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Welcome to the third issue of *Let’s Talk Oakville*, Council’s town-wide newsletter.

Council recognizes residents want a full picture of what’s happening in Oakville and better accountability of the progress your Council is making towards our shared goals.

If you have any questions or comments on any Town business we’d like to hear them at council@oakville.ca or mayor@oakville.ca.

Go to www.oakville.ca for everything you need to know about the Town of Oakville.

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

The Town of Oakville invites everyone to once again participate in the Earth Hour challenge to turn off lights and reduce energy use for one hour on March 28 starting at 8:30 p.m. Last year, the town reduced its energy consumption by 8.2 per cent, and this year the goal is a 10 per cent reduction. Participating in Earth Hour can be as easy as turning everything off at home and going for a walk, star gazing, or playing family games like Hide and Seek.

DIALING 311 gives you quick access to government services within Halton including the Region, the Town and the School Boards.

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

Under existing Privacy laws and regulations, if you want your Councillors and the Mayor to know about your enquiry, you have to ask for your communications to be passed on to your Mayor and Councillors or copy us when you call or write to staff.
COMMUNITY PLANNING ITS OWN FUTURE

The Town's Planning staff enjoyed a very productive and successful night when they hosted the Kerr Village Public Workshop. Local residents, business and land owners, and the Mayor and Ward 2 Councillors were in attendance. The informative and interactive workshop was designed to help the Planning staff gain valuable public input concerning the plan for Kerr Village – one of the six studies that make up the Town’s new official plan, Livable Oakville.

The workshop began with a presentation from the Town’s Director of Planning Services, Dana Anderson, in which she updated the audience on the steps taken in developing the plan for Kerr Village. Participants were then divided into working groups where they were able to offer their opinions on the future of the area.

Each group benefited from having a Planning department staff member on hand to answer any questions and help guide discussion. Another positive aspect was that the groups each had a mixture of residents, business owners and land owners, so that different perspectives were able to form a unified vision. Topics the groups were asked to consider ranged from building heights and population density to transit services and pedestrian access. The participants also got to have a little fun by using 3-D models to construct what they thought Kerr Village should look like.

“I am a true believer in an engaging public consultation process,” said Dana Anderson. “A vital aspect to the planning process is understanding the community's attitudes and values.” The workshop was hailed as a great success by all.
Welcome to the winter edition of Let’s Talk Oakville. As we begin 2009, we face the worst economic uncertainty in over a generation. I want to assure you that your Council will work diligently to provide the services that are important to you and that you expect.

In Bronte we look forward to the opening of Oakville’s second youth centre. Modelled on our first located in Ward 3, I know staff will take the lessons learned and hit the ground running to provide much needed services to youth in our area. Its opening is scheduled for March Break, watch for updates.

We also look forward to the report on QE Park, which will give Council the options on moving forward with this community centre. Personally, I favour sooner rather than later. We have a unique opportunity to deliver, not just a badly needed Recreation Centre for the Bronte area, but to also provide the space needed for our Arts community. Space that will allow the local arts scene to flourish and draw people from all parts of Oakville, which in my mind is a good thing.

And finally, we will see the results of our “Bronte Visioning” exercise as our new official plan, Livable Oakville, is unveiled in early summer – an important step in making Oakville the most livable town in Canada.

In closing, I wish everyone a successful 2009 and as always, feel free to contact me with your concerns, questions or ideas.

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LIVING IN WARD 1

The winter season is almost behind us, and we can begin to look forward to spring weather. The challenges we are facing in 2009 will continue as we all work together to affect both logical and acceptable standards for our community.

The sudden design of a walkway over the Petro Canada Pipe Line and abutting Victoria and Riverview streets brandished some very diligent determinations; however, as your Town Councillor I was pleased that we were able to halt and delay the project until the Town brought everyone together to review the concerns. I am happy by the Town’s final decision to reconsider the proposal and return the trail to its natural state.

The new Bronte Youth Centre is imminent with a well-situated location on the south side of Lakeshore Road in Bronte, about two blocks west of East Street.

The three recommended design options for community use of the former Queen Elizabeth Park School are in the final stages of review. The Town of Oakville conducted broader consultation in February, where the design choices were discussed. All designs provide great opportunities for our seniors, youth, and arts and culture groups.

As usual, I appreciate hearing from you and look forward to continuing to work together.
**KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE SPEEDi**

**IT HAS ITS EYE ON YOU!**

According to the Halton Regional Police Service, speeding is the number one safety concern among the citizens of our region. With speeding posing a real threat to community safety, and with regular calls for traffic calming measures in our neighbourhoods, our police have introduced a new educational message board called the Speedi (pronounced speed eye).

Halton Regional Police are using it today in north Halton to track vehicle speeds and analyze whether there is a speeding problem in the area where the board is in place. It is expected to come to Oakville soon.

We’ve seen radar message boards before, but this tool is different. The Speedi also has a video camera. The police set the camera to turn on at a particular speed and vehicles travelling at or over that speed are photographed. The video camera is only set at speeds that would result in demerit points on your licence, so those obeying the speed limit would not have their car’s picture taken.

If a speeding vehicle is photographed, the registered owner will not receive a fine, but will receive a letter from the police with a picture of their car and the speed at which they were driving. Accompanying the letter will be a list of possible consequences if a police officer had been present. If a vehicle is caught by the camera regularly, a police officer will visit the home of the registered owner of the vehicle to outline the community concerns for public safety in the area.

For more information about the Speedi message board, please contact Halton Regional Police Service at 905-825-4777 or visit www.hrps.on.ca.

**STUDY REACHES FINAL STAGES**

The final stages of the Bronte Village Revitalization Study (BVRS) are taking place as the Town of Oakville completes a major review of the area as part of the Town’s new official plan – Livable Oakville. Livable Oakville consists of six major studies and a number of technical papers on a variety of topics. The BVRS was initiated in 2004 in response to development pressure and a softening commercial sector.

The goal of the BVRS is to bring 30 years of community planning in Bronte Village to a conclusion, including an update of previous planning work, extensive stakeholder engagement and a detailed technical review (which includes an examination of the transportation system, retail and service commercial dynamics, cultural heritage, urban design and municipal servicing).

As of January 2009, five Bronte Village Revitalization Study public information meetings have been held. The study is reaching its final phase with the completion of the technical review and the synthesis of a plan.

Draft recommended land use designations and policies for Bronte Village will be prepared for review and consultation this winter and will be reviewed by the Planning and Development Council this spring. The recommendations emerging from this and other Town studies will form the new official plan, which is expected in June.

For more information about Livable Oakville and the Bronte Revitalization Study, please visit www.oakville.ca/officialplanreview.htm and www.oakville.ca/livable-bronte.htm.

**EXPERIENCE A TASTE OF BRONTE**

**COMING IN JUNE**

Watch for more information about A Taste of Arts, Design and Culture taking place on Sunday, June 7. Take a tour of art galleries, as well as home décor/design, antique, dance, and photo and graphic art studios before heading out to the A Taste of Bronte event.

The popular Tea on the Bluffs event put on by the Bronte Historical Society will follow on June 14 at the historic Sovereign House.

And later in June, board the tall ship Empire Sandy and sail out of Bronte Harbour for a fun evening. Contact the Kinette Club of Oakville at jan@oakvillekin.ca for more information. For details and updates about all events taking place in Bronte visit the BBIA website at www.brontevillage.net.
COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

The Town of Oakville has come a long way in the planning of Oakville’s Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre (QE Park). Encouraged by community and local political support from Ward 1 Councillors Alan Johnston and Ralph Robinson, plans are moving ahead.

There are currently three design options for a community centre that includes a pool, gyms, community rooms, and dedicated space for seniors, youth and arts and culture groups.

The options include:
• Demolition of the school and construction of a new community centre.
• Demolition of a portion of the school and renovation of the remaining building into a new community centre.
• Retention of the entire building.

On January 13, 2009, Town staff presented these three options to the Community Services Committee for comment and authorization to consult with the community and all user groups on the various options. In February, the Town of Oakville held a public consultation meeting to receive greater community input.

Following further public consultation, a final recommendation including the operating model will go forward to Council. At that time, Town staff will have a more definite timeframe for scheduling, timelines and estimated cost impacts.

“Both Councillor Johnston and I are pleased to see plans for this important community site continue to move forward. The facility will accommodate much needed space for our local youth, seniors and arts and cultural groups,” noted Councillor Robinson.

Councillor Alan Johnston added, “QE Park promises to bring diverse age groups and interests together in a community location central to all Ward 1 residents.”

For more information, please email qepark@oakville.ca or call 905-845-6601, ext. 3112.
Ward 1 youth will have a place to call their own in 2009, with plans for a centre well underway.

Town of Oakville staff is working with an architect who is assessing the storefront location on Lakeshore Road. The site, at 2290 Lakeshore Road West (Lakeshore and East St.), has been identified as a perfect place for the youth centre, offering space, visibility and easy access. The decision to choose this location follows two public information meetings and many consultations with Ward 1 residents.

The move to create a centre has been strongly supported by Town of Oakville Mayor Rob Burton, Town Councillors, the Bronte Community Consultation Committee, members of the Halton Regional Police and local residents.

“There has been ongoing community interest in giving Ward 1 youth a place to collectively meet in a positive way,” stated Councillor Alan Johnston. “This is a significant step in that direction.”

A youth centre is not new to Oakville. The Bronte location will offer the same type of positive, comfortable environment for youth 13 to 19 years of age as the centre that has been operating in Ward 3 at 177 Cross Avenue, Unit 3, since February 2002.

About 10 per cent of youth currently using the Cross Avenue location travel from Ward 1.

The appeal for youth to have a place to hang out without being “kicked out” is enhanced with programs and activities that cater to this age group.

“Using the successful model from the Cross Avenue location, the new youth centre will offer a wide variety of activities, including games, homework help, special events and workshops on age-appropriate issues,” stated Councillor Ralph Robinson, a long time supporter of this initiative.

The programming also supports youth involvement and interest in becoming positive members of their community. Well-trained Town of Oakville Recreation and Culture staff will supervise all activities, supported by volunteers of all ages.

The Cross Avenue centre is a great place for youth to meet new people, foster friendships and learn new skills. The new centre in Bronte promises to offer the same.

Youth will be further supported with recreational programming when plans for the QE Park site are finalized and approved by Council – two great pieces of news for youth in Ward 1.

The Centre’s opening is scheduled for March Break.
When it comes to growth and development there's certainly a lot going on in Ward 2. Have you ever wondered how it all got started?

In 2005, the province of Ontario passed the Places to Grow Act. Its purpose was (and still is) to help the Ontario government plan for growth in a coordinated and strategic way. The passage of this legislation gave the province specific authority to:

- Designate any geographic region of the province as a growth plan area.
- Develop a growth plan in consultation with local officials, stakeholders, public groups and individuals.
- Develop growth plans in any part of Ontario.

The Places to Grow Act led to the creation of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) the following year. One of the fastest growing regions in North America, the GGH is expected to grow by an additional 3.7 million (from 2001) to 11.5 million people by 2031—accounting for more than 80 per cent of Ontario’s expected growth. This particular plan optimizes the use of existing spaces (otherwise known as intensification) with a focus on urban growth centres since these areas can best accommodate additional people and jobs.

Livable Oakville, the Town’s new Official Plan, is our response to the Growth Plan for the GGH requirement that 40 per cent of the growth occurring after 2015 occurs within our built areas. The first step in achieving Oakville’s vision of being the most livable town in Canada, this plan ensures Oakville will develop into a complete community including:

- A full mixture of housing types incorporating more affordable housing.
- A broad range of employment opportunities inclusive of office and industrial uses.
- Retail uses in a variety of forms such as historic main streets, malls and large format stores.
- An array of health and educational facilities that serve the entire population.
- Protection of the environment with an appropriate mixture of public parks and trails.
- A transportation system connecting Oakville to the broader region, while accommodating automobiles and encouraging the use of other modes of travel like transit, cycling and walking.

The Town of Oakville has undertaken six major studies that will shape Livable Oakville. One specific study is The Plan for Kerr Village. An established downtown community, this location supports a wide range of institutions, businesses and housing types. The Plan for Kerr Village will update previous revitalization and traffic studies and implement a course of action. Most importantly, it will focus on policy tools to guide land use. It will build upon the urban design character of the area and propose various scenarios to carry out development over time.

“Councillor Oliver and I encourage our constituents
THAT’S THE SPIRIT! NOMINATE A COMMUNITY CHAMPION

Without a doubt, community spirit is the backbone of the Oakville community. In fact, it’s that underlying spirit that sparked the creation of the Oakville Community Spirit Awards. Now in its eighth year, these awards recognize the volunteers of this town who give selflessly of their time for the betterment of the community. This is our chance to applaud them for their efforts! Get involved by nominating a volunteer who has made a difference in your community.

The Selection Committee wants to hear from ordinary people, doing extraordinary things. Whether committee work, delivering meals, offering a comforting phone call, or any volunteer initiative, the Community Spirit Awards recognize individuals, organizations, businesses and groups who have made a valuable contribution to the Oakville community.

Nominations will be accepted until April 24 in the following categories:

• Arts Awards, sponsored by The Oakville Beaver
• Environmental Award, sponsored by Tim Hortons
• Group Volunteer Award, sponsored by Sun Life Financial
• Heritage and History Award, sponsored by Genworth Financial Canada
• Individual Volunteer Award, sponsored by Paradiso Restaurant
• International Award, sponsored by EllisDon
• Senior Award, sponsored by Sunrise Senior Living
• Youth Award, sponsored by RBC Royal Bank

Nomination forms are now available and can be filled out online at www.oakville.ca/csa.htm or picked up at Town Hall, Glen Abbey, River Oaks and Iroquois Ridge Community Centres, and all Oakville Public Library locations. For more information please contact Louise Veres at 905-845-6601, ext. 3154 or e-mail lveres@oakville.ca.

ONE OF ONTARIO’S “PLACES TO GROW”

to become involved in the planning process. Attend future public information meetings, read the information that’s available on the Town’s website and voice your concerns to your local resident’s association,” said Ward 2 Councillor Cathy Duddeck.

Based on the public input, Council recently provided staff with a direction to not further review removing the jog at St. Augustine and Maurice Drive and extending Mary Street to Herald Avenue. “Public input,” said Duddeck, “weighed heavily in our decision.”

The Kerr Village study area is in the Old Oakville Community within the approximate boundaries of the CN railway to the north, Lakeshore Road West to the south, Queen Mary Drive to the east and Maurice Drive to the west. Visit www.oakville.ca/officialplanreview.htm to learn more about the status of The Plan for Kerr Village.

COUNCIL ORDERS UP DRIVE-THRU RESTRICTIONS

Whether grabbing lunch on the go or depositing money at your local bank branch, drive-thru windows serve one primary purpose – convenience. What’s convenient, however, isn’t always practical. This is especially true in the more populated areas of Oakville.

The Town currently follows a set of Urban Design Study Guidelines that were adopted by Council in 2003. Their intent was to ensure drive-thru facilities were developed with minimal impact to adjacent areas, conducive to functional and safe traffic movement, and attractive to the overall streetscape.

Since the adoption of these policies, there have been a number of Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearings, as well as municipal experiences, that have prompted changes to the legislation used to both prohibit and regulate drive-thru structures in Ontario. In fact, many more drive-thru restrictions have been introduced across North America as the number of building applications continues to increase.

“Drive-thrus pose specific design challenges. From a planning standpoint, we need to consider the safety issues associated with the queuing length. Drive-thru lanes can be quite dangerous for pedestrians. As well, we need to think about the environmental impact of idling cars. Noise is another important factor, and further complicating things, many locations have multiple drive-thrus,” said Barb Koopmans, Manager, Current Planning and Urban Design.

As the drive-thru quandary has not officially been revisited since 2005, Council passed an interim control by-law (allowable under the Planning Act) on November 10, 2008. Such legislation allows the Town to restrict drive-thru developments on certain lands, within certain zones, until an appropriate investigative study has been completed.

“Our ultimate goal is not to prohibit drive-thrus,” said Koopmans. “We recognize they are especially important to parents with small children and to those who have accessibility or mobility issues. The purpose of our study is to evaluate their legitimate uses and make the appropriate recommendations for future planning.”

Rulings in other municipalities, OMB decisions, recent site applications and existing facilities will all be considered in the earlier part of 2009.

The public is encouraged to participate in this important undertaking. Drive-thrus are not specifically addressed in the Town’s Official Plan, though they will continue to present challenges as future growth is expected to come from built-up areas of the community. Email rboddington@oakville.ca or contact the Planning department at 905-845-6601 to explain when/why you use a drive-thru, as well as to voice your concerns.

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REDEVELOPMENT OF DND PROPERTY

The Canadian government will be selling its Oakville Barracks, otherwise known as the DND Lands (Department of National Defence), to its Canadian Lands Corporation (CLC) for future redevelopment.

Located in the area of Dorval Drive and Rebecca Street, Halton Region had initially hoped to spend $100,000 refurbishing three vacant homes on the property for use as transitional housing to families in crisis. While this proposal has long been a sticking point for local residents, the real deal breaker was the unanticipated cost of maintaining the communal water system.

“Due to the lead pipes, the water on the premises requires special treatment. As the DND currently has residents at the barracks, they are maintaining that system,” explained Ward 5 Councillor Jeff Knoll, President of the Halton Community Housing Corporation. The Department of National Defence would not continue to do so once they vacate—leaving the region to absorb a $50,000 expense per year.

“The federal government has been supporting these houses, in this ghost town–like setting, for more than 10 years now. What a shame when you consider the 1,800 families on the region’s transitional housing waiting list. People are living in shelters, we’re forced to ship them out of our community or put them up in substandard motels,” said Knoll.

The formal transfer of the property to the CLC is expected to be completed in 2009 while redevelopment could be achieved as early as 2011. As the local planning authority, the Town of Oakville has the primary role in the planning and future development of these lands.

“Redevelopment of the DND site will provide the opportunity for the Town to ensure new housing is consistent with the existing neighbourhood,” said Mayor Rob Burton.

Ward 2 Councillor Fred Oliver also looks forward to the property’s development potential. “Renovating the three existing properties would have been too costly to taxpayers,” he said.

ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC STUDY WILL NOT DRIVE ROAD CHANGES

To the relief of local residents, Kerr Street traffic will not be diverted through their quiet neighbourhood. The hotly contested proposal – an offshoot of the Kerr Street Area Traffic Study – would have increased traffic more than six fold.

The St. Augustine Sensitivity Analysis, conducted by UMA Engineering Ltd., was supplemental to the original work completed by Cansult. In an effort to find options to relieve future traffic on Kerr Street (south of Speers Road) and at the key intersection of Kerr and Speers, UMA recommended the removal of the jog between St. Augustine and Maurice Drives – providing a continuous north-south alternative to Speers Road, further aided by a new traffic signal. This change would also allow Kerr Street (south of Speers) to remain a two-lane collector road with on-street parking to support retail uses.

In addition to the financial costs associated with the jog removal, this new thoroughfare would have required the Town to expropriate and demolish a number of existing houses in the 50-year-old neighbourhood southwest of Kerr and Speers. The consultants also recommended extending Mary Street easterly to Herald Avenue as a means of reducing increased traffic flow on St. Augustine and Maurice drives.

While Town Councillors did not approve specific road plans, their passed motion makes it clear that the removal of the jog will not be reconsidered nor will the extension of Mary Street.

“Future growth within the Study area cannot come at the expense of our firmly established neighbourhoods,” said Ward 2 Councillor Cathy Duddeck.

The 2004 Kerr Street Revitalization Study had initially called for up to 5,000 new residential units within its boundaries. Due to the subsequent traffic study, growth will need to be significantly scaled back.
EMPIRE STRIKES BACK – WITH A WELCOMED COMPROMISE

Great news for Ward 2 residents! The conflict over the northeast corner of Kerr Street and Speers Road is finally resolved. Instead of pursuing a lengthy hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), the Town of Oakville reached a settlement with Empire Communities (Riverstone Residences) regarding their previously proposed condo development.

Empire Communities initially applied for a site specific Official Plan Amendment and a Zoning By-Law Amendment in May 2007 – calling on the Town to rezone this particular area of Kerr Village. The three proposed high-rise complexes were 15, 18 and 21 storeys in height. Councillors Cathy Duddeck and Fred Oliver brought forward a motion to reject the developer’s proposal, which was passed by Council on October 6, 2008. After appealing the matter, Empire had been scheduled to begin an eight-week hearing process before the OMB beginning November 21, 2008; however, a settlement was reached prior to the hearing beginning.

“The West River Residents Association (WRRA) is extremely pleased with this agreement. Our board members spent countless hours at Town meetings and in discussions with our Councillors and Mayor Rob Burton. We’d especially like to acknowledge the good faith of Empire Communities for coming to an agreement we can all live with – instead of forcing a lengthy and expensive hearing,” said Chris Kowalchuk, President of WRRA.

The details of the settlement are as follows:
• Two towers at a maximum height of 14 and 10 storeys versus three towers at 21, 18 and 25 storeys.
• A maximum of 320 units versus 536 units.
• Commercial uses at ground level on Speers Road and Kerr Street (where feasible) versus unspecified commercial uses.
• A $400,000 contribution by Empire to fund streetscape improvements.
• A multi-million dollar payment by Empire to the Town for capital programs such as necessary upgrades to transit facilities.

As this site will now be a gateway marking the entrance to Kerr Village, the design will also include pedestrian-friendly amenities, offer publicly accessible open space, retain the existing heritage buildings and provide underground parking.

“We look forward to working with Empire to make this development a truly welcoming gateway to our community. And we hope this compromise sets a pattern for other groups facing similar development issues in their neighbourhoods,” said Chris Kowalchuk, President of WRRA.

NEW RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HITS THE GROUND RUNNING

Meet the new “kid” on the block! The West Kerr Village Residents Association (WKVRA), covering Kerr to Dorval and the QEW to Lakeshore, is up and running – and actively involved in some very important local land use issues. Their mission? To protect and enhance the natural beauty, diversity, social fabric and integrity of the West Kerr Village neighbourhood.

“This particular part of Oakville was one of the few not covered by an established Residents Association (RA). Earlier attempts to start one never got off the ground. The proposal to remove the jog between St. Augustine and Maurice drives and extend Mary Street to Herald Avenue motivated us to reorganize ourselves,” said newly elected WKVRA President Blake Poland.

An outcome of the Kerr Village Traffic Study, independent consultants had proposed the creation of a parallel thoroughfare to alleviate congestion on Kerr Street and at the intersection of Kerr and Speers. In addition to a six-fold increase in traffic, this 50-year-old neighbourhood would have lost multiple homes and countless mature trees to this endeavour. A unanimous vote by Council has since excluded these “road improvements” from future consideration.

“I’d like to thank everyone who worked so hard on this worthwhile cause, whether writing letters, phoning Councillors or giving up family time on weekends to knock on doors and pass out fliers. I’m really proud of what we’ve accomplished. We’ve saved the quiet, friendly and walkable neighbourhood we all love,” said Poland.

The WKVRA has 65 member households, though there are roughly 500 homes in the area – not to mention apartments and condos. The cost to join is $10 per residence to cover the costs of fliers and other communications, as well as the website registration and incidentals. Now that the jog elimination has been put to rest, the RA executives will turn their attention to the possible destruction of the Oakville Arena.

“It’s so important to have a voice in your neighbourhood,” explained Poland. “I encourage everyone to get involved, even if you’re only renting. There’s a lot of pressure for development right now and our efforts really do matter.”

Visit www.wkvra.ca for more information about local issues, how to join and upcoming community events.
A number of initiatives from the provincial government prompted the Town of Oakville to review its existing planning policies for the area known as Midtown Oakville – an area of about 100 hectares bounded by Cornwall Road to the south, QEW to the north, Chartwell Road to the east and Sixteen Mile Creek valley to the west.

Consultants prepared a draft plan for this area, which is identified as an urban growth centre with a target to accommodate some 20,000 residents and jobs combined, over the course of the next 25 years.

In the Draft Midtown Business and Development Plan released in May 2008, Midtown is seen as a vibrant, transit-oriented, urban community that consists of high-density residential, commercial, employment, recreational and cultural uses. The plan also recommends major changes to the existing land uses and infrastructure (roads, bridges, highway ramps, transit facilities) in the Midtown study area.

After public presentations and consultations, Town Council directed staff to prepare new land use policies that are substantially in accordance with the draft plan. These proposed policies will be available for public review in 2009. New land use policies will guide future development applications and approvals for this area.

The majority of current business and retail areas will likely continue to operate as they exist for many years. Expect changes to occur gradually, as individual redevelopment proposals are brought forward by property owners and given due consideration by staff and Council.

To learn more about the Midtown Oakville Review, please visit www.oakville.ca/livable-midtown.htm or call 905-845-6601, ext. 3261.

You may also join a Midtown mailing list. Email is the fastest way to be advised of meeting dates and public events. Please send your contact information by email to midtown@oakville.ca or by fax to 905-338-4414. Please include: contact name, organization name, mailing and email address, phone and fax number.

STAY TUNED AS THE TOWN BEGINS TO LOOK AT DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE

Beginning in 2009, Downtown Oakville will get its turn to be studied. Although it is already a vibrant area, there is still an opportunity for the Town to look at ways to further enhance the Downtown through the development of a strategic plan and a vision for the future. For more information or to find out how to get involved, email planning@oakville.ca or call 905-845-6601.
The Oakville cenotaph on Trafalgar Road at Palmer Avenue was erected in 1924 to commemorate those who died in World War I. Additional benches were added in 1957 to honour those who had given their lives in World War II.

This year a separate memorial will be added to George’s Square to recognize all of the Oakville residents who served in one of the Great Wars or the Korean War. An official dedication of the new memorial is expected to take place in November in time for Remembrance Day 2009.

Every Remembrance Day, the people of Oakville gather at the cenotaph to honour the servicemen and women who came home, and those who did not.

“The existing monument at George’s Square lists the names of veterans who died during their service to this country,” said Chris Mark, Director of Parks and Open Space for the Town of Oakville. “This new memorial will stand as a symbol of respect to honour all of those who answered the call of duty.”

The Honour Roll was available for public review in the fall of 2008 to confirm existing details and to gather additional information. It lists the names of men and women who served in one of the Great Wars or the Korean War, and lived in Oakville at the time of enlistment. From 1857 until 1962 (prior to amalgamation with the Township), Oakville was bounded by Maurice Drive, Cross Avenue, Gloucester Avenue and Lake Ontario. Trafalgar Township included communities such as Bronte, Palermo, Hornby and portions of what is now Milton. The Town is also updating the honour roll list for the Trafalgar Township Memorial.

In the first half of the 20th century, there was scarcely a family in Canada who remained untouched by war. To learn more about Oakville during the wars, visit oakvilleatwar.opl.on.ca, which is the online version of “Shadows of War: Not So Long Ago in the 20th Century,” a 1999 exhibition created by the Oakville Museum at Erchless Estate.

GEORGE’S SQUARE WILL BE HOME TO NEW MONUMENT

The Honour Roll was available for public review in the fall of 2008 to confirm existing details and to gather additional information. It lists the names of men and women who served in one of the Great Wars or the Korean War, and lived in Oakville at the time of enlistment. From 1857 until 1962 (prior to amalgamation with the Township), Oakville was bounded by Maurice Drive, Cross Avenue, Gloucester Avenue and Lake Ontario. Trafalgar Township included communities such as Bronte, Palermo, Hornby and portions of what is now Milton. The Town is also updating the honour roll list for the Trafalgar Township Memorial.

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HELP KEEP OUR STREETS CLEAR AND SAFE

Become familiar with our parking by-laws

The Town of Oakville Uniform Traffic By-law 1984-1 carries fines ranging from $30 to $50 and states that no person shall park a vehicle:

- Where prohibited by signage
- In a designated fire route
- On or overhanging a sidewalk
- On a boulevard
- On a median strip
- Facing the wrong way
- Within one metre of a driveway
- To block another vehicle, or obstruct traffic, road repair or snow removal
- Longer than three hours unless otherwise signed
- Between 2 and 6 am, Nov. 15 to April 15

Temporary On-Street Parking Permits are available from the Town for occasions such as paving or repairs to driveways, home renovations or short-term guests. For one night of overnight on-street parking, please use the after-hours message service at 905-338-4394 to record your address, licence plate number and make of your car.

Requests for temporary on-street parking will only be considered for areas where parking is permitted. More information is available at www.oakville.ca/parking.
SPECIAL WAYS TO ENJOY DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE

Earth Day

Earth Week 2009 will soon be here and Downtown Oakville is more active than ever in creating environmentally sustainable initiatives for our businesses. Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22 and Do it GREEN Downtown sponsors will be offering a day of special activities. The Town of Oakville is hosting Clean-up Downtown in an effort to increase our town’s natural beauty. For the Earth Day schedule of events in Towne Square, visit www.oakvilledowntown.com.

Downtown Oakville Fashion Week

Fashionistas from all over the GTA are poised to descend on Downtown Oakville for the much-anticipated second annual Downtown Oakville Fashion Week from April 23 to 30. The fashion and beauty boutiques of Downtown Oakville will showcase the best styles for spring and summer all week with trunk and in-store fashion shows, makeovers and styling demonstrations.

Fashion Week culminates in a grand finale fashion show unlike anything Oakville has ever seen. On Thursday, April 30 under a tent in the middle of Towne Square, Oakville’s most famous prêt-a-porter and fashion boutiques will showcase the spring and summer collections that will soon be hitting store windows in Downtown Oakville.

Admission to the show is by ticket only. Tickets for both general admission and VIP are available at official ticket vendors in Downtown Oakville beginning March 27. For more information on tickets and the exciting Fashion Week events, visit www.oakvilledowntown.com.

CONSTRUCTION IN OUR WARD NEIGHBOURHOODS

• GO Transit has provided **200 new parking spots for the Oakville GO Station.** The new lot is located at Davis Road and South Service Road

• **Cornwall Road** will be improved between Maple Grove and Winston Churchill Boulevard. Construction will begin early in 2009 with modifications to the Joshua Creek bridge, including the addition of a new stand-alone pedestrian bridge (immediately south of the existing bridge) and the construction of a new bridge at Clearview Creek.

• **Ford Drive** between Cornwall Road and Constance Drive will be improved in 2009 in combination with the Cornwall Road reconstruction work.

• Design work is underway for the reconstruction of **Linbrook Road** between Chartwell and Morrison roads. The community can learn more about the proposed improvements at a public information meeting to be held in the spring.

• Design work is also progressing for the reconstruction of **Water Street** between Navy and Robinson streets. The proposed improvements include changing the existing road to a two-lane, urban-style cross section with on-street parking. Concrete sidewalks and curbs are planned for both sides of the roadway, and street lighting will also be improved throughout the area.

• **Lakeshore Road** is being resurfaced from Navy to First streets. This is a multi-year project that is expected to be completed in 2010. Town engineers are finalizing staging plans for the work and continue to coordinate with the Downtown BIA. Two sections of Lakeshore Road will be resurfaced in 2009: between Navy and Dunn streets and between Allan and First streets. A public information meeting will be held in the spring.

A list of all current Town projects is available at www.oakville.ca/roadstudies and /roadupdates. You may also contact the Town’s Engineering and Construction Department at 905-845-6601, ext. 3302 or 3398.
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<td>Creekbank Properties (Lyons Lane)</td>
<td>599 Lyons Lane</td>
<td>To redevelop the old Extendicare site into two high-rise condo apartment buildings.</td>
<td>Public Information Meeting held. Application appealed.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3984</td>
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<td>Edgemere Estates Limited</td>
<td>1502 Lakeshore Road East at Maple Grove Dr.</td>
<td>To build 10 residential buildings of 2 1/2 stories, each containing three units. To remove existing dwelling and garage. To retain greenhouse, coach house, gate house, stonewall, and boat house.</td>
<td>Public Information Meeting held. Recommendation report expected late spring / early summer.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3371</td>
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<td>Tofino Development Inc.</td>
<td>461 Cornwall Rd.</td>
<td>To re-zone from employment use to shopping centre.</td>
<td>Issues report presented to Town Council in October. To go to Planning &amp; Development Council in March.</td>
<td>David Capper <a href="mailto:dcapper@oakville.ca">dcapper@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3042</td>
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<td>Greywalls Development Company Inc.</td>
<td>167 Navy St. (old Red Cross building)</td>
<td>To permit a six-unit residential building of seven storeys.</td>
<td>Under review.</td>
<td>Brenda Stan <a href="mailto:bstan@oakville.ca">bstan@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3034</td>
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<td>FC (Olde Oakville) Corporation</td>
<td>Cornwall Rd. &amp; Trafalgar Rd. (Whole Foods plaza)</td>
<td>To expand the existing shopping centre and temporarily use the existing Main Lumber building.</td>
<td>Application approved in November 2008.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3984</td>
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<td>445312 Ontario Limited</td>
<td>104-114 Robinson St. (Robinson St./Water St./Navy St.)</td>
<td>To allow the site to be developed for a 13-unit apartment building.</td>
<td>Public information meeting held. Revision expected in early 2009. Recommendation report expected late spring / early summer.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3371</td>
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<td>Melrose Investments Inc. and Rosehaven Homes Limited</td>
<td>153 and 157 Reynolds Street</td>
<td>Application to amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to develop a nine-storey, 28-unit apartment building.</td>
<td>Public information meeting held in December 2008.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3984</td>
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POWER PLANT UPDATE

A contest is underway to award a contract for a 900 MegaWatt electricity generating station that could be located in southeast Oakville. The Ontario Power Authority (OPA) plans to award the contract in June.

There are four companies competing for the contract: Transcanada, Sithe, Northlands and Invenergy. The Sithe site is on Oakville's border with Mississauga on Winston Churchill Blvd. It is believed Transcanada will propose a location on Ford land on Royal Windsor, just north of Maple Grove Drive. The other competing sites are not yet known.

Applicants have to give the public 30 days to comment on the “Environmental Review” (ER) they must conduct in place of a full Environmental Assessment (EA). The public can appeal to the Minister of the Environment for a bump up to a full EA if their concerns are not addressed in the ER process.

Oakville MPP Kevin Flynn is Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, former Kingston mayor John Gerretson.

NEW AMBULANCE STATION

SOUTHEAST OAKVILLE WILL SEE REDUCED EMS RESPONSE TIMES

Construction will begin this spring on a new EMS station in Ward 3. The station will have two bays, and will start out with one 24-hour ambulance, staffed 365 days a year by paramedics. Located on Cornwall Road near Chartwell, just west of the Town greenhouses, the station is expected to open in late summer or early fall.
2009 is shaping up to be an important year, both at the local and regional levels of government.

Ward 4 residents will see some major improvements taking place. The long-awaited widening of Upper Middle Road, from west of Bronte Road to Postmaster Drive is scheduled to begin within months. Two new parks, Palermo (phase one) and Castlebrook should be up and running this summer, while several existing parks will undergo improvements.

This is also the year we hope to resolve an existing crisis for Halton taxpayers. As you may know, Halton has been designated a growth area in the province’s Places to Grow legislation. In fact, we’ve been asked to double our population in just 30 years (from 390,000 in 2001 to a projected 780,000 in 2031).

This means Halton will require 64 new schools, 22 new fire halls, 25 community centers, 1,100 new hospital beds and a staggering 2,200 lane kilometres of major municipal roads, plus expansion to existing highways, bridges and interchanges. Then, there’s policing, waste disposal, energy and transit requirements. It’s a long list.

With costs estimated in excess of $8.6 billion for new infrastructure alone, you are probably asking: Who is going to pay for it all?

Fairness for Halton is a campaign launched by Halton Region to address that exact question. And it’s an important question because the region currently carries a $300 million municipal infrastructure deficit. In other words, we’re not keeping up with the growth we’ve got.

There are several reasons for this. Restrictions in the provincial Development Charges Act (brought in during the Mike Harris years) limit how much money the region can recover from local developers through development charges. It’s estimated that these restrictions currently cost Halton property taxpayers $32 million per year. That’s $32 million of YOUR money, each and every year put towards covering the short fall!

In addition, the region must also deal with provincial downloading and infrastructure programs that are no longer adequate in this era of explosive growth.

Last November, your Regional Council passed a resolution to suspend water and sewer allocations for new homes until an acceptable financial plan that includes adequate funding from local developers and upper levels of government can be approved. Staff is working on a number of possible solutions to secure funding and have it in place before development begins. A financial plan is expected to go before Regional Council this spring.

Your ward councillors fully support the Fairness for Halton Campaign, especially during these times of fiscal uncertainty. In fact, we encourage the broadening of its mandate to include environmental as well as financial concerns. At the end of the day, what good is growth if we can’t breathe the air? We want to hear what you think. Please make 2009 the year you decide to get involved.

To learn more about the Fairness for Halton Campaign visit www.halton.ca or call Halton Region at 905-825-6000.
We’ve all noticed recent improvements to the Dorval Crossing Plazas (even a new name) and welcomed the fresh new look of the stores, restaurants and businesses, but it seems there’s more happening than meets the eye.

The “Go Green” signs that mark the Dorval Drive entrances to both the east and west plazas offer a clue. They state – Recognized for having achieved the BOMA Go Green Standard of environmental excellence in the management of this building.

BOMA is the national association of building owners and managers who created an environmental certification program for commercial buildings across Canada. They told us the property management at Dorval Crossing has demonstrated that they follow BOMA’s core best practices in how they manage the property. These include elements of energy, water and waste management. A third party performs periodic site visits and confirms that the certified properties meet their criteria.

Ari Dimitrakias of Bentall LP – the company that manages the plazas – told us that Dorval Crossing, built in 1990, received its certification in April 2008. Although many changes have been made to reduce the plaza’s environmental footprint, he is most proud of their success in the area of waste management. A common garbage room has been equipped to offer tenants the opportunity to recycle a variety of waste materials, including glass. And based on the results of a pilot project currently underway at another site, Dimitrakias hopes to implement a program at Dorval Crossing that will see food waste from restaurants diverted to the green bin.

Could they do better? Dimitrakias concedes that every tenant basically controls their own operations, but when one makes a positive change, it presents an opportunity to encourage others. Education is a key component to the program and one that he says can bring tenants together to achieve some surprising results.

For shoppers, perhaps the most noticeable improvement has been the addition of recycling receptacles alongside the garbage cans – an easy way for all of us to “Go Green.”

**BUDGET FRIENDLY FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY AT GLEN ABBEY LIBRARY BRANCH**

Glen Abbey is now Oakville Public Library’s busiest branch and it’s easy to see why – we have a wide range of fun, free services for everyone in your family. Parents and caregivers with children can drop in for one of the fabulous Family Storytimes on Tuesdays at 9:45 a.m. or Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Students of all ages know that the Glen Abbey librarians are happy to help with tough homework questions, and everyone loves to cozy up with a good book or movie on a cold winter night. Visit www.opl.on.ca or pick up a program guide at any branch to make sure you’re making the most of what your library has to offer!

**NEW LIBRARY BRANCH FOR WARD 4 RECOMMENDED IN LONG-RANGE PLAN**

Over the next 15 to 20 years, more and more people will call the northwest part of Oakville home. To make sure Oakville Public Library continues to provide excellent service to all, the Parks, Recreation, Culture & Library Master Plan has recommended a new library branch in the Palermo area around Dundas Street and Bronte Road for 2020 to 2025.
YOU ASKED US . . .

I enjoy walking along the trails in Sixteen Mile Creek Valley but lately I’ve been noticing a lot more graffiti on the bridges, rocks and fences. Why is this happening so often and who should I call about it?

Drawings or words that are scratched, painted or sprayed on walls or other surfaces in public places is an issue of growing concern right across the GTA. Oakville does not accept tagging (a style of calligraphy writing used as identification) or illegal graffiti in the community. Please report graffiti immediately to the police by calling 905-878-5511 or 1-800-222-TIPS. You can also call the Town’s graffiti hotline at 905-338-4392. The Town’s graffiti brochure, A Guide to Urban Art, addresses graffiti as a growing phenomenon and is available at Town Hall and the libraries.

Despite all of the traffic calming measures that the Town has introduced, I notice that cars still speed on many of the town roads. What can I do?

Halton Regional Police Services and the Town of Oakville receive a high volume of complaints about speeding and aggressive driving behaviours on local streets. Interestingly, studies on speeding on Oakville roads reveal that residents in neighbourhoods where complaints originate make up the majority of offenders. Call Halton Regional Police 905-825-4747 any time you observe a fellow motorist exercising unsafe driving behaviour. You can also help police by participating in a program called Halton Road Watch, by filling out a citizen report form. For more information, visit www.haltonroadwatch.ca.

I walk my dog on-leash on the trails and often come across other dogs that are off-leash and sometimes problems begin to develop. I know a by-law says all dogs must be on a leash. Is there anything I can do and are there any leash-free parks in Oakville?

You’re right. All pets must be leashed in parks (except in leash-free zones). There are several leash-free parks in Oakville. Unfortunately the popular leash-free park north of Dundas and west of Neyagawa closed this summer. However, a temporary leash-free park is planned at the new Palermo Park, north of Highway 5 and east of Regional Road 25. For more information, visit www.oakville.ca/leash-freezones.htm or call the Oakville Humane Society at 905-845-1551.

OUTDOOR RINK: ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL WINTER

In a town as big as Oakville, it can sometimes be hard to bring together a neighbourhood. Luckily, throughout the town there are many residents working to promote a strong sense of community. Case Feenstra tries to bring together his community each winter by maintaining an ice rink at the tennis courts on Old Abbey Lane. Case works hard each winter to provide this opportunity to local residents. It allows the community a chance to get outside and enjoy winter, while getting some exercise. The ice surface was once again divided into three areas – one for regular hockey, another for younger hockey players to enjoy the game and a third for recreational skating.

Our thanks go out to Ward 4 resident, Case Feenstra, for organizing another successful season of outdoor skating on the rink at the tennis courts at Old Abbey Lane. As always, Case enjoyed seeing the fruit of his labour and encourages everyone to come out and use the community rink again next winter.

If you would be interested in helping with the maintenance of the rink next year, Case would be happy to hear from you. Please feel free to call him at 905-330-0727.

Also, look for the outdoor rinks each winter at:
LANGTRY PARK (west of Third Line)
NOTTINGHILL PARK (east of Third Line)
## NEW WARD 4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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<td>Montrose Abbey</td>
<td>1250 and 1260 Montrose Abbey Drive</td>
<td>To rezone the lands from agricultural to residential to permit 10 residential condominium dwellings on a private road.</td>
<td>Refused by Council on October 27, 2008. Applicant has appealed to OMB.</td>
<td>Brenda Stan <a href="mailto:bstan@oakville.ca">bstan@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3034</td>
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<td>AMC Real Estate</td>
<td>2385 &amp; 2389 Bronte Road</td>
<td>Proposed subdivision to permit a total of 215 residential units. Development was reviewed and approved under Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval under file number 24T-04002/1430. This application lapsed on May 5, 2008. Current application seeks to re-institute original approved subdivision.</td>
<td>Approved by Council.</td>
<td>David Capper <a href="mailto:dcapper@oakville.ca">dcapper@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3042</td>
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<td>Genstar Titleco Ltd. &amp; NHD Developments Inc.</td>
<td>SE corner of Dundas St. West and Postmaster Drive</td>
<td>To rezone the lands to residential to permit 207 condominium and on-street townhouses, 20 detached houses and a park.</td>
<td>Council has given draft plan approval.</td>
<td>Brenda Stan <a href="mailto:bstan@oakville.ca">bstan@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3034</td>
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<td>Bronte Creek Communities Limited (Monarch)</td>
<td>Part of Lot 33, Concession 1 S.D.S.</td>
<td>The applicant is proposing to remove the holding provision from By-law 2002-237 as it applies to a portion of Block C.</td>
<td>Approved by Council</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3371</td>
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<td>St. Peter and St. Paul Coptic Church</td>
<td>3113 Upper Middle Road West</td>
<td>To rezone and re-designate the lands to allow for a place of worship.</td>
<td>Currently under review by Town staff. Application in circulation.</td>
<td>Brenda Stan <a href="mailto:bstan@oakville.ca">bstan@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3034</td>
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## UPDATE TO WARD 4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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<td>Inglehart / Crystal Homes</td>
<td>2265 Bronte Road</td>
<td>A condominium townhouse development that has received draft approval for 24 townhouses.</td>
<td>The proponent is working to clear conditions of draft approval.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:Gcharles@oakville.ca">Gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3984</td>
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<td>QEW-Bronte Developments Inc. &amp; 1401114 Ontario Inc.</td>
<td>1087, 1099, 1105 Bronte Road</td>
<td>To designate the subject lands for mixed-use development consisting of retail and service commercial uses, office uses, institutional and recreational uses, and high-density residential uses. A total of 75,500 square metres of floor space is proposed, which represents a building density of 3 FSI. Building heights are proposed up to 14 storeys.</td>
<td>The application is in circulation and being reviewed by Town staff.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:Gcharles@oakville.ca">Gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3984</td>
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<td>Matam Holdings Inc. (Mattamy)</td>
<td>South-east corner of Proudfoot Trail and Dundas St.</td>
<td>To amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to permit the development of 10 model homes and to add commercial uses to the existing 2 storey building on site.</td>
<td>Application went to P &amp; D Council for mandated public meeting on November 24, 2008.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601, ext. 3371</td>
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<td>Creekbank Developments Inc.</td>
<td>2322, 2332 and 2362 Upper Middle Road</td>
<td>To construct an 88-unit residential development within a 3-storey structure. The proposed building is oriented towards Upper Middle Road, with driveway access to minimal surface parking and one level of underground parking.</td>
<td>The site plan application has been received by the Planning Dept and will be in circulation for Town Department and external Agency comments.</td>
<td>Christina Tizzard <a href="mailto:ctizzard@oakville.ca">ctizzard@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601 ext. 3266</td>
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When most of us refer to Oakville as home, we aren’t usually talking about the house in which we live, or the road on which we drive. We’re talking about the feeling we get; a feeling of belonging and being part of something bigger.

When the first residents of the Uptown Core area (bounded by Trafalgar Road, Sixth Line, Dundas Street and Glenashton Drive) moved in to this new community, they did so backed by a promise that the Uptown Core would become a vibrant and diverse community with plenty of room for residential and commercial use, the adoption of a pedestrian and transit-first way of life, and development that carried a high standard of urban design.

It was a promise made in the 1987 Official Plan Amendment (OPA) #14, a blueprint for planning decisions today, and continues to be the guiding vision for the future.

One of the early homeowners in the Uptown Core, Ward 5 Regional and Local Councillor Jeff Knoll specifically moved to Oak Park based on this vision for the future.

“The UPTOWN CORE
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and retire without having the leave your community.

Currently, we can boast of having an award-winning residential area known as Oak Park. This modern design provided a neighbourhood that people really can call home. Many of the world’s best urban planners tour the area to learn and understand the success of this residential district. The new Uptown Transit Terminal has finished its first phase of construction and with upcoming transit bays for GO and Mississauga Transit it will provide more links fulfilling the vision of a transit-first community. In addition, pre-sales are underway for a sister office building next to one currently sitting on Oak Park Boulevard.

“Over the last nine years we’ve seen many positive changes in the Core,” noted Ward 5 Local Councillor Marc Grant. “And now, with a major transit node right there, I’m really looking forward to seeing more offices and ‘Mom and Pop’ shops open up as more people embrace the community.”

Future plans embrace continued movement toward achieving the original goal with award-winning residential areas, increased transit, and well-planned commercial zones that will entice retail and service industries to call Oakville home. The focus will be on quality and the promise, made over 20 years ago, will be reinforced in the new official plan – Livable Oakville.

As part of Livable Oakville, the Uptown Core Review, currently underway, will help guide planners in shaping the area for the next 20 years. It will look at how the land is being used – how much is residential and how much is commercial. It will create standards as it develops a full range of housing types and densities for our new neighbours without sacrificing the community spirit that has been building. Design principles will be set to allow for eye-pleasing transitions between buildings and between adjacent developments. These principles will promote a social, economic and environmentally sustainable community.

The task of achieving a vibrant and exciting urban centre, balanced with public spaces and a friendly atmosphere, is the blueprint for the Uptown Core. Developers need to build right and for the right reason to achieve the vision. While more people can mean more density, design principles will echo the vision for this area, avoiding wide-spread density. Well-planned high-density along the arterial roads will allow for lower density in other sections of the community. Commercial areas that are designed to be “lifestyle centres” will integrate large-format retail stores that fit into the friendly neighbourhood vision.

Change will come to the Uptown Core, but it will not be unexpected or unpredictable. It will be change that will provide residents with all the amenities of urban life while establishing a greater sense of neighbourhood. It will be a place people will continue to think about when they think of home.
Councillors Jeff Knoll, Marc Grant, Cathy Duddeck and McDonald’s owner, Darlene Bryans flip flapjacks at the Kerr Street Ministries Family Christmas Party.

Ward 5 Councillors and Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr join the Oakville Fire Department to light the Christmas Tree at the Sixth Line Fire Hall.

Ward 5 gathers for Remembrance Day

Oak Park Fall Fair

Rivers Glen Mews Annual Plaza Party
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<td>Dundas Sixth-Line Developments Inc. / Cityzen Development Group (formally known as Pinevale)</td>
<td>32 Dundas Street East (Sixth Line and Dundas)</td>
<td>Official Plan and Zoning By-law. Amendment, Draft Plan of Subdivision and Condominium to development 102 townhouses and 1256 apartment units in three 16-storey buildings and one 6-storey building, and 500 m² of commercial space at grade.</td>
<td>Development agreement settled between the Town and Cityzen Group.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601 ext. 3371</td>
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<td>Silgold Developments (Metro Ontario and Smart Centres)</td>
<td>Northeast corner of Oak Park Boulevard and Taunton Road</td>
<td>To amend the Town’s Zoning By-law to permit a wide range of retail and service commercial uses permitted with a “Central Business District (C3) zone”.</td>
<td>Recommendation report to be delivered in the upcoming months.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601 ext. 3984</td>
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<td>(Killbarry Holdings Corp) Stan Vine Construction</td>
<td>300 &amp; 312 River Oak Blvd. E.</td>
<td>To permit a total of 47 residential units on a 5.38 ha parcel.</td>
<td>Revised application still under review. Public Information Meeting was held on January 21st.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601 ext. 3371</td>
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<td>Mattamy – Lower Fourth Development Ltd/ Pendent Development Ltd</td>
<td>North side of Dundas Street between Neyagawa Blvd. and Sixth Line</td>
<td>To enable the development of a 138 ha parcel of land for 2317 residential units (detached, multiple attached, apartments).</td>
<td>Technical issues being resolved.</td>
<td>Rob Thun <a href="mailto:rthun@oakville.ca">rthun@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601 ext 3029</td>
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<td>Fitzsimmons</td>
<td>Dundas and Trafalgar.</td>
<td>4 buildings, up to 18 storeys, roughly 580 units.</td>
<td>Public Meeting held on January 26th. Currently in circulation</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601 ext. 3984</td>
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<td>Medieros Boat Works</td>
<td>210 Burnhamthorpe Road East</td>
<td>Application submitted to extend temporary use by-law to permitted existing boat manufacturing operation</td>
<td>Approved by Council.</td>
<td>Rob Thun <a href="mailto:rthun@oakville.ca">rthun@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601 ext 3029</td>
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<td>Ukrainian Church</td>
<td>300 &amp; 312 River Oaks Blvd.</td>
<td>Re-zoning to permit a church.</td>
<td>Application in circulation.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a> 905-845-6601 ext. 3371</td>
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### KID-A-PALOOZA OAKVILLE

**SATURDAY APRIL 18th, 2009 • 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. • OAKVILLE TOWN HALL • FREE ADMISSION FOR FAMILIES**

*Helping To Connect Oakville Families*

- 70 vendors
- Kids Outdoor Play Area
- Kids Education – Preschools, Literacy Programs, Learning Resources
- Kids Music and Performing Arts Programs
- Kids and Family Support Programs – Childcare Providers, Community Programming Providers
- Kids and Family Safety
- Family Fitness Programs
- Kids Products & Specialty Items
- Kids and Family Healthcare Providers
- NEW! Just For Mom
- Performances by local community groups

Sponsored by: Councillor Jeff Knoll and Oak Park Moms & Tots
For more information, please contact workshop@oakparkmomsandtots.ca
Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. We continue to work together to meet your needs and we appreciate the trust you have placed in both of us. The decisions we make and the work we undertake today at the Town of Oakville and the Region of Halton impact your lifestyles directly and we take those responsibilities very seriously.

Together, we are working to control urban growth through the creation of a new official plan for Oakville to direct where urban growth should go and what it should look like. A number of professional studies and reviews are underway to support this process and provide firm direction and leadership to the development industry regarding what development will be acceptable to Oakville. The Town of Oakville’s leadership in this area is key to protecting the stability of our existing neighbourhoods and to creating a vision for the future of Oakville.

The Region of Halton is responding to provincial growth plans that require revisions to the Regional Official Plan (occurring in 2009) to accommodate 780,000 residents in Halton by 2031. This planning initiative, called Sustainable Halton, will determine how much additional farmland in Milton and Halton Hills will be used to house population growth in Halton over the next generation and how much growth will occur through intensification. We hope you will support our calls to minimize the impact this growth will have on our already stressed transportation system and to enhance the policies around green space preservation.

With the successful implementation of the organics collection program in the spring of 2008, the Region of Halton now starts reviewing strategies for managing solid waste farther into the future. We expect the Region to adopt strategies to further increase the diversion of garbage from the landfill. The changes made in 2008 help preserve Halton’s limited landfill space and your continued support has meant an increase in the diversion rate of garbage from the landfill to over 60% (from 43%). Thank you for helping to make this happen.

Finally, the 2009 budgets at the Town and Region have now been completed resulting in an overall increase to property taxes of 3.88% including the expected impact of shifts in the education taxes. We work together to create budgets at the Town and the Region that recognize the overall impact to the property tax payer and maintain service levels to residents.

As always, we encourage you to contact us with any concerns. We look forward to speaking with you and bringing you results.
OAKVILLE COUNCIL APPROVES 2009 BUDGET

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NEW HOSPITAL UPDATE

As you undoubtedly know, back in 2005 the announcement was made that a new Oakville hospital will be built on 50 acres of land at Third Line and Dundas Street to replace the existing hospital on Reynolds Street.

Planning of the facility began more than two years ago. Construction is expected to begin in 2011 and is anticipated to last about three years.

Most recently, the hospital submitted an application to the Town, which consists of Official Plan amendments and rezoning. It is supported by numerous studies and reports.

To find out more, please visit www.newoakvillehospital.com.

STATUS OF OLD RAMADA INN SITE

The status of the old Ramada Inn site at 360 Oakville Place Drive at the southeast corner of Trafalgar Road and Iroquois Shore Road is still up in the air.

Creekbank Properties (Oakville) Ltd. has long sought to turn the site into a mixed-use development with 900 condominium apartment units in three apartment buildings on a two-storey base, plus a four- or five-storey building with retail service and office commercial space. The site is currently zoned for commercial/industrial use and the Town believes that this site cannot handle such an influx of residential units.

Councillor Adams was pleased to move a motion at Council on November 24, 2008, seconded by Councillor Khan, that the Town oppose residential development at 360 Oakville Place Drive as part of the appeals filed by Creekbank Properties (Oakville) Ltd. with the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). Further, Councillor Adams, again seconded by Councillor Khan, moved a motion to authorize legal counsel for the Town to bring forward a motion at the OMB to dismiss the appeals of the application on the basis of the issue of conversion of employment land. Council fully supported the motions.

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UPDATE ON WARD 6 REGIONAL ROADS

A new trunk water main on Trafalgar Road from Burnhamthorpe Road to Britannia Road is currently being designed. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2009 with completion in 2010.

Dundas Street from Oak Park Boulevard to Highway 403 will be reconstructed and widened from four to six lanes. The project includes the construction of a new sanitary sewer, two sanitary force mains and a water main. Design is currently underway with construction scheduled to start in 2010 and be completed in 2011.

In addition, pavement resurfacing on Upper Middle Road from Sixth Line to Highway 403 was completed in December 2008.

FIX FOR PARKING PROBLEMS AT 1235 TRAFALGAR ROAD UNDERWAY

Patients who need to visit the medical building at 1235 Trafalgar Road, just north of Town Hall, know that parking can often be an issue. To ease this problem, a minor variance was approved in September 2008.

A total of 75 parking spaces have been allocated at Trinity United Church on McCraney Street East for off-site parking for staff during business hours. Lakeshore Group, the owner of the building, has submitted an application to rezone the medical building site to establish a paid parking system and to legalize the existing parking capacity. There are no planned changes to the existing building or to any land uses.

A public meeting was held to receive input about the application and Planning staff is in the process of considering the feedback before bringing a recommendation back to Council.

“When a recommendation report is presented, Council will need to consider the planning merits of the application to ensure that any changes to the allowed land use constitute good planning in terms of both the types of uses of the site and the amount of available parking to support those uses,” says Councillor Adams.

WHAT’S HIDDING IN THE CLOCK TOWER?

Ever wonder about that really big clock tower at the corner of Upper Middle Road and Eighth Line? While the clock might be handy, why is it so tall?

Did you know this is actually a telecommunications tower, approved by the federal government? The telecom tower originally stood there alone – tall and unattractive. As it was used to help relay communications signals, it had to stay.

Very cleverly, the telecom tower was recently disguised as a clock tower. Requiring a sign variance application because of its height, the new tower was approved by the Site Plan Committee at Town Hall on November 17, 2006.

So now you know!
As part of the Town’s Environmental Strategic Plan (ESP), Oakville has released its first annual State of the Environment Report (SOER). Council’s Strategic Goals for 2009 include a commitment to enhancing our natural environment and providing programs and services that are environmentally sustainable. The implementation of an environmental reporting program represents an important step in achieving these goals. The health of the environment plays a pivotal role in the quality of our lives. The SOER is designed to report on some key indicators that will allow us to measure the health of the water we drink, the air we breathe and the environment in which we live.

The indicators for the SOER were developed in collaboration with the Town’s Environmental Strategic Plan Advisory Committee, and were chosen to represent our natural resources, resource and material use, transportation, healthy neighbourhoods, community engagement and best practices. Feedback from the public was encouraged through an open house and a focus group session held in October. Many valuable suggestions were incorporated and included in the final report.

The SOER shows that Oakville is doing well in areas such as parkland and urban forestry. Areas where the Town can improve include resource use, vehicle use and community density. The Town is addressing these areas with initiatives and policies to improve public transit and promote energy conservation, and through the creation of our new official plan – Livable Oakville.

To represent our collective impact on the environment, in 2009 the Town will be developing an ecological footprint model for Oakville. This will further assist in measuring progress towards sustainability, and will provide residents with a better understanding of the important role that individual actions can have on the environment. To support individuals wanting to improve the environment, the SOER also offers many useful tips and suggestions for the public. Ways to reduce your impact on the environment can include walking, bicycling or taking the bus instead of a car, using energy and water wisely, and participating in environmental initiatives such as town clean-ups and public tree plantings. Residents are encouraged to read through the SOER for more ideas and share some of their own tips with the Town.

Read a hard copy of the SOER at any Oakville Public Library branch or request a copy from the Town’s Environmental Policy department at 905-845-6601, ext. 3898, or environment@oakville.ca.

The State of the Environment Report is also available online at www.oakville.ca/environment.

Oakville recently won an important Ontario Municipal Board decision to deny By-Ways Construction and Ryan-Lee Investments with respect to their application for variances to permit a large home improvement store at the intersection of Eighth Line and Iroquois Shore Road.

“This is another important win towards protecting our community from undesirable development proposals and protecting employment land in Oakville,” said Councillor Tom Adams.

The Class Environmental Assessment Study for:

- Upper Middle Road between Winston Park Drive and Winston Churchill Boulevard will have a second public information centre in spring 2009.
- Ninth Line between Dundas Street and Upper Middle Road completed the first public information centre in June 2008. The second public information centre is scheduled for March or April 2009.
- Trafalgar Road between Leighland Avenue/Iroquois Shore Road and Upper Middle Road is ongoing. The scope of the study has changed to address rapid transit services along the corridor (i.e. dedicated transit lanes). A third public information centre will be held in late spring 2009 and a study update will be mailed out to all study participants early in 2009.
- The new north Oakville transportation corridor and crossing of the Sixteen Mile Creek study to address the transportation needs associated with the planned development in the North Oakville Secondary Plan area between Ninth Line and Regional Road 25 is nearing completion. The project team is documenting the study process and recommendations in an Environmental Study Report.
FOUR NEW MAYOR’S ADVISORY GROUPS FORMED

Mayor Rob Burton has created four Mayor’s Advisory Groups, each to be led by a member of Council.

The four advisory groups will report on Sustainability, Consumer Waste, Uniform Public Notification Policy and Natural Trail Standards.

SUSTAINABILITY

Town & Regional Councillor Allan Elgar has accepted Mayor Rob Burton’s request to lead a Mayor’s Advisory Group (MAG) on Sustainability. The Sustainability MAG will consult widely and report its results in an ongoing work plan, as it develops.

“I joined Council nine years ago because I wanted to work to protect our future,” Councillor Elgar said. “This MAG is the perfect way to focus my concerns which all fit into the framework of sustainability.”

CONSUMER WASTE

Reflecting the widespread concern about the problem caused by non-degradable plastic bags and other commercial packaging, Oakville Mayor Rob Burton has asked Town Councillor Max Khan to lead a MAG to develop ideas to reduce, reuse and recycle plastic packaging in Oakville.

“Taxpayers are stuck with the costs of handling these non-biodegradable forms of consumer waste,” Councillor Khan said, “and we have a duty to our taxpayers and the environment to reduce those costs.”

UNIFORM PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

To further Council’s ongoing efforts to increase public involvement, Mayor Burton has called upon Town Councillor Cathy Duddeck to lead a MAG to propose a Uniform & Enhanced Public Notification Policy.

“We are always eager to hear residents’ opinions on issues before our Committees and Council,” said Councillor Duddeck. “I look forward to working with Oakville residents to ensure the public is fully informed of Town business.”

NATURAL TRAILS STANDARDS

As Oakville strives to achieve a fully interconnected trail system throughout the town, Town Councillor Ralph Robinson will lead the MAG on acceptable Natural Trail Standards.

“This is a great opportunity to improve the way we travel through the town,” said Councillor Robinson. “This advisory group will work to balance accessibility of bike lanes and walkways with the natural beauty of the area surrounding our trails.”
PLANNING A LIVABLE OAKVILLE

Our new official plan, Livable Oakville, will define and map the future we want for our town for the next 30 years. Our vision for the plan will be true to our community’s own aspirations to be the most livable town in Canada. Our land use planning rules will be clear, consistent and comprehensive. Above all, our new official plan will be defensible.

When adopted later this year, Livable Oakville will control growth and protect our natural environment and stable neighbourhoods by directing growth only to suitable locations.

Your comments are welcome and even crucial to ensuring our new official plan reflects the public interest and meets the needs and aspirations of Oakville residents. Council’s goal is for everyone to have a chance to participate in the creation of the new plan. Through public meetings, emails, faxes, letters, phone calls and discussions, everyone should be able to find a way to be heard and considered.

When adopted, our new official plan will be the change control plan that keeps what we like about our town and builds on that foundation to create the town we want for the future.

Please accept this as your invitation to join with the rest of our community in planning the future we all want for the town we all call home.

What is an Official Plan?
An Official Plan is a policy document that directs and guides land use and shapes how Oakville develops in the future. The Official Plan must meet regional and provincial planning requirements. The Town of Oakville’s new Official Plan is called ‘Livable Oakville’.

The Launch of Livable Oakville
The formal launch of Livable Oakville was held on April 16, 2008. Since then, Council has approved a mission statement and guiding principles for Livable Oakville (OPA 281), which form the basis for directing future policy development. As part of the Livable Oakville program, six major studies are underway in addition to a review of the current general policies and Official Plan framework.

Why does Oakville have to grow and where will growth occur?
The province’s Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe - Places to Grow requires that a minimum of 40 per cent of new growth in the Region be located within the existing built-up areas by 2015. Growth in built-up areas is referred to as intensification. Town Council identified six growth areas through its interim growth management policies (OPA 275). Growth in new areas or “greenfield” growth (North Oakville) is to be planned to meet a density target of 50 residents and jobs, combined, per hectare.

MIDTOWN OAKVILLE REVIEW
The Midtown Oakville Review is underway to enable the evolution of the area around the Oakville GO station into an Urban Growth Centre as required by the province’s Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe – Places to Grow. It will be planned to accommodate 20,000 residents and jobs by 2031.

The vision for Midtown Oakville is to create a vibrant, transit-oriented, urban community that consists of high-density residential, commercial, employment and recreational uses. Town Council directed staff to prepare new land use policies for the Midtown Oakville study area that are substantially in accord with the Draft Midtown Business and Development Plan completed by Urban Strategies. Through consultation since the Draft Business Plan was endorsed, issues relating to transitional uses, transportation and infrastructure improvements have been highlighted.

UPTOWN CORE REVIEW
The objective of the Uptown Core Review is to update the original plan for the Uptown Core. The study process began with a background analysis of the existing conditions and included several workshops and stakeholder meetings.

New directions for future development, and recommendations for implementation, were developed and are scheduled to be presented at an upcoming Livable Oakville and Planning and Development Committee meeting. General findings from the review have identified the need to realign the plan with the initial urban vision for the Uptown Core, clarify land use permissions and consider tools and incentives to implement the desired growth.
A PLAN FOR KERR VILLAGE
The Plan for Kerr Village builds on the work completed in the 2004 Kerr Village Revitalization Study. The Plan examines the recommendations of the 2004 study through several technical studies to determine the level of revitalization development feasible for Kerr Village. The Plan will result in land use designations and policies that reflect the broader public interest to guide development in Kerr Village for the next 20 years. The key issues that have been raised through the public consultations and technical work to date are the constraints to growth due to traffic capacity, the desires of the community for a revitalized main street and increased public transit.

BRONTE VILLAGE REVITALIZATION STUDY
The Bronte Village Revitalization Study was initiated in 2004. The first phase was completed in 2005 and involved community workshops to identify a vision for Bronte Village. The current phase of the study includes an update of the previous planning work, extensive stakeholder engagement, and a detailed technical review. The goal of the study is to bring 30 years of community planning in Bronte Village to a conclusion by adopting new land use and urban design policies into the Official Plan. General findings from the study have indicated a preference for maintaining the character of the area, defining the amount of growth and accentuating its connections to the waterfront.

RESIDENTIAL INTENSIFICATION STUDY
The Residential Intensification Study is underway to identify appropriate policies for the types of residential infill and intensification that are appropriate in the town’s stable residential areas. This study will look at unique sites throughout the town such as the DND lands and the current hospital site.

EMPLOYMENT LAND REVIEW
The objective of the Employment Land Review is to evaluate existing employment land supply and future demand for the town given the strong provincial direction to protect employment lands. The review has identified that Oakville has developed a strong economic base and is anticipated to have continued employment growth to 2031. The review has also found that the town is well positioned to compete for employment land. The review will assess existing and planned lands designated for employment within Oakville and policies relating to the conversion of employment lands to non-employment uses.

What is happening with the current land use and general policies?
In addition to the six major studies, current general policies, land use policies and the structure of the Official Plan are being updated. The new structure will provide a framework in which to add new policies from the six major studies and which reflect the approved mission statement and guiding principles. Policy papers are being developed which will direct future land use policy relating to environmental sustainability and transportation, as well as urban design, parks and open space, culture and heritage, commercial and institutional uses.

LIVABLE OAKVILLE ANTICIPATED WORK PLAN

APRIL 2009
Midtown Oakville, Uptown Core, Kerr Village
Bronte Village, Residential Intensification and Employment Land Review
Recommended Land Use Designations and Official Plan Policies to Planning and Development Council

MAY/JUNE 2009
Draft Official Plan, Consultation with Wards

How can I stay in touch?
The Town encourages the public to be part of the Livable Oakville planning process. To add your name to a contact list for upcoming events, please email livableoakville@oakville.ca.
For more information about the Livable Oakville program, visit our website at www.oakville.ca/officialplanreview.htm.
## Town Council’s 4 Year Work Plan

### Progress To Date, Key Events and Future Plans

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- **Winter**
  - Town Obtains Joshua’s Creek Arenas
  - Oakville Named Canada’s Urban Forest Capital
  - Mayor’s Economic Health Indicators launched
  - Pesticide By-law Passed
  - Soccer fields open at QE Park
  - Tree Planting

- **Spring**
  - Oakville Transit Launches Student ‘Freedom Pass’
  - Town announces 40% Tree Cover in 50 Years Plan
  - OPA 275 Protects Neighbourhoods and directs growth to Midtown Centre
  - 3-year Transition to Performance Based Program Based Budgeting begins
  - Town Increases Parking at GO
  - Council Approves North Oakville East Secondary Plan
  - 7 New Buses

- **Summer**
  - New Library Opens in Clearview
  - Council Relieves Taxi Shortage
  - Town Wins NHS in OMB decision
  - Mayor Announces New Parking Structure for GO Station
  - New Transit Terminal Opens in Uptown Core
  - Groundbreaking for Quad Pad Sports Park
  - NHS Sign Unveiling
  - Construction Begins on Glen Ashton Park
  - Palermo Park
  - Millstone Park
  - Groundbreaking for Kerr St. Ministries Dream Centre
  - Heritage Tree Hunt
  - 9 New Buses

- **Fall**
  - New Library Opens in Clearview
  - Council Relieves Taxi Shortage
  - Town Wins NHS in OMB decision
  - Mayor Announces New Parking Structure for GO Station
  - Indoor Soccer Building Set to Open at Pine Glen
  - Tree Protection By-law Update to Council
  - New Soccer Fields at Glen Ashton Park completed
  - New Soccer Field to Open
  - Construction begins on: Nautical Park
  - Castlebrook Park
  - South Shell Park (phase 1)

### Future Plans

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- **2010**
  - Public Consultation on:
    - OTMH/OTHS Vision
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  - Performance Based Program Based Budgeting Fully Implemented
  - Tree Planting
  - New Official “Livable Oakville” Plan Due
  - Construction Begins on South Shell Park (phase 2)
  - Palermo Park to Open with New Baseball Diamond
  - Castlebrook Park to Open with New Soccer Field
  - Places to Grow Compliance Deadline
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