario Street) in 2009 honouring commitments made by the former Bronte Butterfly Foundation. A total of \$50,000 was contributed for the installation of 26 commemorative benches, 841 donated pavers, and six donated trees to surround the existing gazebo. The same area also received nine additional trees, 172 shrubs, and 1,300 perennials.

One foundation donor sent a message to the town thanking staff for the installation: “A very special thank you for the lovely work done on the paving stones in Bronte...The location overlooking Bronte Harbour is really attractive and the fact that there are about 30 benches around the shell will ensure that many people will take advantage of this restful area.”

The new features will be officially unveiled during a special celebration on Saturday, May 15 to acknowledge those who sponsored benches, trees, and pavers. Watch local newspapers for more details.

BREAKING NEWS

On March 3, Councillor Johnston successfully secured \$520,000 of funding for the development and upgrading of Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park from the Region of Halton’s Waterfront Parks Program.

Councillor Johnston moved the motion at the region’s Planning and Public Works committee meeting on February 24. The motion was supported by his colleagues and officially passed at Regional Council on March 3.

“These funds will ensure that the citizens of Bronte and Oakville are able to enjoy this beautiful park and its many amenities,” Councillor Johnston said.

The funds are available immediately and will be used to start phase two of the Master Plan for the park that was approved by Oakville Town Council. This will include addressing settling and ponding issues as well as new walkways and landscaping. Additional landscaping, paths, lighting, and shaded structures will be installed in 2011 and final touches will be completed to the park in 2012.



QEP COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

On February 4, an open house for Queen Elizabeth Park (QEP) Community Centre was held at Town Hall. More than 100 residents from the local community, seniors, and the arts and culture community had the chance to review the final interior and exterior designs, ask questions, and share opinions with town staff. Overall, visitors were very excited by the design and the progression of the new community centre. The project is running on schedule and tenders for construction will be awarded shortly. For more information and to view the designs, visit www.oakville.ca/qepark.htm or our Facebook page - QEP Community Centre.

BUSINESSES HONoured WITH NEW HMC AWARD

Halton Multicultural Council (HMC) celebrated its 30th year of operation in 2009 with the creation of the Bill Allison Award, which recognizes local businesses and organizations that have shown leadership in response to demographic change in the region.

Bill Allison is a long-standing Oakville volunteer and one of the founding members of HMC, serving as its president for five years. The Bill Allison award encourages Halton organizations to champion diversity, equity, and inclusiveness. It will be presented at HMC's Halton Meets Latin America gala fundraiser on Saturday, April 24, 2010.

HMC is a community agency dedicated to enabling Halton residents to actively participate in the community regardless of racial or ethnic origin. HMC offers language, literacy, career, and settlement services to immigrants, refugees, and Canadian citizens. Diversity and anti-discrimination training and interpretation/translation services are also available.

The non-profit organization is supported by volunteers and through donations, grants, and funding from the federal, provincial, and regional governments.

To find out more about the Bill Allison Award or HMC's services, please call 905-842-2486 or visit www.halton-multicultural.org.

JOIN US FOR WARD 1'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join Councillors Johnston and Robinson on Saturday, June 19 from 2-4 p.m. for their annual ice cream social in the Bronte Butterfly Gazebo in Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park (located between East Street and Bronte Road, south of Ontario Street).

"As Councillors, we always welcome the opportunity to connect with residents. This event has become a great place to talk to our constituents in a relaxed setting," said Councillor Robinson. "Local community groups and police, fire, and emergency staff will also be on hand."

Free refreshments will be provided including ice cream, drinks, and snacks as well as face painting, helium balloons, and entertainment by Fiddlestix.

"We encourage all of our Ward 1 residents to join us," said Councillor Johnston. "We look forward to discussing our common interests in Ward 1!"



LOTS OF SPRING FUN IN BRONTE

The beautiful natural features and terrific attractions in Bronte are worth a visit year-round so head outdoors! The waterfront boardwalk and Bronte's beautiful parks remain open to walkers in all seasons. If you'd rather exercise your shopping muscles, there's a great selection of merchants and services to try out in Bronte. Also, music and art in Bronte are alive and well in the spring so be sure to explore our many restaurants and cafes.

UPCOMING BRONTE VILLAGE BIA EVENTS

For more information about the events below, contact the Bronte Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) at 905-825-3258 or visit www.brontevillage.net, as dates may change.

July 1, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. — OAKVILLE'S CANADA DAY and FIREWORKS

Come out to celebrate Canada's birthday in Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park. Bring your lawn chair and blanket for this event that features great food, lively entertainment, lots of shopping, and many fun activities. Finish off the day with a concert and a spectacular fireworks display just off the Bronte pier.

August 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. — 45th annual ART IN THE PARK

Run by the Oakville Art Society, Art in the Park in Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park is one of Oakville's most popular outdoor community events, drawing more than 3,000 visitors and participants from across Canada and around the world. The show features original work from over 150 artists with emphasis placed on painting, pottery, sculpture, woodworking, and photography. Admission is \$3. For more information, visit www.oakvilleartsociety.com.

August 13, 14, and 15 — HARBOUR DAYS MUSIC FESTIVAL and TALL SHIP SAILINGS

Bring the whole family for a three-day festival of great entertainment, tasty food, and plenty of activities on land and water including a concert and fireworks display just off the Bronte pier. Experience sailing Lake Ontario as it was in the nineteenth century when the tall ship Empire Sandy sails into Bronte Harbour during the festival. Visit www.brontevillage.net for tickets.

UPCOMING BRONTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

For more information about the events below, contact the Bronte Historical Society at 905-825-5552 or visit www.brontehistoricalsociety.ca.

May 15 — SOVEREIGN HOUSE OPENS (Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 1-4 p.m.)

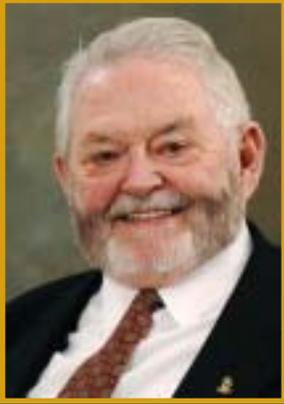
Located at 7 West River Street, Sovereign House was built by one of Bronte's founding fathers, Charles Sovereign, beginning in 1825. This year, come by to see the new exhibits on sports and games.

June 27, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. — TEA ON THE BLUFFS AT SOVEREIGN HOUSE

Looking for a relaxing, outdoor setting for an afternoon tea? Then be sure to mark this unique fundraising event for the Bronte Historical Society on your calendar.

KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION/ FILE NUMBER	LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	STATUS	CONTACT IN PLANNING DEPARTMENT
2143111 Ontario Inc. (Bronte Village Mall)/Z.1729.57	2441 Lakeshore Road West	An application has been received to amend the town's zoning by-law to permit the redevelopment of the Bronte Village Mall for a mixed-use retail, office, and residential development (451 dwelling units) and a total commercial gross floor area of 14,314 square metres. The development is proposed in five blocks with buildings of two to four storeys fronting onto Lakeshore Road West containing a food store and other retail uses, one 21-storey building fronting onto Bronte Road, and two ten storey buildings and two eight storey buildings fronting onto Sovereign Street.	Application is currently in circulation for technical review. Public meeting was held on November 9, 2009.	Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 lmusson@oakville.ca
Amica (Oakville South) Inc./ Z.1730.34	140, 144, 150, 154, and 158 Bronte Road	Proposed official plan and zoning by-law amendments to allow for the development of a 139-unit seniors' retirement building.	Application approved by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) on January 13, 2010. To view the OMB decision, visit www.omb.gov.on.ca .	Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 gcharles@oakville.ca
EAD Lakeshore Developments/ Z.1731.39, 24T-07004, and 24CDM-07009	3047 Lakeshore Road West	Proposed official plan and zoning by-law amendments and condominium and subdivision applications to allow for the development of 24 residential townhouse units accessible by a private condominium roadway.	Settlement has been reached between the town and the developer. To view the OMB decision, visit www.omb.gov.on.ca .	David Capper 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 dcapper@oakville.ca
Great Lakes Business Park Land Trust 1/ Z.1635.09	Southwest corner of Great Lakes Boulevard and Superior Court (Burloak Employment District)	Applicant proposes a zoning by-law amendment seeking permission to amend existing zoning from E2 to E1 and T1, and to realign existing zoning boundaries. The plan of subdivision proposes to create nine blocks and a municipal right of way providing access from Great Lakes Boulevard.	Public information meeting was held in April 2009. Public meeting was held on January 11, 2010. Recommendation report issued on March 29.	David Capper 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 dcapper@oakville.ca
Great Lakes Business Park Land Trust II/ 24T-09002/1635	Northeast corner of Burloak Drive and Rebecca Street (bounded by Great Lakes Boulevard, Burloak Drive, and Rebecca Street in the Burloak Employment District)	The application proposes the creation of an industrial plan of subdivision containing four blocks. The proposal includes two development blocks, a stormwater management facility block, and a woodlot block. The woodlot and stormwater management facility blocks are to be dedicated to the town at a future date.	Public information meeting was held in February 2010. Recommendation report issued on March 29.	David Capper 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 dcapper@oakville.ca
Moldenhauer Seniors Residence – Moldenhauer Developments/ Z.1729.56	2355-2379 Lakeshore Road West	The applicant is proposing an eight storey seniors oriented residential building with ground floor retail/commercial uses. Details of the proposal are as follows: an eight storey building with a total gross floor area of 15,575 square metres, 143 seniors residential units, 1,094 square metres of residential amenity area, 1,643 square metres of ground floor retail/commercial uses, and underground parking for 91 spaces.	Application appealed to the OMB. Pre-hearing conference held on October 14, 2009. Board hearing has been postponed indefinitely. Upon recommencing, notice will be provided to registered parties and participants.	David Capper 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 dcapper@oakville.ca
Oakville Great Lakes Marketplace (Bousfields Inc.)/ Z.1635.08	Northeast corner of Rebecca Street and Burloak Drive (Burloak Employment District)	Applicant proposes an official plan and zoning by-law amendment seeking permission for retail commercial land uses. The proposal consists of a retail and service commercial development within nine buildings comprised of approximately 12,000 square metres of floor area. A single vehicular access is proposed from Burloak Drive and two are proposed from Rebecca Street.	Public information meeting was held in April 2009. Public meeting was held on February 22, 2010. Application was rejected by Council and has been appealed to the OMB.	David Capper 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 dcapper@oakville.ca



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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR TOWN OF OAKVILLE'S 2010 COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARDS

Volunteerism is the backbone of any thriving community. Since 2002, the Town of Oakville's Community Spirit Awards have recognized and honoured our one-of-a-kind volunteers with a one-of-a-kind award.

Councillor Duddeck, a member of the Awards Selection Committee, encourages Oakville residents, community groups, and businesses to nominate a community member they've seen make a positive difference to Oakville's quality of life.

"This is a terrific opportunity to celebrate volunteer leadership and commitment," she said. "We hope that folks will take the time in 2010 to nominate the people they admire most, whether that's a family member, co-worker, or business associate."

Nominations opened on Monday, March 1 and close on Friday, April 23, 2010. Nomination forms are available at Town Hall, at all town facilities and library branches, and at www.oakville.ca/csa.htm.

AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

Access Award (new) – sponsored by MEDChair Halton

Recognizes outstanding individuals, businesses, or organizations that have made or are making a significant or ongoing contribution, beyond legislated requirements, to the well-being and advancement of people with disabilities.

Arts Award – sponsored by the Oakville Beaver

Recognizes an individual or organization who, through their volunteerism, has contributed to nurturing and enhancing the arts in Oakville.

Environmental Award – sponsored by Tim Hortons

Recognizes an individual or organization whose outstanding voluntary contribution of environmental stewardship has helped to enhance or protect Oakville's environment.

Group Volunteer Award – sponsored by Sun Life Financial

Recognizes a group of three or more individuals who have come together to volunteer their time towards a shared goal, activity, or event involving leadership, innovation, and creativity.

Heritage and History Award – sponsored by Genworth Financial Canada

Recognizes an individual or organization who has made an

outstanding contribution to Oakville's heritage and history by aiding in the preservation and celebration of the town's natural, built, and cultural heritage.

Individual Volunteer Award – sponsored by Paradiso Restaurant

Recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution towards improving the well-being of Oakville residents of any age group.

International Award – sponsored by EllisDon Corporation

Recognizes an individual or an organization who has made an outstanding voluntary contribution to an international initiative or project.

Senior Award – sponsored by Sunrise Senior Living

Recognizes a senior (65 years and older) or group who has made an outstanding voluntary contribution to the Oakville community during their retirement years.

Youth Award – sponsored by RBC Royal Bank

Recognizes a youth (18 years and under) individual or group who has made positive contributions towards enriching Oakville's quality of life.

For more information, visit www.oakville.ca/csa.htm or contact Louise Veres, recreation supervisor, at 905-845-6601, ext. 3154 or lveres@oakville.ca.



THE GENESIS OF THE KERR VILLAGE BIA

Water is arguably our most abundant and valuable resource. Covering more than two-thirds of the planet’s surface and comprising more than half of the human body, it sustains life. It cleans, cleanses, and nourishes — whether it’s an animal, plant, or neighbourhood that’s thirsting for revitalization.

Just ten years ago, culturally-diverse, vibrant Kerr Village was known more for its vacant buildings, derelict properties, and high crime rate than for its trendy restaurants and specialty shops.

Richard Messer, president of ConnectUs Canada and now executive director of the Kerr Village Business Improvement Area (BIA), moved his business to Kerr Street in 1999.

“Networking with other merchants was one of my top priorities and we spent a lot of time talking about how we could improve Kerr Street,” he said. “Beautification was a natural starting point so I literally went from business to business asking for donations. I collected \$7,000 and purchased flowers for all of our concrete planters.”

A team of volunteers spent the weeks following pulling weeds, hauling dirt, and planting. The project was so impactful that it was even featured on the front page of the *Oakville Beaver*. But with no way to deliver enough water on a consistent basis, the flowers soon died.

Determined to succeed, Messer spent the next couple of years formalizing a streetscaping program and eventually entered into a partnership with Appleby College. Volunteers were gathered, banners were created, flowers were planted, but the outcome was the same. Without a consistent source of water, the plants eventually withered and died.

“We needed a solution,” Messer said. “After approaching Councillors Oliver and Duddeck and Mayor Rob Burton, we decided to form the Kerr Village BIA. As all BIAs are funded by the merchants or their landlords — through a tax levy — we would then have the money we needed to move forward with community improvements.”

With the money collected through the BIA, water and planting services were procured from the town and the flowers — along with the Kerr Street neighbourhood — began to blossom and thrive.

ABOUT THE KERR VILLAGE BIA

The formation and governance of any BIA is detailed in the provincial *Municipal Act* and includes things like the determination of boundaries and the selection of a volunteer board of directors. As a local board, each BIA is accountable to the municipal Council. The budget is

formally presented at a public general meeting of the membership every year and must be approved by Council annually. The approved budget results in a levy to the businesses within the BIA. The Kerr Village BIA:

- Acts as a liaison between the business community and the local government.
- Works closely with commercial property owners to help fill unoccupied space and ensure an optimum business mix is achieved.
- Implements creative marketing campaigns to retain and expand the customer base.
- Provides streetscaping improvements including lighting, signage, planters, banners, sidewalk treatments, and holiday decorations.
- Organizes special events highlighting the unique attributes of the area.

KERR VILLAGE BIA EVENTS

KERR VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET

Heritage Square (340 Kerr Street, one block south of Stewart Street) – Every Saturday, June to October

SUMMER CELEBRATION

Kerr Street (between Lakeshore Road and Rebecca Street)
Saturday, June 26, 2010

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Kerr Street (between Lakeshore Road and Rebecca Street)
Saturday, October 23, 2010

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Heritage Square (340 Kerr Street, one block south of Stewart Street) – Friday, November 19, 2010

SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Kerr Street (between Lakeshore Road and Rebecca Street)
Saturday, November 20, 2010

For more information, visit www.kerrvillage.ca.

PETER McCUSKER (6 images)



TOWN BOOSTS PUBLIC SAFETY WITH INTERSECTION PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS

In 2006, the town reviewed pedestrian crossovers (PXOs), which are commonly referred to as crosswalks and marked by an “X” painted on the road, ground-mounted signs, and overhead signs with flashing amber lights. PXOs are often misunderstood by motorists. In Ontario, the flashing amber light indicates that the driver must come to a complete stop to let pedestrians cross. In other jurisdictions, a flashing amber light only requires drivers to yield. After the review, Council approved the conversion of existing PXOs to either regular full traffic signals or Intersection Pedestrian Signals (IPSS).

An IPSS has both traffic lights and a crosswalk, along with pedestrian lights activated by push buttons. The traffic lights face traffic going both ways on a busy road and vehicles approaching the intersection from side-streets face stop signs. The pedestrian lights allow pedestrians to cross busy roads safely. To date, six of the 15 original PXOs in Oakville have been converted to IPSS or full traffic signals:

- Lakeshore Road West and Morden Road (2006) – IPSS
- Nottinghill Gate and Monks Passage (2007) – IPSS
- Kingsway Drive at St. Luke School (2008) – IPSS
- Third Line at Tansley Drive (2008) – IPSS
- Third Line at Hixon Street (2008) – full traffic signal
- Rebecca Street at Lees Lane (2009) – IPSS

According to Councillors Oliver and Duddeck, the recent conversion on Rebecca Street will ensure that students in the Thomas A Blakelock High School area are safe on their journeys to and from school.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why does the white “walking person” light change to the orange flashing “hand” before I’ve safely crossed the street?

A: The purpose of the “walking person” light is to alert pedestrians that they should begin crossing the intersection. It is not designed to remain on display until you reach the other side of the street. The flashing orange “hand” informs late arrivals that they should not start to cross at that time.

Q: I walk slowly. What should I do?

A: Those who walk slowly should always use the pedestrian push-button, as this will give you extra time. Wait for the next white “walking person” light. Begin walking as soon as this light appears and continue walking through the display of the orange flashing “hand.”

Q: Why does the “walking person” light not appear immediately after pushing the pedestrian button?

A: The appearance of the white walking person light is dependent on traffic volume. At slower times, it will change very quickly, but it will likely take longer during heavy traffic. If it takes more than 90 seconds to respond, call the traffic operations division at 905-338-4392.

Q: What should I do? Turning vehicles do not yield to me when I cross — even when the white “walking person” light is displayed.

A: By law, all vehicles are required to yield to pedestrians lawfully within the crosswalk. Your safety is your responsibility. Be attentive to vehicles turning across your path, make eye contact with drivers before crossing, and wear reflective materials at night, as it is hard for drivers to see pedestrians wearing dark clothing.

For more information, contact the traffic operations division at 905-338-4392 or roads&works@oakville.ca.



ServiceOakville staff Loretta, Lisa, Kevin, and Carolyn (from left to right) are eager to assist members of the public who visit, phone, or email Town Hall.

ServiceOakville EVOLVING INTO A ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR ACCESSIBLE SERVICE

As the population and demographics of Oakville continue to evolve the way the town provides service to our residents is evolving too. ServiceOakville is the town’s proactive strategy to enhance our customer service in advance of residents’ changing needs. We’re implementing a “customer first” approach to shorten the response time to general requests and service needs.

“Our mission at ServiceOakville is to make it easier for residents and visitors to find the answers they need or conduct business with the town,” said Jane Liu, manager of service innovation.

The first phase of the town’s new strategy — launching an information partnership with 311Halton and delivering interpreter services for staff dealing with non-English speaking customers — was implemented in late 2008. In April 2009, we opened a newly designed customer counter at Town Hall that is wheelchair accessible and equipped to help individuals with disabilities. Town Hall’s front entrance also now includes rollover curbs for easy access and coloured walkways to guide those with visual impairments.

ServiceOakville staff members greet all visitors to Town Hall, manage the town’s main switchboard, process some parking, tax, and business licensing payments, sell transit tickets, and coordinate the distribution of GreenCarts and Blue Boxes with the Region of Halton. ServiceOakville staff also continues to undergo training so they can handle a wide range of service requests at the front desk to reduce the need to send customers to departmental offices.

“ServiceOakville is a wonderful assistance to the public and long overdue,” said Councillor Oliver. “I thank staff for bringing this critical need forward and for implementing a program that positively impacts all Oakville residents.”

For more information, contact ServiceOakville at 905-845-6601 and press 0 (for TTY, call 905-338-4200) or serviceoakville@oakville.ca.

TOWARF AT YOUR SERVICE AND RESCUE



TOWARF (Town of Oakville Water Air Rescue Force), a Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit, provides marine search and rescue services. Its mission is to save lives on western Lake Ontario and it's an integral part of Canada's Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) system.

Founded in 1954 by then-police chief and current Ward 2 Regional and Town Councillor Fred Oliver, TOWARF is manned by more than 75 trained volunteers who patrol 45 hours a week and are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the boating season.

"TOWARF provides invaluable assistance to all boaters in distress whether they've simply run out of gas or are experiencing a life-threatening situation," said TOWARF Rear Commander Nigel Spink. "As a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Unit, we can also be part of a much larger SAR operation, coordinated by the Department of National Defence's Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Trenton, Ontario. This may include fixed and/or rotary wing assets and/or the other Canadian Coast Guard/Canadian

Coast Guard Auxiliary Units in the western Lake Ontario area."

TOWARF regularly provides education about boating safety and performs routine vessel inspections at no additional cost. The latter is especially important with increased police presence on the water.

TOWARF patrols begin April 24 and continue until October 31, 2010. For more information, visit www.towarf.com.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What are TOWARF's hours of operation?

A: The crew patrols Monday to Friday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Weekend and holiday patrols are from noon to 10 p.m. TOWARF's search master is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When reached by pager from Trenton's Joint Rescue Coordination Centre or Halton Regional Police Service dispatch, the search master can assemble a crew for any emergency after hours.

Q: What is TOWARF's patrol area?

A: TOWARF patrols the shoreline between Burloak Drive (the Oakville/Burlington border) and Winston Churchill Boulevard (the Oakville/Mississauga border) and approximately 10 miles out from shore.

Q: Will TOWARF assist in emergencies outside of the Oakville area?

A: TOWARF will respond anywhere in the west end of Lake Ontario at the direction of the Canadian Coast Guard and further if requested.

Q: How is TOWARF funded?

A: Historically, TOWARF has received an operating grant from the town to cover a large part of the funding requirements. Beginning in 2010, an annual \$25 levy will be imposed on all town-managed boat slips and those in the Bronte Outer Harbour Marina to offset expenses.

KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION/ FILE NUMBER	LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	STATUS	CONTACT IN PLANNING DEPARTMENT
John Matas – Westdale Development Corporation/ S.P. 1615.055/02	140 Rebecca Street	Residential townhouses: 16 units.	Conditional approval granted by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) on June 23, 2009.	Philip Wiersma 905-845-6601, ext. 3795 pwiersma@oakville.ca
JRB Design – Build/ Z.1715.21	42, 28, and 36 Lakeshore Road West and 88-94 Chisholm Street	To redevelop the land with a mix of uses consisting of commercial uses at grade, 21 residential apartment units, the preservation of the heritage building and magnolia tree at 42 Lakeshore Road West, and a four storey podium with a fifth storey terraced from the fourth floor.	Approved by Planning and Development Council on October 13, 2009.	David Capper 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 dcapper@oakville.ca
Leighbirk Developments Inc./ Z.1617.35	Speers Road (north side) and Kerr Street (west side)	Three buildings, ranging in height from 12 to 18 storeys, with townhouse units at the base of taller buildings.	Application held in abeyance.	Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 gcharles@oakville.ca
Moldenhauer Developments/ Z.1716.14	Lakeshore Road between Brock and Brant Streets	Sixteen storeys: 165 units with grade- level commercial space and two blocks of three storey townhouses.	OMB hearing scheduled for April 12, 2010.	Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 gcharles@oakville.ca



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OAKVILLE MUSEUM'S BLACK HISTORY EXHIBITIONS

Every year in February, Black History Month celebrations provide an opportunity to highlight the role Oakville played in the history of the black community in North America as a stop on the Underground Railroad.

This year, the Oakville Museum at Erchless Estate (located at 8 Navy Street in downtown Oakville) marked the occasion by unveiling the recently discovered freedom papers of Branson Johnson, one of Oakville's earliest black citizens, and the pocket watch that concealed the papers for so many years.

The story of this important document and its discovery, donation, and careful restoration are part of a fascinating new permanent exhibition. *Freedom, Opportunity and Family: Oakville's Black History* opened February 13 and focuses on the local realities of the freedom seekers who arrived in our community, and those who helped them.

The broader Canadian story of the Underground Railroad is told through another permanent exhibition. *The Underground Railroad – Next Stop, Freedom!* is a bilingual, multimedia presentation that chronicles the flight of Deborah Brown and her husband Perry to Ontario from a life of slavery in Maryland through a three-dimensional rendering of the ghost of Deborah, who tells her own story in a truly captivating way.

The Oakville Museum also works with the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton to showcase black history events and celebrations. On August 2, they'll co-host the third annual Emancipation Day Family Picnic in downtown Oakville. For more information, call 905-257-0908 or visit www.ccah.ca.

For more information on the Oakville Museum and its exhibitions, call 905-338-4400 or visit www.oakvillemuseum.ca.

MEASURE YOUR ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT

One of Council's goals is to enhance Oakville's natural environment and that involves reducing our ecological footprint, which represents the land and water area the Town of Oakville requires to produce the resources it consumes and to absorb its wastes.

The town has hired an outside company to measure and analyze Oakville's ecological footprint and the results of that report will be available soon on www.oakville.ca, along with tips, tricks, and resources to help you reduce your individual or household footprints.

Check out www.ecoactionteams.ca to learn about simple, measurable actions that will help you lessen your impact on the environment and click on My Calculator to calculate your own footprint.

For information about our upcoming Earth Day celebration on Thursday, April 22 or the town's environmental initiatives, read the article on page 30, call 905-845-6601, ext. 3898, email environment@oakville.ca, or visit www.oakville.ca/environment.htm.



2010 DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE EVENTS

April 14 to 17 – FASHION WEEK 2010

Preview the new spring and summer 2010 collections and trends from 30 downtown businesses. Starting April 14, daily fashion events will explore the art of beauty and fashion in downtown Oakville. The grand finale Fashion Show Gala wraps up the week in style on Saturday, April 17.

June 17 to 19 – DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE SIDEWALK SALE

Join the retailers of downtown Oakville for this three-day shopping extravaganza. Now in its 37th year, this Oakville tradition brings the downtown to life as retailers take to the streets offering you the best deals of the season.

July 16 – DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Celebrate 33 years of Friday night fun! Midnight Madness draws a crowd of approximately 50,000, all of whom enjoy a variety of community performers, bands, and great food. Come out for the live music on every block, strolling entertainers, and the best buys in town.

August 6 to 8 – DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE JAZZ FESTIVAL

Experience a Taste of Bourbon Street in downtown Oakville! Celebrating 19 years of great jazz, incredible shopping, and fantastic summer dining, be sure visit downtown Oakville for the Jazz Festival weekend. Once a small grassroots event, the Jazz Festival now attracts thousands of people who flock to this popular event to enjoy live outdoor performances from the some of the finest talent in North America.

Other events to mark on your calendars include:

<p>A TASTE OF DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE September 17 to September 30</p>	<p>DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE TINY TOTS ON PARADE October 29</p>	<p>OAKVILLE SANTA CLAUS PARADE November 20</p>
<p>DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE FALL FESTIVAL September 18</p>	<p>DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY November 19</p>	<p>HOLIDAY MAGIC IN DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE December 1 to December 24</p>

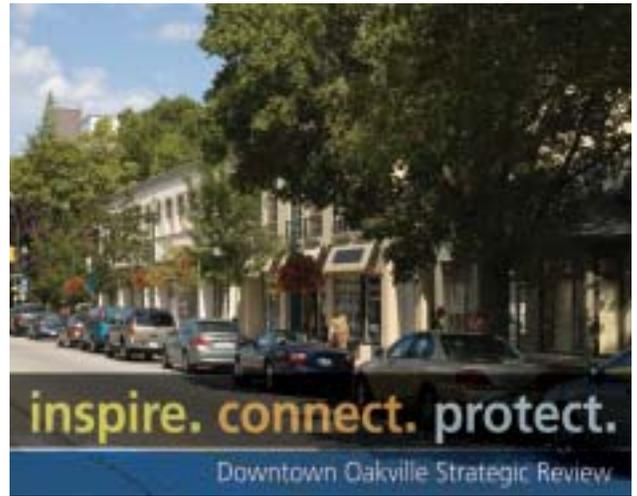
For more information, contact the Downtown Oakville Business Improvement Area (BIA) at 905-844-4520 or visit www.oakvilledowntown.com.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AT MAPLE GROVE UNITED CHURCH

Seniors in southeast Oakville are invited to become part of the East Oakville Community Group, which meets on the first, third, and fifth Thursday of each month from September through June from 1 to 4 p.m. at Maple Grove United Church located at 346 Maple Grove Drive. Drop in for cards, Scrabble, tea, and lively conversation!

Maple Grove United Church also offers fitness classes, bus trips, and prayer groups for all ages as well as the “W(h)ine and Twine” Fibre Arts group — meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. — and a “Great Books Series” on Monday evenings beginning in April.

For a full schedule and more information, call 905-845-5721 or visit www.maplegroveunitedchurch.org.



DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE STRATEGIC REVIEW

Downtown Oakville is identified as a growth area in the town’s new Livable Oakville Plan, along with Midtown Oakville, Uptown Core, Palermo Village, Kerr Village, and Bronte Village. New development in downtown Oakville will enhance rather than replace the existing vibrant mix of commercial, residential, cultural, and institutional uses that contribute to its unique heritage and character.

Livable Oakville calls for a Downtown Oakville Strategic Review to be conducted to confirm the vision for downtown Oakville established in the Livable Oakville Plan, and to develop a prioritized 20-year strategic plan for the success of downtown Oakville.

The review will address key factors affecting the area including cultural heritage, economic health, urban design and streetscape, transportation and mobility, commercial parking, tourism, safety, public realm and facilities, arts and culture, and current development.

Town staff has been working with key stakeholders to finalize the scope and process for the strategic review, and on a background document containing facts about downtown Oakville. The strategic review should be completed this summer and the public will be invited to provide their input.

For more information, visit www.oakville.ca or contact Kirk Biggar, senior planner, at 905-845-6601, ext. 3968 or kbiggar@oakville.ca.

CHARTWELL MAPLE GROVE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTS BOARD

The Chartwell Maple Grove Residents' Association (CMGRA) elected its first full board of directors in November 2009.

Dani Morawetz was elected as president and Dave Gittings and Anthony Molinaro were elected vice-presidents. CMGRA's former president Doug MacKenzie is now working with Citizens for Clean Air (C4CA) on the power plant issue. For more information on C4CA, read the article below and on page 22. To view directors' names, positions, and contact information, visit www.cmgra.org/about-us/current-board.

The CMGRA covers the area bounded by Cornwall Road to the north, Lake Ontario to the south, Chartwell Road to the west, and Maple Grove Drive to the east.

For more information, visit www.cmgra.org or contact Dani Morawetz at 905-338-9330 or dmorawetz@cogeco.ca.



CITIZENS FOR CLEAN AIR MEMBERSHIP GROWING

When Doug MacKenzie started Citizens for Clean Air (C4CA) out of opposition to the proposed power plant in southeast Oakville, his goal was to bring people together to create a strong, united voice and a coordinated effort to fight the plant. Today, as the organization grows and gains momentum, he continues to be impressed with the wave of support that this new residents' group has received.

Doug is the former president and founding director of the Chartwell Maple Grove Residents' Association, and is currently the CEO and president of Permolex Limited, a biofuels company. He says C4CA membership has grown to 2,000 and includes concerned individuals who live well outside of the neighbourhoods in Oakville and Mississauga that are near the site of the proposed power plant. Members of other residents' associations are also voicing opposition to the location of the proposed power plant, bringing the total estimated number of people making their views known to more than 10,000.

C4CA is committed to ensuring that there is a full and proper assessment of the proposed power plant's impact on the environment, community residents, and others who would be exposed to its emissions.

For more information regarding C4CA, including membership and donation information, visit www.c4ca.org, call 905-901-3603, or email DGM@c4ca.org.

2010 TOWN AND REGIONAL BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

TOWN OF OAKVILLE

In December 2009, Oakville Town Council approved combined operating and capital expenditures of \$311.1 million for 2010 to meet the needs of Oakville's growing community while finding savings and efficiencies where possible. The town's portion of the levy will rise by 4.5 per cent for a total property tax increase to the homeowner of 1.6 per cent, which amounts \$16.50 per year for each \$100,000 of assessment.



Artist's rendition of the new Oakville Transit centre that is currently under construction and scheduled to open in March 2011.

The 2010 budget includes funds to replace aging infrastructure and construct new facilities, including the quad pad arena complex, the new Oakville Transit centre, and renovations to the Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre. It also has money for the expansion of road capacity, Oakville Transit's new grid service design, and an expansion of the loose leaf collection program.

Bagged leaf collection (yard waste) by Halton Region services all areas of Oakville. The town's bulk collection program services mature areas where leaf loads are high. This service will be expanded to Clearview in 2010.

For more information, call 905-845-6601 or visit www.oakville.ca/2010budget.htm.

REGION OF HALTON

Also in December, Halton Regional Council approved the region's 2010 Budget and Business Plan, delivering a 0.2 per cent tax reduction for regional programs and services and a combined water and wastewater rate freeze for Halton residents.

Watch for construction on these water-related projects planned for Ward 3 this year:

- Upgrades to the Oakville Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant at 2477 Lakeshore Road
- Water main work from the new Upper Middle Road sanitary pumping station to Sheridan Garden Drive and Lambton Drive
- Water main replacement on the Rebecca Street bridge at Sixteen Mile Creek
- Water main construction on Ford Drive at Lansdown Drive

Other initiatives delivered in Halton's 2010 budget include:

- \$1 million for an additional 135 subsidized child care spaces
- \$1.8 million for Halton Region's employment and social assistance programs to accommodate an increase in demand
- A new sexual health clinic in Oakville opening in September 2010

For more information, call 905-825-6000 or visit www.halton.ca.

NEW EMS STATION TO OPEN THIS SPRING

Construction of the new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) station on Cornwall Road near Chartwell Road is well underway and on schedule.

If the good weather continues, the station, which will include two vehicle bays, a kitchen, sitting area, locker rooms, office space, medical storage areas, and washing and cleaning facilities for two paramedic crews, will begin operating this spring. The crews will respond to calls in east Oakville 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The building incorporates energy-saving systems to reduce electricity consumption and lower heating and cooling costs. Emergency vehicles will be able to enter and leave the property easily.

Residents can view the station from the adjacent parking lot at the Oakville Municipal Greenhouse and Conservatory located at 1100 Cornwall Road, but are asked to stay off the construction site for safety reasons.

For more information, call 905-825-6000 or visit www.halton.ca.



KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION/ FILE NUMBER	LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	STATUS	CONTACT IN PLANNING DEPARTMENT
445312 Ontario Limited/Z.1714.26	104-114 Robinson Street (Robinson Street/Water Street/ Navy Street)	To allow the site to be developed for a 13-unit apartment building.	Application has been appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).	Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 lmusson@oakville.ca
Dominic D'Urzo/ Z.1611.15 and 24T-09001/1611	418 Chartwell Road	To rezone the lands from R02. The proposed lots fronting on Maple Avenue (lots 1 and 2) are proposed to be zoned R05, while the lots fronting onto Chartwell Road are proposed to remain R02 with a special provision. A draft plan of subdivision has been submitted to create five residential lots.	Application is currently in circulation for technical review and expected to go before Council shortly. Public meeting held on November 23, 2009.	David Capper 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 dcapper@oakville.ca
FC (Olde Oakville) Corporation and FCHT (Ontario) Holdings/Z.1612.11	485 Trafalgar Road	To allow a 1,395 square metre second storey office addition to the newly constructed building on site and to allow the temporary retail use that currently exists for the recently renovated building on the site to be permanent.	Application is currently in circulation for technical review. Public meeting held on February 24, 2010.	Michelle Innocente 905-845-6601, ext. 3041 minnocente@oakville.ca
Greywalls Development Company/Z.1614.66	167 Navy Street (old Red Cross building)	To permit a six-unit, seven storey residential building.	Application has been appealed to the OMB.	Brenda Stan 905-845-6601, ext. 3034 bstan@oakville.ca
Kaneff Group of Companies/ Z.1501.16	2680 Sheridan Garden Drive	To remove the existing service station kiosk and canopy and replace them with a car wash and service station kiosk.	Application is currently in circulation for technical review.	Brenda Stan 905-845-6601, ext. 3034 bstan@oakville.ca
Melrose Investments Inc. and Rosehaven Homes Limited/ Z.1613.58	132 and 136 Allan Street	To amend the official plan and zoning by-law to develop an 11 storey, 44-unit residential condominium building.	Application is currently in circulation for technical review.	Brenda Stan 905-845-6601, ext. 3034 bstan@oakville.ca
Melrose Investments Inc. and Rosehaven Homes Limited/ Z.1613.57	296, 300, and 312 Randall Street and 293 Church Street	To amend the official plan and zoning by-law to develop a three to six storey mixed use project containing ground floor retail, two floors of office space, and three floors of residential space comprised of 36 dwelling units.	Application is currently in circulation for technical review. Public meeting held on November 23, 2009.	Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 lmusson@oakville.ca
Melrose Investments Inc. and Rosehaven Homes Limited/ Z.1613.55	153 and 157 Reynolds Street	To amend the official plan and zoning by-law to develop a nine storey, 28-unit apartment building.	Application was refused by Council and has been appealed to the OMB. Hearing date will be held in September 2010.	Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 gcharles@oakville.ca



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A DECADE OF CHANGE

We've come a long way since August 2002 when Oakville Council passed a plan to urbanize thousands of acres of its remaining rural lands without protecting important environmental features first.

I was a private citizen at the time, fighting for protection of a Natural Heritage System (NHS) for north Oakville and I knew that once land was brought into the urban envelope, it would be harder to protect. We were in for a long battle.

In November 2004, town staff reported that taxpayers would have to purchase the land at a cost of \$230,000,000 in order to protect it. After a lot of research and digging, I was able to prove that we could protect the land through zoning, at no cost to the taxpayer. This plan was eventually approved by Council and, in January 2008, it was upheld by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). OMB chair Susan Campbell wrote in her decision, "The Board finds that such an approach constitutes a superior and forward-looking method of protecting the province's natural heritage."

In December 2009, Halton Regional Council passed a plan to urbanize thousands of acres of rural countryside to accommodate future growth. History did not repeat itself. A vast NHS, encompassing 82,933 acres (33,563 hectares), was mapped and protected before the area was designated urban. Now it's widely accepted that ecologically valuable areas must be saved from development as we grow. How far we've come in a decade!

I hope you'll read about Halton's NHS and check out the map on page 19.

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR ROGER LAPWORTH

In March, our thoughts begin to turn to spring as we anticipate spending more time outdoors taking the kids to the park, hiking through the trails, or simply strolling through the neighbourhood. I hope that you'll have a look at our parks update on page 20 in this edition of *Let's Talk Oakville* where we list improvements that are scheduled for various park locations in our ward this year.

As your representative on Town Council, I take an active role in all aspects of the operation of our town. I will continue to serve on the following committees in 2010: the Oakville Public Library Board of Directors and its Finance, Audit, and Fundraising committees, the Oakville and Milton Humane Society Board of Directors, the Oakville Youth Advisory Committee, the Oakville Cultural Advisory Committee, the Heritage Oakville Advisory Committee, the Oakville Licensing Appeal Committee, the Administrative Services Committee, and the Terry Fox Fundraising Campaign Committee.

We look forward to the opening of numerous new town facilities that are currently under construction including the 144,000 square foot Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre, the splash pad and playground at the West Oak Trails Park, the third baseball field at Dundas Street and Postmaster Drive, and the 196,000 square foot quad pad arena complex at Neyagawa Boulevard and Dundas Street.

I welcome all feedback as well as ideas that will enhance the quality of life in Ward 4 and throughout the town. I encourage all Ward 4 residents to call or email me with their issues, no matter how small. My new home telephone number is 289-837-1346.

REALIGNING BRONTE ROAD AROUND THE "GREAT WHITE OAK"



The magnificent 250-year-old white oak tree located on Bronte Road in front of the Halton Regional Centre was in the way when plans were made to widen Bronte Road in 2002. Thanks to the tireless efforts of citizens who campaigned to save our historic link to the past, a new plan was created to widen Bronte Road by going around the tree. Now that construction is about to begin, we thought it was time to provide you with an update of exactly how this will happen.

The reconstruction of Bronte Road (Regional Road 25) is scheduled to commence in late spring 2010. Bronte Road will be widened from two to four lanes from the North Service Road to Upper Middle Road. The two new northbound lanes will be constructed on the east side of the large white oak tree adjacent to the Halton Regional Centre, while the existing two lanes will become the southbound lanes. This new alignment will create a centre median approximately 25 metres wide to accommodate and preserve the white oak tree in its current location. North of the

regional facilities, a centre turn lane will be provided to allow access to the residential properties on the west side of the road.

Additional measures will be taken as part of the road construction to ensure the health and longevity of this very special white oak tree. Such measures include:

- Identifying a tree protection zone (TPZ) to keep out all construction equipment and materials — any work within the TPZ will be done by hand or vacuum excavation to preserve the root system
- Installing an irrigation system above the root zone of the tree to accommodate the loss of water runoff from the existing grass slope east of the root zone
- Incorporating plantings into the landscape design of the median which will aid in the longevity and not compete with the tree
- Providing adequate drainage adjacent to the root zone to allow any salt and road debris to be removed as efficiently as possible

In addition, Halton Region initiated a nursery program in the fall of 2009 where approximately 2,500 acorns from this tree were collected and transported to a local nursery to grow new trees. Approximately 1,000 seedlings will be ready in about four years. Some of these seedlings will be planted in the vicinity of the white oak tree.

Major construction activities are scheduled for completion at the end of this year when Bronte Road opens to four lanes of traffic. A separate landscape project will be completed in 2011.

For more information, visit www.halton.ca.

WARD 4 RESIDENT SHARES HER COPENHAGEN EXPERIENCE

Barack Obama was there. So was Stephen Harper. Ward 4's own Hillary Buchan-Terrell was there too, representing youth at the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Copenhagen, Denmark last December.

A graduate of Loyola High School, Hillary recently completed a science degree at the University of Western Ontario. Armed with a background in science and a keen interest in politics, she felt the conference was a dream come true, and hoped to witness history in the making.

Hillary attended the conference in Copenhagen with a show of support by Oakville Town Council who gave unanimous approval to a motion introduced by Councillor Elgar last November that urged the Canadian government to take stronger action on climate change.

Once in Copenhagen, the conference presented several logistical challenges for the young delegates, who spent many hours waiting in long lines, one of them just to gain entry to the conference centre. But Hillary reserves her biggest frustration for our own Canadian government.

"I felt embarrassed. Poorer countries came with lists of what they were willing to do to fight climate change," she explains. "They included targets, legislation, and ideas for discussion. People I met commented on how Canada came to the table with a blank page — nothing at all. I visited delegation offices where individual countries were showcasing their plans to fight climate change. Most were inviting and inspiring. I sought out Canada's delegation office only to find it closed."

Hillary describes herself as optimistic by nature and, despite the failure of Copenhagen to reach any kind of binding agreement, she



believes in the power of people and Canada's ability to do better.

"Social change (in this case regarding climate change action) needs to happen from the ground up. It's about taking that first step to write a letter, meet with other like-minded people, or join a group where ideas and strategies can be shared and voiced," she says. "If enough people get involved, I believe that politicians will feel pressure to respond to the will of civil society."

Hillary is currently reviewing her next steps, which may include studying environmental law or public policy this fall. From there, she looks forward to exploring opportunities to influence and create policies in governmental and non-governmental organizations.

HALTON'S PLAN TO PRESERVE AGRICULTURE AND GREENSPACE – A WIN FOR OAKVILLE TOO

There are important reasons why Oakville can celebrate the recently approved plan to protect 36 per cent of Halton's total area from future development.

Halton Region, including Oakville and Ward 4, is going to look very different in the not-too-distant future as we prepare to accommodate thousands of new residents, as mandated under the province's *Places to Grow Act*. Halton is expected to nearly double its current population to 780,000 by 2031.

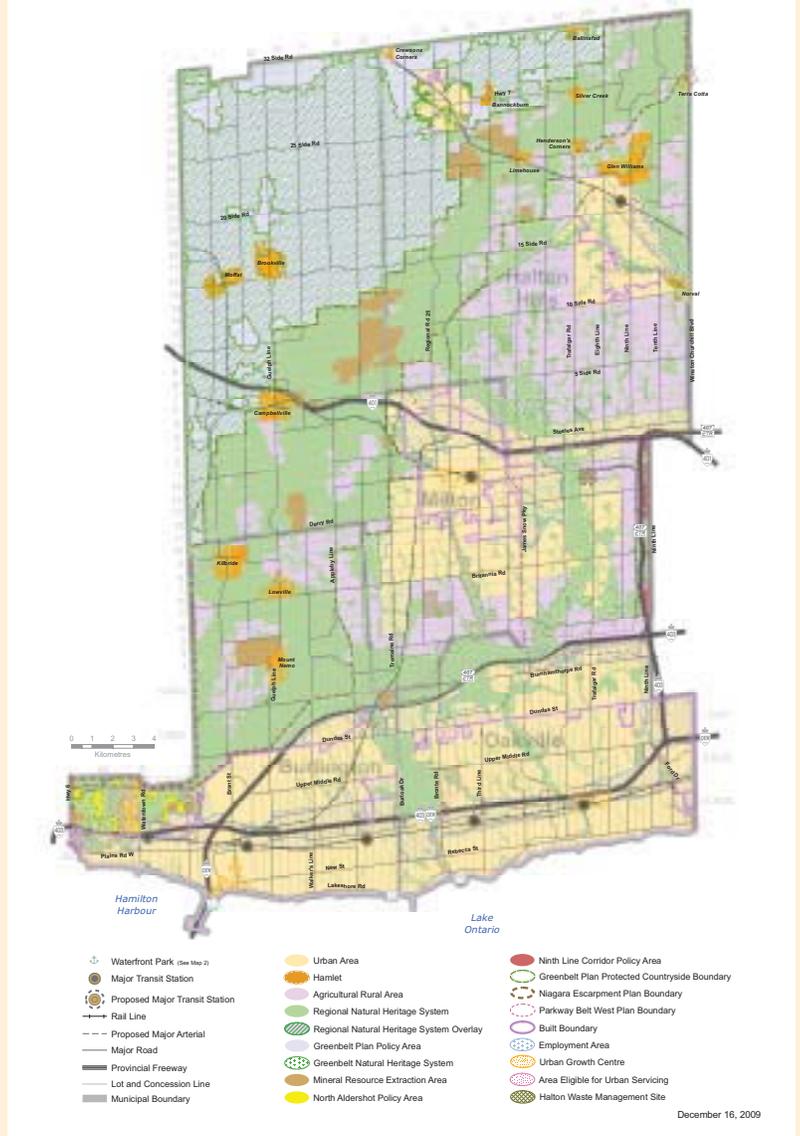
Imagine the impact that kind of growth will have on the farmland and forests that we take for granted now. How will plant and animal species survive? What will this do to our air, water, and quality of life? By the time the shovels hit the ground, it will be too late to talk about saving our natural infrastructure. That's why mapping and protecting Halton's Natural Heritage System (NHS) upfront in the planning process ensures that our most important natural features will be saved from development.

How Halton's NHS will benefit us:

- **ENCOMPASSES THE ENTIRE REGION:**
Ensures important features from Georgetown right through to Burlington are protected. Air, water, plants, and animals don't care about municipal borders.
- **USES A SYSTEMS APPROACH:**
Allows us to connect our rich natural infrastructure of plants, animals, insects, species at risk, forests, and wetland habitat. Plants and animals need to move to survive and cannot do so in isolated pockets. Oakville's own NHS will connect to this larger system.
- **PROTECTS HEADWATERS OF MANY CREEKS:**
Ensures clean sources of water that will travel downstream through Oakville to Lake Ontario.
- **PROTECTS LOCAL AGRICULTURE:**
The plan includes provisions for the region's farmers to ensure that farming remains a viable industry into the future.
- **PROTECTS QUALITY OF LIFE:**
Gives people the opportunity to connect with the natural world that we are a part of.

For more information on Halton's NHS and its new official plan, visit www.halton.ca or contact Councillor Elgar.

Region of Halton Land Use Designations



ELGAR MOVES TO BAN CORPORATE AND UNION CONTRIBUTIONS TO ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

On December 2, 2009, Toronto City Council voted to ban corporate and union campaign donations in election campaigns. If Councillor Elgar gets his way, the Town of Oakville won't be far behind.

"Corporations are not citizens and do not have the right to vote so why are they allowed to make campaign donations and influence elections?" Councillor Elgar said. "This is an especially important issue in GTA municipalities that lie on the urban fringe surrounding Toronto. We already know that various reviews of election finances have given rise to concerns relating to the potential influence of contributions from land and property development corporations. Shouldn't campaign contributions reflect the support of the voters who elect the candidates?"

Currently, municipalities in Ontario do not have the authority to

make their own by-laws to prohibit corporate donations. The provincial government granted permission to the City of Toronto, but did not extend that power to other municipalities. Councillor Elgar believes that all municipalities in Ontario should be entitled to the same legislative ability that was provided to Toronto. He notes that the federal government and some provinces have already instituted a ban. According to Councillor Elgar, "Now it's time for Ontario to step up to the plate."

At the Council meeting on December 14, Councillor Elgar introduced a motion to request that the province amend its *Municipal Elections Act* to provide all municipalities in Ontario with the authority to pass by-laws to prohibit corporate or union contributions from municipal election campaigns. The motion was approved by Council.

2010 WARD 4 IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS

- Drainage improvement between Old Abbey Lane Park and Old Abbey Lane School
- Installation of a bridge connecting West Oak Trails Community Park with Blackforest Crescent that will serve as pedestrian access for the park and new high school
- Construction of a new children's playground on Colonel William Parkway, just south of Richview Drive
- Planting of trees and shrubs at Oakhaven Pond
- Planting of trees at Frontier Pond
- Rehabilitation of splash pad at Heritage Way Park
- Stair replacement on McCraney Creek Trails where McCraney Creek Trail and Glen Abbey Trail intersect
- Light fixture replacement at Glen Abbey Park ball diamonds

For more information, contact ServiceOakville at 905-845-6601 and press 0 (for TTY, call 905-338-4200) or serviceoakville@oakville.ca.



KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION/ FILE NUMBER	LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	STATUS	CONTACT IN PLANNING DEPARTMENT
Bronte Creek Communities (Monarch)/24CDM-09004/1431	Northwest corner of Bronte Road and Richview Boulevard	Common element condominium to accommodate 19 townhouse units.	Application is currently in circulation for technical review.	David Capper 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 dcapper@oakville.ca
Halton Healthcare Services/Z.1326.01	Northwest corner of Dundas Street and Third Line	Proposed official plan and zoning amendments to permit the development of a new hospital with ancillary uses.	Application approved at November 23, 2009 Planning and Development Council meeting.	Rob Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 rthun@oakville.ca
Inglehart/Crystal Homes/24T-05027/1430	2265 Bronte Road	Proposed draft plan of subdivision. A condominium townhouse development that has received draft approval for 24 townhouses.	The proponent is working to clear conditions of draft approval.	Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 gcharles@oakville.ca
Matam Holdings Inc. (Mattamy)/Z.1424.07, 24T-07005, and 24CDM-07012	Southeast corner of Proudfoot Trail and Dundas Street	To amend the official plan, zoning by-law, draft plan of subdivision, and draft plan of condominium to permit the development of ten model homes and future residential uses in existing buildings.	Public meeting held on November 24, 2008. No date set for recommendation report.	Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 lmusson@oakville.ca
Oakville Hydro Energy Services Inc./Z.1325.01	Third Line, north of Dundas Street	To permit the development of a 9.6-megawatt district energy facility.	Application is currently in circulation for technical review.	Rob Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 rthun@oakville.ca
QEW-Bronte Developments Inc. and 1401114 Ontario/Z.1530.05	1087, 1099, and 1105 Bronte Road	Proposed official plan and zoning by-law amendments 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. Building heights are proposed up to 14 storeys.	The applicant intends to revise the proposal and withdraw the official plan amendment for residential land uses.	Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 gcharles@oakville.ca



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JEFF AND MARC EMBRACE NEW TECHNOLOGY TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH WARD 5 RESIDENTS

Reaching out, remaining accessible, and responding quickly — these are the guiding principles for Ward 5 Councillors Jeff Knoll and Marc Grant in continuing to expand their roster of channels through which residents can make their voices heard. “The best avenues for contact when people have a problem remains the telephone or email, but we’re always making sure that there are other ways for Ward 5 residents to let us know what they’re thinking as well,” Marc said.

Jeff and Marc opened the door for community involvement with monthly drop-in sessions the third Thursday of every month at the River Oaks Community Centre (2400 Sixth Line). They started the regular monthly sessions in early 2009 to enable residents to approach them with concerns about town issues in an informal setting.

“We find there’s nothing like a face-to-face conversation to keep you in tune with the issues that people need handled,” said Jeff.

“And just because we’re doing business, it doesn’t mean that we can’t have fun sometimes,” Marc added, citing the school and community fairs the Ward 5 team supports and participates in, the Ward 5 Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, and — new last year — the “Movies in the Park” evenings they organize.

“We keep our community advised of our various events

through many mediums including the *Oakville Beaver* and the *North Oakville Today* newspapers, but our constituents can always visit www.jeffandmarc.ca for details of upcoming events and appearances,” said Jeff.

Jeff and Marc also try to keep Ward 5 residents up-to-date with their work through Twitter, their websites, and other emerging technologies.

“Our computer-savvy constituents need to know that they can approach us in any medium they choose,” Jeff said. “And, as the platforms continue to evolve, we are committed to meeting with them on any level.”

To that end, Jeff and Marc are working towards an interactive webcast in 2010 where residents can type in questions and have them answered live over their personal computers.

“Live, responsive webcasts are a natural evolution of the way that Marc and I are reaching out to our community, allowing people to express their concerns from the comfort of their homes,” noted Jeff, who was an early champion of the popular www.towntv.ca, which broadcasts Oakville Council meetings over the Internet.

“As always, it’s our job to listen to the concerns that people have and help solve the problems they’re facing,” Marc said. “It’s enormously satisfying work and Jeff and I try to engage people at every opportunity, no matter the venue.”



SLEIGH BELLS RANG AT WARD 5 TREE LIGHTING

There was plenty of good cheer shared among neighbours at the Ward 5 Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in December at Fire Station 4 (2024 Sixth Line).

About 100 families attended the event, which was hosted by Ward 5 Councillors Jeff Knoll and Marc Grant. Snow was in short supply, but goodwill was everywhere. A big thank you goes out to the event's sponsors and supporters:

- The **Oakville Fire department** crew at Fire Station 4 for welcoming the community
- **Oakville.com** for sponsoring horse and buggy rides
- The **Oak Park Moms and Tots Neighbourhood Centre** for supplying activities for children throughout the evening
- **Oakville Place Mall** for making sure Santa and one of his elves were available for the event
- **Encore Cinemas** for supplying popcorn and a sound system
- **Tim Hortons** for providing hot chocolate, apple cider, and Timbits
- **M&M Meat Shops** (2163 Sixth Line) for donating a variety of delicious desserts

The gathering gave neighbours a chance to wish each other a happy and peaceful holiday season, and we hope the goodwill that was shared will last throughout the year.

PROPOSED TRANSCANADA POWER PLANT WOULD AFFECT US ALL

Though the proposed 900-megawatt natural gas-fired power plant is slated to be built at the edge of the Ford Assembly Plant in Ward 3, it will affect all of Oakville. There are more than 16 schools and 11,000 homes within three kilometres of the proposed plant. We interviewed Doug MacKenzie, president of Citizens for Clean Air (C4CA), for his views on why Oakville residents should be concerned. He listed the top five concerns of C4CA:

1. Air quality may decline. According to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE), Oakville already has the worst air quality in all of Ontario. In fact, children aged 12–19 have the highest incidence of asthma in the province. Studies show that prevailing winds will disperse pollutants generated by the plant throughout Oakville and Mississauga. A recent MOE study showed critical levels of air quality emissions were exceeded for 22 months straight and this plant could make our air quality even worse.

2. Residential property values may drop. Studies done in other communities show that homes within 5.67 kilometres of a gas power plant — and this includes most of Ward 5 — lost nine per cent of their value in the years following the plant's construction. In Oakville, that could translate into a property value loss of between \$600 to \$900 million.

3. Your commute may become more dangerous. The processes in a natural gas-fired power plant require cooling internal equipment with massive amounts of water that is then emitted into the air outside. The result could be an inordinate amount of condensation on rail lines and roads, which would freeze during the winter, resulting in a potential increased risk of train derailments and ice-related traffic accidents.

4. The landscape could be scarred. The stacks at the Ford Assembly Plant are a noticeable landmark for people driving through our town, but the new power plant will dwarf them. If you drive up Trafalgar Road to the power plant located at Highway 401 and add 35 per cent to its size, you will get a sense of the scope of the proposed TransCanada power plant.

5. Potential noise concerns. Research shows that noise pollution can have a deleterious effect on health and, while ambient noise levels are expected to stay below the 45 decibel safety level, there may be a constant hum and steady ground-based vibration throughout large areas of Oakville.

If you want to help stop the power plant from locating in our town, Jeff and Marc encourage you to get informed. Here are some actions that you can take:

- **Become a member of C4CA to strengthen the organization's representational strength**
- **Send a letter of protest to the Premier**
- **Watch C4CA's YouTube videos and forward them to your family and friends**
- **Donate money to C4CA**
- **Attend events and volunteer your time to support the opposition to the plant**

For more information, visit www.c4ca.org, www.oakville.ca/healthprotectionairquality.htm, or read the articles on pages 4, 15, and 29.



WARD 5 COUNCILLORS ARE ALWAYS ON THE GO

Marc Grant and Jeff Knoll can tell you that the job of a Ward 5 Councillor is anything but predictable!

“Every morning, you wake up and wonder, ‘What’s next?’” Councillor Grant said. “It’s never dull!”

The high-profile part of the job — the Council meetings — occupy only about three hours a week, but Councillors spend whatever time is required in advance of these meetings to review the agenda and research any issues that will be up for debate.

In addition to the Council meetings, the Councillors also attend committee meetings that handle community issues in greater detail. Councillor Grant sits on the Community Services Committee, which is the body responsible for public programs, facilities, and services primarily relating to the Infrastructure and Transportation Services Commission, which includes the Engineering and Construction, Roads and Works, Transit, and Environmental Policy departments, and the Community Services Commission, which includes the Recreation and Culture, Parks and Open Space, and Fire departments. He is also a member of the Transit and Traffic Advisory Committees and the Site Plan Committee.

Councillor Knoll sits on the Town of Oakville’s Administrative Services Committee, which looks at issues affecting the administration of town services. This takes in legal and property issues relating to town business as well as licensing, by-law concerns, and a host of other important topics.

He also represents Ward 5 residents at the Halton Regional Council and participates in the region’s Health and Social Services Committee, an organization he chaired for five of the past eight years. In addition to these duties, he is president of the Halton Community Housing Corporation and a member of both the Halton Region Housing Task Force and the Halton Youth Advisory Committee as well as chair of the Halton Diversity Advisory Committee.

“Although most committees and groups meet according to a regular schedule, every week is different,” Councillor Knoll said.

In addition to the time spent preparing for and attending meetings, both Councillors receive dozens of calls and emails from residents on a daily basis. About 65 per cent of these require follow-up action. Issues dealt with range from traffic safety concerns to reports of offensive

graffiti on town property. They might involve complaints about parking issues, concerns about vandalism, or worries about housing issues — just about anything could be brought up.

Where necessary, the Councillors grab a camera and go to the scene of the problem to document it with photographs. While they are conscientious about ensuring that something is done to resolve a problem if at all possible, sometimes town by-laws or general circumstances mean that options for resolutions are limited.



In order to maximize the public’s chance to voice their opinions, Councillors Knoll and Grant also host drop-in sessions at the River Oaks Community Centre, located at 2400 Sixth Line, on the third Thursday of every month. Upcoming drop-in dates are April 22 and May 20.

“We do our best to resolve issues that are brought to our attention,” Councillor Grant said. “We are literally working day and night to get things done.”

Councillor Knoll agreed: “We both enjoy what we do. Policy issues are important, but helping people is what the job is really about.”

For more information on the town, visit www.oakville.ca. For more information on Halton Region, visit www.halton.ca.

2010 BUDGET BRINGS IMPROVEMENTS TO WARD 5

They deliberated, debated, researched, and reconsidered, and in the end Council approved a 2010 budget that will see property taxes rise by only 1.6 per cent, while bringing some improvements to Ward 5 services.

Councillor Jeff Knoll, a member of the 2010 Budget Committee, said that while the increase amounts to only about \$16.50 for each \$100,000 of assessment, it means that all residents in River Oaks will now be eligible for loose leaf collection services.

Councillor Marc Grant, a member of the Transit Advisory Committee, said the property tax increase also enabled Council to freeze transit fares this year, even as service continues to improve with a new terminal at the Uptown Core, updates to the station at Sheridan College, and a bump up in route reliability.

The 2010 budget also funded the purchase of a new pumper truck for Fire Station 4 (2024 Sixth Line), allowing the Fire department to continue providing prompt service to area residents.

LARGE TURNOUT AT KID-A-PALOOZA OAKVILLE



Over 400 people attended the Kid-A-Palooza Oakville event at Town Hall on February 6, 2010, sponsored by Councillor Jeff Knoll and the Oak Park Moms and Tots Neighbourhood Centre. Families could learn about local caregivers and vendors as well as family-focused programs and services offered by the Town of Oakville and the Region of Halton. The event raised \$4,000 for the Oak Park Moms and Tots Neighbourhood Centre and plans are already in the works for the next Kid-A-Palooza Oakville event.

For more information, contact the Oak Park Moms and Tots Neighbourhood Centre at 905-257-6029 or www.oakparkmomsandtots.ca.

KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 5 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION/ FILE NUMBER	LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	STATUS	CONTACT IN PLANNING DEPARTMENT
1374264 Ontario Limited (Fitzsimmons)/ Z.1413.21	Southwest corner of Trafalgar Road and Dundas Street	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 and an increase in the maximum permitted height from 12 storeys to 20 storeys.	A public meeting was held on January 26, 2009.	Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 gcharles@oakville.ca
Kilbarry Holdings Corp. (Stan Vine Construction)/ 24T-06004/1413 and Z.1413.20	River Oaks Boulevard and Trafalgar Road (north side of River Oaks Boulevard)	Proposed zoning by-law amendment, official plan amendment, and plan of subdivision to allow for the development of a total of 47 residential units: 37 residential detached lots with minimum 12 metre frontages, 10 residential detached lots with minimum 15 metre frontages, future residential blocks (blocks 48-51), arterial commercial block, roads, open space, and reserves.	Currently under review by town staff. Statutory public meeting was held on June 9, 2009 at the Planning and Development Council meeting.	Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 lmusson@oakville.ca
Lower Fourth Developments Limited and Pendent Development Limited/Z.1317.02, 24T-05012, Z.1318.02, and 24T-05013	North of Dundas Street, west of Sixth Line	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.	Currently under review by town staff. Application in circulation. Public information meeting not yet scheduled.	Rob Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 rthun@oakville.ca
Silwell/Z.1415.12	South side of Dundas Street between Oak Park Boulevard and Post Road	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.	Application approved by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) on February 8, 2010 for mixed-use development. To view the OMB decision, visit www.omb.gov.on.ca .	Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 gcharles@oakville.ca
Trinison (Davis Minardi Home Corporation and Denbridge Developments)/ 24T-05016 and Z.1320.04	Northeast corner of Neyagawa Boulevard and Dundas Street West	Revised rezoning and draft plan of subdivision to allow for the development of 670 residential units (singles, semis, and townhouses). Proposal to conform to the North Oakville East secondary plan.	Currently under review by town staff. Application in circulation. Public information meeting held on October 13, 2009.	Rob Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 rthun@oakville.ca
Trinison – Timsin Holdings Corp./ Arrassa Investments Inc./ 24T-05025 and Z.1316.02	Northwest corner of Sixth Line and Dundas Street West	Revised rezoning application and draft plan of subdivision for the development of 214 residential units (singles, semis, and townhouses). Proposal to conform to the North Oakville East secondary plan.	Currently under review by town staff. Application in circulation. Public information meeting not yet scheduled.	Rob Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 rthun@oakville.ca



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GROUNDBREAKING POLICIES PROTECT TAXPAYERS AND ENVIRONMENT

In recent months, your Town and Regional Councils have taken unprecedented steps to address issues of primary importance to taxpayers, including adopting policies to minimize the financial impacts of growth and provide protection for the environment for generations to come.

Last summer, Oakville Town Council took steps to collect more of the costs of future growth by supporting an updated development charge by-law. Under the new by-law, development charges for a new single family residential unit rose by 63 per cent. This increase will help ensure the costs of much-needed infrastructure such as roads, libraries, fire stations, community centres, parks, and public transit are covered.

We believe that capital costs driven by new development must be funded by new development to the maximum allowable under legislation. Otherwise, it will be up to us as taxpayers to cover the shortfall. We're proud that Council stood firm in its commitment to minimize the impact of growth on current taxpayers despite fierce opposition by the development industry.

The region has also drawn praise for its efforts to control how growth will occur. On December 16, 2009, Halton Regional Council unanimously approved an

update to its official plan that will guide growth and oversee development between now and 2031, when the region's population is expected to reach 780,000.

In an effort to build complete communities, the plan contains policies to ensure that the necessary infrastructure and human services, such as hospitals, schools, and public transportation/transit systems, are planned for and funded in advance of development taking place.

Halton's new official plan is also groundbreaking in its policies to protect the environment. Along with designating land for future residential, commercial, and industrial development, the plan maps and protects a region-wide Natural Heritage System (NHS) that encompasses 36 per cent of Halton's total area. The NHS protects Halton's agricultural land and its natural features. For more information about the NHS, read the articles on pages 6 and 19.

These strong and innovative policies were created with the support of hundreds of residents who got involved in the public process by attending meetings or taking a moment to email their thoughts to their councillors.

We look forward to the continued involvement of residents as we tackle issues that will shape our future.



OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY BRINGS OUT THOUSANDS

A piece of history was carried into Oakville on December 19, 2009 as the Olympic Torch came through town. Thousands came out to cheer on torchbearers as they carried the flame along Lakeshore Road, where it made a brief stop beside Councillor Tom Adams, acting Mayor for the event.

“Oakville is a passionate supporter of recreational sports, and we know that the torch will inspire all our athletes to reach for their dreams,” Councillor Adams said. “After all, the young athletes of today will be the Olympians of tomorrow.”

The Town of Oakville was chosen to be one of 1,000 communities to host the torch as it passed through on its way to the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The flame’s pan-Canadian journey culminated on February 12 when it arrived in Vancouver for the opening ceremony before a global viewing audience of billions.

2010 WARD 6 IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS

- Tennis court resurfacing at Glenashton Park and Valleybrook Park
- Pathway improvements at Sheridan Hills Park
- Bridge installations at Sheridan Hills Park, East Joshua’s Creek Trail, and Rock Point Pond
- Naturalized tree and shrub planting at Algrove Park
- New parking lot to serve the expanded Glenashton Park soccer fields
- New stairs at Laurelwood Park and new bridge over Morrison Creek connecting Laurelwood Park to Morrison Valley Trail North
- Controlled burn at Iroquois Shoreline Woods Park for oak regeneration

For more information, contact ServiceOakville at 905-845-6601 and press 0 (for TTY, call 905-338-4200) or serviceoakville@oakville.ca

REGULATING RENTAL ACCOMMODATION

Since Sheridan College opened its doors in 1969, Oakville has had the distinction of being home to a high quality post-secondary educational institution. Along with this distinction comes some challenges, which include accommodating the growing number of students looking for safe, affordable, and accessible housing near the college while considering the needs of existing residential neighbourhoods that may be adversely impacted by the increasing number of houses being converted to rental accommodation. Approximately 6,500 students are currently enrolled at the Trafalgar campus.

Common issues associated with residential rental housing around universities and colleges include noise, overcrowding, parking violations, and poor building and property maintenance.

The town enforces a number of by-laws covering areas such as property standards, traffic, parking, fire code, noise, and lodging house licensing and zoning. When a complaint is received, a municipal by-law enforcement officer visits the site to determine compliance with the applicable by-laws. The town’s current zoning provisions permit a maximum of three roomers/boarders in certain residential zones. Houses that accommodate more than this number do not qualify for a license and are considered illegal lodging houses.

However, the officer requires the cooperation of an occupant or the property owner to gain access to a home to investigate suspected licensing and zoning offences. Tenants are often reluctant to cooperate for fear of jeopardizing their tenancy, making prosecution difficult.

Nuisance issues such as noise and traffic can be effectively dealt with through the town’s existing by-laws. To address the more complex issues around illegal lodging houses, Council has instructed staff to study and revise wording in the existing zoning and licensing by-laws that will make them more consistent, complimentary, and easier to enforce.

Staff will also review similar by-laws in other university and college communities as well as the impact of a recent decision of the Supreme Court of Canada, which upheld the City of Oshawa’s limitations on lodging houses in residential areas. A report is expected back before September of this year.

Last December, Council unanimously passed a motion, introduced by Councillors Adams and Khan, to request that Sheridan College provide additional student housing at the Trafalgar Road campus.

For more information, contact Ita Waghray, long range planner, at 905-845-6601, ext. 3264 or iwaghray@oakville.ca.



REHABILITATION OF FALGARWOOD CREEK TO BEGIN THIS YEAR

Forty years of urban development have taken a toll on Falgarwood Creek, resulting in eroding banks and an unstable creek bed. The town will begin remediation work this year to address erosion along both banks downstream of Gainsborough Drive.

“Urban development combined with the lack of modern stormwater management practices have resulted in increased discharge into the creek,” said Councillor Adams, referring to a recent study on the root causes of erosion. “More water flowing in a creek with naturally steep banks and a fragile shale bed creates a serious problem that needs to be addressed.”

Councillor Khan agreed. “If left unmanaged, ongoing erosion causes damage to private property and public infrastructure, which gives rise to concerns about public safety,” he said.

Remediation projects planned for this year include stabilizing the toe of the creek bank and realigning the creek in some areas. Town staff will also promote best practices for the management of stormwater including removing pool and other drains from properties that back onto the creek valley.

“This work responds to a significant issue,” said Councillor Adams. “However, addressing the root cause of the erosion requires us to be good stewards of our creeks and the natural areas both adjacent to them and further upstream on an ongoing basis.”

Construction activities on Falgarwood Creek will take approximately four to six weeks.

For more information, contact Kristina Parker, water resources engineer, at 905-845-6601, ext. 3889 or kparker@oakville.ca.

TRAFFIC CALMING IN WARD 6

Residents living along Eighth Line north of Upper Middle Road have expressed concern over speeding on Eighth Line. Several actions have been taken in response to these concerns including painting pavement markings, and installing median islands and traffic signals. But despite these measures, speeding continues to be a serious concern in our community.

“A recent survey across various municipalities revealed that traffic concerns is the issue raised most often by residents,” Councillor Khan said. “In Ward 6, we are trying to use both physical and passive calming measures to address these concerns.”

Staff will be initiating a public and agency consultation process for the installation of physical traffic calming in the

form of speed cushions on Eighth Line as a pilot project. Design work began following budget approval in December.

Speed cushions could be introduced at several locations along Eighth Line north of Upper Middle Road this year. The speed cushion design would still ensure a clear passage for police, fire, and ambulance vehicles responding to an emergency, while requiring regular motorists to slow down.

Other roads currently under review in Ward 6 as part of the town’s traffic calming program include Pinery Crescent, Bayshire Drive, and Grand Boulevard.

For more information, contact Adam Bell, traffic technologist, at 905-845-6601, ext. 3340 or abell@oakville.ca.

THEFTS FROM AUTOS A MAJOR CONCERN

Overall, the percentage of crime in Halton Region, Oakville, and Ward 6 has gone down in the past year, according to Constable Carla Draper, community support officer at the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS). That's the good news. The bad news is that thefts from autos are still a major concern.

On December 21, just four days prior to Christmas, several vehicles were broken into, most of which were either left unlocked or had no sign of forced entry. Two wallets, a camcorder, a camera, an iPod, two leather coats, two global positioning system devices, a laptop computer, and a television were all stolen.

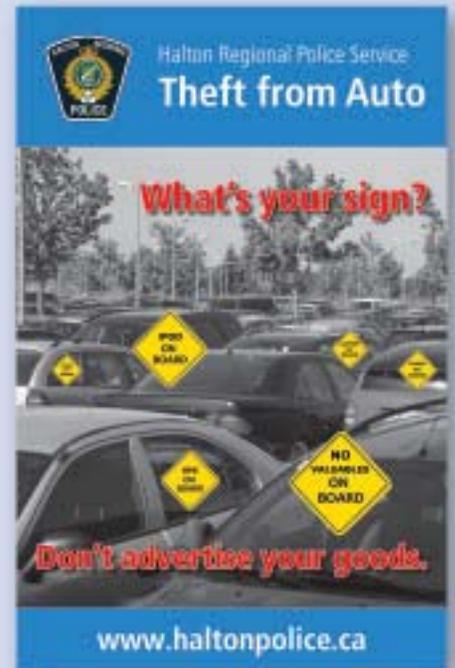
Constable Draper says to use common sense and lock our vehicles, especially at GO stations, mall parking lots, and in private driveways. Always remove or hide any valuables and never leave your car unattended while it is warming up in the driveway.

One complainant had just purchased a 40-inch flat screen television. Although placed in a locked vehicle, it was partly visible through the folded down back seats. After purchasing the television, the complainant went back to work. Within three hours, the television had been stolen and there were no witnesses.

Halton Region ran a campaign to increase awareness around thefts from cars last fall and created the "No Valuables On Board" sign to place in vehicle windows. The signs are still available at the front desk of any HRPS police station.

When asked if a sign would be enough to stop a thief, Constable Draper said, "Any deterrent is better than no deterrent, but nothing works as well as a little common sense."

For more information, visit www.hrps.on.ca/communitypolicing/safetysecurity or contact Constable Draper at 905-825-4747, ext. 2222 or carla.draper@haltonpolice.ca, or Constable Michael Dinsmore at 905-825-4747, ext. 5169 or mike.dinsmore@haltonpolice.ca.



TOWN TO CONDUCT PLACES OF WORSHIP LAND USE STUDY

Places of worship are important assets to the town. They contribute to a higher quality of life and are a vital part of complete communities. Throughout Oakville, places of worship house different faith groups, are built to different sizes, and are located in different contexts. The town recognizes that religious institutions continue to evolve and their land use needs are evolving as well.

The town's Livable Oakville Plan addresses these trends and requires that the town conduct a Places of Worship Land Use Study. Consultations with local faith groups have already begun.

The study plans to look at a number of issues including:

- Current and past policy context of places of worship
- Physical characteristics like site size, parking requirements, and land use designations
- The role of accessory uses within places of worship
- Compatibility issues with adjacent land uses
- Intensification
- Best practices from other municipalities throughout the Greater Toronto Area who are facing the same challenges

For more information, contact Diane Childs, manager of long range planning, at 905-845-6601, ext. 3986 or dchilds@oakville.ca.

KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION/ FILE NUMBER	LOCATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT	STATUS	CONTACT IN PLANNING DEPARTMENT
Coronation Drive (8877718 Ontario Inc. – Ashley Oaks Homes)/Z.1410.19	Coronation Drive (south of North Ridge Trail)	To rezone and subdivide the parcel to create 28 residential lots and a public street.	Discussions between the property owner and the school board are progressing with respect to the acquisition of the property by the school board. The town is hopeful that they will reach an agreement, resulting in a school being built.	Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 gcharles@oakville.ca
Lakeshore Group/ Z.1512.28	1235 Trafalgar Road, 1230 White Oaks Boulevard, and 350 Lynnwood Drive (Trafalgar Road and White Oaks Boulevard)	To rezone the subject site to permit the establishment of a paid parking system, to legalize the amount of medical uses on site, and to enter into a shared parking arrangement with the abutting lands. There are no changes to the existing building.	Council supported legalizing 100 per cent medical use within the existing building at 1235 Trafalgar Road and a shared parking arrangement between 1235 Trafalgar Road and 1230 White Oaks Boulevard and 350 Lynnwood Drive subject to the terms being to the satisfaction of the Town Solicitor. Council opposed paid parking at 1235 Trafalgar Road. Application has been appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board. A hearing has been scheduled for May 4–14, 2010.	Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 lmusson@oakville.ca

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Your Mayor and Council are committed to protecting the health of Oakville residents. They share your concerns about locating a gas-fired power plant so close to homes and schools. The timeline below outlines key events related to the power plant and the actions Council has taken to continue to protect residents' health and represent your concerns:

FEBRUARY 2009

- Town staff identify concerns with Ontario Power Authority (OPA) draft request for proposal (RFP), including the absence of regulations for fine particulate matter (fine PM) and insufficient public consultation. The RFP process was used to identify potential sites and commence preliminary engineering, environmental and public engagement efforts.
- Council requests the Halton Region Health Department review the air quality assessment released by the OPA.

MARCH 2009

- Council approves an official plan amendment and an interim control by-law that prohibit power plants from being built in certain zones until the completion of a land use policy study for power generation facilities.

APRIL 2009

- OPA announces four potential sites for a new gas power plant in southwestern GTA.

SPRING/SUMMER 2009

- Town staff undertake land use planning studies to update policies and regulations regarding power generating facilities.

AUGUST 2009

- Mayor Burton meets with Premier Dalton McGuinty to communicate residents' concerns about locating a natural gas-fired power plant in east Oakville or west Mississauga.

SEPTEMBER 2009

- OPA announces TransCanada site in Oakville selected for southwestern GTA power plant.

OCTOBER 2009

- Town retains environmental legal counsel and subject matter experts to advise Council on how the proposed plant will affect Oakville.
- Council requests information from TransCanada and the OPA on the approval and proposal evaluation process related to the power plant, and any background or environmental studies performed.
- Council requests action by the provincial and federal ministries of the environment to require a full individual environmental assessment on the power plant.
- Council asks the Halton Region Health Department to continue to provide input on the proposed plant's impacts on human health and air quality throughout the approval process.

NOVEMBER 2009

- Town asks provincial Minister of the Environment John Gerretsen to require a more comprehensive individual environmental assessment for the proposed power plant.

DECEMBER 2009

- Ontario Municipal Board upholds town's interim control by-law prohibiting power plants until planning studies on power generating facilities are complete.
- Town requests the leadership of federal ministers Jim Prentice and Leona Aglukkaq in enacting an interim order or act to regulate fine PM under Part V of the Canadian *Environmental Protection Act*.
- Town sends a letter to the director of Fisheries and Oceans Canada requesting assistance in determining the scope of the agency's jurisdiction over the proposed power plant in light of TransCanada's plans to release effluent into Lake Ontario.
- Town files an application with the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario under the Environmental Bill of Rights asking the provincial government to institute a new regulation under the *Environmental Protection Act* — or a new air pollution act if need be — that effectively regulates emissions of fine PM.

FEBRUARY 2010

- Mayor Burton sends a letter to Premier McGuinty requesting he reconsider locating the power plant so close to homes and schools after an explosion at a gas fired plant in Connecticut.
- Mayor Burton sends letters to federal Minister of Transportation John Baird and the heads of the Transportation Safety Board, VIA Rail and CN to alert them of the power plant's proximity to one of Canada's busiest rail corridors.

In addition to these actions, work is underway to protect and enhance air quality in our community. The 2006 Clarkson Airshed Study concluded that the airshed, which includes Oakville, was "taxed." In February, Council passed a health protection air quality by-law to protect the public from fine PM. The Town of Oakville is committed to improving air quality in Oakville and protecting your health and safety. The town has retained legal counsel and subject matter experts to advise on how best to proceed to protect the health and safety of residents. To learn more about the town's new protection air quality by-law, turn to page 4, or visit www.oakville.ca/healthprotection/airquality.htm.



Mayor Burton is joined by Brian Wood, TD Canada Trust and Oakville firefighters to present a donation to Susan Larkin, UNICEF Canada, for relief efforts in Haiti.

OAKVILLE DONATES OVER \$17,000 FOR HAITIAN RELIEF EFFORTS

Less than one month after Mayor Burton established a relief fund to support survivors of the earthquake in Haiti, Oakville residents had already donated almost \$18,000. UNICEF Canada and Doctors Without Borders were the beneficiaries of the fund and \$8,958.48 was donated to each organization on February 12.

“The generosity shown by people in our town has been remarkable,” Mayor Burton said. “But in the end, I’m not surprised. Like it has in the past, our town has come together to support those in need.”

In the days and weeks following the earthquake in Haiti, Oakville residents gave generously to support relief efforts to the devastated nation. On January 19, Mayor Burton started the Oakville Mayor’s Haiti Relief Fund as another easy way for people to make donations.

In support of Mayor Burton’s initiative, the Oakville Professional Firefighters Association (OPFA) members held a fill-the-boot campaign at five Oakville grocery stores on January 23. Firefighters encouraged grocery shoppers to make cash donations until their boots were filled to the top, and in one day the OPFA raised over \$16,700.

Donations were also accepted at Oakville branches of TD Canada Trust. The donations to Doctors Without Borders and UNICEF Canada by the Mayor’s Haiti Relief Fund were matched by the federal government.

“Disasters like these remind us of how fortunate we are in our community,” said Mayor Burton. “The devastation in Haiti has been widespread and I thank the OPFA and everyone in Oakville for coming together as a community to offer support.”

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AT TOWN HALL

There’s no better way to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day than to join us at Town Hall on Thursday, April 22, from 6 to 9 p.m. for Living Earth Day Everyday! There’s something for everyone — information and workshops on how to live cleaner and greener every day, including a seminar on buying and cooking local, seasonal food. There will be free giveaways of green products and child-minding services on-site. Plus, pick up a free copy of the town’s new Green Guide to environmental living in Oakville and start living earth day everyday in your day-to-day life. Visit www.oakville.ca/mayor in April for details.

TOWN TO INVESTIGATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN 2010

Economic development continues to be a key objective for Council in 2010. The town is working hard to create local career opportunities and attract knowledge-based businesses to Oakville. Last year, Council approved the town’s award-winning Economic Development Strategy. This year the town will implement that strategy, focusing on attracting new corporate citizens and improving customer service for existing businesses.

Leading-edge solar products and solutions company Solar Semiconductor recently confirmed their intention to build their first North American manufacturing facility in Oakville, and the Mayor and Council hope to attract many more knowledge-based industries.

The town is investigating the potential for a life sciences business park to occupy the 200 acres of land surrounding the proposed hospital at Third Line and Dundas Street. The town has been awarded a grant of \$50,000 from the federal government’s Invest Canada – Community Initiative, and will be partnering with the Ontario Realty Corporation to create a conceptual design for the life sciences park that will facilitate efforts to attract investment and tenants. The design will be presented in the fourth quarter of 2010.

For more details visit www.oakville.ca/economicdevelopment.

COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON TO LEAD MAG INVESTIGATING RULES FOR LOBBYISTS

A new Mayor's Advisory Group (MAG) has been formed to investigate the need for a lobbyist registry in Oakville. Led by Ward 1 Regional and Town Councillor Alan Johnston, the MAG will begin work in the spring and aims to report back to Mayor Burton by the fall.

"I believe there should be full disclosure to the community about lobbyists working to influence policy decisions," Councillor Johnston said. "However, it is important to consider how much a lobbyist registry would cost, who constitutes a lobbyist, and what people would have to do when they wish to lobby local officials. This MAG will explore these questions."

Councillor Johnston is a member of a Halton Regional Council sub-committee exploring the need for a regional lobbyist registry, and will bring that experience to the MAG. Lobbyist registries exist at the City of Toronto and the provincial and federal governments, and the MAG will examine these models.

"Council is committed to transparency and accountability," said Mayor Burton. "Determining the need for a lobbyist registry is an important part of that commitment."

LOOKING FOR MAG INFO?

Seven MAGs have been formed during this term of Council and a new website has been created to provide information about their current status. Check out the site to get a status update on each MAG and access background information on each issue. Visit www.oakville.ca/mayor and click on the Advisory Groups & Roundtables button to learn more about each MAG.

IMPLEMENTATION OF LIVABLE OAKVILLE BEGINS

Council unanimously approved the Livable Oakville Plan in June 2009 and work began immediately to get it approved by Halton Region and the provincial government. On November 30, 2009, the town's efforts were rewarded with Regional Council approval.

The period for appeals to be made to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) regarding Livable Oakville has now closed. The 56 appeals that were filed will be assessed by planning staff and grouped into different categories. These include site-specific issues, previously existing development applications, and precise policies within the plan, such as growth areas and employment areas. Staff is now analyzing the appeals and they are expected to be addressed before the OMB this year.

Implementation work for Livable Oakville has begun, beginning with updating zoning by-laws and completing urban design and streetscape guidelines, along with producing community improvement plans, various transportation and parking studies, and studies of special policy areas identified in the plan.

Regional Official Plan Amendment No. 38 (ROPA 38) was unanimously approved by Regional Council on December 16, 2009, and has been forwarded to the province for final approval. ROPA 38 and Livable Oakville are aligned in principle and policy — fulfilling a key provincial requirement.

For more information on Livable Oakville and its implementation, visit www.oakville.ca/officialplanreview.htm.



OAKVILLE TRANSIT INCREASES COVERAGE AND IMPROVES GO CONNECTIONS

Since introducing a new service design last September, Oakville Transit has been monitoring its routes to make sure it is offering the highest possible level of service. On March 7, improvements were made to four major routes to extend service coverage and increase reliability.

Buses on busy Route 1 now run every 30 minutes (instead of every 40) after 7:30 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends. This will improve bus connections with the GO trains operating hourly during these times. Route 6 was extended eastward to provide all-day service to Winston Business Park East, and the AMC and SilverCity theatres. Adjustments like these provide passengers with more options for their commute.

Improvements were made within Oakville Transit's approved 2010 operating budget, and no additional funds or staff were required.

On February 11, Oakville Transit broke ground on its new \$45 million transit centre. The town received \$30 million in infrastructure stimulus funds for the new centre, which will be certified LEED Silver under the Canadian Green Building Council's rating system. The transit centre is on track to open in the spring of 2011.

For more information about Oakville Transit, including routes and schedules, please visit www.oakvilletransit.com.

ROUTE 1: Bus frequency increased to every 30 minutes after 7:30 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends

ROUTE 2: Extended east to the AMC theatre area with a connection to Route 6

ROUTE 6: Extended to reach the Winston Park employment area, as well as the AMC theatre area and the SilverCity theatre on Dundas Street

ROUTE 19: One bus added to the route during peak service hours to increase service

TOWN COUNCIL'S 4 YEAR WORK PLAN

(Progress To Date, Key Events and Future Plans)

	2007	2008	2009	2010
WINTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Year's Levee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total tax increase of 2.10 per cent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Great oak saved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council adopts four-year work plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pesticide by-law passed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor's Advisory Group (tree protection) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Second annual New Year's Levee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total tax increase of 3.78 per cent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Heritage System boundaries preserved at OMB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harbours dredged <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor's roundtable on social services <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town appoints Ontario's first Municipal Energy Conservation Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Third annual New Year's Levee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total tax increase of 3.30 per cent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council resolution on power plant concerns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four new Mayor's Advisory Groups (sustainability, consumer waste, public notification standards, and natural trails standards) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Thomas Aquinas H.S. site plan approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indoor soccer building opens at Pine Glen <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town successfully opposes condominium proposal and protects woodlot on Montrose Abbey Drive <p>Public consultations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DND lands <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Livable Oakville 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fourth annual New Year's Levee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total tax increase of only 1.6 per cent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor's Haiti Relief Fund donates over \$17,000 to charity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One new Mayor's Advisory Group (lobbying rules) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council passes Health Protection Air Quality by-law <p>Construction begins on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oakville Transit centre (open March 2011) <p>Public consultations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health protection and air quality by-law <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Funding for new Oakville hospital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Downtown Oakville strategic review <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Places of worship study
SPRING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town obtains Joshua's Creek Arenas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oakville named Canada's Urban Forest Capital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor's Economic Health Indicators launched <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soccer fields open at QE Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree planting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor's golf tournament raises money for United Way of Oakville 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council requests development of tree protection by-law <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public consultation begins on Livable Oakville <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town establishes GHG baseline and reduction targets <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth Strategy update before Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town wins OMB Northcote decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GreenCart program begins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree planting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor's golf tournament raises money for United Way of Oakville <p>Construction begins on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indoor soccer facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Livable Oakville Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zoning by-law amendment and interim control by-law restrict power plants pending locations study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power plant locations study begins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nautical Park opens with new soccer field <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Palermo Park opens with two baseball diamonds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree planting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bronte Youth Centre opens <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Mayor's Advisory Group (Creative Oakville) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town successfully opposes conversion of employment lands at Oakville Place Drive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor's golf tournament raises money for United Way of Oakville 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Council decision on hospital local share contribution <input type="checkbox"/> Performance-based, program-based budgeting (PB2) fully implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Tree planting <input type="checkbox"/> KSM's Dream Centre opens <input type="checkbox"/> Stage two implementation of PRESTO farecard system <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor's golf tournament to support United Way of Oakville Public consultations: <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Oakville strategic review <input type="checkbox"/> School lands reuse <input type="checkbox"/> Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital lands study <input type="checkbox"/> Drive-thru study Construction begins on: <input type="checkbox"/> Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre (to re-open 2012)
SUMMER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oakville Transit launches \$10/ month Student Freedom Pass <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town announces goal of 40 per cent tree cover in 50-year plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPA 275 protects neighbourhoods and directs growth to Midtown Centre <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three-year transition to Performance-Based Program-Based budgeting begins <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town increases parking at Oakville GO station <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council approves North Oakville East Secondary Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seven new buses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor's softball tournament raises money for Oakville YMCA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New transit terminal opens in Uptown Core <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NHS signs unveiled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heritage Tree Hunt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nine new buses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor's softball tournament raises money for Oakville YMCA <p>Groundbreaking for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North Park Sports Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KSM Dream Centre <p>Construction begins on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glenashton Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Palermo Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Millstone Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oakville urban forest arts contest <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Four new buses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Council resolution on power plant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drive-thru ban extended one year <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New development charges cut growth costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor's softball tournament raises \$100k+ for KSM <p>Construction begins on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Shell Park (phase 2) <p>Work begins on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre renovations (to re-open 2012) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Six new accessible conventional buses to replace older non-accessible conventional buses <input type="checkbox"/> One new care-A-van ramp-equipped bus <input type="checkbox"/> 30 new transit shelters <input type="checkbox"/> Forster Park splash pad <input type="checkbox"/> Downtown Oakville strategic review to Council <input type="checkbox"/> Mayor's softball tournament to support KSM and Community Living Oakville
FALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New library opens in Clearview <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council relieves taxi shortage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town hires two Fire department staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor announces new parking structure at Oakville GO station 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree protection by-law update approved by Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New soccer fields at Glenashton Park completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New firefighters hired <p>Construction begins on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nautical Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Castlebrook Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> South Shell Park (phase 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Millstone Park opens with new soccer field <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Castlebrook Park opens with new soccer field <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town hires 13 Fire department staff <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Council information meeting on power plant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ServiceOakville counter opens <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Settlement on Edgemere Estates property secures access to waterfront <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review of Loyola field lights secured at OMB <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New and expanded transit service design implemented <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Council opposes paid parking at 1235 Trafalgar Road medical building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor's Gala raises \$490,000 for KSM Dream Centre <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town wins OMB case on power plant interim control by-law 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Quad pad arena to open in North Park <input type="checkbox"/> Westwood Park (phase 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park (phase 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Aspen Forest Park soccer field <input type="checkbox"/> New Clearview library branch opening <input type="checkbox"/> Stage three implementation of PRESTO farecard system Public consultations: <input type="checkbox"/> School lands reuse <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive zoning by-law review <input type="checkbox"/> Urban design guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> DND lands study <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive zoning by-law review <input type="checkbox"/> Urban design guidelines