Our Vision: To be the most livable town in Canada
TOWN MISSION

We create and preserve Canada’s most livable community that enhances the natural, cultural, social and economic environments. We achieve this by continuously improving programs and services that are both accessible and environmentally and fiscally sustainable.

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

We ensure our staff receives the same level of respect, commitment and care that they are expected to deliver to the community.

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Let’s Talk Oakville is produced to keep Oakville residents informed of important issues and events in our town and to foster dialogue between residents and Councillors.

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

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

Enjoy fun and safe spring and summer season!

NEW TO TOWN?

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

NEED HELP?

Your Mayor and Councillors are happy to help when you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about the Town of Oakville and Halton Region. To make sure you get the courteous and timely response that we want you to have, there are two easy access numbers you can use. Dialing 211 gives information about non-emergency community, health, and social services. Dialing 311 gives you quick access to all government services within Halton including the region, the town, and the school boards. Under existing privacy laws and regulations, if you want your Mayor and Councillors to know about your inquiry, you should ask for your communications to be passed on to your Mayor and Councillors or inform us when you call or write to staff. Your Mayor and Councillors always welcome direct contact.

Breakfast with the Mayor – June 2

The Oakville Chamber of Commerce will be selling tickets this spring for their annual breakfast event with Mayor Rob Burton. Mayor Burton will discuss the economic overview of the town including recent accomplishments and future challenges. The event will also include a question and answer period. Visit oakvillechamber.com for event details and to register for the breakfast.
We’re open online.

The Town of Oakville has many online services to keep you connected — anytime, anywhere!

Sign up for the Town of Oakville newsletter and stay up-to-date with the latest community news, events and council decisions delivered weekly to your inbox. Visit oakville.ca to register!

Oakville is home to hundreds of great community events. Visit oakville.ca and search “event calendar” for information about upcoming community events and immerse yourself in the wide range of activities across our great town!

Want to enjoy Oakville’s 105 kilometres of on- and off-road cycling paths? Download the Oakville app and map it out! The app also features news updates, facilities listings, Council contacts and more! Available for iPhone and iPad from the App Store and for Android devices from Google Play.

Never miss a bus again! Track by text, web or use the Oakville Transit app for real-time information about your bus! Available for iPhone and iPad from the App Store and for Android devices from Google Play. Also available at oakvilletransit.ca.

Wondering what recreational programs are happening right now? Visit active.oakville.ca and search by date, activity or location for hundreds of recreational drop-in programs!

Requesting your temporary parking permit is a click away. Whether you need temporary on-street parking, are looking for parking lots in the downtown area, or want information on parking enforcement, visit oakville.ca for all your parking needs.
Spring is upon us and there are a number of upcoming initiatives planned around the ward. Streets that had their water mains replaced will soon have their roads repaved including Third Line by the shopping plaza to Rebecca Street.

Consultants have been selected for the Oakville Harbours Master Plan. The Planning Partnership Group has been awarded the contract and will be reaching out in the near future to begin hearing from residents on their thoughts and desires for both of our harbours. I will post all the relevant information on my website at omeara.ca as soon as we have public information ready to send out.

As our ward representative on the Livable Oakville (Official Plan Review) Subcommittee, I look forward to assisting in mapping out our growth, the protection of our stable neighbourhoods and ensuring the appropriate mix of employment and commercial lands moving forward. Your feedback is essential and if you would like more information on what we are reviewing please contact me at any time.

Lastly, in my increased efforts to engage with residents, I will be hosting informal ward meetings starting on May 5, 2016 at 7 p.m. at a location yet to be determined. Please visit omeara.ca as we get closer to the date and I will post the venue, or email me to sign up for my e-news and stay engaged.

As always if you have any concerns or questions please contact me as I am happy to help.
Bronte's Business Improvement Area (BIA) is ready for the busiest months of their year. With local attractions, holiday celebrations, historical sites, and water activities taking place, there is no lack of things to do in the upcoming months.

Returning this year are local favourites. The Easter Bunny is in town for the annual egg hunt during the Easter Eggstravaganza (Saturday, March 26 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.). For those interested in getting a taste of Bronte, the Lake Walk returns on Thursdays (May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1). Local arts, culture-focused businesses and the Oakville Arts Council offer art, food, music, and culture on these dates, with special promotions and activities being an added attraction.

Art and culture enthusiasts will also enjoy stepping back in time at the Sovereign House. The Bronte Historical Society keeps local history alive through this heritage display centre, located on the Bronte Bluffs (open June - September, Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.). A self-guided walk down Bronte's pier will bring you to another reminder of Bronte's past. The Fishermen's Memorial granite monument is dedicated to the memory of those who established this community.

Whether you are gearing up for summer during the Victoria Day long weekend in May, celebrating Canada Day festivities and fireworks on July 1, or participating in the 51st Annual Art in the Park on August 1 featuring more than 175 artists and artisans from across the country, the scheduled events will draw you lakeside.

Lake lovers can also enjoy a cruise with Boomers Sporting Adventures (launching from Bronte Pier in Heritage Park) and sports fishing with Fishing Charters.

To find out more about what Bronte has to offer, student volunteers in the Summer Ambassador Program will be available to answer questions at the boardwalk on the Bronte Pier during the summer months. Bronte BIA event listings are available year-round at brontevillage.net.
On the roads

Work is being completed to help reduce congestion and improve travel on the roads in Ward 1. Among the items under review are the Burloak Drive rail line underpass, traffic calming, and engineering reviews of intersections.

Burloak Drive

Staff from the Town of Oakville and the City of Burlington are currently working with Metrolinx on plans for the construction of a new grade separation at the Metrolinx/GO rail line.

Grade separations align a junction of two or more surface transport axis at different heights to minimize the disruption of traffic flowing on both transit routes. The creation of an underpass is the suggested solution for Burloak Drive, where it intersects with the Metrolinx/GO rail line just south of Wyecroft Road.

Metrolinx has indicated they would like to move forward on constructing the grade separation. Initial environmental impact studies are planned moving plans closer to ground breaking on its completion.

Traffic calming

Over 860 residents participated in an online survey in Oakville as part of research for a report addressing an update to traffic calming in the town. The report, which will go to Town Council in the spring, will cover improvements that include physical and passive traffic calming measures, speed limits and pedestrian safety the town should consider going forward.

Bronte intersections

Functional level engineering reviews at several intersections in Bronte are being completed by town staff to consider what improvements may be implemented to address congestion. Intersections included in the review are: Bronte Road at Rebecca Street, Rebecca Street at Mississaga Street, Bronte Road at Wyecroft Road, and Bronte Road and Speers Road. Once completed, staff will be working on a plan to implement improvements.

Development Charges

On March 4, 2013 the Town of Oakville passed By-law 2013-020, under section 2 (1) of the Development Charges Act, 1997 (DCA). The By-law established development charges (DCs) to assist in providing infrastructure required by future development in the Town of Oakville. DCs provide a viable capital funding source to meet the town’s financial requirements. The Town of Oakville also collects development charges on behalf of the Halton Region and the Halton School Boards.

Development charges are collected on all lands within the town’s boundaries that are typically payable upon issuance of the first building permit. Money collected from DCs is used to fund growth projects throughout the town, but their use is heavily restricted. DCs can only be used to fund infrastructure or the portion of infrastructure that needs to be built to accommodate new growth in the population. The shortfalls must be picked up by taxpayers.

Under the Provincial Places to Grow Act, Halton Region’s population is projected to grow to 780,000 people by 2031. Long-term, predictable funding is required to ensure that taxpayers do not bear the burden for growth. As a result, Halton Region is advocating to the Provincial and Federal governments for additional funding sources, including further changes to the DCA, 1997, that will ensure the full recovery of costs related to growth.
Seniors in motion May 7

Don’t miss the free Seniors in Motion Fair taking place on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Sir John Colborne Seniors Recreation Centre, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Learn how to get moving around town, on the bus, at roundabouts, or using the latest in walkers and wheelchairs. Adjust your bike and helmet to get ready to go for a ride, learn more about Oakville’s walking trails, or discover other helpful information that will get you moving. Everyone is welcome to attend! Refreshments will be available to purchase.

The event is presented by the Seniors Working Action Group (SWAG). Working in partnership with the Town of Oakville’s Recreation and Culture department, SWAG supports the well-being of local seniors through advisory work and events. Find out more about SWAG and events by contacting the SWAG chair, Darlene Cox 905-466-6212 or Nancy Beddoe, senior services manager at 905-845-6601, ext. 3976.

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The past few months have been exceptionally busy as we’ve had front-row seats to an unusual amount of action at the political level. We watched with bated breath as my former Ward 2 fellow-councillor, Pam Damoff, ran as the Liberal candidate for the riding of Oakville North-Burlington in last fall’s federal election campaign. And, it was with great excitement that we watched her win!

A total of eleven people have come forward to fill the vacancy left by Pam’s election to the House of Commons and it’s a testament to the community spirit in our ward that so many people want to participate. Residents of Ward 2 will have the opportunity to elect a candidate to fill the vacancy of Town Councillor Ward 2 on voting day April 11, 2016. Advanced voting will also be held on March 30 and April 2, 2016. Visit the Elections page at oakville.ca for more information.

Somewhat less exciting than a by-election, but no less important, are the improvements that have recently been completed at the West Harbour. We have a beautiful new beacon on the hill at Tannery Park and special thanks go out to all of the residents, town staff and others who worked so hard to pull that project together. It’s stunning!

I’m also encouraging people to get out to any one of Halton’s beautiful conservation areas. There is a lot going on outdoors (and indoors) at these great community hotspots and we’re lucky that we live in an area that is so well-served by a reverence for nature.

And, finally, if you missed Ward 2’s Family Skate Day in February, take heart – chances are that we’ll do it again next year. This was our fifth annual Skate Day and we were all really warmed by the support of our numerous community partners. We were pleased to hold the event at the Oakville Arena again – it’s a unique building that has served the community well for decades now, and we’re lucky to have such a grand old facility in our neighbourhood.

I invite anyone with a municipal issue or concern that you feel needs to be addressed to get in touch. It’s an honour to serve Ward 2 at Oakville Town Council and I am here to be of assistance.
Wastewater Main replacement

Halton Region has completed approximately 15 per cent of the work on Phase One of the Rebecca Street Deep Trunk Wastewater Main project. This project will see tunneling operations along Rebecca Street and Lakeshore Road extending from the Oakville Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant near the corner of Lakeshore Road and Woodhaven Street to Forsythe Street. The work is designed to alleviate congestion and is part of the Region’s infrastructure construction plan to prepare for future growth in Halton.

Phase One began in November of last year and has a budget of $42 million. The project involves microtunneling, watermain rehabilitation and the completion of access shafts at: Rebecca Street and Forsythe Street, Rebecca Street and Kerr Street, Rebecca Street and Dorval Drive, Dorval Drive and Lakeshore Road, Lakeshore Road and Shorewood Place, Lakeshore Road at Appleby College, Lakeshore Road and Fourth Line, Lakeshore Road and Westdale Road, Lakeshore Road and Sandwell Drive, Lakeshore Road at the Southwest Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Phase Two of the project was presented to Regional Council in February and work is expected to begin in April with a budget of $14 million. Completion date for both parts of the project is scheduled for December 2016. Phase Two will consist of open cut work on wastewater mains and water mains on:

Trafalgar Road from 100 metres North of Lawson Street to Dunn Street, Dunn Street, Randall Street from Dunn Street to Forsythe Street and Rebecca Street bridge crossing Sixteen Mile Creek.

Some streets will be closed through different stages of the project and notices have been delivered to residents affected by the project. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Mark Bajor, CET, Project Manager at 905-825-6000 (toll-free 1-866-442-5866), ext. 7617 or by email at mark.bajor@halton.ca.

Salute to Pam and an update on the upcoming by-election

Farewell but not goodbye...
It is with mixed emotions that I say farewell to both my friend and colleague these past five years – Pam Damoff.

What a busy five years those have been! From her early days on Council through to 2015 she has been a strong advocate for the Ward 2 residents and the broader Oakville community.

Whether it was advocating for increased bicycle awareness in the community, the Courage Brothers Polar Bear Dip, leading the Oakville Santa Claus Parade, Chairing the Terry Fox Run, or giving a strong voice to many community groups in the Oakville area – she was an active and vocal participant. Pam was always one to say yes to new challenges throughout her term on Council and she was instrumental in bringing a smoking ban in our municipal parks as well as a ban on individuals under 18 years of age using tanning beds.

While I am sad to see Pam leave us at the municipal level I know that both Oakville and North Burlington will benefit from her leadership, enthusiasm and dedication in her new role as the elected Member of Parliament.

I know I speak for many others when I say you will be sorely missed my friend!
Take advantage of spring at Conservation Halton!

Hop on a wagon ride, visit the raptors, and tuck into a big plate of warm, syrupy pancakes at Maple Town in Mountsberg Conservation Area until April 3, 2016. Children and ‘big kids’ alike will enjoy wagon rides through the sugar bush, and watching the sap drip from the tree into the buckets. After tasting fresh maple taffy served up chewy and hot in the Candy Cabin, you can walk over and see how sap is boiled into syrup in the evaporator. Finish up in Maple Town with a hot plate of sausages and flapjacks covered in, what else? Maple Syrup!

In the spring, there’s more than maple season at Mountsberg. Children will love jumping and playing in the Play Barn, and seeing the baby animals like rabbits, chicks, lambs, and goats in the barn. Easter Egg Extravaganza is also during Maple Town, from March 25-27, 2016 and it’s packed with lots of fun kids’ activities in time for Easter!

Bird of Prey shows at the Raptor Show are daily, and families will love to come nose-to-beak with our charismatic residents, the Raptors themselves, on the Wildlife Walkway.

Mountsberg isn’t the only place we celebrate maple season! join us at Crawford Lake for Sweet Water Season! Explore the 15th Century Iroquoian village, and feel like you’ve traveled back into local history. Staff demonstrate how Ontario’s First Peoples extract sap from the tree, and the traditional methods used to cook the ‘sweet water’ into syrup, gooey maple syrup. You’ll sample warm maple taffy on a stick, cooled in the snow! History turns into a beautiful science and nature lesson with a walk around the boardwalk of the meromictic lake, a rare ecological feature in our watershed.

For more information visit the Conservation Halton website at conservationhalton.ca.

West Harbour improvements

Phase Two of the projected five-phase redevelopment of Oakville’s West Harbour was completed recently and the rejuvenated Tannery Hill area will be open this spring. This is a really exciting project and it’s going to make a huge difference to visitors to the area.

This phase of the project included:

• Improvements to the trail from Walker Street to the top of Tannery Hill.

• New benches at the top of the hill.

• A new sculptural feature involving a beacon that incorporates a symbolic representation of sunlight hitting the waves of Lake Ontario embellishing a compass pointing towards due north.

• An observation deck surrounding the beacon with a 270-degree view of the entire harbourfront area.

The Tannery area along the west shore was a very industrial section of town in the early part of the twentieth century, and over the past 40-to-50 years the town has gradually transformed it into a recreational area.

Future development of the area is planned to include:

• Infilling along the Lake Ontario shoreline to create more table land for the Waterfront Promenade Trail.

• Updating and developing Shipyard Park parking lot.

An environmental assessment has been conducted along the proposed infill area along the Lake Ontario shoreline, and the plans are currently being reviewed by the Halton Conservation Authority, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. Once the landfill phase of the project is complete, more than 500 metres of landscaped pathways will be established along the waterfront.

If all goes well, the entire project should be completed sometime in 2019.
Ward 2 Family Skate Day

Ward 2 Councillor Cathy Duddeck hosted the fifth annual Ward 2 Family Skate Day at the Oakville Arena in February, and it was, as expected, a rousing success. Attendees enjoyed complimentary popcorn provided by Film.ca Cinemas and hot chocolate courtesy of Tim Hortons at 49 Lakeshore Road West.

While there was no cost for the event, Councillor Duddeck encouraged everyone to donate gently used skates and hockey equipment for the Skate Drive for First Communities - an initiative under Change by YOUth that ships skates to Aboriginal children and teens living in remote communities of northern Ontario. The Skate Drive was organized by Jack Mogus, founder of the Change by YOUth organization. Non-perishable food items were also accepted as donations for Kerr of the Change by YOUth organization.

The Arena is a landmark in Oakville, having been built originally in 1950, and plans have been approved to proceed with a redevelopment project. Engineering assessments and public consultations have determined support for a variety of improvements, including expansion of the ice area to NHL-size surface, seating for 450 people, and a walking track. A provision is also being made for a new seniors’ centre at the location, administrative offices, a gymnasium, and public meeting space.

For more information, please visit the Oakville Arena page at oakville.ca.

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Application under appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board

Zoning amendment to permit a 4 storey 37 unit mixed use condominium with retail at grade

OA and ZBA to permit 4 townhouse units

Zoning by-law approved by OMB

Final recommendation report to be brought forward to Planning and Development Council in the near future.

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Clearing conditions of draft plan approval

Plan of Condominium - Phase one and phase two of a standard phased condominium with a total of 281 units (Empire), Privately owned public square included in phase.
Spring is always a great time to be thinking about renewal and as we look at the year ahead we can’t help but think about the many ways in which our ward is reinventing itself…and the many ways in which resident input is needed and appreciated.

We have fielded many questions over the past few months and years about the future of the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital site – now that the hospital itself has moved to its new location at the corner of Third Line and Dundas Street, we’re faced with what to do with the property it formerly occupied. Much public consultation has already happened in that regard, and there is more still to come. This is a terrific opportunity for us to create something new that will serve not just Ward 3, but all of the Town of Oakville. It’s an exciting project.

Renewal is also a big topic in downtown Oakville, where a plan is starting to come together to move forward with some much-needed roadworks. The Lakeshore Road Reconstruction and Streetscape Project is moving ahead and it’s amazing to think that within five years we’ll see a major set of improvements in place. Efforts will be made to keep the disruption to a minimum but it’s a large project that will affect the heart of our downtown and it serves as a reminder that renewal is sometimes an opportunity to practice patience as well.

We’re lucky to have an active Business Improvement Area (BIA) in downtown Oakville – the organization is always finding new ways to enhance visitor experiences and they have a host of projects on the go to make our downtown a lively and enjoyable place to spend time. We have arguably one of the most charming and historically interesting downtown areas in all of Canada, and our ward is a place in which we are all privileged to live. As your councillors we are committed to maintaining the enjoyable aspects of living here, but none of this happens without substantial input from our residents. If you have a comment or concern about any of the projects underway in town, please make your voice heard.

You can contact us or any of the people in charge of the project that concerns you – but please do contribute to the conversation. Renewal is important – and the more people who care to express their opinions, the more inclusive our projects can be.
Former Hospital Site Project (2015 - 2020) is underway

Now that the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital has moved to its new location, many are wondering what’s going to happen to the former hospital building and lands. Here’s an update on the town’s plans for the site over the next five years.

**Phase 1 – Securing the site**
Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) has secured the property with fencing for public safety and is providing 24-hour security. A small team of HHS staff are still working on-site to decommission the building, which includes removal of residual hospital furniture and equipment. Staff from the neighbouring Wyndham Manor Long-term Care Centre will continue to use some surface parking on the hospital property. On March 31, the town will assume responsibility for the property, including maintenance of the fencing and security and will move into Phase Two of the project.

**Phase 2 – Understanding the site**
In 2016 and 2017, the town will carry out numerous studies including building assessments and structural reviews, a site contamination assessment, traffic and parking studies, as well as demolition and remediation studies. The former Oakville Trafalgar High School – a designated heritage resource and summer home to a colony of chimney swifts (a threatened bird species) – will be evaluated for potential reuse as well as habitat maintenance. Demolition of the hospital buildings is expected to begin in late 2016/early 2017 and take eight to twelve months.

In addition, the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) brought forward the concept of a community health hub. It will continue its demographic and needs assessment and work with Oakville and Halton Region to explore opportunities for potential community health services within the area.

**Phase 3 – Reinventing the site**
Concept plans currently call for a community centre, pool and park, as well as potential future housing and medical uses. The opening of a new community centre and park is targeted for 2020. Town Council will ultimately review and approve any proposals.

Get in the know. Get involved.

We want to keep you in the know and involved throughout the project.
- Visit oakville.ca and search Former Hospital Site Project for more details, including Frequently Asked Questions. The site is updated regularly.
- Sign up for the town’s e-newsletter to have project updates and event details delivered right to your inbox.
- Attend various public information and consultation events.

**Downtown Oakville BIA**

The Downtown Oakville BIA is dedicated to creating the best possible environment in which to work, shop, live and visit in Downtown Oakville. Here’s what they have planned for the next few months:

**Egg-sperience Downtown Oakville: Not your typical Easter egg hunt!**
A brand new event to Downtown Oakville, this hunt will include great prizes for everyone to enjoy, such as a luxury car for the weekend, gift certificates for downtown shops and restaurants, a secret grand prize, plus, of course, delicious chocolatey treats! Meet in Towne Square on March 26 starting at 1 p.m. to begin your search! Visit oakvilledowntown.com for more details.

**Birmingham Bank Bed Challenge**
The Birmingham Bank Bed Challenge in support of the Oakville Hospital Foundation returns to Downtown Oakville on May 1. Join in the fun, cheer on the teams and enjoy the hilarious shenanigans as teams race their “beds” to the finish line! To find out how to donate to this initiative or for more information on the event please visit oakvillehospitalfoundation.com.

**Patio Season Returns!**
Downtown Oakville (in partnership with the Town of Oakville) will be continuing the pilot patio program that enables restaurants to extend into the parking spaces, allowing additional patios throughout the downtown. Along with the locations that have permanent patios, the BIA is working with even more restaurants to hopefully create additional patio opportunities. Watch for patios to start popping up as early as April 15, 2016. To find out more information on available patios and outdoor eating options, search for Downtown patios at oakvilledowntown.com.
Lakeshore Road Reconstruction and Streetscape Project update

Contemporary materials and furnishings selected for downtown

With Lakeshore Road East coming to the end of its lifespan and needing major reconstruction, the town undertook extensive research and public consultation to identify broader opportunities to improve traffic, beautify streets and improve pedestrian/cycle ways in the downtown. In October 2015, Council approved the Lakeshore Road Reconstruction and Streetscape Project as part of the Downtown Transportation and Streetscape Study (DTS) study, which included a contemporary theme for the downtown streetscape design.

On March 1 the town held public meetings to get feedback on two contemporary design palettes. Participants learned more about the project, checked out some of the furniture and material choices such as pavers, benches, bike rings, recycling stations and lights, and shared their thoughts on what they liked best. For anyone who couldn’t make the meetings photos were also available on the town’s website to view and provide feedback.

Now town staff need to review all the feedback, narrow down the choices, and hold another public meeting this spring before making a final selection.

The chosen furnishings and materials will be used as part of the Lakeshore Road reconstruction and the Lakeshore Road Bridge (over Sixteen Mile Creek) rehabilitation. They will also be used going forward as other streets in downtown Oakville are reconstructed.

Below is a tentative schedule for upcoming downtown projects:

- **2017** - The Lakeshore Road Bridge Rehabilitation project needs to be accelerated due to its condition. Work may start as early as 2017. Scheduling and other details are being worked out and further information will be available later this spring.
- **2017-2018** – Two-way Road Conversion Program will see all the one-way streets in downtown changed to two-way direction. This project will be phased over two years and will be completed prior to the start of the Lakeshore Road Reconstruction and Streetscape Project.
- **2019** - The Lakeshore Road Reconstruction and Streetscape Project from Allan Street to Navy Street and is expected to last two years.

The town is also developing a mitigation strategy prior to the start of the Lakeshore Road Reconstruction Project to help minimize the impact any construction will have on businesses, shoppers and visitors.

The DTS, along with the Downtown Cultural Hub Study (DCH), make up the town’s exciting Downtown Plan which aims to create an attractive, active, animated and vibrant downtown that will bring people together while maintaining the beautiful historic downtown streetscape.

If you would like more information about this project, visit oakville.ca.

Widening of Cornwall Road

The Town of Oakville is currently finalizing the detailed design phase for the widening and reconstruction of Cornwall Road between Morrison Road and Chartwell Road. Cornwall Road is a busy arterial roadway and it has been planned for expansion to address traffic volumes in the area.

This project includes urbanizing and widening the roadway to four lanes plus additional turning lanes at intersections, active transportation facilities (sidewalks and multi-use path), a landscaped centre median and new LED streetlights. New storm sewers will also be installed as well as two new box culverts where the Wedgewood Creek crosses Cornwall Road and Morrison Road. New traffic signals will be installed at the intersections of Chartwell and Morrison Roads to conform with the new Cornwall Road platform.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin this spring. For more information regarding this project, please contact Adam Kiley, in the Engineering department at 905-845-6601, ext. 3357 or by email at adam.kiley@oakville.ca.
Ward 3 Residents Associations

There are more residents associations in Ward 3 than any other ward in Oakville and they take a keen interest in the issues affecting our neighbourhoods. As a member of a Residents’ Association, you can more easily join the discussion on municipal issues such as development projects, traffic issues, natural heritage systems or public park spaces. Here are some helpful details:

Clearview Oakville Community Alliance (COCA)

Clearview is bordered by the QEW, Winston Churchill, Royal Windsor Drive and Ford Drive. COCA has regular monthly meetings the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel, 2774 South Sheridan Way, Sherwood Heights Drive. Their Annual General Meeting will be held in June, when they elect residents for the COCA Board of Directors.

Chartwell Maple Grove Residents’ Association (CMGRA)

CMGRA was established in April 2009 and is located in one of Oakville’s original communities, located east of Chartwell Road to Maple Grove Drive, and South from Cornwall Road to the lake. This year’s Annual General Meeting will be held on April 28, 2016 from 7-9 p.m at St. Mildreds-Lightbourn School.

Joshua Creek Residents Association (JCRA) –

JCRA was created more than 25 years ago, and it is bounded by Maple Grove Drive, Winston Churchill Boulevard, Cornwall Road and Lake Ontario. The JCRA executive and directors meet monthly and are elected by the JCRA membership for one to three years at the annual meeting. This year’s Annual General Meeting will be held on March 31, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Otello’s Banquet and Convention Centre, 2273 Royal Windsor Drive (at Ford Drive).

Oakville Lakeside Residents Association (OLRA)

OLRA runs along Lake Ontario and includes the following neighbourhoods: Old Oakville, Carson-Bacon, Raymar and Romain-Smith.

Trafalgar Chartwell Residents Association (TCRA)

The TCRA is a primarily residential part of Oakville, bounded on the North by the QEW, South by Lakeshore Road East, West by Sixteen Mile Creek and East by back-lot lines of residences on the east side of Chartwell Road. The Annual General Meeting will be held on April 6, 2016 at Grace Lutheran Church on Spruce Street at 7 p.m.

All residents associations rely on donations for the work they do and will appreciate any support you can offer. For more information about residents associations in Oakville, please visit oakville.ca and search for Residents Associations.

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The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing regarding the proposed development of the former Saw-Whet Golf Course has been chugging along since October and recently adjourned until June when it’s expected to resume for four more weeks. However, the lawyers from both sides are requesting even more time – 10 weeks in addition to the time set aside in June. A patient and determined resident, Douglas McCarten, has attended the hearing from day one. He shares his thoughts and observations about the OMB process in an article you’ll find on the following page.

Another controversial issue is the potential development of Glen Abbey Golf Course. In early February Council passed an Interim Control By-law which should prevent the filing of a development application for at least a year, and possibly two years. This will give the town time to assess the historic, environmental and economic importance of this world famous golf course, home of the Canadian Open. Learn about the fascinating history of this landmark in the article that follows.

Finally, I would like to reach as many people as possible with news on the issues mentioned above and other relevant topics. So, if you would like to receive periodic email updates, I invite you to send me your email address and I will add you to my list. I promise not to share your contact info with others or bombard your in-box with trivial items.

As always, feel free to contact me regarding any matter of municipal or regional importance to you.
Doug McCarten arrives at Town Hall promptly before 10 a.m. each morning that the Saw-Whet Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing convenes and doesn’t leave until the session adjourns for the day, around 4:30 p.m.

The Hurley Drive resident has sat at the back of the room, observing, listening and taking notes as a room full of lawyers, experts, peer reviewers and planners from both sides of the dispute work through a staggering 33+ volumes of evidence. McCarten has heard weeks upon weeks of testimony, as well as cross examination and questions from the various parties and Chair. Most would find the process tedious, exhaustive or worse. So what motivates this particular resident to volunteer so much of his time and energy to the hearing?

Well, as most Oakville residents are aware, a developer, along with a private property owner, have appealed their case to the OMB, hoping to build 785 houses plus two multi-unit buildings along with roads and plazas over the rolling green space of the former golf course. The hearing is also considering future land uses on a smaller parcel of land on the west side of Bronte Road, which sits partly in the Natural Heritage System and backs onto Bronte Creek. Hundreds of residents (600 attended a single meeting last year) have spoken out against what the Mayor has called “a bad plan”, but its fate will now be decided by an un-elected member of the OMB.

McCarten cares passionately about this land that serves as a corridor for wildlife, connecting two Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs), Fourteen Mile Creek Valley, and Bronte Creek. He and his wife chose to live in the area near Fourteen Mile Creek for its proximity to nature.

“I see Saw-Whet Golf Course as an important part of the Fourteen Mile Creek eco system. It serves as a corridor for wildlife as well as home for numerous species, some common, some threatened, some endangered and others classified as species of special concern to the Ministry of Natural Resources,” said McCarten.

McCarten knows his stuff and can pull out relevant documents, maps, aerial photos and plans of subdivision on request. He cares deeply about the future of our community and its residents, both human and non-human.

When asked for his opinion about the OMB process, the soft spoken McCarten had this to say.

“In my opinion, the OMB should NOT be involved in disputes like this unless the town has not met its growth targets set by the Province. In Oakville, we have already met our growth targets to 2031! I would suggest that it should ultimately be the decision of the Town to determine any official plan amendments and or zoning changes/restrictions as it sees fit. It is my opinion that not only is the application for development premature, but it is also inappropriate given the sensitive nature of these properties.”

The hearing adjourned in late January and is expected to reconvene in June for at least four more weeks, although McCarten believes it will take much longer. The dates for those residents who signed up as participants to speak at the hearing have not yet been set.

McCarten’s efforts as a concerned and informed resident are appreciated and we look forward to more of his insights once the hearing resumes in June.
The rich history of Glen Abbey Golf Course

Some say Glen Abbey Golf Course, which has hosted the Canadian Open Golf Tournament 27 times to date, put Oakville on the map. People still talk about Tiger Wood’s incredible shot on the 18th hole that won him the tournament in 2000. But how many people know about the property’s rich cultural history that pre-dates Tiger Wood’s stepping onto the fairway?

Imagine one Isaac Carter, harvesting fruit from his modest orchard, overlooking Sixteen Mile Creek Valley. The year was 1877 and his orchard, according to the map of Trafalgar Township, would have been just a stone’s throw away from where the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame stands today.

It was in the late 1930s, that Andre Dorfman, a mining magnate and one of the wealthiest men in Canada, purchased sections of four farms adjacent to the Sixteen Mile Creek to create a 230 acre rural estate, which he called RayDor. Little expense was spared in the construction of the stately stone manor, which became the centrepiece of the estate where the family lived for the next 16 years.

The estate underwent a complete transformation in 1953 when Dorfman sold the property to the Jesuit Fathers of Upper Canada. The lavish manor house became a monastery and the surrounding land was farmed by the Jesuit brothers who renamed the property Loyola Retreat.

In 1963 the Jesuit fathers relocated to a retreat near Guelph and sold the property to Clearstream Development Ltd., a company formed by a group of seven Oakville residents. They converted the property into a prestigious gentleman’s club, which they called Upper Canada Golf Club. An 18 hole golf course was constructed, and in honour of the Jesuits, they called it Glen Abbey. The Lavish stone manor-turned-monastery was transformed once again, this time into a club house. Club memberships were only granted to those with an income greater than $25,000. Eventually the club failed and the golf course was closed.

Anyone remember down-hill skiing at Glen Abbey? That’s right. It was 1969 when history took another strange twist as the 325 acre country club was turned into a short-lived ski resort, also called Glen Abbey. A T-bar and flood lights were installed on a slope with a vertical drop of 140 feet!

A few years later, in 1974, developer and golf enthusiast Rod McIsaac bought the property through his company, Great Northern Capital. It was at this time that the Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA) became involved, and it was decided that Glen Abbey would become the permanent home of the Canadian Open. In 1975, RCGA moved its headquarters to Glen Abbey and established a golf museum and The Canadian Golf Hall of Fame on the property. The following year McIsaac and the RCGA hired golf great Jack Nicklaus to design a new golf course, and in 1977 Glen Abbey hosted its first Canadian Open.

The RCGA purchased Glen Abbey in the early 80s and sold it to its current owner, Clublink in 1999 where the golf course, museum, headquarters and Hall of Fame operate to this day. RayDor Manor continues to grace the property as do other structures of historical significance. Glen Abbey remains an important landmark to this day, not only to golf enthusiasts, but to all of us who appreciate our rich past.
3D Printing and more at Glen Abbey Library

Oakville Public Library’s Glen Abbey Branch continues to grow as one of west Oakville’s most popular community hubs. Over the past several months, technology offerings at the Glen Abbey Branch have expanded with the introduction of innovative programs such as 3D printing certification courses. A 3D printer is now available for public use at the branch; community members may design and then print their unique creations once they have completed the free, staff-facilitated certification course.

The library continuously strives to provide opportunities to inspire residents to grow their skills and knowledge through our programs, collections and services. To accommodate creativity, collaboration and continuous learning, further developments are in store for the Glen Abbey Branch such as self-directed activities like colouring and crocheting. Within the future capital forecast, a full MakerSpace where customers can interact with the latest technologies will be launched at the Glen Abbey Branch.

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Let’sTalkOakville - Volume Ten • Issue 1 • Spring 2016
There are always a lot of interesting things going on in Ward 5 and we are continually amazed by how creative the people and businesses in Oakville are and how everybody handles the booming growth of our community in different ways.

Take Oakville Transit, for example. As anyone who has driven along Dundas Street knows, there’s been a massive blossoming of neighbourhoods in the north of Oakville and, predictably, that poses some issues for Oakville Transit: we still don’t have a lot of data on transportation needs for the area, and yet there are undoubtedly a lot of people who want or need public transit. To solve the issue, Oakville Transit is currently offering a “Home to Hub” service that lets you book transportation that will pick you up at your home and take you to the Uptown Core terminal for transfer to another bus.

The Halton District Catholic School Board is responding to growth in North Oakville by building a new elementary school in the Preserve neighbourhood. The K-to-8 school will be able to hold a total of 671 children when it opens next fall and will significantly ease crowding at other schools that are currently home base for Catholic students in the area.

Oakville resident Heather Govender is dealing with the challenging growth of waste by living waste free this year. Heather is program co-ordinator for Halton Green Screens, an eco-film series that is organized by a group of local environmentalists to promote environmental awareness and projects. We tip our hat to Heather because it can’t be easy to find creative ways to limit or eliminate the creation of waste in our society.

The town’s web presence has been dramatically modified to provide more convenience and better accessibility for residents.

And, finally, speaking of expansion, did you know that Oakville Place has a substantial renovation on the go? The $30 million redevelopment will see the inclusion of a large Pusateri’s grocery store at the mall plus the addition of many new retailers. That’s a strong investment in Oakville’s future and it speaks to the confidence with which investors look at the Oakville opportunity. We live in a fine community and we’re proud to be a part of it.

If you have questions, comments or concerns about any municipal concerns in Ward 5 please contact either one of us. We’ll do our best to assist you.

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Town online services

Residents may have noticed that there are some new ways to interact with the Town of Oakville online, and more innovations are on the way.

The town conducted an online services review in 2013 which resulted in a strategy to guide the creation of responsive content while enhancing community accessibility and engagement. A citizen’s survey last year showed that 74 per cent of Oakville residents visit the town website searching for information, up 10 per cent from 2013; other surveys show that more than one-third of visitors access the website from a mobile device or tablet. With this valuable feedback, the town has been working on several initiatives to enhance online services and web content that is accessible and user friendly for residents. Here are some of the highlights:

**TownTV - YouTube**

When TownTV was developed in 2004, it was a state-of-the-art platform for watching council meetings live, but since that time technology has advanced and now many devices, such as iPads, can’t access the programming. The town is responding by shifting the program over to YouTube.

**Open data**

The town launched a 12-month Open Data Pilot Project in May of 2014 and now offers a catalogue of more than 50 datasets in machine-readable, re-usable digital formats — all available for free through the town’s website. The raw data files include information on heritage properties, zoning, coyote sightings, election results, budget reports, recreational drop-in program schedules and energy consumption values at town facilities. The town took part in Public Sector Digest’s Open Cities Index 2015, the first comprehensive national study of its kind aimed at benchmarking municipal open data initiatives. Oakville ranked ninth on the list for our work to support open and transparent government.

**Oakville mobile app**

The town released a new mobile app last fall that makes it easier for residents to access key town information and services from their mobile devices. Users can connect with the Mayor and Members of Council, find the closest parks, town facilities and cycle ways and trails, and easily access cultural and recreational drop-in programs through Active Oakville. The new app is available for iPhone and iPad devices from the App Store and for Android devices from Google Play.

**Active Oakville web app**

Active Oakville is a responsive online tool that makes it easier for you to find the most convenient time and place to get active. Users can search for weekly drop-in art, sports, preschool, fitness, swimming and skating programs at town facilities. Look for youth programs later this year. Bookmark it, add it to your home screen or launch it from the Oakville app for easy access.

**FindOakville web app**

FindOakville is the town’s new interactive mapping tool that helps business owners find real estate opportunities by providing information on available commercial and industrial buildings, as well as vacant employment land. Users can find information on zoning, look up active developments, find property boundaries and the most up-to-date active commercial real estate listings provided by the Oakville Milton District Real Estate Board.

**Parking online services**

Residents can now request temporary on-street parking permits and sign in to look up their ticket history, pay a parking ticket or dispute one, among other options. See page 4 for more about the town’s online services.

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**Community Open House with Toronto Pearson**

Join Councillor Jeff Knoll and members of the Toronto Pearson team to chat one-on-one about the airport’s role in the region and its daily operations. Learn how Toronto Pearson works together with airport partners to mitigate impacts of operations, and the work underway to build connections with neighbourhoods surrounding the airport.

**Date:** April 7, 2016  
**Time:** 7 to 9 p.m.  
**Location:** Oakville Town Hall
Heather Govender: living waste free for a year

Last October, Oakville resident Heather Govender took on the challenge of living waste free for a year, and although she says she found the initial transition a bit challenging, she says it now just feels like a normal routine and the, “right thing to do.”

Living waste free means that Ms. Govender will not produce any landfill waste – including packaging on food products, takeout containers from restaurants, or any of the many paper or plastic items in place settings at restaurants. She even went one step further and decided not to buy any “stuff,” even from secondhand stores.

How does Govender tackle eating out a restaurant?
“I usually try to have at least two reusable containers with me so there’s one for compost and one for leftovers,” she says.

While she notes that Halloween was a bit challenging, she problem-solves continuously. At Christmas, for example, she gave handmade gifts to family and friends. And, now that she is pregnant, she notes that she has to work extra hard to find creative ways to keep from generating any waste. Her baby is due on April 22 – Earth Day!

“The easiest way to get a lot of the foods I’ve been craving is to buy food that is packaged, so there are a lot of vegan specialty foods that are off limits,” she says.

As a part of Govender’s job as program coordinator of Halton Green Screens, she visited eight elementary schools last year to raise awareness around caring for the environment. This year she plans to visit 18 schools, some of which will involve student participation in the #HaltonWasteChallenge.

“When I used to throw out a straw I thought it didn’t take much space in the landfill so it didn’t really matter. But I’ve since found out that every day in Canada we throw out enough straws to fill about 13 school buses. So even though it’s a tiny little thing, it adds up,” she noted.

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“And remember that we’re not separate from the environment, we’re part of the environment,” she says.

Govender will complete her year-long waste-free challenge in October. You can follow her progress through her blog at haltongreenscreens.ca/blog.

Home to Hub

New communities of North Oakville are now being developed as part of Phase Two of the North Oakville East Secondary Plan, and residents are moving into new neighbourhoods that don’t have established public transportation routes just yet. Oakville Transit has developed an innovative solution to the transit needs of new residents that is economical, easy to access and incredibly convenient.

Home to Hub is a new on-request transit service that serves the area north of Dundas Street between Neyagawa Boulevard and Sixth Line. It will pick transit users up at the end of their driveways and drop them off at the Uptown Core terminal where they can connect with transit routes 1, 5, 19, 20 and 24. It is a shared service that uses smaller capacity buses and it’s available Monday to Friday from 6 to 8:30 a.m. and from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

This is a program that was developed to support the growth of Oakville as it expands, and after conventional fixed route transit services are implemented in a neighbourhood, Home to Hub will move to the next developing area. The pattern of demand will ultimately provide Oakville Transit with information that can be used to plan official transit routes.

The service must be booked in advance, however: service users must book between two and 10 days before a ride is required. Flexibility is a key part of the program: residents can provide a weekly schedule to Home to Hub; drivers will execute return trips, pick residents up at different times each day or only pick up on certain days of the week.

You can book Home to Hub by calling 905-815-2020 or email trip details to transit@oakville.ca.

Additional information about booking the service is also available on the Home to Hub webpage at oakvilletransit.ca.
Opening of the new Catholic School in the Preserve

Residents who have recently moved to North Oakville’s new neighbourhood, the Preserve, will be happy to hear that a new Catholic Elementary School is ambitiously scheduled to open in the Fall of 2016.

The official Blessing and Groundbreaking Ceremony for the North Oakville Preserve Catholic Elementary School, located north of Dundas Street and west of Sixth Line, took place in January.

His Excellency Daniel Miehm, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton officiated at the blessing, and Reverend Father John Van Hees, Dean of Halton and Pastor of Mary Mother of God Parish, led the opening prayer. Rob Burton, Mayor of Oakville and Indira Naidoo-Harris, MPP for Halton were also in attendance.

The North Oakville Preserve Catholic Elementary School is designed to accommodate an academic program for 671 students and has a Ministry School Capital allocation of approximately $13.4 million. To expedite the construction process and ensure the school can open its doors in September, the Elementary School is modeled after the original design of St. Benedict Catholic Elementary School in Milton. It will be a two-storey, 70,000 square feet building, including a Child Care Centre with room for 88 children that will be attached to the main building.

For more information about the new school, please visit the Ground Breaking Ceremony page under News, at hcdsb.org.

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Star Oak Developments Inc. SUB 241-1302/1215 | North of Buminghamthorpe Road West, East of Sixth Line - Part of Lots 14 & 15, Con 2 NDS | Zoning by-law and draft plan of subdivision to permit 126 single detached and 91 townhouse units, and approximate 34.5 hectares of Employment Lands supported by a private driveway, village square and storm water facility blocks | Public Meeting held on January 13, 2014 | Geoff Abma geoff.abma@oakville.ca 905.845.6601 x3034
Biddington Homes 21413.29 | Glenelston Drive and Trafalgar Road | Zoning by law amendment to permit 32 stacked townhouses | Appealed to the OMB – next prehearing set for March 2016 | Leigh Musson leigh.musson@oakville.ca 905.845.6601 x3371
2457668 Ontario Inc. and 2457667 Ontario Inc. | 3060 and 3072 Sixth Line | Zoning by law amendment to permit stacked townhouses | In circulation | Geoff Abma geoff.abma@oakville.ca 905.845.6601 x3371
Dear Residents,

The strategic plans for Halton Region and the Town of Oakville focus on important issues including planning healthy and complete communities, protecting and enhancing our natural environment, building and renewing our infrastructure and fiscal sustainability.

**Controlling growth and planning complete communities**

We are continuing our efforts to control urban growth and protect our stable residential neighbourhoods. Halton Region and the Town of Oakville are undertaking reviews of their official plans to manage the impacts of growth to 2041. The current plans only deal with the growth of Halton until 2031. The Province of Ontario is requiring GTA communities to determine how to provide housing and employment space for more growth in the population. We will make planning of complete communities with proper infrastructure and preservation of greenspace a focus for the review.

**Protecting nature**

Green space is part of what makes Oakville and Halton such a great place to live. This term of council will continue to protect our green space, improve waste diversion rates to extend the lifespan of the waste management site and mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

**Building and renewing infrastructure**

Strong, resilient and well maintained infrastructure is important to the success of our community. This term of council is focusing on building and maintaining our transportation systems and community facilities.

We are building new transportation infrastructure to ease commutes. Improvements to the regional arterial roads (Trafalgar Road, Dundas Street and Ninth Line) and local transit are focused on improving commutes and travel needs in the community. All of the transportation and infrastructure plans follow the premise that developers should cover the costs of infrastructure for new development instead of existing residents.

**Fiscal sustainability**

The total property tax increase in Oakville for 2016 is 1.66 per cent. This is below January’s 2.1 per cent local rate of inflation and the tax increases of neighbouring communities. Council also directed staff to prepare budgets for 2017-18 with total property tax increases in line with the rate of inflation. We recognize our duty to limit operating costs while preserving infrastructure and core services. Unlike almost all other municipalities, our community is matching funding for infrastructure renewal with the level of asset depreciation. You have our commitment to keep Oakville in a strong financial position.

We look forward to discussing any concerns or ideas that you have. We’re only a phone call away!

Best regards,

Tom Adams and Natalia Lishchyna
Get moving and be active at your town facilities

The New Year often ushers in resolutions to get active and stay fit. Why not keep those New Year resolutions this spring by using the town’s facilities to get moving. The Iroquois Ridge Community Centre (IRCC) and Joshua Creek Arena have a number of programs and services available to help you get and stay active. Both facilities have also recently undergone a number of enhancements and upgrades to better serve the community.

The fitness change rooms at IRCC now feature additional privacy change cubicles, new flooring, tile, lockers, sinks, toilets, vanities and mirrors, as well as an improved layout to offer users more space. Joshua’s Creek Arena installed sliding glass doors outside of both rinks to offer patrons with accessibility needs and/or carrying bulky hockey equipment easier access into the arena. Arena users are also greeted with a spotless new floor since the rubber floor around the arena and in dressing rooms was also replaced.

Visit the Iroquois Ridge Community Centre and Joshua Creek Arena web pages at oakville.ca for more information about programs and services offered at these town facilities.

2016 Budget controls taxes and improves infrastructure

Council approved the 2016 budget in December, after receiving public feedback and input along the way. The approved $371 million combined operating and capital budget maintains current programs and services such as winter road maintenance, parks and trails, harbours, transit and other various services while building and renewing needed infrastructure. The total overall property tax increase for 2016 is 1.66 per cent which is in line with inflation. Oakville has become one of the best municipalities at keeping its tax increase low. Many other municipalities have increases that are significantly higher than Oakville’s overall increase.

The Capital Budget and 2016-2025 Capital Budget and Forecast sees $99.4 million of funding in 2016 and just over $1 billion for capital requirements over the next 10 years with a focus on transportation, infrastructure renewal and other elements related to growth. Nearly half of the Oakville portion of the tax increase is related to infrastructure maintenance and repair.

The key capital projects in the 2016 budget include:
- Road Resurfacing and Preservation Program - $7.8 M
- Cornwall Road Widening Chartwell to Morrison - $7.3 M
- Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital Demolition - $4.2 M
- Emerald Ash Borer Management Program - $3.7 M
- Bridge Road Improvements between Warminster and Fourth Line - $3 M
- Sixteen Mile Creek West Shore Landscape Rehabilitation - $2 M
- Speers Road widening from the GO Station west of Third Line to Fourth Line - $2 M

Oakville’s annual budget continues to keep taxes in line with inflation, debt under control and infrastructure in good working order while providing programs and services residents want — this is a key priority for Council. We have been able to deliver on this intent year after year and will continue to do so for many years to come.

Visit oakville.ca for more information on the 2016 Budget and budget process.
Preserving green space north of Dundas

A lot of development activity has started north of Dundas. Minto (Dundas Trafalgar Inc.) has recently received approval to start earth works. This spring, Minto is likely to receive pre-servicing approval from the town and region which will allow for the construction of water and wastewater systems. These lands will be developed in line with the approved draft plan of subdivision which includes the preservation of creeks and woodlands that are a part of the Natural Heritage System.

Environmental preservation is a major focus for the development north of Dundas. As Oakville continues to develop north of Dundas Street, it will remain important to maintain and protect our livable community. Residents of these new communities will have access to the same types of natural amenities that our town is so well known for including green space, parks and trails.

One of the fundamental planning principles of the North Oakville East Secondary Plan is to protect green space in the Natural Heritage System. All development applications are required to protect natural lands contained within the Secondary Plan.

Traffic calming initiatives

Traffic calming continues to be a priority for the town. In October, residents were invited to provide their input through the Traffic Calming and Speed Limit Survey. This survey asked respondents to assist the town in reviewing the current methods of traffic calming and current speed limits on all town roads. Regional Roads such as Dundas Street, Trafalgar Road and Upper Middle Road were excluded from the survey as they fall under the jurisdiction of Halton Region.

The Survey focused on two areas – traffic calming and speed limits. Survey respondents provided their input on alternative traffic calming measures that the town could implement such as speed bumps and chicanes, as well as how they perceived traffic in their neighbourhood. Survey respondents also provided feedback on speed limits in their neighbourhood and around town.

The town received over 800 completed surveys from across the entire community. Each ward was well represented. Survey results will help town staff report to Council on technical aspects of traffic calming measures as well as resident’s feelings about implemented measures (such as radar signs) and speed limits. Results will be presented to Council in late spring and help form the basis for a new Traffic Calming Policy, the implementation of traffic calming measures in town and help identify those locations in the community that will be focused on first as a part of the 2016/17 traffic calming plan.

Visit the Speeding and Traffic Calming web page at oakville.ca for more information.
Road construction update

**Ninth Line:** The widening of Ninth Line including the Upper Middle Road section has been completed. It has been urbanized with concrete curb and gutter, street lights, on-street bicycle lanes and off-road sidewalk and multi-use pathway, all of which are in use and operational. A separate tree planting and landscape project is planned for this spring.

**Dundas Street:** Dundas Street between Highway 403 and Oak Park Boulevard has opened to six-lanes. Tree planting and landscaping is planned for the summer/fall of this year.

**Trafalgar Road:** The Ministry of Transportation repairs and enhancements to the Trafalgar Road overpass at Iroquois Shore Road were suspended for winter and will resume this spring. All six lanes will be re-opened until stage two of construction commences in late April. The widening of Trafalgar Road between Iroquois Shore Road/Leighland Avenue and the 407 is tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring of 2017 starting with the southerly section north of Iroquois Shore Road.

**North Service Road extension to Ford Drive:** This project was substantially completed in December and provides a more direct route into and out of the QEW employment lands. The project included a modified QEW off-ramp to align with the new North Service Road intersection, improvements along Ford Drive north and south of the new intersection as well as construction of a new bridge structure at Joshua's Creek. There are currently lane closures to facilitate the installation of a storm sewer. The final layer of top asphalt and sodding will be completed this spring.

Road surface improvements in ward 6

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**APPLICATION FILE NUMBER**

| Winston Park West Employment Lands | 241-112001/1405 | Proposed draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment to permit employment business park | Public Meeting held on January 16, 2012. Revised plan submitted and under review. | Heinz Hecht | 905-845-6601, ext. 3311, heinz.hecht@oakville.ca |
| Bresa Developments Ltd (Matsyway) | 241-12003/1307 | Proposed draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment to create 532 unit plan of subdivision | Public Meeting held | Leigh Musson | 905 – 845-6601, ext. 3371, leigh.musson@oakville.ca |
| Duncan Developments Inc. (Matsyway) | 241-12003/1309 | Proposed draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment to create 990 unit plan of subdivision | Public Meeting held | Leigh Musson | 905 – 845-6601, ext. 3371, leigh.musson@oakville.ca |
| Dundas Trafalgar Inc. | 2.1312.06, 241-12013 | Proposed draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment to create 1,169 unit plan of subdivision | OMB approved – draft plan of sub and ZBA | Tricia Collingwood | 905-845-6601 ext. 3833, tricia.collingwood@oakville.ca |
| Shelby Developments Inc. | 2.1311.03, 241-14202 | Proposed draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment to create 520 unit plan of subdivision, with park and school blocks | Draft approved – Dec 8, 2014 | Tricia Collingwood | 905-845-6601 ext. 3833, tricia.collingwood@oakville.ca |
Oakville continues to make major strides in our vision to become the most livable town.

Under the direction of Council, the Town of Oakville is continually challenging the status quo by controlling growth to just what fits economically and environmentally. As a Council, we continue to make great progress on the issues you’ve told us matter most such as financial stability and strength, engaged and active living, saving green space and protecting and growing our tree canopy.

Financially, our efforts have paid off. Our financial health is the best in Ontario! In 2015, the leading municipal finance expert ranked Oakville at the top of the list when measuring municipal fiscal health. We are 32 per cent stronger than the second place city. Our financial strength is critical to our town’s livability — it protects our position to meet the financial and service needs of our community now and in the future.

As we look forward, we will continue to add community facilities in town. We will build three new community centres for the areas around Kerr Street, the old hospital and North Park in the coming few years.

We will save green space and plant trees to reach our 40 per cent urban forest canopy goal. We will protect and grow the Natural Heritage System and the Greenbelt that surrounds Oakville.

We will maintain and renew town infrastructure. We will revitalize Oakville’s downtown to enhance the town’s economy and rebuild our streetscape to help ease congestion.

Oakville will continue to provide top quality services and programming that satisfies the needs of our residents, businesses and employees. We are creating a cleaner, greener, more livable town with lower rates of growth in population and taxes. Our steady focus on increasing efficiency, value and livability will keep paying off for many future generations.

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Creating canada’s most livable town

Building community facilities for all

Plans are underway for the development of three new community centres for the areas around Kerr Street, the hospital lands and North Park.

• Council recently approved moving forward with the first phase of design and construction redevelopment plans for the Oakville Arena. Construction on the arena is expected to start in early 2017.

• Plans for the former hospital lands include a new community centre for 2020. The town held an open house in November where residents learned about how the town would secure the site, conduct various studies before demolition and the public consultation sessions that will take place to reinvent the site for a new community centre, park and future housing facing the site. The Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) brought forward the concept of adding a community health hub to the lands but still has not provided any details.

• Upgrades coming to North Park include a new 70,000 foot community centre. A 2025 timeline exists for launching this phase of the North Park project.

Oakville’s world-class facilities and programs and services continue to be a key part of what makes Oakville so livable. For more information, visit oakville.ca.
Community benefits through height and density bonusing - Section 37 of the Planning Act

Council has a mission statement in the 2015-18 Strategic Plan to create and preserve Canada’s most livable community that enhances the natural, cultural, social and economic environments. We achieve this by continuously improving programs and services that are both accessible and environmentally and fiscally sustainable.

Key components for achieving this mission are the town’s Official Plan and Comprehensive Zoning By-law. These documents are established under the province’s Planning Act and set out Council’s policies and regulations for how land should be used and how growth should be managed.

The Planning Act provides other tools for achieving Council’s vision to guide the community. One of these tools is called “bonusing” and is a process that allows municipalities to secure public benefits in exchange for permitting additional height and density in a development during re-zoning applications.

The town’s Official Plan contains policies that enable bonusing along with a general statement identifying public benefits to be gained. The policies also provide guidance for where bonusing is permitted, where the benefit should be provided, supplementary planning studies required, additional development standards, and for the execution of bonusing agreements. The town also has a bonusing procedure that ensures that bonusing is conducted transparently for the public and that it is applied fairly and consistently.

The figure below shows how bonusing might look in a main street situation. The top image shows the as-of-right policy with a planned maximum building height of four storeys without bonusing. The second part of the image shows an additional two storeys in height that may be considered in exchange for identified public benefits. The Official Plan limits where bonusing may be used. If approved by Council, the public benefits would be provided within the same area as the new development to meet an identified need (e.g., public parking or community facilities). The public benefits cannot be transferred to another part of town.

Bonusing cannot be a substitute for good planning. Conformity to all other policies in the Official Plan would need to be achieved in order to consider the additional height. Remember, it is your Council that makes decisions about zoning. For more information, please visit oakville.ca.

**BONUSING IN A MAIN STREET SITUATION**

**POLICIES**

Planned maximum heights without bonusing

Additional height permitted in exchange for additional public benefits such as:

- Transit
- Public parking
- Affordable housing
- Community Facilities
- Public art

Conformity to all other Official Plan policies must be achieved.
Mayor Rob Burton was re-elected chair of the Halton Regional Police Services Board, for the third term, in January 2016. Under his continued leadership, Halton continues to be identified as the safest region in Canada. This will be the eighth consecutive year that Halton has been recognized as number one in safety.

The Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) protects the safety and well-being of more than 550,000 residents in the Halton Region which includes the Town of Oakville. HRPS provides the best and most affordable policing service. When compared to other similar sized municipalities, Halton continues to have the lowest ratios for violent crime, crime severity index, cost per capita ratio, and officer and staff to population.

Achieving these ratios is possible through the exemplary service HRPS provides to our community in delivering community safety initiatives and the support received from the residents.

Recently, Halton Region approved HRPS’ finances for the year. This year’s financial focus continues to deliver on the initiatives included in the HRPS’ 2014-16 Business Plan. The budget included facility infrastructure as the construction of the new Police Headquarters moves forward, a continued focus on front-line delivery and support, and the redeployment of members to respond to emerging trends such as cybercrimes and societal issues. Of the overall 1.66 property tax increase, the town accounted for 0.96 per cent, the region at 0.44 per cent and the police at 0.26 per cent. HRPS continues to efficiently use its allocated resources to provide excellent service to the community.

HRPS will continue on its path of exemplary leadership in the field of community safety and policing excellence. The 2017-2019 HRPS’ Business Plan is currently being developed — stay tuned for public consultation opportunities to provide your input.

The Strategy for a Safer Ontario plan, the Province’s new blueprint for safer, stronger communities, will focus on developing community-based plans, for policing in the province. Through public consultation and an online survey, the Province will ensure that the Police Services Act is kept current as the nature of the policing and role of police officers changes to accommodate emerging issues. Residents are encouraged to complete the online survey before April 8, 2016 at ontario.ca.

For more information on the Halton Regional Police Service please visit haltonpolice.ca.

Oakville celebrates Canada’s 150th Anniversary

Oakville is planning a host of activities to celebrate Canada’s 150th Anniversary in 2017. Our town’s Canada 150 project - What it means to be Canadian in Oakville today – will provide residents, cultural groups, local organizations and businesses with an opportunity to participate, collaborate and commemorate Canada.

The federal government has created a Canada 150 Fund to support community celebrations such as the ones the town has planned. If granted, this federal funding will contribute to many of the Canada 150th activities in town including a series of historical exhibits, support for 150 new and existing community events and a unique interactive cultural performance project. Residents will be encouraged to contribute oral stories, personal items, and pictures as well as attend celebrations throughout the community for the entire year.

Oakville residents recently had the opportunity to commemorate Canada’s anniversary through the Canada 150 Mosaic Mural Project. Residents were invited to paint a tile which would become one piece of Oakville’s community mural celebrating the history and culture of Canada. Oakville’s community mural is currently on display until April in the main gallery at the Queen Elizabeth Community Cultural Centre. Oakville’s community mural will become a piece of a much bigger story when it’s virtually connected to the larger railway themed mural mosaic that connects the country from coast to coast.

For more details visit the Canada’s 150 page at oakville.ca.
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