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LET’S TALK...

Welcome to the second 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 winter!

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Go to oakville.ca for everything you need to know about the Town of Oakville. Visit oakville.ca to read updates from the Mayor’s Office, watch videos, and track important items like Budget 2012 and information on the town’s new interim cell tower protocol.

WINTER DRIVING

You can find out when your street will be cleared, as well as access winter storm reports and better understand Council’s policy for snow removal and winter control by visiting www.oakville.ca or by calling 905-815-5999.

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 yourMayor 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.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL CONGRATULATE COUNCILLOR MAX KHAN

On behalf of Council, Mayor Rob Burton congratulates Councillor Khan for the successful diagnosis of his recent cancer relapse that has briefly sidelined him from Council.

“Now that his treatment has been able to start, we all look forward to Councillor Khan’s return to Council in a few weeks,” the Mayor said. “His success in attracting Siemens to locate their new national headquarters in Oakville in his Ward is a great boost for Oakville’s economy. Everyone looks forward to his future contributions to our town.”
Oakville is currently dealing with an invasive pest known as the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). This metallic green-coloured beetle has destroyed more than 20 million ash trees in North America and is threatening Oakville’s ash tree canopy.

EAB was confirmed in Oakville’s Iroquois Ridge South Community by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in July 2008. Within the last few years, several new tools have been added to the EAB management "toolbox" resulting in one of the most aggressive treatment plans in Canada.

Town Council and staff are employing a number of measures to battle the threat of EAB. In fact, Oakville is the first Canadian municipality to complete an early warning detection project to accurately identify the spread of EAB. This measure is enhanced by strategic planning that ranges from analysis, to detection and treatment. A communications plan is also in place to ensure that Oakville residents are informed and engaged.

What can you do? Eighty per cent of Oakville’s treatable ash tree canopy is located on private property. Ash trees which are still healthy and structurally sound can be saved if residents know about them and choose to treat them. Are you not sure if you have an ash tree? Check out our interactive map at www.oakville.ca to find out. Knowing where this insect will strike and targeting trees that can be saved will increase our chances of success. To assist residents, a number of public open houses are being planned for March 2012.

To engage residents and businesses, Mayor Rob Burton, Town Council and staff launched the innovative Oakville Canopy Club in July 2011. Using a variety of social media platforms, this club has helped generate enthusiasm for the town’s efforts to protect and sustain its ash canopy. You can join the club or learn more about what Oakville’s doing to manage EAB by visiting www.oakville.ca or by emailing canopyclub@oakville.ca

Mayor Rob Burton and students from the River Oaks Public School Eco Club said "boo" to the bug this summer!
As another year draws to a close, it's a good time to reflect on what has occurred this year.

The Bronte Heritage Park is nearing completion and is a wonderful addition to our waterfront.

QEPCCC is also in the home stretch, on schedule and on budget. It’s going to be a great venue - not only for our community, but all of Oakville, including the Oakville Arts Council & the Oakville Sports Hall of Fame.

The re-construction of Lakeshore Road between Great Lakes Blvd. & Mississaga St. is complete; as is the installation of the water main along Rebecca St. All that remains are the final landscaping touches.

Bronte Athletic Field has seen great use this year after its rehabilitation and the new field & lights have extended its availability to the many community organizations.

I hope you will take time this holiday season to visit our local merchants. Shopping locally is a great way to build a vibrant community. There are lots of stores & restaurants to match all budgets.

Speaking of budgets, the Town Budget season is also upon us. Your input is valued and helps the Budget Committee & Council decide on the direction Oakville should be headed in. You can participate or just follow the proceedings. Check out: www.oakville.ca for details.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your ideas or concerns. Working together we will create the most livable community in Canada.

In closing, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Regional and Town Councillor – Ward 1
ALAN JOHNSTON

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Probably the biggest single issue that I am involved with right now is the redevelopment of the Bronte Village Mall. The new owner purchased the mall in April 2011 and inherent with that acquisition, Goldmanco also acquired the original development application that had been submitted to the town and which is now under appeal by the new owner to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). In other words, and while our staff is continuing to talk to the owner about what is best for Bronte, the official decision making body is now the OMB.

Our newest community, Lakeshore Woods with its 1450 homes is working through traffic and speeding growing pains and I am looking forward to the new initiatives that will control the speeding problem and keep the community considerably safer for the families and young children.

QEPCCC stands for “Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Culture Centre” and we are now only about three months away from enjoying our official grand opening of the 27 million dollar facility. As promised when we purchased the former high school in 2006, it will be a terrific and exciting venue for the community. Please phone me or visit www.oakville.ca for additional information.

And Yes!!! Bronte is still on fire – with the Shores expecting its first residents in the spring and the Amica retirement home still moving very slowly and hoping to receive a building permit in the summer or fall of 2012.

As we head into the festive season, I want you to feel free to phone or email me for any reason, and, above all, have a very merry and happy holiday season.
UPCOMING EVENTS - BRONTE

There is always something happening in Bronte; whether it is a family friendly festival or a cultural event geared to a more adult crowd, the Bronte area continues to thrive. This winter is no different. For more information please visit: www.brontevillage.net

BRONTE BIA BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Work is in the planning stages to put together an expert panel to analyze ways to improve business conditions in the Bronte Village. A review is ongoing under the direction of the town’s Director of Economic Development, Dorothy St. George, and the proposed process for analysis will be outlined to the Bronte BIA in the next few weeks. The long-term objective is to establish an action plan to achieve the best results for the area. Composition of the panel and public consultation will be determined in the coming months.

SENIORS WORKING ACTION GROUP IS UP AND RUNNING

Working out of the Sir John Colborne Recreation Centre for Seniors, the Seniors’ Working Action Group (SWAG) supports the well-being of local seniors by providing information on issues of interest, advocating on behalf of seniors and liaising with community groups.

SWAG intends to deal with issues of concern to seniors, such as health, transportation, recreation, planning and traffic; with this in mind, they advocate for quality of life and dignity for seniors in the Oakville community.

Should you have any questions or concerns worth noting, please follow up with the Chairperson of the Seniors Working Action Group, Ruth Sheridan, at: 905-815-5960.

Stay tuned as plans for a Seniors Fair to be held in 2012 are in the conceptual stages.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR EXPANSION OF THE BURLOAK WATER PURIFICATION PLANT IS UNDERWAY

The Study

A Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study is underway to increase the capacity of the Burloak Water Purification Plant (WPP) to meet future demands.

The purpose of the Class EA study is:

1. To identify the preferred water treatment solution for increasing the plant capacity; and
2. To recommend the preferred treatment design concept for the expansion.

The Class EA study includes:

- Public and agency consultation;
- Evaluation of alternative treatment design concepts for the expansion;
- Assessment of the impacts of the proposed work; and
- Identification of measures to mitigate impacts.

Technical, socio-cultural, natural environmental and economic issues will be considered during the assessment.

The Communication and Consultation Process

As part of the study, the first Public Information Centre (PIC) was held on April 28, 2011 to introduce the project, the preliminary treatment alternatives under consideration and the evaluation criteria to be used for the selection of the preferred treatment design concept for the expansion.

A second PIC took place on November 30, 2011 to present the results of the evaluation process, introduce the preliminary preferred treatment design concept for the expansion, and the next steps in the study. If you were unable to attend either PIC, you are still encouraged to provide comments so that they may be included in the study. Comments received through the course of the study will be considered in finalizing the recommended treatment design concept for the plant expansion as well as the mitigation measures.

Please direct your comments to either of the project team members listed below:

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Just wait until you see the Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre (QEPCCC) when it opens to the public in the spring of 2012! It will do for arts and culture what North Park and Sixteen Mile Arena are doing for sports. Council heard the needs of our arts and culture community, and residents of southwest Oakville and we acted to put Oakville on a path towards greater creativity, recreation and community.

QEPCCC is a unique multi-purpose recreation, arts and culture facility that will be home to many drop-in and registered recreational, cultural and aquatic programs. It will also house a youth centre, seniors centre, the Oakville Arts Council, and provide much needed space for the many cultural groups and arts guilds. The facility offers:

- Gyms and multipurpose rooms
- Youth Centre
- Woodworking studio
- Rehearsal Hall
- Digital Arts Studio
- Fine Arts studios
- Dance studio
- Cafe
- Older Adults Centre
- Pottery studio
- Fine Arts studio
- Black Box theatre
- Music recording studio
- Rehearsal Spaces
- Gallery/Museum Displays

Some groups will begin to use the space in January 2012, with others moving into the facility throughout 2012. Town programming of the centre will begin in March 2012 with March break camps and a wide variety of programming beginning in April. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday March 24th, from 10am to 4pm for a day of free arts, culture and recreational activities for all ages.

Be sure to pick up a Parks, Recreation and Culture Guide in January 2012 to see the full selection of programs.

**Background on the Transformation**

In 2005, the Town of Oakville purchased the former Queen Elizabeth Park School with the intention of replacing the loss of the high school by redeveloping the facility into a community centre, as recommended in the Parks, Recreation, Culture and Library Master Plan.

In April 2009, Council approved the renovation of the former school. Council’s vision was to transform the community centre to meet recreation needs as well as the space requirements of Oakville’s many not-for-profit arts and culture groups.

The town conducted extensive public consultation on the three proposed design concepts and accepted the plan to retain and use the entire existing building. The design concept chosen by Council is a great example of adaptive reuse of an existing facility; renovating the former school and transforming it into a community centre space that utilizes over 54,000 square feet for arts and culture activities.
APPLICATION / FILE NUMBER

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

STATUS

CONTACT IN PLANNING DEPARTMENT

2143111 Ontario Inc.
(Bronte Village Mall)/Z.1729.57

An application has been received to amend the town’s zoning by-law to permit the redevelopment of the Bronte Village Mall for a mixed-use retail, office, and residential. The proposed development is buildings of two to four storeys fronting onto Lakeshore Road West, containing a food store and other retail uses, one 21-storey building fronting onto Bronte Road, two ten storey buildings and two eight storey buildings fronting onto Sovereign Street.

Application has been appealed. Pending OMB hearing

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1734.04 OP/ZA/CDM - Nautical Lakes Investments Inc.

The applications are intended to permit construction of 40 multiple attached dwellings in six blocks. Vehicular access will be available on a condominium road connecting to Nautical Boulevard. The effect of the official plan amendment will be to permit residential uses on the site while the zoning amendment will provide for residential regulations. The effect of the plan of condominium will be to create freehold ownership of the 40 dwellings with access onto a shared internal road.

In circulation

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IT’S THE GIVING SEASON: WHY NOT START WITH A HALTON FRESH FOOD BOX?

With the winter months upon us, what better time to give back? Why not start with the gift of fresh food? The Halton Fresh Food Box offers a monthly service where individuals place orders for boxes with volunteer coordinators in their neighbourhood and receive a box brimming with fresh, tasty, quality fruits and vegetables.

While people generally use the service to feed themselves or their families, the option also exists to donate a Fresh Food Box to those who are less fortunate. At this time of year, when so many of us are rejuvenated by the comforts of family and good food, we should think about those who go without.

Customers can now order an additional single sized box for $8; options still exist for a small box at $13 or $17 for a family size box. Each box contains the same mixture of food, only the quantity varies. The contents - chosen from locally grown and Ontario grown products - change with each delivery, depending on what is in season, the price and customer preferences.

Go to www.choices4health.org and click under “Projects” to find additional information about the Halton Fresh Food Box initiative. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact: foodbox.epiphany@cogeco.ca or phone 905-847-4015.

Where is the Bronte Site?

Pick up is on the third Tuesday of every month. The Bronte Fresh Food Box drop site is located at:

Church of the Epiphany
141 Bronte Rd. (1 Block North of Lakeshore)
Pick up is between 4pm and 6pm

Bronte Site 6 Month Order Placement and Pickup Schedule

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It seems that every time we turn around there’s something new happening in Ward 2. Yet as we immerse ourselves in our work on behalf of constituents, we realize that renewal in our ward is as important as newness.

As one of the older areas of Oakville, we find that many of the houses in our neighbourhoods are getting on in years. That sets the stage for a number of the issues we’re exploring in this month’s newsletter.

Look around our ward and you’ll see that quite a few of the older, smaller homes have been torn down and replaced with much larger houses, or landscaping to modernize the lot has taken place. Changing a landscape that has stood for decades often means unleashing a mess of grading and drainage problems that affect neighbours and ruin relationships. What can you do? Read this month’s article to get some of the information you need about the issue.

Also on the topic of building and renewal is our piece on the planning process. Many of our residents have expressed curiosity and concern about the different steps involved in the evolution of a community and we held a “Planning 101” session earlier this fall to help people understand the complex issues at stake in urban development.

One very public example of that process has been the renewal of the former Department of National Defence lands at the corner of Rebecca Street and Dorval Drive. The old military homes are gone now and a new neighbourhood will be going in within the next year or two.

Renewal has been part of the Ward 2 parks scene as well, with volunteer efforts helping to buff up both Coronation Park and Hopedale Park.

We are proud to be looking forward and improving the Oakville community. We were the driving force behind the new cell tower protocols recently adopted by the town. With greater setbacks from sensitive land uses, like residences and schools, broader consultation and clearly defined roles, our protocol sets an example for the entire country. The issue of motorcycle noise is one that plagues residents throughout Oakville, and we initiated the staff review currently underway on noise mitigation. In addition, we have recently requested reports on the future of Oakville Arena/Trafalgar Park, including future uses and timelines for public consultation. We are concerned about young children’s exposure to second-hand smoke at playgrounds and playing fields, and have asked staff to report back with options to ban smoking in our parks. Finally, we are very pleased to see Oakville take a leading role towards banning shark fin soup in our town, with other municipalities including the City of Toronto following our lead.

All the best for a safe and happy holiday season everyone! Let’s enjoy what winter brings!
UPDATE ON THE FORMER DND LANDS

The Canada Lands Company (CLC) has submitted a full application for the development of the former Department of National Defence (DND) lands. A public information meeting on the project will be scheduled for early in 2012, according to Dana Anderson, Director of Planning Services for the Town of Oakville.

The former site of military family housing is a 6.6 hectare property at the northwest corner of Rebecca Street and Dorval Drive. The DND sold the land to the CLC in 2010 and community discussions regarding an appropriate use for the land have been ongoing ever since. The CLC, a self-financing Crown Corporation that handles the sale of all government properties, hosted a number of public meetings over the past two years.

CLC held a meeting in May 2011 to enable community members to respond to their draft proposal; the CLC advise that they formulated their current application based on information received at that meeting. Town planning staff held a Public Information Meeting in November 2011 to begin the formal process of reviewing the application.

“The Canada Lands Company is proposing a mix of single family homes and townhomes in accordance with the policy set out in the Livable Oakville plan,” Anderson notes. “The company is proposing 66 single detached homes, 59 townhomes and one new neighbourhood park.”

Full information will be posted on the Town of Oakville website when it is available. Please visit www.oakville.ca and hover over “For Business.” Visitors are then invited to click on “Planning Applications,” and then select Ward 2. Look for the application related to the CLC and click on that link for pertinent information.

PARKS UPDATE

This fall saw community spirit on full display in Ward 2 with businesses, residents and the town working together to beautify our parks.

The Ward 2 Community Tree Planting at Hopedale Park in October brought dozens of eager participants with shovels and gloves to dig alongside Councillors Duddeck and Damoff and the volunteers from Ground Breakers to plant 150 new trees in the park. Groundbreakers is a group devoted to increasing the health and size of Oakville’s urban forest through the planting of native trees and shrubs. Since the group’s founding in 2004, it has been involved in the planting of more than 11,000 native trees and bushes, as well as three wildflower gardens.

Dufferin Construction also brought a volunteer team to Coronation Park this fall. The Oakville company donated the labour and materials necessary to complete a number of projects on the park’s wish list, including:

• The painting of the picnic shelter
• The paving of the pathway around the stone barn
• The application of concrete under the benches at the playground; and
• The mulching of the Japanese garden

Oakville has 1,420 hectares of parkland, 150 kilometres of trails and more than 200 parks - 35 of them in Ward 2. Procuring and protecting green space is a key part of achieving Oakville’s vision to be the most livable town in Canada and we salute both Dufferin Construction and the Ground Breakers group in their effort to actively move us towards that goal!
GOOD DRAINAGE MAKES FOR GOOD NEIGHBOURS

They may not be the zestiest issues in the neighbourhood but grading and drainage are certainly among the most important. The two go together like peanut butter and jelly and if there’s a problem with one, there is likely a problem with the other.

Where the issue comes into play is when one neighbour changes their landscaping or installs a pool, thereby disrupting the property’s original approved drainage pattern. If the grading is not corrected, the result for the neighbours might be poor surface drainage, the pooling of water, foundation settlement or damage, and/or basement dampness or flooding.

The Town of Oakville gets involved when a complaint is registered and if it’s found that a homeowner has not complied with the town’s grading by-laws, they will be charged under Site Alteration By-law 2003-021.

So what can you do if you’re contemplating changes to your property? Here are some tips from Darnell Lambert, the Town of Oakville’s Director of Development Engineering:

• Ensure that any new hedge, fencing, landscaping, pool or renovation to your home does not alter the existing drainage.

• Refrain from filling or piping any existing drainage depressions or landscape troughs on your property and don’t obstruct them with any structure or landscaping feature such as sheds, gardens, etc.

• Maintain the original grade where properties abut so surface drainage is unimpaired. Many surface drainage problems occur along the side lot lines between two houses that are close together. Changing this grade may result in pooling or flooding.

• Ensure downspouts from roofs discharge at grade onto a splash pad at least one metre away from the building. Never direct downspouts towards adjacent properties.

• Pool discharge should not be directed to any rear yard drainage system. Pool discharge should be directed to the front of the home and allowed to spill onto the front yard (grass) area before being allowed to enter the public boulevard area. Chlorine negatively affects creeks and rivers, as well as the environment.

• Lot drainage systems such as swales or catch basins are designed to direct water away from the home. To ensure proper drainage is not restricted, leaves and other debris should be removed from catch basin covers in the spring and fall, as well as snow and ice in the early spring.

Bear in mind that you absolutely must obtain a permit from the Town of Oakville if you are installing a pool. If a landscaping project requires the removal or import of 20 cubic metres or more of material, or if the work involves changes to the lot grading, a permit is also required.

If you are planning a project that might potentially affect the way your lot drains, or if you feel a neighbour’s grade changes are negatively affecting your property, please feel free to contact the Town of Oakville’s Development Engineering Department at 905-338-4407.

DID YOU KNOW?

Halton Green Screens: free eco-themed movies are screened on the third Thursday of every month at Encore Cinemas, here in Oakville! The movies are a partnership between Encore Cinemas, located at 171 Speers Road, and a group of local environmentalists. If you’d like more information on the project, including a list of upcoming films, please visit: www.haltongreenscreens.ca
WARD 2 - “PLANNING 101” SESSION KEEPS RESIDENTS INFORMED

Not all residents get excited about growth and development issues, but the crowd that came out to Ward 2’s “Planning 101” session this fall enjoyed a vibrant discussion that touched on many key issues. On hand were staff from the planning department who gave an excellent overview of:

- What civic planning is and why it’s important
- How the town goes about the business of planning for Oakville’s future
- What projects and applications are currently under consideration by the town and in Ward 2
- What questions are asked most frequently about planning in Oakville

The issue is complex. Oakville’s Planning Development Commission has five departments (Economic Development, Building Services, Planning Services, Strategic Business Support and Development Engineering) and the efforts of numerous teams support their work.

For example, Oakville has Urban Design, Long Range Planning and Current Planning and Heritage Sections that each have a different focus and set of priorities. A recent reorganization means responsibilities have been streamlined and planning teams are now more conversant with each other’s projects.

All planning staff must ensure that every project under consideration complies with the town’s Livable Oakville Plan, an official plan that is based on Council’s determination to be the most livable town in Canada. The town has initiated the zoning by-law review required to bring our zoning in line with the new official plan.

The planning department has to coordinate many different issues as they assess an application for development. For example, planners need to keep in mind:

- The official plan and amendments
- Zoning by-law amendments
- Heritage conservation inspection and enforcement
- Urban design standards and guidelines
- Issues in site design, landscaping and architecture
- Transportation and parking studies

And this list just scratches the surface. Anyone interested in finding information on current applications can:

1. Go to www.oakville.ca and hover over “For Business”
2. Visitors are then invited to click on “Planning Applications”
3. By clicking on the Ward of particular interest, this links to a list of current applications; clicking on the specific project of interest will provide access to submission materials involved in the application.

To see what the Livable Oakville Plan has to say about the future of our town, please go to: www.oakville.ca

KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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<td>To permit a 10 storey, twin tower mixed-use building consisting of 188 residential units and 733 m2 of retail space.</td>
<td>Council Approval – Oct 11/11</td>
<td>Tricia Collingwood 905-845-6601, ext 3833 <a href="mailto:tcollingwood@oakville.ca">tcollingwood@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Sagio Investments Ltd / 24CDM – 11002/1616</td>
<td>70 Stewart Street &amp; 73 Washington Avenue</td>
<td>Plan of condominium to allow a total of 39 residential units</td>
<td>Currently under review by town staff.</td>
<td>Paul Demczak 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 <a href="mailto:pdemczak@oakville.ca">pdemczak@oakville.ca</a></td>
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| Canada Lands Corporation/ Z.1617.39 24T-11002/1617 | North-west corner of Dorval Dr. and Rebecca St. | The purposes of the Zoning Amendment Application and Plan of Subdivision Applications is to rezone the lands to appropriate zoning categories to allow for 66 single detached dwelling, 59 multiple attached dwelling, and a 0.4 ha park, to be situated on new municipal roads. | Currently under review by town staff. | Charlie McConnell 905-845-6601 ext. 6042 cmconnell@oakville.ca
I meet and speak with neighbours and residents every day at the events and meetings I attend as Town Councillor for Ward 3, and although the schedule can be quite hectic, I feel very fortunate to be able to work in, and for, Ward 3.

We enjoy an enviable level of engagement thanks to the efforts of our residents, community groups and residents associations, and although their work sometimes flies under the radar, I hope you will join me in thanking them for putting so much time and energy into the effort to improve our community. We have five residents associations in Ward 3 and they work diligently alongside Councillor Bird and me, as well as with town staff on numerous issues. They make a big difference to our quality of life here.

Quality of life was certainly the focus during the Oakville Community Foundation’s November 4th Random Act of Kindness Day as well. The level of interest shown and the acts of kindness performed spoke well of our residents and my hope is that we will all continue performing random acts of kindness and keep the spirit of kindness alive year-round. It’s just one of the many ways we can all support Oakville’s vision - to be the most Livable Town in Canada.

Our Ward is brimming with important issues these days – from The Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan update, to the Oakville Hospital Lands study – and many issues in between. If you’re wondering about any of them, please get in touch at the number above and I would be pleased to provide you with any information you require.

All the best for a great winter season.
Earlier this year, the Ontario government launched a pilot project in the Oakville-Clarkson Airshed (OCA) to help the province develop a new and innovative air quality management system that will reduce air pollution. The decision to launch the Oakville-Clarkson airzone pilot project was a key Oakville-Clarkson Airshed Action Plan (OCAAP) recommendation of the province’s Southwest GTA Air Quality Task Force. Oakville’s Town Council actively supported the town’s involvement in the initiative. The OCAAP makes numerous recommendations for the Town of Oakville including:

• **Continued outreach and education** to persuade residents to reduce emissions. The town already has extensive outreach and education programs in place that are aimed at reducing vehicle idling, increasing environmental stewardship, decreasing vehicle usage and promoting more use of public and alternative methods of transportation. The town also promotes programs for Earth Hour, Earth Week, an annual Energy Fair, Summer Fun Bus and Bike Day, and the Clean Air Commute. For more information about these events, please visit www.oakville.ca.

• **A review of residential and industrial planning** aimed at reducing encroachment into industrial zones. The Town of Oakville’s Official Plan – Livable Oakville – and the North Oakville Secondary Plan already take this issue into account. Livable Oakville in particular requires the study of various environmental issues, such as air quality and the health impacts of proposed developments.

• **A requirement that every proposal for new land uses in the OCA be examined** to ensure it is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement’s provisions for the “orderly development of safe and healthy communities” and the “appropriate location of growth and development.”

• **A recommendation that municipalities should pave the shoulder of main roads within the airshed** to prevent dust entrainment and tracking of materials into the roadway. The Town of Oakville began this initiative in the summer of 2011, paving road shoulders along Royal Windsor Drive between Ford Drive and Winston Churchill Boulevard, and implementing dedicated cycle lanes.

• **The development of dedicated street sweeping programs to remove road dust materials.** The town has already purchased three high efficiency dustless, waterless sweepers and one mechanical sweeper. In general, primary and secondary roads are swept 10 to 12 times per year, local residential roads are swept four times per year, and Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) are swept between 30 and 40 times per year.

• **Improvements in transit, commuter and local forms of transportation** to encourage greater use, including better synchronization of bus and GO train schedules. The town has been implementing an Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) to improve and expand the pedestrian and cycling facilities network and in September 2009, Oakville Transit redesigned and improved its service delivery model with more route options and better services across the entire town. In addition, a new electronic fare system, PRESTO, is fully operational on all service vehicles allowing passengers to travel across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area using one fare media for both the municipal transit system and GO transit. Finally, the updating of the 2007 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is underway with a goal of sustainably planning for the town’s network of roads, public transit, and active transportation out to the year 2031.

• **Conversion of municipal and commercial fleets of motorized vehicles to lower emission vehicles.** Since Council received the Sustainable Green Fleet Procedure in 2009, the town has been implementing the fleet greening program to achieve fuel efficiencies, and energy, greenhouse gas, and air contaminant emission reductions.

Aside from the measures outlined above, the town has also continued to actively engage public and local community groups, such as Citizens for Clean Air (C4CA), in consultative and promotional activities around health and air quality improvement. The Town of Oakville passed the Health Protection Air Quality By-law 2010-035 (HPAQB) in February 2010, to require Oakville facilities that emit above the “negligible quantity” of any health risk air pollutant (i.e., PM2.5, NOx, SO2, NH3, and VOCs) to submit an emission report. The facility and emission information is posted on the town’s website at www.oakville.ca. Further implementation of the HPAQB for major emitters is scheduled to take effect in September 2012.

For more information on the Town of Oakville’s environmental policies and programs, please visit www.oakville.ca.
DISCUSSIONS BEGIN ON A NEW HERITAGE DISTRICT FOR DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE

The Town of Oakville has started investigating the possibility of designating the town’s downtown area a heritage district, and public consultation on the issue began last month. The initiative was originally recommended in 2010 in the Downtown Oakville Strategic Action Plan and received the support of Town Council.

Oakville already has three heritage districts:

• Old Oakville (established in 1982)
• First and Second Street (established in 1987); and
• Trafalgar Road (established in 1994)

According to Scott Hannah, Senior Manager, Current Planning and Heritage Planning Services, the town has asked MHBC Planning to guide the heritage district investigative process. They will be assisted by Architect, George Robb, and Research Associate, Megan Hobson.

The initial step will be to determine whether or not Oakville’s downtown area should be designated an official heritage district.

The project is expected to have three phases that will involve:

1. The preparation of a background and issues identification report.
2. The completion of a Heritage Conservation District Study. This will provide a complete historical inventory of the physical landscape of the downtown area, including structures and cultural heritage landscapes within the study area.
3. If Town Council decides to approve a heritage district designation, then the consultants will be asked to develop a Heritage Conservation District Plan with guidelines for its completion.

Mr. Hannah notes that there will be opportunities for public and stakeholder input at all stages of the process. More information will be posted as it is available on the Town of Oakville website.

OTMH LAND STUDY UPDATE

Plans to determine the future of the land occupied by the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH) are moving ahead, according to Town of Oakville Planner Lesley Gill-Woods. The recent release of the draft Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan means town staff can now assess whether any of the former hospital lands or facilities might be suitable for any of the needs identified in the draft Master Plan.

Once this has been completed, the town can proceed with the OTMH Lands Study and determine, with community input, how the 5.5 hectare parcel of land should be redeveloped once the new hospital at Third Line and Dundas Street opens in 2015. The OTMH property is identified as a Special Policy Area, which means it must undergo extra analysis to ensure the end use is compatible with the character of the surrounding neighbourhood.

Current policies permit redevelopment for detached houses, townhouses and low-rise apartments at a density of up to 29 units per site hectare, as well as community uses. Some of the ideas that resulted from a community visioning workshop held in June 2010, included detached and seniors’ housing, a park, and new community or recreational facilities.

Urban design firm planningAlliance will synthesize the information provided from all sources and prepare redevelopment concepts that will be subject to further evaluation by residents. It is expected that a recommendation will be submitted to Council in the winter of 2012.

For more information please visit www.oakville.ca

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS DAY

Nov. 4, 2011 - Oakville Community Foundation’s Random Act of Kindness Day kicked off with a big cake and lots of random acts of kindness at Oakville Place Mall.

Councillors Gittings and Bird, along with representatives of the Downtown Oakville BIA, got involved in a big way by giving away thousands of flowers at the George Street community square.
HARVEST DINNER OCTOBER 3RD
CONGRATULATIONS CLEARVIEW!

The Clearview Community Garden wrapped up a successful growing season and held a Great Big Feast at Clearview Christian Reformed Church this fall to celebrate. The meal featured a wide range of fresh vegetables and herbs grown and harvested by volunteers, as well as a substantial donation of food given to Kerr Street Ministries.

More than 20 different vegetables, flowers and herbs were grown in the community garden over the summer, and as many as 30 volunteers a week tended the garden.

The garden is a co-operative venture between the Oakville Sustainable Food Partnership, Clearview Christian Reformed Church and the Oakville Galleries; it has the support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Great job, gardeners!

PARKING DOWNTOWN IS A HIGH TECH EVENT!

Have you noticed the new Pay and Display parking meters in Downtown Oakville? Did you know they are solar powered? The new units are more efficient than the traditional meters and have a technology that enables them to function rain or shine. Best of all, they accept credit cards, which will eliminate the need for downtown shoppers to hunt for loose change!

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How can you protect nature while you are paving it over? Many angry residents have been asking that question since staff released the North Oakville East Trails Plan, in November.

You may recall it took Oakville residents nearly a decade to achieve an agreement that ensured the protection of a Natural Heritage System (NHS) in the town’s growth plan. The NHS would protect important ecological areas from development and allow residents the opportunity to enjoy nature by using trails “designed and located to minimize any impact on the natural environment.”

In my opinion, the trails plan presented to Council in November fails to honour the spirit of that agreement.

For example, the plan calls for an extensive network of trail corridors anywhere from three to 15 meters wide! Many trails would be paved, possibly lit and ploughed and de-iced in winter.

I believe that we should not allow snowploughs and paving equipment into our protected natural areas. Currently, we use crushed limestone on our trails which provides a permeable surface that is far more kind to the environment than asphalt. As for the lights, it is illegal to be on the trails after dark, so why would we light them? Let’s encourage people to stay out of the trails after dark. I also question the wisdom behind creating trails that could be as wide as some city streets.

Survey after survey confirms that Oakville residents care deeply about our natural environment and our quality of life. We must not compromise these values as we grow.

At the time of print, no decision on the Trails Plan had been reached.

I look forward to hearing from you on this or any other issue of concern to you.
Members of Oakville Town Council, alongside the Premier of Ontario, Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) Staff and other key stakeholders, met in the fall at the site of the New Oakville Hospital at Third Line and Dundas Street for a ceremonial groundbreaking.

You can view a video of the day’s events at: www.newoakvillehospital.com

"Groundbreaking on the New Oakville Hospital speaks to Oakville's livability," said Mayor Rob Burton. "It is a culmination of a tremendous amount of hard work and thoughtful planning. I am confident that the new hospital will more than meet the diverse healthcare needs of Oakville residents.”

Both Premier McGuinty, and HHS President and CEO John Oliver, thanked the Mayor and Council for the town's financial contribution and their commitment to seeing the project through to fruition.

The project not only represents an enhancement in quality and compassionate healthcare, it will also be a huge boost to Oakville's economy. Hospital Infrastructure Partners (HIP), the successful bidder to manage all aspects of the project, suggests that it could create as many as 1,100 jobs and result in positive economic reverberations for local suppliers and contractors.

The New Oakville Hospital will be a state-of-the-art facility with a full range of health services, including:

• complex continuing care;
• rehabilitation;
• renal dialysis;
• acute inpatient care;
• maternal child care;
• inpatient and outpatient adult and child and adolescent mental health; and
• secondary and tertiary level programs.

The hospital will be designed and built to meet the Canada Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, with a goal of achieving LEED Silver certification. LEED buildings focus on healthy indoor environments, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and efficient use of energy, water and other resources.

Current preparations at the site, include:

• locating temporary utilities servicing the site;
• digging of temporary storm water management ditches to manage water runoff and increased rainwater retention;
• top soil stripping and earth grading; and
• mobilizing construction office trailers on site

Construction on the New Oakville Hospital is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2015 and will replace the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH).

You can track the development of one of the largest community hospitals in Ontario at: www.newoakvillehospital.com
LIGHT POLLUTION – OAKVILLE TAKES ACTION TO GET SMART ABOUT LIGHTING

Many of us accept a brightened night sky that impedes the view of stars as an inevitable part of urban living. There is a growing body of evidence, however, that links the brightening night sky to measurable negative impacts on human health and safety, wildlife, the economy and environment.

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada offers several important reasons why we need to think about light pollution.

1. Decreased Security: Bright lights produce blinding glare and black shadow. This makes it easier for criminals lurking in the shadows to go unnoticed.

2. Wastefulness: Wasted energy, money and natural resources needlessly increase carbon emissions.

3. Species Movement: Many species use moonlight or even light from the stars to guide their nightly movements and seasonal migrations between breeding and feeding grounds. Bright lighting disrupts these behaviors and reduces their chances of survival.

4. Song Birds: During nighttime migrations thousands of birds die each year when they get disoriented, fly off course and become exhausted or slam into glass buildings.

5. Human Health: Too much light at night disrupts our body’s natural circadian rhythms and prevents melatonin release. Healthy sleep patterns and immune function are also disrupted. Links to depression, obesity, cancer, diabetes and other diseases have been documented.

The Town of Oakville has joined several other cities across North America that are working to minimize light pollution. In October, staff presented a draft document for a new Municipal Outdoor Lighting Standard that for the first time will incorporate the four principles of safety, effective asset management, dark sky/nuisance and environmental benefits. Under consideration are such initiatives as solar streetlights, wireless dimming features, conversion to LED light installations and possible street lighting curfews.

Once finalized and approved, expect to see the new standard incorporated into 2012 capital lighting projects.

To learn more about this initiative contact Suzanne Madder, Research Policy Analyst with the Town of Oakville’s Environmental Policy Department, at: smadder@oakville.ca. For a fascinating read, visit Dark Skies Awareness at: www.darkskiesawareness.org

KEEPING THE PEACE AND QUIET

Oakville Amends Noise By-Law to Include Motorcycles

In June 2011, Council directed staff, in cooperation with the Halton Regional Police Service, to prepare an amendment to the Noise By-law in an effort to curb excessive and unnecessary noise from motorcycles. This comes in response to numerous complaints regarding motorcycle noise from locations throughout Oakville, including the Lakeshore Road West area around the Tim Horton’s outlet, as well as here in Ward 4, in the area around Third Line.

A meeting was held on October 27 to receive comments from the public, where a large majority of those in attendance were clearly in full support of Council’s initiative. The comments provided by attendees at the meeting, together with those from members of the public who wrote letters and sent emails, were incorporated into a final staff report, which will be made available to the public in December.

Oakville is considering several options for a by-law, including one that establishes a clear sound threshold that motorcycles cannot exceed. Of course, a critical component of any by-law being considered will be how to effectively enforce it.

Currently, Caledon is one of the few municipalities that have amended their noise by-law to include excessive noise from motorcycles, with their by-law having just come into effect this October. In the months preceding, Caledon ran a public education program and held free noise testing clinics, an idea Councillor Elgar supports. “You must be able to measure something in order to enforce it. If people knew how their motorcycles measured up in terms of legal noise limits, they might think twice about replacing their factory-issued muffler with a louder one.”

Staff is currently preparing a staff report and by-law for the Administrative Services Committee’s agenda on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. Recommendations from that meeting will be considered at Town Council on Monday, December 19, 2011.
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KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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<td>Matam Holdings Inc. (Mattram)y/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>Application is currently in circulation for technical review.</td>
<td>Robert Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 <a href="mailto:rthun@oakville.ca">rthun@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Ballantry Homes Ltd. Z.1431.12 &amp; 24CDM-100021431</td>
<td>2390 Khalsa Gate – Khalsa Gate and Bronte Road, Palermo Village</td>
<td>Rezoning application to allow for a stacked townhouse built form whereas the current site specific zoning regulations only permit apartment buildings. Site Specific regulations are proposed for the development. The applicant has also submitted a draft plan of condominium application to allow for the creation of a 152 unit condominium development.</td>
<td>Application is currently in circulation for technical review.</td>
<td>Robert Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 <a href="mailto:rthun@oakville.ca">rthun@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>GEW Bronte Developments Inc. and 1401134 Ontario Inc./Z.1530.05</td>
<td>1087, 1099, and 1105 Bronte Road</td>
<td>Proposed zoning by-law amendment to designate the subject lands for retail and service commercial uses, and office uses.</td>
<td>Approved by Council on October, 11 2011</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>1371975 Ontario Inc. Z.1432.08</td>
<td>3113 Upper Middle Road</td>
<td>Proposed zoning by-law amendment to permit the lands to be developed for 21 residential townhouse units.</td>
<td>Public Meeting held. No date set for recommendation report.</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>Halton Healthcare Services SP1326.001/03</td>
<td>3000 Third Line</td>
<td>Amendment to Master Plan. Detailed design (detailed site plan) for new hospital.</td>
<td>Approval - November 15, 2011</td>
<td>Robert Thun 905-845-6601, ext. 3029 <a href="mailto:rthun@oakville.ca">rthun@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>1524 24CDM 11005/1524 Public Storage Canada Co.</td>
<td>1333 North Service Road</td>
<td>The purpose of the application is to permit the development of a vacant land condominium consisting of two units and a common element driveway. Vehicular access will be from the North Service Road. The effect of the draft plan of vacant land condominium will be to allow for the creation of condominium units that may be transferred to end purchasers.</td>
<td>In circulation</td>
<td>Kirk Biggar 905-845-6601, ext. 3968 <a href="mailto:kbiggar@oakville.ca">kbiggar@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>VGR Investments Ltd. Z.1430.26</td>
<td>2495 Old Bronte Road and 2514 Dundas Street West</td>
<td>Proposed zoning by-law amendment to permit the development of a 5 storey medical office building.</td>
<td>Application is currently in circulation for technical review.</td>
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<td>buIMC Realty Corp. Z.1333.01, 24T-11001</td>
<td>3269 and 3271 Dundas Street West</td>
<td>Proposed zoning by-law amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision to support the development of an employment subdivision.</td>
<td>Application is currently in circulation for technical review.</td>
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If you’ve driven along Dundas Street lately you will have seen evidence of the huge growth we’re experiencing: new neighborhoods have sprung up and all traffic has slowed down. The Oakville Community Foundation’s 2011 Vital Signs report notes that by the year 2021, the population of our town will have increased 39 per cent since 2006, much of it in our ward. That is a massive increase and it will have huge implications for our future!

There is much more in the report to give us pause for thought, however. For example, many people might not know that:

• The median family income in Oakville is $101,675
• One-third of all Oakville residents are immigrants
• The overall poverty rate in Oakville rose from 11.8 per cent in 2001 to 14.4 per cent in 2009
• The annual income of a family of four on social assistance is $22,896
• The Oakville Community Foundation and its fund holders granted more than $1 million in assistance in 2010, a 77 per cent increase over 2009 levels

The Vital Signs report provides a valuable snapshot of how life in Oakville is evolving and it shines a light on issues we might want to address. For 17 years, the Oakville Community Foundation has played a leading role in convening people, ideas and resources to improve the quality of life in our town. They are a key part of the matrix of resources that helps create a dynamic community.

And of course there is still more work that could be done to make life for many Oakville residents more enjoyable, rewarding and productive.

As the town works its way through the explosion of growth that has already begun, we can expect more pressure on our infrastructure as well as a growing need for services. There will be greater traffic issues and demand for health care will increase. Schooling will become even more critical, and transportation and other town services will feel the pinch. We are evolving.

And that’s where public engagement is going to become increasingly important as time goes on. As you’ll see in this issue of the newsletter, the Town of Oakville has already started revitalizing its focus on increasing public engagement and the Oakville Public Library has done a masterful job of obtaining public insights through creative new channels. But let’s not stop there!

We encourage everyone to get involved with our community at whatever level of commitment you feel you can spare. Come to public meetings, call your Town Councillor, respond to surveys and make your voice heard. Think this newsletter is a waste of money? Let us know! We’re here, we’re listening and above all, we want to make sure you feel that your opinion counts. All the best for a great winter season ahead!
PARK UPGRADES IN NORTH OAKVILLE

While development is changing the landscape of North Oakville, it’s a relief to know the parks haven’t been forgotten. All new subdivisions are required to designate five per cent of a new neighbourhood’s area to greenspace and existing parkland gets its share of attention as well. In Ward 5 there have been numerous parks upgrades over the past year and more are planned for 2012. Here’s what’s up:

Castlefield Park (River Oaks Boulevard East)
• Resurfacing of the asphalt tennis courts is planned for 2012

Cityen Development (north of Memorial Park)
• New trails along the watercourse are planned for 2012; this will include a pedestrian bridge at the north end of the pond

Harman Gate Park (River Glen Boulevard)
• The playground was replaced this year

McCraney Valley (McCraney Street East near Trafalgar)
• Trail and bridge rehabilitation are planned for 2012

Memorial Park (Glenashton Drive)
• A galvanized steel bridge was added at the eastern side of the storm pond to allow for safe pedestrian crossing
• A 2.4 metre wide (eight foot) asphalt walkway was built around the circumference of the storm pond

Millbank Park (Glenashton Drive)
• A sandbox was added

Oakville Park (McCraney Street East near Sixth Line)
• The parking lot was paved and curbed and new bleachers are scheduled to be installed next year behind the baseball diamond

River Oaks Park (Sixth Line)
• Improvements are being made to the lighting

If you have ideas for improving the Ward 5, park experience, contact Jeff or Marc.

DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH OAKVILLE

North Oakville is booming. Neighbourhoods along Dundas Street are already becoming more established and other projects in Ward 5 are nearing completion. Here are the developments currently in the works:

• An application from Silwell Developments is requesting the re-zoning of land at the corner of Taunton Road and Oak Park Boulevard to permit a 4-storey mixed use building; the vision is to create a commercial/residential building with 94 residential units and 15,000 square feet of commercial space fronting onto Oak Park Boulevard. Other notable projects, include: multiple 3 storey-plus residential buildings that would front onto Georgian Drive, Littlewood Drive, Gatwich Drive, Roxton Drive and Taunton Road.

• Mattamy Homes has submitted an application to allow for new developments on Dundas Street between Sixth Line and Neyagawa Boulevard. They’re proposing a range of land uses including a 770-unit residential building, as well as commercial, school and open space uses.

• Trinison-Timson Holding Corp. and Arrassa Investments Inc. have permission to proceed with a subdivision plan that will include 242 residences as well as parkland and some commercial properties.

These new developments are a product of nearly a decade of planning and deliberation at Council - and elsewhere - around the future growth of North Oakville. There will be closures and inconveniences, but the growth will ultimately have a positive impact on our community. If you want to express an opinion about any of these developments, please contact Jeff or Marc.
**ENHANCING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

The words “civic engagement” don’t always inspire excitement, but the concept is important and the town is taking steps to make it easier for Oakville residents to get involved.

“Marc and I both feel we need to implement more creative ways for people to stay in touch with what’s happening at Town Hall,” says Ward 5 Councillor Jeff Knoll. “We need to reach out in new ways.”

The Ward 5 Councillors are active on Twitter and other online channels such as “See, Click, Fix” and they host regular monthly drop-in meetings to provide Ward 5 residents an opportunity to personally air their concerns.

“Times have changed,” notes Councillor Marc Grant. “Improvements in technology mean municipalities are able to record public sentiment more accurately and more effectively.”

Councillors Grant and Knoll point to the City of Calgary’s 2011 budget process as a great model for public engagement. More than 23,000 citizens responded to appeals for input over a three month period through a number of traditional channels as well as:

- An online budget simulation program (with an optional iPhone app)
- Online surveys
- Blogs
- The opportunity to post videos on the city’s YouTube budget channel OCESS

Oakville hasn’t started routinely implementing those types of online strategies yet, but the town has begun revising its website to make it easier for residents to access information. The town held its first online town hall meeting earlier this year and new social media engagement opportunities will be implemented early next year in time for the budget process. In addition, a new public engagement toolkit was developed earlier this year to help town staff maximize a wide range of techniques and opportunities to connect with residents so they will find it easier than ever to get involved in their local government.

If you have suggestions for the town to improve ongoing communication with residents, please get in touch with Jeff or Marc.

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**CONSTRUCTION ON SIXTH LINE**

The construction on Sixth Line south of Upper Middle Road is over for now, but don’t relax just yet: more work is scheduled for the spring.

According to Dale Lipnicky, project leader in the Town of Oakville’s Engineering and Construction Department, the work that ended in November includes:

- Installation of a new water main from the North Service Road to McCraney Street
- Installation of a new west side sidewalk from the North Service Road to Ridge Drive
- Full road reconstruction from the North Service Road to Ridge Drive, which includes widening the driving surface to provide for vehicle and bicycle lanes
- Construction of a new storm sewer between the North Service Road and Regency Court
- Removal of all existing ditches
- Finishing of the road surface from the North Service Road to Ridge Drive to a base of course asphalt

Phase 2 of the project, which is scheduled to take place between April and June of 2012, includes:

- A 0.5 metre widening of the west side of the road from Ridge Drive to just south of McCraney Street to provide for both vehicle and bicycle lanes
- Construction of a new west side sidewalk from Ridge Drive to McCraney Street
- Placement of top lift asphalt from the North Service Road to McCraney Street
- Installation of a new water main on McCraney Street from Sixth Line to Onslow Court
- Installation of new water mains on Onslow Court and Peerless Court
- Placement of top lift asphalt on McCraney Street, Onslow Court and Peerless Court

The project is expected to cost $3.5 million.
**LIBRARY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS**

Oakville’s Public Library (OPL) has been creating quite a buzz lately as the team in charge works its way through a revitalization program focused on public engagement and creative listening.

According to Melissa Cameron, Manager of Marketing and Development for the OPL, the library is involved in a six-month process focused on developing a new strategic plan that will act as a guide for the next five years.

“Libraries are going through some pretty major changes now with social media, e-books, and new technologies making their mark,” she says. “We want to make sure we’re the best possible library system for our community.”

With the help of consulting group Libraries in Transition, Cameron says the library ran a month-long user survey in branches and online, as well as a sticky-note campaign inviting patrons to write down their dreams for an OPL of the future. The library held focus groups for teen and adult users (the two groups that use the library the most) and talked to donors and supporters. In addition, teenagers were given cameras and sent out to take photos of their activities for a day to give planners a better idea of how to service their needs.

“Oakville generally has a reputation for being innovative and the library in particular has a large amount of public support,” Cameron adds. “We’re often the number one community service in the town and we have a very strong system.”

The Library Board will approve a final report on the future of library services in February 2012, after which it will be presented to Oakville’s Town Council for consideration.


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<td>North River Oaks, south of Glenashton, west of Trafalgar Road and east of the hydro corridor</td>
<td>Revised application received on March 15, 2011. Proposed zoning by-law amendment, official plan amendment, and plan of subdivision to allow for the development of a total of 52 residential units, commercial block, roads, open space, and park.</td>
<td>Approved by Council on 24 October, 2011.</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>Lower Fourth Developments Ltd.,</td>
<td>Sixth Line and Neyagawa Boulevard</td>
<td>To permit the development of a range of land uses including 770 residential units, and commercial, school and open spaces uses.</td>
<td>Recommendation Report to Council in early 2012.</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>Silwell – Z1413.27</td>
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<td>To re-zone the lands to allow for a mixed-use development.</td>
<td>Recommendation report expected end of 2011.</td>
<td>Tricia Collingwood 905-845-6601, ext. 3833 <a href="mailto:tcollingwood@oakville.ca">tcollingwood@oakville.ca</a></td>
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Dear residents,

We have had a busy year working for you. At the conclusion of the first year of this term of council, we are advancing our community in important ways.

Controlling Growth

We are successfully defending our stable neighbourhoods from undesired development applications and directing growth to areas designated for it. We are doing this through the implementation of our new official plans at both the Town and the Region of Halton. We have also now begun the process of updating Oakville’s zoning by-laws to bring them in line with the new official plan. This will be a two year process and will involve significant consultations with the public.

Alleviating Traffic Congestion

We are building new transportation infrastructure to ease commutes. A new Region of Halton transportation plan has been recently approved. The Town of Oakville is now updating its own transportation plan to deal with our transportation needs over the next 20 years. The update to the Town of Oakville transportation plan is expected to be completed in 2012. These plans call for both improved roads and transit systems for Oakville. Some of the improvements are described on the following pages.

Managing Taxes Responsibly

Council has given direction to staff to prepare budgets for 2012 to 2014 with total property tax increases in line with the rate of inflation. We recognize the need to limit our operating costs while maintaining infrastructure and core services. Council will continue to review municipal service levels to ensure that we keep delivering services that are consistent with our vision for Oakville.

Building the New Hospital

The construction of the New Oakville Hospital at Third Line and Dundas Street has now begun. Oakville continues to play a key partnership role in funding this important project.

Increasing Waste Diversion

The Region of Halton has a new waste management strategy to increase the amount of garbage diverted from our landfill from 60 to 65 per cent. This eliminates the need to consider an incinerator in Halton for the foreseeable future and extends the life of our landfill to 2040.

Improving Customer Service

We are working to make our service to you even better. We are improving our on-line presence with a re-launched website. The Town is also working on a multi-year program to introduce a one window approach to serving you that will reduce duplication and improve response quality and timing.

These are just some of the major areas of focus for our community in the upcoming years. We continue to work with you to meet your needs and we look forward to discussing any concerns or ideas that you have. We’re only a phone call away!

Best regards,

Tom Adams and Max Khan
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SIEMENS TO BUILD CANADIAN CORPORATE HEAD OFFICE IN OAKVILLE

Siemens Canada has chosen Oakville and Ward 6 as the location for its new Canadian corporate head office. Siemens is a household name with a remarkable history in Canada dating back to the early 1900s. It is a company that symbolizes technical achievement, environmental sustainability, innovation, quality and reliability.

By choosing Ward 6 as the location for its Canadian head office, Siemens is tapping into Oakville’s increasing livability. Siemens’ choice of Oakville proves that more livable communities attract more investment in their local economy.

By next year, Siemens plans to build a 110,000 square foot, four story office with enough space for 800 employees. The building will be Gold LEED certified, which speaks to Siemens’ commitment to sustainability and the importance the company places on holding itself to the highest standard.

“Siemens’ presence in Oakville is another indication that Council has a vision and a plan for our future that places a great importance on economic development and job creation,” said Councillor Max Khan. “The Siemens announcement suggests that Oakville remains an attractive place for businesses and families alike.”

Another example of new employment in the vicinity of Siemens’ chosen location is the Joshua Creek Corporate Centre. This re-development project located on the former Polywheels site at 1465 North Service Road, will consist of over 280,000 square feet of office space. Made up of three single story buildings, Joshua Creek Corporate Centre will offer excellent access to the QEW. Tenancy for the development is expected in the fall of 2011.

In addition, the Winston Park West employment lands to the east of Ninth Line will eventually be a mix of industrial and commercial space. Road widening to four lanes on Ninth Line between Dundas Street and Upper Middle Road is an important part of bringing employers to this area.

PARKS AND RECREATION RENEWAL UPDATES

Resurfacing of Tennis Courts at Valleybrook and Glenashton Parks

The resurfacing of the tennis courts is underway at both locations. At Valleybrook, the town is converting one of the tennis courts to a basketball court to try and maximize community benefit. Work is expected to be completed for the summer of 2012.

Falgarwood Outdoor Pool

Additional repair work to the pool will take place in the spring in preparation for the summer of 2012. This will also allow any winter damage to be remediated at the same time as previously scheduled work. We are all looking forward to the pool being a family friendly place to spend time swimming and relaxing when the weather warms up.

Iroquois Ridge Community Centre (IRCC) Accessibility Project

We are happy to report that Phase 1 of the IRCC Accessibility Project has been completed as of the end of October. The Library book drop is fully operational and the centre median directly in front of the entrance is now flush with the curb so as to provide greater accessibility.

Phase 2 of the project is set to commence in the spring of 2012 with the intention of completing an accessibility upgrade of the remaining walkway leading up to the book drop, which currently has a granular finish.
REGIONAL ROAD UPDATE

1. Upper Middle Road

(a) The area between Trafalgar Road and Ninth Line

The Region will be commencing an Environmental Assessment study to address capacity needs from Neyagawa Road to Ninth Line. Notice of study commencement should be issued in late 2011.

(b) The area around the AMC Complex towards Winston Churchill Boulevard

The Region has completed the Upper Middle Environmental Assessment from Winston Park West to Winston Churchill Boulevard and filed it in October for public review. Proposed improvements include signalization at Upper Middle Road and the AMC Entrance, improved signage and rumble strips along the corridor, and the review of traffic signals at the intersection of Upper Middle Road and Winston Park Drive. It is anticipated that this work will be completed in 2012. Overall improvements will include widening of the road to four lanes, installation of a three metre wide multi-use path on the north side of the road and provision for on-road bicycles.

2. Dundas Street

The construction contract to widen Dundas Street to six lanes between Highway 403 and Oak Park Boulevard has been awarded and the contractor will begin work in the near future. Construction is anticipated to take up to 36 months. The contractor will be required to maintain 4 lanes of traffic at all times during construction, except for unavoidable short-term lane closures.

The Region has commenced the Environmental Assessment process for the section from Brant Street to Trafalgar Road and is anticipating a widening of Dundas Street from four lanes to six lanes including exclusive Bus Rapid Lanes. The first Public Information Centre was held on June 23, 2011. The second Public Information Centre took place in November of 2011. It is anticipated that the study will be complete in the late summer of 2012.

3. Trafalgar Road

The Region has commenced the Environmental Assessment process and is anticipating widening Trafalgar Road from four lanes to six lanes including exclusive Bus Rapid Lanes from Cornwall Road to Highway 407. The first Public Information Centre was held in June 2010. The second Public Information Centre took place in November of 2011. It is anticipated that the study will be complete in the late summer 2012.

The noise wall installation on the east side of Trafalgar Road between Lynwood Road and White Oaks Boulevard is ongoing with completion scheduled by the end of this year.

4. Ninth Line

The Region has been working on the detailed design to widen Ninth Line to a four-lane facility between Upper Middle Road and Dundas Street. When completed, Ninth Line will be equipped with four lanes - two in each direction, on-road bicycle lanes and off-road sidewalk and a multi-use path. As part of the project, Upper Middle Road from east of Joshua Creek Drive to west of Highway 403 will also be widened from a four-lane to six-lane road. Construction is scheduled to start in late 2012 and will be completed by the end of 2013.

TREE PLANTING AT JOSHUA CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL

In cooperation with the volunteer group Oakvillegreen and the Town of Oakville, Joshua Creek Public School was selected as a site to plant 300 shrubs and trees to add to Oakville's urban forest. Representatives from each class participated in the planting celebration joined by members of the junior Green Thumbs Club, led by Mrs. Neate.

Councillor Tom Adams displays his proud planting work with fellow tree enthusiasts Michelle and Simran.
SWITCHING GEARS ON THE ROAD TO CHANGE

Both the Region of Halton and the Town of Oakville are in the process of updating their Transportation Master Plans. Both Transportation Master Plans will help to shape Oakville’s transportation system, policies and infrastructure plans in a way that recognizes demographic realities and ensures viable travel.

Still in the initial stages, the updating of the town’s Transportation Master Plan under the banner Switching Gears, describes the direction of transportation policy and infrastructure to the year 2031. Switching Gears is about developing a practical, long-term plan to identify the transportation needs for Oakville and recommending a range of options to satisfy future travel demands.

A number of options are currently being investigated, including:

- Public transit system and network improvements
- Active transportation (pedestrian and cycling) initiatives and network improvements
- Road network capacity improvements that highlight public transit opportunities
- Travel demand management practices and requirements
- Transit-supportive land use planning and travel demand management policies

You can stay involved in the process by signing-up for the town’s mailing list to be notified of future events, such as the next public open house tentatively scheduled for spring 2012. Sign up by sending an email to: tmp@oakville.ca

The Region of Halton’s Transportation Master Plan has been updated and calls for expanded use of transit, with a special emphasis on integrated transit, expanded pedestrian and cycling facilities and road widening to handle greater numbers of personal vehicles and an increase in transit use.

Both plans will be prepared in a way that demonstrate awareness of the interconnectedness of transit on a regional and town wide level.

“We all agree that transportation plays a key role in our daily lives and that is why both the Town of Oakville and the Region of Halton are investing such significant amounts of time and resources in preparing our transportation infrastructure for the future,” said Councillor Tom Adams, Chair of Halton’s Planning and Public Works Committee.

Travel options have real implications for our quality of life, including time and money spent getting from one place to another. The availability of meaningful choice is important. We need sidewalks that safely link one street to another, bicycle lanes and trails for commuting and recreation, roads for cars and buses – these are just some of the key components. We are moving forward toward a more sustainable transportation system, and a more balanced, efficient and affordable transportation network.

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Council is moving forward on our unanimously chosen path to a more livable and sustainable future. We have the civic engagement we need for Oakville to make more progress on this path we set out on five years ago. And while we on Council can lead and provide policy, we work through others.

During the last term of Council, we created two of the four key plans we need for our vision to succeed—our Strategic Plan and our Livable Oakville Official Plan. This term, we will finish the Sustainability Plan, and our Long-Range Financial Plan.

We’re controlling growth, saving green space, and keeping up with the town’s needs; all while keeping increases to taxes and debt paid for by taxes lower than before.

The town recently launched its Vision 2057 project. Vision 2057 will create a policy framework document to tie together our master plans. Vision 2057 will guide the regular reviews and renewals of our master plans. As we develop this new “master” master plan, we will review our work with the public. The year 2057 will be Oakville’s bicentennial, and our long term plan of the same name will create, afford and preserve the livability that Oakville is striving to create.

As you’ve read throughout this newsletter, Council is committed to public engagement wherever possible, including asking for your input on the use of surplus public lands and Budget 2012.

This community spirit will also be a part of our future investment in civic facilities. The ongoing review of the Parks, Recreation, Culture & Library Master Plan will lay the foundation to add to the success of community spaces like the Sixteen Mile Sports Complex and the Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre, which we will complete in the new year.

Next year, we will celebrate the opening of the new Canadian headquarters for Siemens. They cited Oakville’s increasing livability as the prime factor in their choice of Oakville.

With victories like a provincial pilot project to monitor Oakville’s airshed, Council understands that our long-term fiscal health is connected to our commitment to being environmentally progressive.

These achievements would not be possible without the dedicated work of Council and Town Staff. Their high quality of public service was reaffirmed in a recent Citizens Survey that found: “Oakville residents are clearly satisfied that the town is on the right track in addressing and managing the local issues that they care most about.”

This is an exciting time for Oakville. This is the time in our history when we make the big, long-lasting choices. Together, we are poised to meet the challenges of the future. And we will continue to seek efficiencies and productivity across all our programs and services to maximize value for you.

We all care about the town we live in. We give our time and effort to make Oakville a better place for all. This spirit is the backbone, the muscle and the heart of what makes Oakville, Oakville. And this attitude, coupled with Council’s ability to work together effectively, is what drives us forward toward our goal of being the most livable town in Canada.

All the best for a great holiday season and a prosperous New Year.
All municipalities have long-range plans, often referred to as “master plans.” A land use master plan, called an Official Plan. A Transportation Master Plan. A Parks & Recreation Master Plan. A Fire Protection Master Plan, just to name a few. Taken as a whole, they spell out a municipality’s path to the future.

For the past five years, we have been working with each other to create a path to become the most livable town in Canada. This takes careful planning. Our plans cover all of the pieces of our vision: land use rules, saving green space, and creating public spaces and places.

The Vision 2057 initiative arose out of questions that Council and staff were hearing from the public: what ties all of our master plans into one to help us reach our goal of making Oakville the most livable town in Canada? Vision 2057 gives the public and Council the top-level view they want of how the various plans relate to each other; it also provides the public with the opportunity to offer meaningful input into the plans that will shape the future of our community.

Our goal with Vision 2057 is to create a future that will make the public look back in 2057, during our 200th birthday as a town, and praise the foresight of Council and staff.

**Vision 2057**

Vision 2057 is comprised of four key strategic sections:

*Create it:* This section can be viewed as the rulebook for growth. It contains our new official plan, Livable Oakville, which received Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) approval in May 2011. OMB approval means that finally we are masters of our own community. Implementing the Livable Oakville plan by creating a new zoning by-law is the next step in controlling growth to ensure that we achieve our vision.

*Preserve it:* This section encompasses our plan to preserve our natural, social, cultural and heritage environment. We are proud of our record of environmental and heritage conservation.

*Afford it:* Making the future affordable is the focus of this section. In our Development Charges By-law Study, we focus on making the right people pay. We will keep making growth pay for itself, to the limit we can under the 1997 amendments to the Development Charges Act.

*Live it:* One of the most important things about Oakville is its livability. The many factors that go into making this town more livable are a part of this section. These include the town’s initiatives to enhance livability through culture, recreation, parks, harbours, economic development, libraries, transportation and fire prevention.

We value your input and feedback. Please contact us with any comments or questions you have regarding Vision 2057. We on Council look forward to working with you to help make our plans achieve our shared goals and vision.

**OAKVILLE CRIME RATE FALLS**

Oakville experienced a 17% overall decrease in crime for the first six months of 2011.

Halton Regional Police Superintendent Marty Power, who commands the Oakville District of the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS), cites public cooperation with police crime prevention and enforcement for the improvement in a community already described by Macleans magazine as Canada’s safest.

“It’s gratifying to work with Oakville residents to address areas of emerging crime, as well as community priorities such as traffic, youth and elder abuse,” Superintendent Power said. “By working together, police and the public can both ensure that our community remains safe.”

Homeowners can get free advice on improving home security on the HRPS website, www.haltonpolice.ca HRPS

Oakville District Inspector Ivan L’Ortye reminds Oakville residents that “the most effective way to reduce crime is to prevent it from occurring.”
UPDATE - PARKS, RECREATION, CULTURE & LIBRARY MASTER PLAN REVIEW

Council and Town Staff must plan for the facilities our growth has and will make necessary. We are now at work on a review of the 2006 Parks, Recreation, Culture & Library Master Plan. Like any good master plan, it must predict the future needs of our community and map out how best to deliver those needs.

As part of the review, the new draft plan will look at how our community will add to its high quality and leading edge parks, recreation and library system – which are so much a part of Oakville’s livability.

Since the approval of the 2006 Master Plan, the town has set about addressing a facilities deficit with builds like the New Oakville Hospital, Sixteen Mile Sports Complex, Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre, Pine Glen Soccer Centre, as well as the acquisition of the Joshua Creek twin arena.

Our review of the master plan will look to continue this positive momentum by providing the research that Council needs to make several important decisions. The Halton District School Board has declared a number of schools and properties as surplus. Council has already committed to acquire them to keep them in public uses. The new draft master plan will show how we will use them as a community. It will also show how we will pay for them.

The master plan review will examine the heightened usage of sports and library facilities. Our planning must take account of the way two different sectors of our population are growing: youth and seniors. Each has unique recreation-related needs. Planning for the future of Oakville’s library system, one of the busiest and most innovative in Canada, will balance traditional usage against the growing trend to incorporate new technology into the library user’s experience.

The master plan review is now available on the town’s website and public consultation will commence in early 2012, with the expectation of being completed by the spring.

You can monitor the ongoing review and opportunities for public input by visiting: www.oakville.ca.

A NEW OAKVILLE.CA - TOWN RELAUNCHES WEBSITE IN JANUARY 2012

After months of hard work to transform oakville.ca into a site that is more customer-focused with content that is better organized and easier to find, the town is relaunching oakville.ca in January 2012. Thank you to everyone who participated in our web surveys and focus groups to help us make oakville.ca a great source of information for the entire community.

Some of the new and enhanced features include:

**Design:** A fresh new look that is welcoming, accessible and easy to use!

**Navigation:** Content is organized based on what visitors are trying to find. And there are more ways to navigate to the same information.

**Search:** Try a keyword search with our fast new Google search tool at the top of every page.

**Calendar:** Never miss an important date or meeting!

**Social media:** Start following us in the New Year, we’ll have lots to tweet about!

**Accessibility:** The new site is built to meet the requirements of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.*

And be sure to also visit oakvilletransit.ca which will be launching a brand new trip planning tool to make using transit easier than ever!

Along with new websites come new URLs. Almost all of our URLs have changed, so please remember to update your favourites or bookmarks!

We’re always interested in your feedback. Please browse the new site and let us know what you think at: serviceoakville@oakville.ca
## TOWN COUNCIL’S 4 YEAR WORK PLAN

**2008**
- Second annual New Year’s Levee
- Total tax increase of 3.78 per cent
- Municipal Energy Conservation Officer
- Construction begins on indoor soccer facility
- New official plan – Livable Oakville
- New Council on hospital local share contribution
- New transit terminal opens in Uptown Core
- New Mary’s Advisory Group (Creative Oakville)
- Construction begins on QE Park Community Centre Centre renovations (to re-open 2012)
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## 2009
- Third annual New Year’s Levee
- Total tax increase of 3.30 per cent
- Council resolution on power plant concerns
- Four new Mary’s Advisory Groups (sustainability, consumer waste, public notification standards, and natural trails standards)
- New official plan – Livable Oakville
- Zoning by-law amendment and interim control by-law restrict power plants pending location studies
- Power Plant locations study begins
- New Council on hospital local share contribution
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## 2010
- Fourth annual 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 Mary’s Advisory Group (lobbying rules)
- Construction begins on QE Park Community Centre Centre renovations (to re-open 2012)
- Construction begins on: Glen Abbey Skate Board Park
- Construction begins on: North Park Sports Park
- Construction begins on: KSM’s Dream Centre
- Tree protection by-law update approved by Council
- New firefighters hired

## 2011
- Fifth Annual Mayor’s Levee
- Total tax increase of 2.79 per cent
- Completed Lake Ontario shoreline rehabilitation work, east of First St.
- Major road reconstruction projects completed (north of Falgarwood Dr.)
- Major road reconstruction projects approved include: North Service Road, Speers Road, Sixth Line and Wycliffe Rd.

Public Consultation:
- 2011 Budget
- Health protection and air quality by-law reporting requirements