PHOTO CONTEST UPDATE

Congratulations to Yacoub Husseini, the winner of the first Let’s Talk Oakville cover photo contest! Yacoub, a Ward 5 resident, beautifully captured downtown Oakville’s pier near Lakeside Park which is a popular summertime destination for residents and visitors alike.

The runner-up is Raj Vemulapalli, a Ward 1 resident, with his photo of the colourful foliage in Coronation Park in the summer. His photo is on page 11.

Town Council thanks everyone who participated in the contest. Many excellent photos were submitted and it was difficult to choose a winner. To see some of the entries visit oakville.ca/townnewsletter.htm.

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MAYORS BURTON, McCALLION AND TRAINER SUPPORT POWER PLANT FOR HALDIMAND

In May, Mayor Rob Burton, Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion and Haldimand County Mayor Marie Trainer together wrote the Honourable Brad Duguid, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, endorsing a proposed state-of-the-art natural gas power plant in Haldimand County. The proposed facility is cleaner and safer than the power plant proposed for Oakville, and would help Haldimand compensate for the job losses they would suffer from closing the coal-fired Nanticoke Generating Station.

LET’S TALK...

Welcome to the final issue of Let’s Talk Oakville, Council’s town-wide newsletter, for this term of Council. We hope you’ve enjoyed the information and stories about the great events, programs, and services in our community.

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

Enjoy a fun and safe summer!

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MORE ONLINE

Go to oakville.ca for everything you need to know about the Town of Oakville. Visit 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 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 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 copy us when you call or write to staff. Your Mayor and Councillors always welcome direct contact.
The winner of the Name the Quad Pad Arena contest was chosen this past spring and the 196,000 square-foot recreation facility now has a fitting name: Sixteen Mile Sports Complex. Oakville resident David Nolan’s name suggestion was picked from over 350 entries as the most appropriate for the state-of-the-art complex.

“The name Sixteen Mile Sports Complex really reflects both the natural and historical features of the area,” said Mayor Burton. “Council heard from residents that we needed more facilities. This arena represents our dedication to addressing that need. It will benefit many groups across town and will be a great addition to our community.”

The arena, which will open this September, will feature a 1,500 seat Olympic-sized ice surface, three NHL-sized ice pads, three multi-purpose community rooms, and two lit soccer fields. The new arena will be part of Oakville’s 79-hectare sports park, currently known as North Park.

The town will be hosting a weekend-long celebration to officially open Sixteen Mile Sports Complex on September 18 and 19. Watch for event details at oakville.ca so you can join in the festivities.

For more information, visit oakville.ca/northpark.htm.

NEWLY NAMED SIXTEEN MILE SPORTS COMPLEX
ON TRACK TO OPEN IN SEPTEMBER

This year, the average Oakville homeowner will pay $4,700 in property taxes. Of that, the town will collect $1,700 and put it toward repairing more roads, running more sports fields and keeping our community safer. From 2007 to 2010, budgeted operating expenses increased by 24 per cent compared to an increase of 38 per cent from 2003 to 2006.

In 2007, this Council committed to a shift to performance-based, program-based budgeting (PB2) to improve value and outcomes. Efficiencies have been found in each year of its progressive implementation. The Town of Oakville is committed to delivering value for every dollar spent, and by the end of 2010, PB2 will be fully implemented. Oakville will be a leader in municipal budgeting and will measure value delivered to evaluate programs and services.

Over the last three-and-a-half years, Council has worked toward improving our roads and transportation network, providing more parks and sports fields, and building new facilities. This Council has acquired or initiated the building of over 775,000 square feet of new facilities. By the time QE Park Community Centre opens in 2012, the total square footage of town facilities will have increased by over 60 per cent.

Capital investments like these are funded mostly by non-tax revenues, such as development charges. Ninety-two per cent of the expected costs of the projects listed below are supported from sources other than property taxes.

Council remains committed to investing in the resources our community will need in the future and providing value for all spending.

INCREASES TO BUDGETED OPERATING EXPENSES

NEW TOWN FACILITIES
ACQUIRED, BUILT OR INITIATED 2007–2010

- Joshua’s Creek Arenas (open spring 2006)
- Oakville Transit centre to support grid routes (opening spring 2011)
- Pine Glen indoor soccer facility (open winter 2009)
- Sixteen Mile Sports Complex (opening fall 2010)
- QE Park Community Centre (opening winter 2012)

See back page for a complete list of accomplishments.
COUNCIL ACHIEVES KEY GOALS

Welcome to summer! I don’t think that there is anywhere better to be in the summer than Bronte. The boardwalk and harbour are a hive of activity, while the many stores and restaurants offer countless opportunities to spend an enjoyable day.

As we enjoy our wonderful location, I encourage you to check out the back page of this newsletter. This term of Council has achieved a great deal, from the catch-up of much-needed infrastructure to the protection of stable neighbourhoods and the removal of the cost of growth off the backs of taxpayers. And we have also planned for the future.

We have moved forward in a collaborative way to make Oakville the most livable town in Canada. For example, in April and May we held a series of cultural forums about the town’s cultural plan. I hope that many Ward 1 residents shared their thoughts.

You may also be wondering about the rehabilitation of Bronte Athletic Park. It will be completed by the end of July. Thanks to matching funds from the federal and provincial governments as well as the town, we will install all-weather turf that will enable greater use due to improved drainage and field conditions.

On the regional government front, Council supports the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative’s Pharmaceuticals and Personal Care Products (PPCPs) Framework. This multi-pronged effort aims to keep PPCPs out of our waterways.

I hope that you enjoy your summer and, as always, please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with me. I always welcome and appreciate your input.

WORKING HARD FOR WARD 1

As we wrap up this term of Council, I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve as Ward 1’s Town Councillor. It has always been my pleasure to respond to your needs and to accept the challenge of making decisions in your best interests and on your behalf.

We have accomplished so much during this term of Council, including the decision to contribute financially to the new Oakville hospital; the Livable Oakville Plan with the revised Bronte visioning and planning standards; the recommendations to revise environmental requirements including natural trail standards; and the creation of South Shell Waterfront Park and the Bronte Commercial Fishermen’s Memorial. Oakville was also the first municipality in Ontario to adopt a health protection air quality by-law to protect the health of residents from the negative effects of fine particulate matter. There is certainly a lot to be proud of!

I look forward to the grand opening of the arena at the Sixteen Mile Sports Complex in September 2010 and several valuable additions to Ward 1 in 2012 including the renovated Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre, the revamped Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park, and, hopefully, a new library.

Currently, we are working on a renewed Harbours Financial Strategic Business Plan. As well, discussions have begun about the need for improved transportation for seniors, additional grants for the Bronte Village Business Improvement Area, and ways to expand Oakville’s thriving heritage and culture assets.

Thank you for your ongoing feedback and support. As usual, call or email me anytime. Have a great summer!
The Bronte Harbour is a popular attraction for local residents and visitors year-round. Summer, fall, and winter days in the harbour area are filled with activities.

The Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park (located between East Street and Bronte Road, south of Ontario Street) is now home to pavers, benches, and trees that were generously donated by the former Bronte Butterfly Foundation (BBF). The beautifully landscaped Bronte Donor Recognition Garden is a tribute to the individuals and businesses who contributed to the project, which was assumed by the Town of Oakville. Later this summer, the next phase of the master plan for this area will be underway, focusing primarily on grading and drainage improvements to the west end of the park.

Visitors to the Bronte Beach Park (located on West River Street near Seneca Drive) will have a new place for picnics in the shade this summer when a gazebo is installed by the town.

Just west of the Bronte Beach Park, local history buffs can visit the home of one of Bronte’s founding fathers, Charles Sovereign. The historic Sovereign House and grounds (located at 7 West River Street) are open in the summer and operated by the Bronte Historical Society. For more information about summer visiting hours, exhibits, and events, call 905-825-5552 or visit brontehistoricalsoociety.ca.

The 45th Annual Art in the Park event on August 2 returns to the Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park from 10 a.m.–5 p.m., drawing more than 3,000 visitors and participants annually from across Canada and around the world. Original work from over 150 artists will be on display. Admission is $3. For more information call 905-827-5711 or visit oakvilleartsociety.com.

The Harbour Days Music Festival and Tall Ship Empire Sandy Sailings from Bronte Harbour take place on August 13, 14, and 15. This three-day festival offers great entertainment, tasty food, and lots of activities on both land and water, including a concert and fireworks display just off the Bronte pier. The tall ship Empire Sandy sails into Bronte Harbour during the festival. For more information call 905-825-3258 or visit brontevillage.net.

The Bronte AutumnFest and Giant Sidewalk Sale happens on September 25 from 11 a.m.–6 p.m. in Bronte Village. Enjoy the crisp autumn air and the colours of fall during this free fall celebration. Lakeshore Road will be closed, turning the whole village into a great venue with entertainment, dancing, shopping, and fun for all ages!

The annual Christmas in the Village and Tree Lighting event on November 27 from 11 a.m.–6 p.m. wraps up the year in style. Enjoy Christmas carols with the Tempus Choral Society, a visit by Santa and Mrs. Claus, delicious food, and fabulous shopping. All activities take place in Centriller Square, located at 2416 Lakeshore Road West across from the Bronte Village Mall.

BRONTE NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

BRONTE YOUTH CENTRE SUMMER HOURS

The Bronte Youth Centre (BYC) will adopt summer hours from the last week of June until the first week of September. Located at 2296 Lakeshore Road West in the Bronte Plaza (beside Domino’s Pizza), the BYC will be open Tuesdays to Saturdays from 2 to 10 p.m. The BYC is operated by the Town of Oakville and offers a safe and positive environment for youth between the ages of 13 and 19 years. For more information, drop by the centre or contact Kim Lavecchia, recreation assistant, at 905-582-3592 or klavecchia@oakville.ca, or visit the BYC’s Facebook page.
LAKESHORE ROAD WORK IN JULY

Phase two of the reconstruction and widening of Lakeshore Road in Ward 1 will begin in July 2010.

The stretch of Lakeshore Road between Great Lakes Boulevard and Mississaga Street will be widened to include a centre turn lane and bicycle lanes. Other upgrades include decorative medians, updated light-emitting diode (LED) lighting (a pilot project for this type of lighting that requires less maintenance and energy), the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Chalmers Street and Shore Gardens, and the replacement of sidewalk. A new section of sidewalk will also be added on the south side of Lakeshore Road between Great Lakes Boulevard and Shelburne Place. In addition, Oakville Hydro will replace the existing hydro poles on the south side of Lakeshore Road. For more information call Kerry Davren, project leader, at 905-845-6601, ext. 3357 or visit oakville.ca/roadupdates.htm.

TERRY FOX RUN CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

It only takes one person to make a difference. Terry Fox made that difference. Every September 19, we remember why.

Oakville’s annual Terry Fox Run takes place on September 19 in Coronation Park (Lakeshore Road West near Third Line), 30 years after Fox began his Marathon of Hope for cancer research. Oakville residents are encouraged to show their support by running, walking, cycling, or rollerblading in the event that takes place from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

At the age of 18, Fox had his right leg amputated above the knee due to osteogenic sarcoma (bone cancer). While in the hospital, he was so overcome by the suffering of cancer patients, many of them young children, that he decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research.

Fox began his Marathon of Hope in St. John’s, Newfoundland in 1980 and, after 143 days and 5,373 kilometres, he was forced to stop running outside of Thunder Bay, Ontario because cancer had appeared in his lungs. He passed away at the age of 22 and was voted Canada’s greatest hero in a 1999 national survey. His legacy lives on today.

“When Terry ran through Oakville in 1980, resident Joan Gibb organized his welcome,” said Councillor Robinson, who has chaired the town’s Terry Fox Run Committee for the past 25 years and is organizing this year’s event with residents and businesses.

The 2010 event features a variety of family-friendly activities, including a breakfast organized by Kinsmen, music, food, and physiotherapy services for participants. Registration opens at 9 a.m. and the run begins at 10 a.m.

For more information contact Councillor Robinson at 905-827-7659 or Pam Damoff, committee vice-chair, at 905-827-6338 or visit terryfoxrun.org.

LEGISLATION SUPPORTS SAFE CYCLING

The laws pertaining to bicycles are found in the Highway Traffic Act and the Town of Oakville’s parks and traffic by-laws and are enforced by the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS).

Bronte Village Constable Jen Dewar recommends that people avoid fines by becoming familiar with the rules of the road for cyclists.

“We want everyone to enjoy this summer on their bicycles,” said Constable Dewar. “The laws and by-laws for cyclists help support a safe ride for everyone.”

For a safe ride, follow these five tips:

• Wear a helmet – Everyone cycling on roads and in parks in Oakville must wear a properly-fitted and fastened helmet or face a minimum $110 fine. Wearing a helmet has been shown to reduce serious head injuries by 85 per cent. Even a low-speed fall on a bicycle path can cause a serious head injury.

• Ride right – Cyclists must ride their bicycles on the right-hand side of the road with the flow of traffic. Only children under 11 years of age and their accompanying parents are permitted to ride their bikes on sidewalks.

• Go equipped – Bicycles must have a horn, gong, or bell, brakes, a white light on the front, and a red light on the rear if they’re used at night. If bikes are improperly equipped, cyclists may be fined a minimum of $110.

• Watch where you go – Cycling is not allowed on the town’s piers or wharves or on sidewalks in Bronte (Lakeshore Road from Bronte Creek to Bronte Athletic Park), Kerr Village (Speers Road to Lakeshore Road), or downtown Oakville (Sixteen Mile Creek to Allan Street), regardless of the age of the rider. Contravening cyclists may be fined a minimum of $110.

• Drive safely – Careless driving is just as dangerous on a bicycle as in a car. Everyone is responsible for ensuring the safety of the roadways by obeying traffic laws. Cyclists must stop at stop signs, red lights, and pedestrian crossovers. If asked to by the police, cyclists are required to stop and identify themselves.

For more information call Constable Dewar at 905-825-4747, ext. 2205.
WARD 1 DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Construction on Bronte Athletic Park, the town’s only multi-use sports field, is almost complete. The reconstruction has been funded by the federal and provincial governments as well as by the town. After consulting with local sports groups and the public, the town decided to replace the natural turf field with an artificial multi-purpose field that will accommodate football, soccer, and field hockey. The redevelopment also includes the replacement of bleachers, benches, and fencing. Construction began this spring and is expected to be finished by the end of July 2010.

Work on the Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre on Yolanda Drive continues and the pool and renovated centre are expected to open in January 2012. The town purchased the former Queen Elizabeth Park Secondary School site in May 2005. Following the recommendations made in the 2006 Parks, Recreation, Culture & Library Master Plan, Council asked staff to investigate the feasibility of retaining the building and redeveloping it into a community centre and arts and culture facility. The school’s swimming pool provided aquatic programs until September 2009 when demolition of the building began.

A range of stakeholders, including seniors, youth, arts groups, and the local community, have been consulted extensively throughout the design process so that the outcome is representative of the community. Recreation and Culture staff is currently developing an operating plan for the 144,000-square-foot facility.

MAKE YOUR MOVE TO NEW OUTDOOR GreenGym

The Town of Oakville’s Make Your Move physical activity initiative encourages Oakville residents to get active through sport and recreational activities. With the addition of new GreenGym outdoor fitness equipment in South Shell Waterfront Park (located on Lakeshore Road West near Great Lakes Boulevard), residents can enjoy free, open air fitness and healthy active living.

“In addition to encouraging residents to get fit and active, I can also see this becoming a community meeting point. Much like people meet at the gym, this is something along the Waterfront Trail where people can come together while improving their health and well-being,” said Nina de Vaal, director of the Recreation and Culture department.

Enjoy the scenic lakeview while using five user-friendly workout stations. The circuit includes a double butterfly, a quad leg press, a double air walker, a double swinger/knee raise/dip, and a tai chi spinner for shoulder flexibility. The GreenGym equipment is endorsed by ParticipACTION Canada and is geared to individuals aged 12 years and older, but younger children can use the equipment with adult supervision.

For more information visit oakville.ca/makeyourmove.htm. To share your thoughts about the new GreenGym equipment, contact Louise Veres, recreation supervisor, at 905-845-6601, ext. 3154 or makeyourmove@oakville.ca.

WASTE DIVERSION EXTENDS LANDFILL LIFE BY TWO YEARS

The Region of Halton’s waste collection program is thriving. Data collected from 2009 indicates that Halton’s landfill site has gained two years of capacity due to the success of the GreenCart program, which was implemented in 2008.

Other highlights of the region’s waste collection program include:

- The diversion of 60 per cent of residential waste from Halton’s landfill site. Prior to the new programs, only 40 per cent of waste was diverted and 60 per cent was landfilled.
- A decrease in residential curbside garbage by 9,119 tonnes, the equivalent of approximately 890 fewer garbage trucks visiting the landfill.
- The diversion of 24,787 tonnes of GreenCart materials, 46,590 tonnes of Blue Box recyclables, and 19,161 tonnes of yard waste.
- The expansion of the GreenCart program into many local and regional municipal facilities like administrative offices, libraries, and Emergency Medical Services stations.
- The expansion of the GreenCart program into 94 schools in Halton Region.

“I congratulate Halton Region staff for successfully implementing the GreenCart program,” said Regional and Town Councillor Alan Johnston. “But, above all, I congratulate residents for making this achievement possible.”

For more information call 311 or 905-825-6000 or visit halton.ca/waste.
COUNCIL INCREASES PROTECTION FROM IMPACTS OF DRIVE-THRU

Council has adopted mandatory new limits on how close new drive-thrus may locate to neighbourhoods as an additional degree of protection for Oakville’s stable, existing neighbourhoods. Operating drive-thrus permitted under previous rules will be able to continue their operations legally.

Until now, the town had been evaluating applications for new drive-thrus with a set of advisory urban design study guidelines that were adopted by Council in 2003. The guidelines’ intent were to ensure that drive-thru facilities were developed with minimal impact to adjacent areas, conducive to functional and safe traffic movement, and produced attractive overall streetscapes. However, the guidelines were not mandatory and provided no enforcement tools for the municipality.

The Planning and Development Council passed an interim control by-law in the fall of 2008 prohibiting drive-thru facilities. Council directed staff to use the time provided to undertake a drive-thru study and to prepare recommendations for any necessary zoning amendments.

Public consultation was a key part of the study. A primary concern raised in public meetings was the impact of drive-thru facilities on nearby residential neighbourhoods. Participants recognized the convenience of drive-thrus to the motoring public, but not all felt that it was appropriate to build or operate them within or adjacent to stable, existing residential areas because of their impact from traffic and activity levels, litter, and outdoor speakers.

After staff completed their study this spring, they reported that permitting drive-thru facilities in certain locations on major arterial roads would be an effective way of minimizing impacts and inconvenience to surrounding residential areas, while providing a convenient service to the local community as well as to travellers.

Prohibiting drive-thrus in the downtown and growth areas of Oakville will help to maintain and promote these areas as urban centres consistent with the Livable Oakville Official Plan. By restricting drive-thru development in stable, existing residential communities, drive-thrus will have to locate on major arterial roads where the maximum number of motorists can access them, assisting in the implementation of the Livable Oakville Plan.

A zoning by-law amendment was created with these points in mind and was adopted by Council in May.

Drive-thrus are also governed by the town’s Anti-Idling By-law (2002-153), which applies to patrons at drive-thru windows. Idling typically means the operation of a vehicle engine while the vehicle is not in motion.

As outlined in the by-law, no person shall cause or permit a vehicle to idle for more than five consecutive minutes. This by-law does not apply to emergency vehicles engaged in operational activities, transit vehicles with embarking or disembarking passengers, or armoured vehicles when they are being loaded and unloaded. It also does not apply to any vehicle when the ambient outside temperature is more than 27 degrees Celsius or less than 5 degrees Celsius and the idling is necessary to the operation of the air conditioning or heating equipment.
On April 21, Habitat for Humanity Canada (HFHC), a non-profit, faith-based organization with a mission to build affordable housing and break the cycle of poverty through home ownership, broke ground in the heart of Oakville.

“We’re thrilled to be here,” said Anne Swarbrick, executive director for Habitat for Humanity Halton. “And we’re so grateful for the assistance provided by the Town of Oakville, as we were able to purchase the surplus land for both homes from the town last year. I’d also like to recognize our title platinum sponsors, Genworth Financial Canada and Whirlpool Canada, for their contributions of $100,000 each. We would not be in a position to move forward without them.”

Glen Abbey United Church also raised more than $10,000 for the builds in Oakville.

HFHC reduces the barriers to home ownership by selling homes without requiring down payments and offering interest-free mortgages. Payments are set at 30 per cent of gross income or less (including the principal, property taxes, and insurance).

HFHC keeps the cost of its new homes low by using modest designs, donated materials, and volunteer labour and minimizing its marketing expenses. All mortgage payments are reinvested back into the program to help finance future builds throughout Canada.

Tianna Gerrior, a hairstylist in Oakville for the past 10 years and a volunteer at Habitat for Humanity Halton’s ReStore (a store that sells quality used and surplus building materials at a fraction of retail prices, with proceeds funding HFHC’s builds), is anxious to get started on her build this summer.

“I first contacted Habitat a few years ago when they were working on a house in Burlington. I can afford a nice apartment, but it’s just not child-friendly. There’s no place for my eight-year-old daughter to play. I’ve tried to set money aside over the years, hoping to save enough money while she’s still young. But it’s hard on one income and when I save something, I need to dig into it to cover another expense.”

Oakville’s two Habitat houses will be located at 262 and 266 Elmwood Road in the Kerr Village area of Ward 2. One will house Gerrior and her daughter Sierra. The other will belong to Stephanie Chiu and her three children: Jaysun, 10, Jayden, 7, and Jazsmine, 6.

Swarbrick explains that the high cost of housing often causes low-income families to choose between paying their rent and purchasing basic necessities. They earn too much to qualify for public assistance and earn too little to cover all of their living expenses. An affordable HFHC mortgage allows these families to meet other needs like child care, transportation, groceries, school supplies, and medical bills. As the housing value appreciates over time, homeowners can potentially use that money to fund a child’s post-secondary education.

“More than anything, I will have stability,” said Gerrior. “As funny as it sounds, my daughter will have a window in her bedroom so that she can see the sunlight when she wakes up in the morning. She’ll finally have a backyard and neighbourhood friends. All of those things that create lasting and wonderful childhood memories.”

Mobilizing volunteers from all walks of life and joining with countless community partners, HFHC and its affiliates have dedicated more than 1,300 homes from coast to coast over the last 25 years. More than 50,000 people have volunteered with HFHC since its inception in 1985 — from professional tradespeople donating a portion of their time and expertise to first-time builders. Prospective homeowners also invest hundreds of hours of “sweat equity” to build their own homes and at other HFHC builds.

To learn more about Habitat for Humanity Halton visit habitalthalton.ca.
ENHANCEMENTS TO WARD 2 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

Interaction with nature is a proven stress reducer. So if you’re looking for a little health and happiness, you’ve come to the right place!

With 1,420 hectares of parkland, 150 kilometres of trails, more than 200 parks (including large centralized parks and small pocket parks in neighbourhoods), playgrounds, sports fields, two harbours, and 31 waterfront parks, Oakville truly has something for everyone.

Procuring and protecting green space is a key part of achieving Oakville’s vision to be the most livable town in Canada. The town’s Parks and Open Space department is vital to the creation, protection, and continuous improvement of these valued natural amenities. Staff is actively working on two exciting parks and open spaces enhancements in Ward 2.

IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WEST HARBOUR AREA

This project was initiated in 2007 following the Ontario Municipal Board hearings for the Daniels Corporation condominium development at 111 Forsythe Street. Because the original design for an urban parkette on the adjacent lands at 3 Lakeshore Road West did not satisfy Conservation Halton, a new design was required. Revised plans are currently under review and will be resubmitted to Conservation Halton in late spring. Construction will commence upon approval, with a targeted fall completion date. This new space will provide safe and inviting access from the downtown street level to the harbour and creek below.

NEW SPLASH PAD IN FORSTER PARK

Nestled in the hub of Old Oakville at 100 North Forster Park Drive, the envisioned splash pad will complement the playground and tennis and basketball courts already in existence. Its theme will reflect the culture of the surrounding area and will include a variety of surface jets and above-ground water features operated by motion-activated sensors during normal daylight hours throughout the summer. Initial design work is now underway. The splash pad may be completed in late 2010 but will likely not be operational until 2011.

For more information on the town’s parks and open spaces visit oakville.ca/parksrec.htm.

THE OAKVILLE MEMORIES PROJECT

If you have lived in Oakville from the 1930s to now, the Oakville Historical Society and the Oakville Public Library would like to receive your stories and photos for their Oakville Memories 1930 to Now project. The stories and photos will be posted online at oakvillehistory.org and hopefully published into a book. Currently there are no books about Oakville’s history since 1931 and it is important to fill this gap for future generations. For more information contact 905-844-2695 or info@oakvillehistory.org.

PUBLIC INPUT KEY FOR FORMER DND LANDS REDEVELOPMENT

While there may not be any visible signs of activity, the transfer of the Department of National Defence (DND) lands — located at the intersection of Dorval Drive and Rebecca Street — to the Canada Lands Company (CLC) has now occurred.

A self-financing, commercial Crown corporation, the CLC purchases surplus properties from government departments at fair market value, subsequently enhancing the financial and community values of these properties in their eventual disposal. Some properties, like the CN Tower in Toronto, are held and managed. The Government of Canada — the company’s only shareholder — receives a financial return through the CLC’s parent company as an annual dividend.

The last DND occupants vacated this Ward 2 property in 2009. Halton Region had initially planned to spend $100,000 to refurbish three vacant buildings for temporary transitional housing to families in crisis. An unanticipated expense to maintain the communal water system — $50,000 a year — ultimately forced the region to abandon its plans.

“Our goal is to create communities that are sustainable, integrated into the neighbourhood, and offer a high quality of life. We also aspire to provide lasting benefits, a legacy for future generations,” said Norm Jarus, General Manager, Real Estate, Ontario, for the CLC. “Public input is of the utmost importance and will come prior to an application to the town for plan approval. Operating within the framework of the Livable Oakville Plan, we will then work through the municipal development process.”

The Livable Oakville Plan currently designates the DND lands for residential uses. Because the 75 houses on the property are vacant and pose potential safety concerns, deconstruction of the existing buildings is slated for this summer. A sustainable approach is planned for the deconstruction with a target of 90 per cent waste diversion from landfills.

Public consultation will be a key component of the future redevelopment of the site. The CLC held a community information session on June 29 to get an early indication of the community objectives. A second community information session is expected to be held in the fall. The town will hold broad community visioning meeting for the site in September 2010.

For more information about the CLC visit clc.ca.
RULES FOR POOLS AND OTHER IMPORTANT BY-LAWS

POOLS
By-law 2006-071 applies to all pools deeper than 0.61 metres (2 feet) and includes inflatable pools, landscape ponds, and hot tubs without lockable lids. All swimming pools must be fully enclosed by a fence, building, or wall that meets the following conditions:

- At least 1.2 metres (4 feet) tall
- Openings in the enclosure are no greater than 38 millimetres (1.5 inches)
- Has a lock and self-closing, self-latching device on all gates and doors
- Free of parts that could facilitate climbing over the enclosure
- Fully constructed before the pool is filled with water
- Maintained to be safe and structurally sound

Three-sided enclosures with access to the pool from the home are not considered full enclosures unless the entry doors to the pool have a bolt or chain latch at least 1.83 metres (6 feet) above the inside floor level. As well, the entranceway must be at least 1.2 metres (4 feet) from the edge of the pool and can’t have steps.

All pools require a pool enclosure regardless of the date of construction and a pool enclosure permit is required before the construction of any new pool begins.

For a one-time fee of $50, town staff will meet with you to issue your permit, fully explain the by-law, and ensure that a proper design drawing depicting the location of the pool on your property is filed with the town. An inspection service to ensure compliance is also available for an additional $50. The permit fee for an inflatable pool is $127.50 with an inspection or $75.50 without.

For more information call 905-845-6601, ext. 3033 or visit oakville.ca/poolbylaw.htm.

FENCES
By-law 2002-034 regulates fencing and privacy screens. While a permit for fencing is not usually required, property owners should ensure that fencing does not encroach on neighbouring or town property.

There are some height restrictions depending on your fence’s location. Front yard fences cannot exceed 1.5 metres (5 feet). And those that are more than 1 metre high (3 feet, 3 inches) must include 40 per cent open construction (e.g., lattice).

Rear and side yard fences cannot be higher than 2 metres (6 feet, 6 inches) in solid construction height. An additional 0.2 metres of open construction is permitted.

Depending on the size, hedges may qualify as fencing. Call 905-815-2010 for the maximum fence height specific to your property, as it may vary (e.g., corner lots, irregularly shaped lots, etc.).

TREES
Municipal trees
The Town of Oakville plants an average of 1,800 street trees each year to support a greener community and a healthier environment.

For information call 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 or visit oakville.ca/treeprotection.htm.

NOISE
By-law 2008-098 prohibits and regulates noise to protect public health, safety, and welfare. This by-law is intended to curb persistent or recurring noise and does not address loud parties, which are dealt with by the Halton Regional Police Service.

In residential areas, the following activities are prohibited at the times indicated:

1. The detonation of fireworks or explosives not used in construction. At all times other than those permitted by other town by-laws.
2. The operation of any electrical device incorporating one or more loud speakers (e.g., music). 5 p.m.–7 a.m. (Monday–Saturday) and 5 p.m.–9 a.m. (Sunday and holidays).
3. Persistent barking, calling, or whining by any domestic pet. At all times.
4. Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or singing. 11 p.m.–7 a.m. (Monday–Saturday) and 11 p.m.–9 a.m. (Sunday and holidays).
5. Persistent yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, or singing. At all times.
6. The operation of any construction equipment in connection with residential renovations. 9 p.m.–7 a.m. (Monday–Saturday) and 9 p.m.–9 a.m. (Sunday and holidays).
7. The operation or use of any tool for domestic purposes (other than snow removal). 9 p.m.–7 a.m. (Monday–Saturday) and 9 p.m.–9 a.m. (Sunday and holidays).

For more information on town by-laws visit oakville.ca/bylaws.htm (search by by-law number). For enforcement, call 905-815-2010.

KEEPPING AN EYE ON WARD 2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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<td>John Matas – Westdale Development Corporation/ S.P. 1615.055/02</td>
<td>140 Rebecca Street</td>
<td>Residential townhouses: 16 units.</td>
<td>Conditional approval granted by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) on June 23, 2009.</td>
<td>Philip Wiersma 905-845-6601, ext. 3795 <a href="mailto:pwiersma@oakville.ca">pwiersma@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Leighbirk Developments Inc./ Z.1617.35</td>
<td>Speers Road (north side) and Kerr Street (west side)</td>
<td>Three buildings, ranging in height from 12 to 18 storeys, with townhouse units at the base of taller buildings.</td>
<td>Application held in abeyance.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Moldenhauer Developments/ Z.1716.14</td>
<td>Lakeshore Road between Brock and Brant Streets</td>
<td>Sixteen storeys: 165 units with grade-level commercial space and two blocks of three storey townhouses.</td>
<td>The OMB has dismissed the appeal and closed the file.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a></td>
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Strong community partnerships are the single most valuable crime prevention tool, according to the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS).

That’s where Community Policing Committees come in. These groups of citizen volunteers meet to discuss and respond to issues relevant to their community including:

- Road maintenance
- Public park cleanliness
- Social and physical order
- Crime prevention programs and strategies
- Safety programs

“The police service responds to the needs of the community.

What better way to understand their needs than to hear directly from the citizens?” said Constable Carla Draper, community support officer at the HRPS. “It is important for people to be interested all the time, not just when something negative has happened to them or their neighbourhood. The committees provide a way to do that.”

The HRPS says that by giving citizens a greater voice in establishing local law enforcement priorities and involving them in efforts to improve their neighbourhoods, the emphasis of police work shifts away from responding to random service calls to finding concrete ways to address community concerns.

For more information call the HRPS at 905-825-4777 or visit hrps.on.ca/communitypolicing.

The Downtown Oakville Strategic Review (DOSR) will conclude with the presentation of the strategic plan to Town Council in the coming months. The plan prioritizes 12 strategic initiatives to achieve the highest level of improvement for downtown Oakville. These initiatives identify the main actions recommended in several critical areas including the Centennial Square facilities, downtown culture, retail strategy, cultural heritage conservation, urban design guidelines, and transportation elements.

The DOSR assessed the key elements that make downtown Oakville such a great place and identified ways to maintain and improve them. Assessing these elements involved public input through steering group meetings, intensive strategic planning workshops, and a town-wide public open house. The study process attracted over 150 participants representing nearly 30 interest groups. This process confirmed the vision for downtown Oakville established in the Livable Oakville Plan.

Implementation will begin immediately on actions identified in the strategic plan that feed into ongoing projects. Implementing new strategic initiatives with financial implications will be determined through future budget deliberations. Success will require collaboration and coordination between multiple town departments including Recreation and Culture, Engineering and Construction, Parking Operations, Parks and Open Space, Economic Development, and Planning Services.

Community leadership and participation will be vital to successfully implementing the recommendations identified in the DOSR. If you want to learn more about the DOSR and the strategic plan, visit oakville.ca/lo-dntwnoakville.htm or contact Councillors Keith Bird or Mary Chapin.

DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE STRATEGIC REVIEW COMPLETED!
DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE NEWS AND EVENTS

Getting the downtown Oakville experience is now easier than ever!

Earlier this year, the Downtown Oakville Business Improvement Area (BIA) launched a new website (oakvilledowntown.com) that’s easy on the eyes and full of information. Its new features include a photo gallery, improved news and events coverage, and a parking map.

The Downtown Oakville BIA covers the six city blocks along Lakeshore Road East from Sixteen Mile Creek to Allan Street and is home to more than 450 businesses. As a fascinating heritage, art, and entertainment destination, it is second to none.

Visit downtown Oakville this summer, fall, and winter to take in one or more of these exciting events:

July 16 – DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE MIDNIGHT MADNESS
Join the crowd of 50,000 and enjoy a variety of community performers, bands, displays, and great food.

August 6 to 8 – DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE JAZZ FESTIVAL
Enjoy live outdoor jazz performances from some of the finest North American talent.

September 18 – DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE FALL FESTIVAL
Festivities begin at 9 a.m. in the Town Square with a kickoff pancake breakfast. Bring the kids to enjoy afternoon hayrides, face painting, and fresh-shucked corn on the cob.

October 29 – DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE TINY TOTS ON PARADE
Bring your small and scary ghosts and goblins to the 15th annual Tiny Tots on Parade. This is a safe and entertaining holiday event for the little ones to enjoy. See you in the Town Square at 10 a.m.

November 19 – DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
Celebrate the lights, magic, and charm of downtown Oakville this Christmas as businesses launch the holiday season with the official lighting of the Town Square tree. The fun begins at 7 p.m. with the tree lighting at 7:30 p.m.

November 20 – OAKVILLE SANTA CLAUS PARADE
Hosted by the Town of Oakville, the Oakville Santa Claus Parade has been delighting families, residents, and visitors for years. Come early to reserve your spot on the parade route as it winds its way through downtown Oakville starting at 9 a.m. For more information visit oakvillesantaclausparade.ca.

December 4 to 24 – HOLIDAY MAGIC IN DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE
Discover the magic of the holiday season in downtown Oakville. Strolling carollers and festive horse-drawn holiday wagon rides with Santa will delight shoppers every weekend along historic Lakeshore Road.

For more information contact the Downtown Oakville BIA at 905-844-4520 or visit oakvilledowntown.com.

VISIT THE HARBOURSIDE ORGANIC FARMERS’ MARKET

Tasty seasonal produce from organic farms, a vast array of meats and cheeses, interactive chef demonstrations, fun activities for children, and plenty of education and entertainment — it’s all at the Harbourside Organic Farmers’ Market, and it’s right in your own neighbourhood!

This open-air market for locally produced food and crafts is held on Saturdays from June 19 until October 30 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corner of Lakeshore Road and Navy Street in Centennial Square, in front of the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts.

For more information call 905-825-8966, email market@osfp.ca, or visit oakvilleorganicmarket.com.

AN EVENING WITH ERIN BROCKOVICH

Citizens for Clean Air (C4CA) is having a fundraiser featuring Erin Brockovich on Thursday, September 30 at 7 p.m. at Appleby College (540 Lakeshore Road West).

The evening includes cocktails, a light dinner, and a talk by Brockovich — an American legal clerk and environmental activist who was instrumental in constructing a case against the Pacific Gas and Electric Company of California in 1993. A film about her advocacy, starring Julia Roberts, was released in 2000.

Tickets are $150. For more information or to buy tickets, contact Alex Irish at 905-808-1054 or alex_irish@cogeco.ca.

HALTON REGION HELPING TO BRING DOCTORS TO OAKVILLE

Halton Region knows that having easy access to a family physician is an essential part of the quality of life in our community.

Since its creation in 2003, the region’s Physician Recruitment Program has helped to bring nearly 100 new family doctors to Halton. Two new doctors settled in Oakville in 2009 and another two have settled already in 2010.

“The Physician Recruitment Program addresses the current physician shortage in Halton Region and the needs of the future,” said Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr. “By working together with municipalities, physicians, local hospitals, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and others, this initiative has achieved impressive results.”

The program involves a marketing and promotion strategy, including community tours and physician meetings for prospective family physicians, a website (haltondoctors.ca), participation in trade shows and recruiting events, and an advertising campaign.

The region has also been involved in planning for the new Halton McMaster Family Health Centre, now under development in Burlington as part of the expansion of McMaster University. The centre will house a family medicine residency program and it’s expected that residents who train there will be more likely to set up practices in Halton.

The region also assists Halton Healthcare Services by providing leads for positions available within local hospitals.

To see a list of newly-recruited doctors who are accepting patients across Halton Region, dial 311 or visit halton.ca/newphysicians.
Since 1957, the Oakville Horticultural Society (OHS) has been furthering knowledge of horticulture, stimulating interest in gardening in young people, and encouraging the beautification of both public and private properties in Oakville. By partnering with Oakville’s conservation groups, the society also seeks to protect plant diversity in our community’s forest and wetland areas.

DID YOU KNOW…

- The OHS has helped to design and maintain gardens at Ian Anderson House, a cancer hospice on Winston Churchill Boulevard.
- The $750 raised at the society’s Truckload of Plants sale will go toward the redesign of the Anderson Bridge Parkette at the corner of Forsythe and Rebecca Streets that is planned for the spring of 2011. The Royal Botanical Gardens will design the space as a model for biodiverse gardening and drought-tolerant, sustainable plants.
- The OHS donated bulbs for the grounds of the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital and designed and constructed the hospital’s rooftop garden.
- The Junior Garden program runs for one hour weekly from late April to September. The teaching garden is located behind the Oakville Municipal Greenhouse and Conservatory at 1100 Cornwall Road.
- Members can borrow materials from the OHS library of more than 400 books and magazines.
- For the second time, the OHS sponsored garlic mustard pulls this spring in local woodlands. Garlic mustard is a kitchen herb from Europe that is invading forests in Ontario. It can overtake herbs and flowers and threaten the survival of trees.
- You don’t need to have your own garden or an extensive knowledge of gardening to join the OHS, just an interest in plants, gardens, and gardening. Annual memberships cost $15 for individuals or $20 for families.

August 21 – OHS ANNUAL SHOW
Hopedale Mall (1515 Rebecca Street)
This adjudicated show gives members the chance to show off a summer of gardening successes. See fabulous plants grown in Oakville and exquisite floral designs. Homemade crafts and produce grown by Junior OHS members will also be on display. For more information contact show@oakvillehort.org.

November 6 – AN EVENING WITH FREEMAN PATTERSON
The Meeting House (2700 Bristol Circle)
Join Freeman Patterson, an internationally-acclaimed photographer, teacher of visual design, writer, and gardener for the inspirational show “Gardening with what you have.” Tickets are $35. For more information or to purchase tickets visit oakvillecentre.ca/1135.htm.

NEW SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY IN CLEARVIEW TO OPEN THIS FALL

This fall, James W. Hill Public School will open at 2860 Kingsway Drive, providing space for about 500 students in Junior Kindergarten through to Grade 8 and offering French immersion and English programming. The school will be one of eleven sites providing full-day learning for Kindergarten students and Shawn McRae will be instated as principal.

Known as a “joint use facility,” James W. Hill Public School will also become the permanent home for the well-used Clearview Neighbourhood Branch of the Oakville Public Library, which is currently located at 1148 Winston Churchill Drive. Combining the school and library in one building allows the two to share some facilities, resulting in cost savings in energy use and security. Having a public library on site will also enhance students’ learning. Residents are invited to the library’s community open house on Saturday, October 2. The official opening of the school and library will take place in the spring of 2011.

For more information about the school, call the Halton District School Board at 905-335-3663 or visit hdsb.ca. Library information is available by calling 905-815-2042 or visiting opl.on.ca.

TOWN CONSIDERING FUTURE OF SURPLUS SCHOOL SITES

The Town of Oakville is reviewing the future of five school properties deemed surplus by the Halton District School Board (HDSB), including the possibility of acquiring the sites at Brantwood, Chisholm, and Linbrook.

Town staff will be evaluating these sites in the context of the policies established in the Livable Oakville Plan in order to determine their future use. The town will be working closely with the HDSB to ensure that any future use of the sites will meet the best interests of the community. Staff is expected to report to Council in early 2011 with the results of its study. Based on this study, Council will determine which sites it might purchase.

The Ontario government requires that school boards sell sites that are surplus to their needs in order to access funding for renovations to existing schools and the development of new schools. While the town is considered a preferred agent in the sale of surplus school properties, it must still pay fair market value for the lands.

For more information contact Keith Bird at 905-844-5571 or kbird@oakville.ca, or Mary Chapin at 905-338-8797 or mchapin@oakville.ca.
WARD 3 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

STATUS OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

• Construction on Cornwall Road between Maple Grove Drive and Winston Churchill Boulevard will be completed by early July.
• Construction on Ford Drive between Cornwall Road and Constance Drive will be completed by early July.
• The reconstruction of Water Street between Navy and Robinson Streets is scheduled to be done this fall.
• The environmental assessment for the bridge rehabilitation over Morrison Creek on Linbrook Road was completed in the spring. Construction is planned for July and August after detailed design work is finished.

ANNUAL PAVING PROGRAM

The following roads will be paved this year in Ward 3:

• Royal Windsor Drive (lane patching at various locations)
• Sherwood Heights Drive from Kingsway Drive to South Sheridan Way
• Morrison Road from Coleen Drive to Baldwin Drive
• Bishopstoke Way from Kingsway Drive to Winterbourne Drive
• Chedboro Crescent from Bishopstoke Way to Bishopstoke Way
• Arlington Drive from Chalfield Drive to Prince John Circle

For more information call 905-845-6601, ext. 3302 or visit oakville.ca/roadupdates.htm.

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<td>445312 Ontario Limited/Z.1714.26</td>
<td>104–114 Robinson Street (Robinson Street/Water Street/Navy Street)</td>
<td>To allow the site to be developed for a 13-unit apartment building.</td>
<td>Application has been appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).</td>
<td>Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Dominic D’Urzo/Z.1611.15 and 24T-09001/1611</td>
<td>418 Chartwell Road</td>
<td>The application proposes a zoning by-law amendment and draft plan of subdivision for the creation of five residential lots. Three of the proposed lots front onto Chartwell Road and the remaining two lots front onto Maple Avenue.</td>
<td>A public meeting was held on November 23, 2009. Recommendation report was presented at the Planning and Development Council meeting on May 10, 2010 and approved.</td>
<td>David Capper 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 <a href="mailto:dcapper@oakville.ca">dcapper@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>FC (Olde Oakville) Corporation and FCHT (Ontario) Holdings/Z.1612.11</td>
<td>485 Trafalgar Road</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Application is currently in circulation for technical review. A public meeting was held on February 24, 2010 and a statutory public meeting was held on June 21, 2010.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Greywalls Development Company/Z.1614.66</td>
<td>167 Navy Street (old Red Cross building)</td>
<td>To permit a six-unit, seven storey residential building.</td>
<td>OMB appeal has been withdrawn.</td>
<td>Brenda Stan 905-845-6601, ext. 3034 <a href="mailto:bstan@oakville.ca">bstan@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Kaneeff Group of Companies/Z.1501.16</td>
<td>2680 Sheridan Garden Drive</td>
<td>To remove the existing service station kiosk and canopy and replace them with a car wash and service station kiosk.</td>
<td>Application is currently in circulation for technical review.</td>
<td>Brenda Stan 905-845-6601, ext. 3034 <a href="mailto:bstan@oakville.ca">bstan@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Melrose Investments Inc. and Rosehaven Homes Limited/Z.1613.56</td>
<td>132 and 136 Allan Street</td>
<td>To amend the official plan and zoning by-law to develop an 11 storey, 44-unit residential condominium building.</td>
<td>Application has been appealed to the OMB.</td>
<td>Brenda Stan 905-845-6601, ext. 3034 <a href="mailto:bstan@oakville.ca">bstan@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Melrose Investments Inc. and Rosehaven Homes Limited/Z.1613.57</td>
<td>296, 300, and 312 Randall Street and 293 Church Street</td>
<td>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 with 36 dwelling units.</td>
<td>Application has been appealed to the OMB.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Melrose Investments Inc. and Rosehaven Homes Limited/Z.1613.55</td>
<td>153 and 157 Reynolds Street</td>
<td>To amend the official plan and zoning by-law to develop a nine storey, 28-unit apartment building.</td>
<td>Application was refused by Council and has been appealed to the OMB. The hearing is tentatively scheduled for September 2010.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Melrose Investments Inc. and Rosehaven Homes Limited/Z.1613.58</td>
<td>131 and 135 Trafalgar Road</td>
<td>The application proposes official plan and zoning by-law amendments to permit a six storey mixed-use residential condominium building with ground floor retail, office space, and three floors of residential space with 32 dwelling units.</td>
<td>Application was refused by Council.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a></td>
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HOSPITAL FUNDING SPARKS IMPORTANT DEBATE

Few issues during this term of Council have sparked as much debate as the hospital funding issue. The need for a large new medical facility is clearly driven by our rapid growth. But why must taxpayers subsidize growth that is supposed to pay for itself?

One reason stems from a change that was made to the Development Charges Act in 1997 by the previous provincial government that exempted hospitals from the development charges formula. This means that the region is no longer allowed to recover growth-related hospital capital costs from developers. It seems that taxpayers are once again left holding the bag.

In 2002, I voted against Oakville’s growth plan because I believed that there would be too many negative financial and environmental impacts. In a 7–5 vote, Council endorsed the plan and now those decisions are coming home to roost. We need a new hospital to accommodate our growing population and Council has a responsibility to ensure that every resident has access to adequate local health care services.

Recently, however, we made some important strides toward recovering more of the costs of growth. Last year, Halton Regional Council passed a plan that ensures that regional road, water, and wastewater infrastructure required to support growth is paid for by the development industry and not by taxpayers.

I am hopeful that prior to the hospital’s completion in 2015, there will be revisions to the Development Charges Act to ensure our ability to recover the full cost of growth. There’s a lot of work to be done in the years ahead so please continue to stay involved and informed.

WARD 4 EVENTS AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

The community of Ward 4 has grown rapidly, and I believe that we need to plan more community events to bring our residents together and to support our local businesses. I would like to propose that we establish an events committee, comprised of residents and businesses, with representation from every part of Ward 4. I would be pleased to receive your feedback and suggestions on how we can do this. Also, I would like to hear from established community groups so that they can be involved as well.

Over the past three years, many of my constituents have approached me with a desire to volunteer within the local community. I truly appreciate this level of dedication and commitment and would like to start planning these events as soon as possible.

I know first-hand how rewarding it is to be a volunteer. Many years ago, I formed a not-for-profit audio and event planning group where I have volunteered over 550 hours each year for community events held throughout the Town of Oakville and the Region of Halton. These events include the Oakville Santa Claus Parade, Oakville’s Canada Day, Oakvillegreen’s annual garage sale, the Halton Multicultural Council’s annual fundraiser, Oakville and Milton Humane Society fundraisers, and many others. For more details visit lapworth.ca/Community/default.html.

In order to help make these events successful, I would like to volunteer my time as well as audio and event planning expertise. If you, your family members, your friends, or your businesses are interested in being a community leader or volunteering for these events, please contact me at 289-837-1346 or rlapworth@oakville.ca.

Please enjoy the remainder of your summer.
LIFE SCIENCES RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PARK PROPOSED FOR NORTH OAKVILLE

The Town of Oakville’s Economic Development department is currently exploring the development of a life sciences research and technology park adjacent to the proposed new hospital in Ward 4. Funding for the initiative includes $50,000 from the Invest Canada-Community Initiatives program and an additional $45,000 from the Ontario Realty Corporation.

“The life sciences sector has been identified as an important growth industry,” said Councillor Lapworth. “This funding enhances our ability to conduct a complete analysis and share the vision of the proposed park using three-dimensional modelling.”

In February 2004, town staff envisioned a very different type of development for this area. A report states: “Should the CN Intermodal facility in Milton develop, it may lead to an increase in demand from logistics and transportation companies for locations in North Oakville West.”

Councillor Elgar welcomes the hospital and life sciences research and technology park as the preferred option.

“I believe that this kind of land use and the employment opportunities that it generates is more appropriate for our residential community,” he said.

HALTON REGION TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PROJECTS IN WARD 4

BRONTE ROAD (Regional Road 25)
• Widening from two to four lanes from North Service Road to Upper Middle Road
• New signalized intersection at the Woodlands Operation Centre
• Road designed to preserve the existing white oak tree
• Construction of sidewalks and multi-use paths

Timelines:
• Utility relocations commenced in early 2010, construction commenced in May 2010, and the project is anticipated to be completed during summer 2011
• A public information centre was held in early January 2010

UPPER MIDDLE ROAD (Regional Road 38)
• Widening from two to four lanes from Bronte Road to Postmaster Drive
• Construction of sidewalks and multi-use paths
• Installation of wastewater main
• Signal upgrade and installation at Bronte Road, Grand Oak Trails, and Reeves Gate

Timelines:
• Construction commenced in July 2009 and the project is anticipated to be completed in December 2010

DUNDAS STREET (Regional Road 5)
• Widening of Dundas Street from Neyagawa Boulevard to Proudfoot Trail from four to six lanes
• New twin bridges (three lanes each) crossing Sixteen Mile Creek
• Signal upgrade and installation at Neyagawa Boulevard, Lions Valley Park Road, Fourth Line, and Proudfoot Trail
• Construction of sidewalks and multi-use paths

Timelines:
• Traffic transferred to the new south bridge in January 2009
• Phase 2 construction began in March 2009 and is anticipated to be completed in fall 2011
• Old Ministry of Transportation bridge has been demolished

2010 HOT MIX PROGRAM IN WARD 4
• Barberry Green (from Nottinghill Gate to the west limit of Barberry Green)
• Berkshire Court (from the south limit of Berkshire Court to Pilgrims Way)
• Monastery Drive (from Dorval Drive to Greenbriar Drive)
• North Service Road West (from 1075–1155 North Service Road West)
• North Service Road West (from 1255–1540 North Service Road West)
• Old Abbey Lane (from Nottinghill Gate to Dorval Drive)
• Old Colony Road (from Pilgrims Way to Rushbrooke Drive)

YOU ASKED US...

We’d like to share a few questions we’re often asked along with answers that we hope you’ll find helpful.

I’m having unexpected guests stay overnight. I don’t have room in my driveway and I don’t want them to get a ticket for parking on the street. It’s after business hours. What can I do?

It’s as easy as making one telephone call. For one night of unplanned overnight on-street parking, please use the after-hours message service at 905-338-4394 to record your address, licence plate, and the make of the car.

I sometimes hear partying going on in the ravine behind my house after dark. What should I do?

Call the Halton Regional Police Service at 905-825-4777. There may also be a contravention of the town’s noise by-law, but since alcohol and/or drugs may be involved, it’s a matter for the police. Please note that section 10 (e) of the parks by-law prohibits anyone from being in a park between dusk and 6 a.m.

I’d like to purchase a chiminea this summer. Does the Town of Oakville allow their use?

Yes, provided that users comply with specific regulations. The town’s open air burning by-law regulates the use of all open burning devices including barbeques, chimineas, and fire pits. Regulations are very specific so it’s important to read the by-law carefully before lighting the match.

My neighbour keeps dumping his grass clippings and brush over his fence into the town’s trails. I know that it’s illegal, but I don’t know what to do.

Call the town’s by-law office at 905-815-2010. Unfortunately, we continue to receive lots of calls on this issue despite clear signage that warns against the illegal dumping or scattering of grass clippings, soil, stones, brush, or other waste into the town’s trails, parks, and ravines.
MASTER PLAN FOR GLENORCHY PARK
APPROVED

Earlier this year, the Conservation Halton Board of Directors approved a master plan to restore and maintain the newly-created 650-acre Glenorchy Conservation Area over a 20-year period. The park is located in Ward 4 and is roughly bounded by Bronte Road, Highway 407, Sixteen Mile Creek, and Dundas Street. It encompasses an environmentally sensitive area that includes forests, creeks, wetlands, rolling hills, and a spectacular gorge in the Sixteen Mile Creek valley (Glenorchy is Scottish for “valley of tumbling waters”). The park provides critical habitat for plant and animal species.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF GLENORCHY
The parkland is owned by the Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC), a branch of the provincial government, and had been slated for sale to developers for future employment/industrial purposes. In 2004, Oakville residents successfully lobbied the provincial government for its protection. Conservation Halton partnered with the Government of Ontario in 2008 to protect and manage these lands. Their master plan has now gone to the ORC for their approval.

WHY HAVEN’T I NOTICED THIS PARK BEFORE?
Glenorchy isn’t open to the public yet and probably won’t be for several years. Restoration work is taking place to return areas used for agriculture to a more natural state through the replanting of native grasses and trees. In addition, the park is located in an area that still looks primarily rural but, as we know, that’s about to change. In a few years, we’ll come to fully appreciate this refuge for nature and humans within a heavily urbanized setting.

KEY ACTIONS OUTLINED IN THE MASTER PLAN
• Close unauthorized roads and restore existing trails
• Prepare a detailed restoration plan for forest, wetland/riparian, and grassland/prairie habitats
• Establish the proposed trail system and associated amenities such as interpretive signage and lookouts
• Monitor and protect species at risk
• Encourage and seek partnerships that support cost sharing and sponsorships

Future recreational development within Glenorchy will consist primarily of a trail system with interpretive nodes and webcams for visitors to enjoy the spectacular views and study species in their natural habitats.

Protecting the environmental integrity of Glenorchy will prove challenging as urban intrusions such as the Burnhamthorpe Bridge, the James Snow Parkway extension, and possible sewer connections are dealt with. To learn more about the Glenorchy Conservation Area visit conservationhalton.on.ca.

IMPROVING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT ABBEY LANE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Students attending Abbey Lane Public School this fall will benefit from some new pedestrian signals currently being installed at the intersection of Old Abbey Lane and the driveway to Abbey Lane Public School.

In May, Council approved the conversion of the existing pedestrian crosswalk to an Intersection Pedestrian Signal (IPS). An IPS operates like a traffic light, providing a red light to vehicles when a pedestrian activates the signal. The red light is a stronger indication that vehicles must stop and yield the right of way to pedestrians as opposed to the flashing amber light provided by the current crosswalk.

The town has embarked on a multi-year conversion program following a Council resolution in 2006. To date, six of the 15 pedestrian crosswalks in Oakville have been converted to the new system, including the signal at Nottinghill Gate and Monks Passage.

TRAFFIC CORRIDORS
IMPACT AIR QUALITY AND HUMAN HEALTH

NEW STUDY SUPPORTS NEED FOR STRONGER LAND USE PLANNING POLICIES

With Halton Region’s population expected to double by 2031, we can expect to see a significant increase in the number of people living and/or working near major roads and highways. Does this practice pose a danger to human health? If so, what can be done to protect people from exposure to harmful vehicle emissions?

In a report entitled Air Quality in Halton: Traffic Corridor Report, Dr. Robert Nosal, Halton’s Medical Officer of Health, suggests that there is cause for concern. He cites a growing number of studies done in Canada and the United States that report significant increases in illnesses associated with exposure to air pollution from vehicles. These include cardiovascular and respiratory conditions such as asthma, impaired lung function, cancer, and adverse birth outcomes.

In 2009, Halton Region’s Health department prepared a discussion paper called Protecting Health: Air Quality and Land Use Compatibility. It recommended the following:
• Sensitive land uses (such as homes, schools, and long-term care facilities) not be located closer than 150 metres to highways anticipated to have more than 100,000 vehicles per day based on ultimate planned capacity. Currently, this would apply to only the QEW and 400-series highways.
• Sensitive land uses not be located closer than 30 metres to roads with greater than 30,000 vehicles per day (with some exemptions) based on ultimate planned capacity. Dundas Street is an example of this type of arterial road.

Between June and August 2009, Halton undertook its own traffic corridor air monitoring study along Dundas Street between Walkers Line and Appleby Line in Burlington. Results were consistent with other studies that showed elevated levels of pollutants in close proximity to the road that decreased with distance from the road and height above ground.

This study adds Halton-specific data to the weight of evidence that exists to support the need for strong protective land use planning policies that keep air quality impacts top of mind. This is an issue that we intend to pursue as we plan ahead for future growth.

For more information visit halton.ca/airquality.
TREES AND SHRUBBERY GIVE TRAFFIC ISLANDS “CURB APPEAL”

Last year, several raised medians or islands were constructed along Pilgrims Way and Nottinghill Gate in an effort to control speeding and to create a safer crossing for trail users. The medians function by narrowing the road space and eliminating a vehicle’s ability to pass in the centre lane of a three-lane road. The mid-block trail crossings also offer refuge to pedestrians and cyclists crossing these wide streets and have been strategically located at points where trails intersect with streets.

This past spring, the islands received an injection of life and colour when town staff planted low-growing spirea and columnar ginkgo biloba trees in each island bed. Comments have been positive, confirming that a little green can go a long way to enhancing the streetscape and lending a friendlier feel to some of the town’s wider and busier streets.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL PROPOSED ON WESTOAK TRAILS BOULEVARD

The Halton District School Board (HDSB) is proposing to build a new secondary school to be named West Oak Trails Community High School. It would be located at 2820 Westoak Trails Boulevard. The HDSB has submitted a site plan application to the Town of Oakville to build a school that varies in height from one to three storeys, with a gross floor area of approximately 14,300 square metres. Landscaping and sports facilities are included in the application. For more information visit hdsb.ca/aboutus/facilityservices/pages/construction.aspx. Download project drawings from the right margin of the web page.

KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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<td>Application is currently in circulation for technical review.</td>
<td>David Capper 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 <a href="mailto:dcapper@oakville.ca">dcapper@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Bronte Creek Communities (Monarch)/24CDM-09004/1431</td>
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<td>Common element condominium to accommodate 19 townhouse units.</td>
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<td>Inglehart/Crystal Homes/24T-05027/1430</td>
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<td>The proponent is working to clear conditions of draft approval.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Matam Holdings Inc. (Mattamy)/Z.1424.07, 24T-07005, and 24CDM-07012</td>
<td>Southeast corner of Proudfoot Trail and Dundas Street</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>A public meeting was held on November 24, 2008. No date has been set for the recommendation report.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Oakville Hydro Energy Services Inc./Z.1325.01</td>
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<td>Application is currently in circulation for technical review.</td>
<td>Rob Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 <a href="mailto:rthun@oakville.ca">rthun@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>QEW-Bronte Developments Inc. and 1401114 Ontario Inc./Z.1530.05</td>
<td>1087, 1099, and 1105 Bronte Road</td>
<td>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 for up to 14 storeys.</td>
<td>The applicant intends to revise the proposal and withdraw the official plan amendment for residential land uses. A public meeting was held on June 7, 2010 for the zoning by-law amendment.</td>
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WARD 5

WARD 5 SPEAKS UP IN FAVOUR OF NEW HOSPITAL

It has stirred debate and polarized public opinion, but the issue of whether the town should contribute money to Halton Healthcare Services’ (HHS) local share plan for funding the new Oakville hospital has also highlighted how much we all care about the future of our town. When we made a motion at Council in December 2009 to defer the matter for further public consultation, we had no idea how exhaustive the investigation would be — and we’re certainly glad that we took the issue in hand when we did.

Public opinion surveys showed that 65 per cent of residents were in favour of a new hospital, but 44 per cent were undecided about how it should be funded. Town Council’s April 20 decision to allocate $170 million to help fund the hospital was a historic decision with long-term implications.

For the record, here are five reasons why your Ward 5 Councillors supported it:

1. The old hospital opened in 1950 to accommodate a much smaller population. Over the years, it has grown to keep pace with both the growth of our community and changes in health care, but it can no longer expand on its southeast Oakville site. The reality is that the population will continue to grow and age and we’re going to need many more health care services. Wait times are already a problem in Oakville and many of our residents are forced to seek care in other neighbouring communities and even in the United States. Unless we build a new hospital, the situation is only going to get worse.

2. The plan to designate 80 per cent of the new hospital’s 457 beds as “private care” beds has been highly problematic for many. Both of us were skeptical when we first heard that news. However, further investigation confirmed that no one will be turned away from the new hospital if they lack the funds to pay for a private room when that’s the only accommodation available.
recovery from this (and other ailments) requires that patients be kept in quiet, peaceful surroundings — something that is not possible in a ward setting. There are other medically sound reasons why private rooms are preferable and, taken together, they show that our understanding of health care is evolving.

3. The financing of the new hospital is being planned in an orderly, responsible manner. We still have serious concerns about the complexity of the funding arrangements for the new hospital: the 90/10 per cent split between the province and local community, respectively, on the construction costs gave us some concerns, as did the fact that 100 per cent of all equipment costs will be locally funded.

However, we’ve worked through all of the available financial information and grilled the relevant experts on how it all works. We’re satisfied that notwithstanding the outrageous financing scheme that has been imposed upon us by the province, taxpayer money will be responsibly handled. Just to be sure, Jeff suggested that a Town of Oakville representative should be appointed to fully participate in the board’s Capital Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC). This person should assist with project execution, including all of the financial discussions, in order to guarantee transparency, accountability, and ongoing oversight of the town’s investment. This recommendation was accepted by the hospital’s board. Commissioner of Corporate Services and town Treasurer Gord Lalonde will now be attending CPAC meetings.

In addition, your Ward 5 Councillors also strongly encouraged the development of innovative funding options to minimize as much as possible the impact on Oakville taxpayers. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of revenue streams or the proceeds of the recent sale of Blink Communications, an Oakville Hydro subsidiary. In fact, Jeff and Marc will not support any effort to increase taxes to pay for this commitment — they are working on the principle that this contribution must be funded from within the town’s existing resources.

4. According to Oakville Chamber of Commerce statistics, the new hospital will bring an estimated $1.1 billion into the Oakville community, a financial benefit that will be a tremendous boost to local businesses. The spinoff benefits for Oakville’s economic development are substantial and will benefit the entire community for generations to come.

5. If Town Council had turned down the new hospital project, the province advised us that the project would not be able to proceed and that funding would have gone to build a hospital in another community. Oakville would have lost an enormously important medical resource. This would have negatively impacted health care in the community for generations to come.

We spent almost five months reviewing the information available and consulting with Oakville residents to make sure that we had all of the information that we could possibly track down with which to make an informed, reasoned, and ultimately prudent decision. It’s been challenging to say the least and we’ve been aware of how serious and important this decision is. There was a substantial amount of collaboration evident as we worked through the issues involved and we appreciate the comments from everyone who took the time to make their voices heard.

Going forward, Council will get a report from town staff in 2011 at the conclusion of the request for proposals process; an exact proposed donation will be included in that report. Payments will begin in 2015, once the hospital is built and operational.

We’re heading into new territory and that’s always intimidating. But if we can draw upon the focused dedication of Oakville residents that brought us through the public consultation phase of the project, we are bound to build towards the hospital’s 2015 opening with a highly efficient program to deliver outstanding health care services to a town that is determined to become the most livable in Canada.
TRAFFIC SAFETY — WE’RE ALL RESPONSIBLE!

Controlling speeding within our communities is an issue that strikes at the heart of every neighbourhood and requires input from dozens of Town of Oakville, Halton Region, and Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) representatives. But traffic calming is more complex than it seems and harder to resolve, though four new speed cushions in Oakville — two of which will be located in Ward 5 — are bound to help out.

“It’s tough for people who live on a street where some of the neighbours disregard speed limits,” said Councillor Jeff Knoll. “We work with town staff and the HRPS to resolve the issue as best we can, but sometimes it comes down to common sense and common courtesy rather than legislation and we’re just as frustrated about that as everyone else.”

Sergeant Vince Williams, district response unit sergeant at the HRPS, notes that investigating complaints can be challenging since speeding on neighbourhood streets may happen only sporadically and the police cannot simply sit and wait for an infraction to occur unless there is good reason to distance them from other students. The Futures program is designed to provide these students with as much academic training as possible, but also to pass along valuable life skills that they will need down the road. These very special young people are offered individualized instruction in a variety of subjects, including math, English, culinary arts, computers, and physical education. In the later stages of their high school careers, the co-op experience becomes a priority because students can develop valuable employability skills through their community work placements.

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It’s no surprise that Jody Walker, the Oakville Fire department’s 2009 Firefighter of the Year, signed up for a profession in the service of others—he just likes doing things for other people. The Oakville firefighter has been a member of the Oakville Professional Firefighters Association’s (PFFA) public relations committee for several years and has focused his energy on helping firefighters raise money for various charities.

“The Fire department is full of people who put service to their community first,” said Town Councillor Marc Grant. “It’s Jody’s turn to be recognized for his contributions this year and we should all be proud of the terrific job that he and his fellow firefighters do every day on our behalf.”

Walker and his team raised an impressive $34,000 for the new Oakville hospital through last year’s Candlelight Ball held at the Burlington Convention Centre. The secret to their success was a hotly-contested auction where winners won dinner for eight prepared and hosted by Oakville firefighters.

At the Sydney Clark fundraiser held at the Rattlesnake Point Golf Club, Walker’s team put together a “Do You Believe in Magic?” event that brought in $10,400 for the SickKids Foundation, again through the auction of a dinner prepared and hosted by local firefighters.

“We have a great team environment in the department,” Walker said. “This is a huge honour for me, but if it weren’t for the participation of my colleagues who come out to help with all of our events, we would have nothing to show for the ideas that we come up with.”

Walker’s and the Oakville PFFA’s other contributions to the community include:

- Raising $18,000 through a boot drive for the victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti
- Raising $7,500 through a boot drive for Muscular Dystrophy Canada
- Raising $3,800 to participate in the Mayor’s Invitational Softball Tournament through a chicken wing eating contest (“Some guys still can’t eat wings,” Walker said)
- Raising thousands more for the Zonta Club of Oakville, Easter Seals, and Halton Women’s Place

Regional and Town Councillor Jeff Knoll notes that Oakville firefighters have a long history of serving Oakville in many capacities.

“We don’t tend to think of the great work that they do unless we’re faced with a fire-related crisis in our homes or businesses,” said Councillor Knoll. “We should all stop and thank these brave men and women who are willing to put their lives between ours and danger.”

Walker takes his work in stride and is proud of the Oakville Fire department.

“It’s really nice to see how you can affect so many people with your work,” he said. “Nobody in the Fire department does anything by themselves, though—we’re all backed up by a strong team.”

A total of 208 firefighters, fire prevention officers, fire safety educators, training staff, and administrative support staff serve the Town of Oakville through seven fire stations. For more information call 905-845-7114 (non-emergencies), email fire@oakville.ca, or visit oakvillefire.ca for many helpful links, including pages for children and teachers.
Dear Residents,

In the first year of this Council’s mandate, we collectively set out to make Oakville the most livable town in Canada. To achieve this ambitious objective, Council created a strategic plan to set out what Council would achieve in its four-year term of office and to guide Council in its decision making and resource allocation. As we approach the conclusion of our four-year mandate, we proudly reflect on four major accomplishments:

1. THE LIVABLE OAKVILLE PLAN
   An official plan is a long-term vision and blueprint guiding development and growth in a particular community. Oakville’s official plan was originally adopted in 1983 and had endured many amendments, resulting in a hodgepodge framework of inconsistencies and loopholes. The flaws in this official plan allowed development to occur that was incompatible with our long-term vision. To address this significant concern, this Council enacted the Livable Oakville Plan, which establishes a new policy framework and identifies areas where acceptable growth can occur, while preserving existing neighbourhoods. The Livable Oakville Plan will ensure that growth is predictable and compatible with our vision.

2. AN ENHANCED NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
   This Council has successfully preserved our Natural Heritage System, increased the number and size of parks, and increased the number of trails. To achieve the town’s goal of 40 per cent tree canopy coverage by 2057, the town has created an Urban Forest Strategic Management Plan, planted thousands of trees, protected existing trees by enacting the private tree by-law, and taken an inventory of our urban forest. To further protect our citizens from pollutants and carcinogens, Council also enacted the pesticide by-law and, most recently, the health protection air quality by-law, which regulates fine particulate matter emissions within Oakville.

3. RECREATION AND CULTURE FACILITIES
   This Council has actively worked to catch up on needed facilities by purchasing Joshua’s Creek Arenas and constructing the Sixteen Mile Sports Complex and the Pine Glen Soccer Centre. Renovations have also begun on the Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre, which will serve as a recreation, arts, and culture facility. We have also added soccer and cricket fields, skateboard parks, and playgrounds. Council is dedicated to making recreation and culture a vital part of the fabric of our community.

4. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY
   Providing good value for taxes paid is a core belief of Council. This term, we began using program-based, performance-based budgeting to ensure that outcomes received from programs and services are worth the expense. We have focused on making new growth pay for itself and have raised development charges substantially to make developers pay for the infrastructure that is required to support new communities. The result is one of the lowest property tax rates in the Greater Toronto Area and one truly livable community.

These are just some of the matters addressed by Council. As always, we invite you to comment or provide suggestions as to how municipal services could be improved. Quite often, a solution is just a phone call away! We are pleased to be able to serve you.

Best regards,
Tom Adams and Max Khan
GET WISE ABOUT WATER!

Halton Region’s Outdoor Water Use Program monitors our water systems daily to determine how much water is being produced and delivered from water purification plants. When the water system is stressed, a restriction level will be put in place and publicized throughout the region.

What are the restriction levels and what do they mean?

**LEVEL 1**
Careful Use
Voluntary odd and even house number lawn-watering is in effect (water on even-numbered days if your house number is even). Outdoor watering should only occur from 6–9 a.m. or 6–9 p.m.

**LEVEL 2**
Limited Use
Odd and even house number lawn-watering is mandatory. Outdoor watering should only occur from 6–9 a.m. or 6–9 p.m.

**LEVEL 3**
Reduce and Stop
No lawn or garden watering is allowed. Reduce and stop all non-essential use to conserve water for emergency services.

These simple measures can help reduce outdoor water consumption every day:

- Set up sprinklers so that they water lawns or gardens, not roads or sidewalks.
- Instead of washing your driveway use a rake or broom.
- If you own an automatic irrigation system, install moisture sensors or a central controller to avoid watering during or right after significant rainfall.
- Know how to turn off your irrigation system in the event of outdoor water restrictions.
- Choose from the wide variety of beautiful, drought-tolerant and ground covering plants for your lawn and garden.
- Use a rain barrel to capture water from your downspout.

For more information call 311 or 905-825-6000 or visit halton.ca/waterconservation.

ARE YOU FEELING THE PRESSURE?
Halton’s water is delivered to your house with pressure. Large pumps at treatment plants and booster stations pump water up to the pressure that is required to deliver it throughout the system.

Ground elevation has a big influence on the water pressure in the pipes (higher elevations result in lower pressure). We have five different pressure zones in Oakville and Burlington in which the pressure is maintained between 40 and 100 pounds per square inch (psi) for domestic and firefighting purposes.

Water pressure in the distribution system is usually fairly consistent, but some residents may have higher pressure than their neighbours, especially near zone boundaries. If you live at the “top” of the zone, your water pressure will be at the lower end of the acceptable 40–100 psi range; however, your neighbour across the street may be at the “bottom” of a different zone and have higher water pressure.

GO WITH THE FLOW
People sometimes confuse flow with pressure. Flow describes the amount of water that comes through your tap, while pressure is the force of the water. A flow problem results in a smaller amount of water coming out of the tap. A pressure problem results in the water coming out with less force.

What you might think is low pressure might actually be a problem caused by restrictions that cause lower flow. Sediment buildup in aerator screens on kitchen taps is a common cause, as are partially closed control valves in the house and water softeners. Check these things to see if you can resolve the problem yourself.

If you notice a sudden drop in pressure, it could be due to a broken water main nearby or a leak somewhere in the service to your house. If Halton Region hasn’t notified you of a planned interruption, call 311 or 905-825-6000 to report what is happening so that the region can investigate the matter.

DID YOU KNOW?
In the summer, water consumption can increase by 50 per cent.

UPDATE ON OFFICIAL PLANS
The Livable Oakville Plan was adopted by Council on June 22, 2009 and subsequently approved by Halton Region on November 30, 2009, marking a significant milestone for Council as they delivered on one of their core commitments. Also in 2009, Halton Regional Council adopted amendments to their official plan through the Sustainable Halton process to accommodate growth to 2031.

The town and region are now responding to outstanding appeals of the plans. The first Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) pre-hearing was held at the end of May. For more information about the Livable Oakville Plan visit oakville.ca/officialplanreview.htm, which will be updated with information from the OMB hearings as it becomes available.

To learn more about the Sustainable Halton process visit halton.ca/planning_sustainability.

TOWN ACQUIRING OLD POLICE STATION
The Town of Oakville is negotiating to purchase the old police property on White Oaks Boulevard next to Town Hall now that the new Oakville police station has opened south of Dundas Street near Sixth Line.

The acquisition of the site will have many benefits, including increased parking capacity. The old building will be demolished and the site cleaned up before the town acquires the property.

For more information about the new police station read the article on page 22.

AT YOUR SERVICE, IN YOUR LANGUAGE
Oakville has seen a rapid increase in the diversity of its population over the past decade. The latest census data tells us that 31 per cent of Oakville’s residents are immigrants to Canada.

Between 1996 and 2006, the number of people in Halton Region whose mother tongue is not English or French grew by 70 per cent. The number of people speaking mostly a non-official language at home has almost doubled across the region to 33,000.

The Town of Oakville is committed to respecting and celebrating Oakville’s diversity and making it easier for all residents to access town services. Initiatives related to serving diverse populations are underway in many departments.

For example, the town subscribes to an over-the-telephone interpretation service that is available to any staff member trying to assist a person who speaks limited English. The service is available in 170 languages and interpreters can also help staff to identify the language of the person whom they are trying to help.

If you or someone you know would like to communicate with a Council member in French, Ward 6 Regional and Town Councillor Tom Adams would be pleased to help. Max Khan, Ward 6 Town Councillor, is fluent in Hindi, Urdu, and Punjabi. Call Tom at 905-849-7915 or Max at 905-599-0119.

TOP FIVE LANGUAGES (OTHER THAN ENGLISH) SPOKEN MOST OFTEN IN OAKVILLE HOMES

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WARD 6 ~ 26 ~ SUMMER 2010
HALTON REGION AIMS TO MEET TRANSPORTATION DEMANDS OF TOMORROW

As our region grows, transportation becomes increasingly important. To address the long-term need for a transportation system that is sustainable, safe, and cost-effective, Halton Region is developing The Road to Change: Halton Region Transportation Master Plan 2031.

“We recognize that traffic congestion is a region-wide concern and this study will help us to respond to the needs of the community as development occurs,” said Tom Adams, Ward 6 Regional and Town Councillor and chair of Halton Region’s Planning and Public Works Committee. “Halton is committed to improving transportation and infrastructure. In fact, the capital budget for transportation will increase to $132.1 million in 2011, up from $53 million in 2004.”

The master plan will consider all modes of travel (cars, trucks/commercial vehicles, public transit, cycling, and walking) and will provide the strategies, policies, and tools required to meet our local transportation needs over the next 20 years.

The plan, which was initiated in January 2010, must coordinate with those developed by other levels of government, including the Town of Oakville, Metrolinx, and the province of Ontario. For example, Metrolinx plans to develop a Bus Rapid Transit corridor along Trafalgar Road between Highway 407 and Midtown Oakville and along Dundas Street between the western boundary of Toronto and Brant Street in Burlington. The region’s plan will take projects like these into account.

Halton’s plan will also provide a list of transportation projects that can be incorporated into its 20-year Roads Capital Program. The list could include improvements to major arterial roads in northeast Oakville that will accommodate all modes of transportation.

The region expects to complete the plan by early 2011. During the study period, the project team will develop and evaluate different transportation systems to identify which system will address growth and meet our needs to 2031.

Input from the public is very important. Email your comments to transportation@halton.ca. The next formal round of public information centres will be held in November 2010. For more information visit halton.ca/htmp.

HALTON REGION CAPITAL TRANSPORTATION BUDGET FINANCING

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UPDATE ON PARK PLAZA/ RAMADA INN SITE

On May 5, 2009, the Ontario Municipal Board agreed with Council and dismissed an application to build three high-rise residential buildings on the former Park Plaza/Ramada Inn site near Oakville Place Mall, west of North Service Road and south of Oakville Place Drive.

Councillors Adams and Khan brought forward the original motion that Council oppose the proposed development and preserve these lands for employment use.

No other development applications have been received for this site.

TO PARK OR NOT TO PARK...

Oakville Parking Control works with the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) to deter parking violations and respond to parking-related complaints. In 2009, more than 45,000 parking tickets were issued in Oakville.

During regular office hours (Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.), call 905-338-4394 to report parking violations and complaints. After hours, please leave a message at 905-338-4394. If you require immediate enforcement (e.g., your driveway is blocked by a parked car), call the HRPS at 905-825-4777 and they will dispatch a parking control officer to the location.

WHERE NOT TO PARK

To avoid fines and impeding safety, please do not park your vehicle:
- On any road for longer than 3 hours (unless otherwise signed)
- On any road between 2 and 6 a.m. from November 15 to April 15
- Where prohibited by signage
- In a designated fire route
- On or overhanging a sidewalk
- On a boulevard or median strip
- Facing the wrong way
- Within 1 metre of a driveway
- Where it blocks another vehicle or obstructs traffic, road repairs, or snow removal

Temporary on-street parking permits are available when paving, renovating your home, etc. If you have unplanned overnight guests who will be parking on the street, call 905-338-4394.

For more information visit oakville.ca/parking.htm.
KEEPPING AN EYE ON WARD 6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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<td>Coronation Drive</td>
<td>Coronation Drive (south of North Ridge Trail)</td>
<td>To rezone and subdivide the parcel to create 28 residential lots and a public street.</td>
<td>The applicant has formally transferred the remaining half of the school site to the Halton Catholic District School Board. The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) appeal will be withdrawn/dismissed shortly.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles 905-845-6601, ext. 3984 <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Lakeshore Group</td>
<td>1235 Trafalgar Road, 1230 White Oaks Boulevard, and 350 Lynnwood Drive (Trafalgar Road and White Oaks Boulevard)</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Council supported legalizing 100 per cent medical use within the existing building at 1235 Trafalgar Road, subject to a shared parking agreement between 1235 Trafalgar Road, 1230 White Oaks Boulevard, and 350 Lynnwood Drive being to the satisfaction of the Town Solicitor. Council opposed paid parking at 1235 Trafalgar Road. Application has been appealed to the OMB and the hearing was held from May 4–14, 2010 and will resume July 13–16, 2010.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a></td>
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WARD 6 REGIONAL ROAD PROJECTS

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<td>Widening from four to six lanes from Highway 403 to Oak Park Boulevard, including multi-use paths</td>
<td>Widening from two to four lanes from Upper Middle Road to Dundas Street</td>
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<td>Construction is expected between spring 2011 and winter 2012</td>
<td>Environmental study report to be filed in mid-2010</td>
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For more information call 311 or 905-825-6000 or email accesshalton@halton.ca.
We successfully focused on three key priorities for the last four years: growth controls, facilities building and value management.

- We increased our control over growth with our new town and regional official plans.
- We made up much of our deficit in community facilities with new buildings.
- We shifted the costs of growth off property taxes and onto developers as much as the law permits.

We achieved our objectives because we worked together and stuck to our unanimous four-year strategic work plan. Now, 98 per cent of that plan’s initiatives are complete or well underway. Our unique, mission-driven work plan set the stage for many achievements.

- Our new official plan protects our existing neighbourhoods. It strengthens our heritage districts. It provides for controlled, sustainable growth in carefully targeted areas of town where it makes sense. We succeeded in getting Halton Region’s official plan to support and protect our town plan’s policies.
- New town facilities for sports, arts and transit meet the needs of previous and expected future growth. We built or acquired 775,000 square feet of new town facilities. When all are done, we will have increased the square footage of the town’s facilities by more than 60 per cent.
- The cost of new community centres, libraries, fire stations and roads belongs in development charges (DCs). The 63 per cent increase we made to DCs shows how much money had not been collected from growth but could have been. The result is this burden has been shifted off of property taxes.
- We worked to protect our health and safety. We placed a temporary moratorium on power generation facilities of greater than ten megawatts in the town while we develop proper planning rules for power plant proposals. We also have new regulations to improve our air quality.
- Our regulation of dangerous chemical pesticides was adopted by the province.
- We provided more transit with more routes, more buses and a grid pattern for the first time ever.
- We increased fire response time with more trucks, more firefighters and more training.
- We protected more trees with our public and private tree protection by-laws. Growing our tree canopy to 40 per cent coverage by 2057 is one of the many initiatives in our Urban Forest Strategic Management Plan.

While completing these initiatives we’ve kept fiscal sustainability in mind. Council’s adoption of performance-based, program-based budgeting (PB2) found new efficiencies in each year of its progressive implementation. The result: more services with more value but with lower increases in spending than in the previous four years!

Public consultation and teamwork have been the hallmarks of our success and the cooperative spirit of our community will ensure the town continues to become even more successful in the future. I encourage you to follow our progress online at oakville.ca/mayor as we work to achieve our goal to make Oakville the most livable town in Canada.
TRANSIT RIDERSHIP UP IN 2010

People are turning to Oakville Transit more frequently to get around town. Ridership increases were recorded in each of the first four months of this year. From January to April 2010, ridership increased four per cent compared to the same period the year before.

“Oakville Transit implemented new routes with the goal of reducing travel times across town and enticing more people to ride the bus,” said Mayor Rob Burton. “Council provided the resources to improve personal mobility in Oakville, and these ridership numbers show that the investment is paying off.”

Last fall, Oakville Transit introduced new grid routes that provided faster trips across town and invested in new buses, staffing and related infrastructure to offer improved personal mobility alternatives in town.

“Ridership numbers have followed the same seasonal pattern we see every year but on a higher level each month so I’m confident that these increases signal a change in behaviour,” said Barry Cole, director of Oakville Transit.

The town’s largest expense this year will be the $114 million spent operating and investing in its transportation network. Residents and businesses pay for the town’s roads, cycle paths and transportation infrastructure, and Council’s investment in alternative modes of transportation ensures that everyone can access the network to get around.

PRESTO IS HERE

Oakville is one of the first municipalities in Ontario using PRESTO. We’ll be able to get around without coins, tickets or passes.

With PRESTO you can:

• Reload your card online
• Get unlimited rides on Oakville Transit for two hours from the time you pay your fare
• Pay fares on Oakville Transit, GO Transit and Burlington Transit

To learn more about PRESTO, visit the town’s website at oakvilletransit.ca/presto.htm.
Buying a new home is exciting and challenging. Oakville real estate agents understand the housing market in our community. They have detailed information about schools, transportation, local taxes, future developments and community uniqueness. Local agents can help you find the right neighbourhood and type of home to best suit you and your family's lifestyle and needs.

If you’re thinking of selling your home, Oakville real estate agents can offer advice on market history and provide an assessment of what similar properties in the area have sold for. They can advise you on when to sell your home in the least amount of time and for the best possible price.

Whether you’re buying or selling, take the time to understand your family’s needs, your financial situation and any legal requirements. It’s one of the biggest transactions you’ll ever make.

POWER PLANT LOCATION CRITERIA COMING IN 2011

The town is developing criteria for locating power plants greater than 10 megawatts while its interim control by-law that prohibits power plants is in effect.

The interim control by-law prohibits power generation facilities with a generating capacity greater than or equal to 10 megawatts from being built in Oakville. It was passed by Council on March 30, 2009 and was upheld by the Ontario Municipal Board in November 2009.

“We want to be sure that the public has ample opportunity to comment on these policies, and Council needs and appreciates the public’s involvement in this process,” said Mayor Burton. “There is still work to be done toward developing appropriate policies and criteria to guide where they may go.”

Additional research about minimum separation distance, emergency response, alternative technologies and cogeneration is required before appropriate policies and locational criteria can be finalized by Council next year.

Town staff has been working on the land use study for power generation and cogeneration facilities since March 2009 and will present its final recommendation to Council in early 2011.

NEW FIELD LIGHTING POLICY PROTECTS EXISTING NEIGHBOURHOODS

In establishing a new town-wide municipal lighting policy, Council adopted tough new standards for lighting sports fields.

“Our objective with this policy is to retain the same standard of livability in existing neighbourhoods and accommodate field lighting as needed in a way that does not disturb nearby residences,” said Mayor Burton. “We believe in getting along in Oakville and this policy will help both sides live in harmony.”

The policy allows for light levels that provide a safe playing environment on fields after dark, and sets standards for when field lights can be illuminated and what level of light they can emit. Greater restrictions were placed in existing neighbourhoods, where field lights were not planned when the majority of residents moved into their homes. Lit fields in future developments will be allowed to operate later into the evening and will provide the town with more capacity for recreation.

Council adopted a lighting standard consistent with the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) guidelines, which includes the highest standard for the provision for light trespass onto adjacent properties.

Staff consulted extensively with resident associations, minor sports groups and interested stakeholders to develop the policy.

FUNDING OAKVILLE’S NEW HOSPITAL WILL MODERNIZE OUR HEALTH CARE

On April 20 Council approved a donation of up to $170 million to Halton Healthcare Services’ (HHS) local share plan to fund the new Oakville hospital. The town will donate up to $130 million when the hospital is complete and operational in 2015, and up to $40 million to assist with life cycle costs over the following 30 years. The 2011 Council also will consider providing additional support of up to $30 million in 2015, but no commitment has been made.

“The amount committed by Council is substantially lower than the original request from HHS for up to $230 million at completion,” said Mayor Burton. “I worked with HHS and town staff to understand and scope the hospital’s needs and the town’s financial capabilities. This donation will be affordable and will complete the local share plan to deliver the care needed to keep Oakville healthy.”

Council directed staff to explore opportunities to fund the donation from non-tax revenues, including looking at using the proceeds from the sale of town assets such as Blink Communications.

“Staff and I are developing new non-tax sources of revenue to help support the donation,” Mayor Burton said.

HHS is ultimately responsible for paying the local share. The town’s donation is capped and risk-free because the town pays nothing until the new hospital is completed and operational.

“Public opinion supported the need for a new, larger hospital to accommodate our growing community, and our doctors and health administrators echoed this need,” said Mayor Burton. “OTMH is the same size it was in 1962 and building a larger hospital is the most efficient way to deliver the modern, safer health care facility that Oakville needs for the next 50 years.”
## TOWN COUNCIL’S 4 YEAR WORK PLAN
### (Progress To Date, Key Events and Future Plans)

### 2007
- **WINTER**
  - New Year’s Levee
  - Total tax increase of 2.10 per cent
  - Great oak saved
  - Council adopts four-year work plan
  - Pesticide by-law passed
  - Mayor’s Advisory Group (tree protection)
  - Town obtains Joshua’s Creek Arenas
  - Oakville named Canada’s Urban Forest Capital
  - Mayor’s Economic Health Indicators launched
  - Soccer fields open at QE Park
  - Mayor’s golf tournament raises money for United Way of Oakville

### 2008
- **SPRING**
  - Oakville Transit launches $10/ month Student Freedom Pass
  - Town announces goal of 40 per cent tree cover in 50-year plan
  - OPA 275 protects neighbourhoods and directs growth to Midtown Centre
  - Three-year transition to Performance-Based Program-Based budgeting begins
  - Town increases parking at Oakville GO station
  - Council approves North Oakville East Secondary Plan
  - Seven new buses
  - Mayor’s softball tournament raises money for Oakville YMCA

### 2009
- **SUMMER**
  - New library opens in Clearview
  - Council relieves taxi shortage
  - Town hires two Fire department staff
  - Mayor announces new parking structure at Oakville GO station
  - Tree protection by-law update approved by Council
  - New soccer fields at Glenashhton Park opened
  - New firefighters hired

### 2010
- **FALL**
  - New Year’s Levee
  - Total tax increase of only 1.6 per cent
  - Mayor’s Haiti Relief Fund donates over $17,000 to charity
  - One new Mayor’s Advisory Group (lending roles)
  - Council passes health protection air quality by-law
  - Construction begins on:
    - Oakville Transit Centre (open March 2011)

### Future Plans
- **TOWN COUNCIL’S 4 YEAR WORK PLAN**
  - New transist terminal opens in Uptown Core
  - NHL signs unveiled
  - Heritage Tree Hunt
  - Nine new buses
  - Mayor’s softball tournament raises money for Oakville YMCA
  - Groundbreaking for:
    - North Park Sports Park
    - KSM Dream Centre
  - Construction begins on:
    - Glenashhton Park
    - Palermo Park
    - Millstone Park
  - Oakville urban forest arts contest
  - Four new buses
  - New Council resolution on power plant
  - Drive-thru ban extended one year
  - New development charges cut growth costs
  - Mayor’s softball tournament raises $100K + for KSM
  - Construction begins on:
    - South Shell Park (phase 2)
  - Work begins on:
    - Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre renovations (to re-open 2012)
  - Six new accessible conventional buses to replace older non-accessible conventional buses
  - One new care-A-van ramp-equipped bus
  - 30 new transit shelters
  - Downtown Oakville Strategic Review to Council
  - Mayor’s softball tournament to support KSM and Community Living Oakville
  - School lands reuse study

### Visit oakville.ca/m-accomplishments.htm for the complete list.