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FINANCIAL CLOSE ON JULY 19TH
CONSTRUCTION STARTS
THIS AUGUST

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

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

Enjoy a fun and safe summer!

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

NEW TO TOWN?

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

NEED HELP?

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

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

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

Under existing privacy laws and regulations, if you want your Mayor and Councillors to know about your inquiry, you should ask for your communications to be passed on to your Mayor and Councillors or copy us when you call or write to staff. Your Mayor and Councillors always welcome direct contact.
The town owns and operates a network of approximately 1900 lane km of roads and 109 signalized intersections. In addition, the Region of Halton cares for and maintains 305km of regional roads, 88 bridges and 208 traffic signals. To ensure the road network operates effectively, a periodic review of key traffic characteristics is undertaken to monitor performance and identify specific problem areas.

The most recent Oakville Road System Report, delivered to the Community Services Committee in May, 2011, indicates that:

**Traffic Operating Speeds** on the majority of roads within Oakville have acceptable operating speeds. Less than 10% of locations studied have operating speeds that exceed traffic calming warrant thresholds. Typicaly, 60 to 70 speed studies are undertaken by the town each year. These studies may be completed in response to a report from the public that a section of roadway is experiencing a speeding problem or are done following the implementation of speed mitigation (traffic calming) measures.

**Traffic Volume** on Oakville’s road network is consistent with the road classification, maximum traffic volume levels and expectations identified within the Livable Oakville Official Plan.

**Collision Characteristics** indicate that the 10 intersections with the highest potential for safety improvement (PSI) and the 10 mid-block locations with the highest PSI were identified in a network screening review of the collision database over the last 5 years (2005 to 2009). The network screening conducted to date did not identify any locations that were in need of immediate measures.

The Road System Report signals that the Oakville road network is operating at a very high level. As we continue to gather information, it is utilized to develop and support road improvement initiatives and programs the Engineering and Construction Department will undertake in 2011 and beyond as part of its overall operating and capital program.

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**2010 PASSIVE TRAFFIC CALMING LOCATIONS**
1. River Oaks Boulevard- Sixth Line to Oxford Avenue.
2. Old Abbey Lane- Dorval Drive to Nottinghill Gate.
3. Monastery Drive- Dorval Drive to Nottinghill Gate.
4. Lakeshore Road W.- Mississaga Street to Great Lakes Boulevard.
5. Westoak Trails- Third Line to Bronte Road.
6. Highvalley Road- Bronte Road to Valleyridge Drive.
7. Valley Ridge Drive- Highvalley Road to Dundas Street.
8. Colonel William Parkway- Upper Middle Road to Dundas Street.
9. Pine Glen-Postmaster Drive to Kwinter Road.

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**2010 PHYSICAL TRAFFIC CALMING LOCATIONS**
1. Lancaster Drive- Grosvenor Street to Harcroft Court.
2. Millbank Drive- Glenashton Drive to east of Grand Ravine Drive.
3. Maurice Drive- Stewart Avenue to Elmwood Road.
4. Munn’s Avenue- Rimmington Drive to Poole Drive.
5. Westoak Trails Boulevard- Ashmore Drive to Calloway Drive.

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**Join the Oakville Canopy Club!**

**Leading the municipal battle against the Emerald Ash Borer infestation**
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.

Lead by example and inspire others to save Oakville’s tree canopy. Whether you have an ash tree or not, you can become a Canopy Club Champion. Like us on Facebook! The first 50 fans who post “Let’s Talk Oakville” on our Facebook page will receive a free Oakville Canopy Club t-shirt to show off their commitment to saving our tree canopy! Plus, by joining the Oakville Canopy Club, your name will be automatically entered into a draw to win other great prizes. The earlier you join the more chances you have to win!

**To learn more about the Oakville Canopy Club and what we’re doing to manage EAB visit www.oakville.ca/eab.htm or email canopyclub@oakville.ca**

*T-shirts are available to Oakville residents only.*
Welcome to the latest edition of “Let’s Talk Oakville.” The weather certainly put a dampener on spring, so let’s hope it is a precursor to a warm and sunny summer.

There is lots of good news to report.

First: Livable Oakville, our new Official Plan is now in effect. This means Oakville, not developers get to decide the appropriateness of a particular development. There are only 13 properties throughout town that are site specific where a settlement is required.

Also, the Queen Elizabeth Community Centre renovations are moving forward and are on schedule to open in January 2012. Ralph and I recently had the opportunity to tour the site and I have to say, I think you are all going to be pleased and enjoy the end result.

Summer is a time of fun and Bronte is a great place to enjoy the summer activities.

Canada Day is a good example, with its fireworks and all the attractions put on by the Bronte BIA. Check out all of their upcoming events at: www.brontevillage.net for details.

The Bronte Legion also has many noteworthy summer gatherings. Details can be found on: www.brontelegion.com

And there’s more: Sovereign House, home of the Bronte Historical Society, is open every Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday from 1-4pm. Check out www.brontehistoricalsociety.ca for details of special events and art shows.

I hope you will take advantage of all Bronte has to offer, including shops, restaurants, the boardwalk and beach.

Enjoy your summer and as always, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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YES, BRONTE IS STILL ON FIRE AND WITH MANY UPDATES WHICH I AM SURE YOU WILL FIND INTERESTING.

Rami Goldman of Goldmanco, has purchased the Bronte Village Mall; while the previous application is still in effect, Mr. Goldman is extremely positive that his offer to expand Sobeys by 10,000 square feet to the east and triple the size of Pharma Plus will be accepted by both of those major merchants.

I do expect Goldmanco to become a creative and supportive Bronte business leader and that before too long, we may see a revised planning application for the portion of the mall situated west from Pharma Plus.

I believe that many of the existing stores will be rebuilt and that we will have some residential space as well as a “Village Centre.”

On another front: Canada Post has a new “rep” for our post office dilemma and she phoned me recently to tell me that she believes the replaced post office will open in Pharma Plus in June. I still feel encouraged that this will actually happen.

The Shores, Amica, and Bluwater (Palm Place) have been relatively silent since the municipal election, but I can assure you that these three projects are “alive & well” with The Shores expecting first occupancy in October. Amica is still a go, with a few minor hurdles yet to be resolved. Bluwater is still working through the site plan process, while actively marketing preconstruction units.

As always, I am pleased to be at your service. Feel free to get in touch with me for any reason.
**UPCOMING EVENTS - BRONTE**

The Bronte area is full of interesting and interactive activities that are worth attending over the summer months. Below you will find information about a few important upcoming events:

**August 1 (Civic Holiday) from 10am-5pm, 46th Annual Art in the Park**

The Oakville Art Society, founded in 1965, is an independent self-supporting organization of artists, potters, jewelers, photographers and sculptors. Art in the Park is one of several shows the Society organizes that provides opportunities for artists to display their work. Art in the Park in Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park is one of Oakville's premiere outdoor community events, drawing more than 3,000 visitors and participants from across Canada and around the world. The show features original work from over 150 artists with emphasis placed on painting, pottery, sculpture, woodworking, and photography.

**August 13-15, Harbour Days Music Festival and Empire Sandy Tall Ship Sailings from Bronte**

Bring the whole family for a festival of great entertainment, tasty food, and plenty of activities on land, water and on Bronte Beach. Experience sailing on Lake Ontario as it was in the nineteenth century when the Tall Ship Empire Sandy sails into Bronte Harbour during the festival. See spectacular sandcastle sculptures built by world-champion master sculptors. Visit www.brontevillage.net for information as it becomes available.

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**GET OUT AND ENJOY THE BRONTE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

If you're interested in gardening, and more and more people are, then you might consider joining the Bronte Horticultural Society (BHS). Members of the BHS have been gardening for 86 years and they have learned a thing or two along the way.

The BHS was formed in 1925 by a group of ardent gardeners and community-minded citizens. The goal of the Society was to stimulate the beautification of public properties and encourage the extermination of “eye-sores” in the village. The present day aims of the Society are rather less radical, but they are still committed to beautifying the community and learning more about gardening.

Most members of the BHS are average home gardeners. Some have a little knowledge and others have considerable expertise. They are your neighbours who enjoy gardening and who come together as a society to learn from each other and from participation in Society events.

Members of the BHS enjoy friendly monthly meetings, a monthly newsletter, guest speakers, outings, members garden tour, annual plant sale, community gardening at historic Sovereign House and Wellspring, social functions, and district/provincial conventions. Three members of the BHS are Master Gardeners and can be consulted for advice. The BHS meets on the second Wednesday of each month, September through June, at the Sir John Colborne Recreation Centre for Seniors (1565 Old Lakeshore Road).

This year the BHS hosted the Ontario Horticultural Association District 6 AGM and Flower Show. Two hundred members of societies from Paris to Oakville and Port Dover to Georgetown enjoyed a day at Colborne with speakers, draws, gifts and a chance to get re-acquainted with old friends.

For more information about the BHS, please contact: Geoff Arron at 905-842-9842 or by e-mail at: brontehorticulturalsociety@gmail.com

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**BRONTE VETERANS GARDEN**

Bronte Veterans Garden is conceived by the students and staff at St. Dominic Catholic Elementary School and inspired by the sacrifices that Canada’s soldiers and their families have made for our country so that we can enjoy our freedom. This gesture is indicative of the caring nature of St. Dominic Catholic Elementary School, which has been devoted to serving the community for over 50 years.

The garden will be located along Bronte Road at the entrance to Donovan Bailey Park and will serve as a fitting tribute to our veterans. The grand opening is scheduled for June 2011 and an architectural rendering of the site is depicted above. Funding is graciously provided by St. Dominic Catholic Elementary School, Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association Halton Elementary Unit, MEDIchair, Prefer Electric and the Town of Oakville.

With all of our hearts, we thank and salute Canadian veterans and their families and honour them with this garden. A big thank you is in order to our sponsors and for leadership demonstrated by Councillor Robinson and John McPhail for making this idea a reality.
BRONTE YOUTH CENTRE IS FLOURISHING

The Bronte Youth Centre (BYC) has been up and running for over two years now! The BYC provides local teens 13-19 years of age with access to a wide range of programs and services such as homework help, resume writing, job search workshops, community volunteer opportunities and activities including movie nights and cooking/baking classes.

Centre amenities include an on-site library, computers with internet access, a big screen TV with surround sound, video gaming system, a foosball table and a pool table. And the best part is that it’s all FREE!!

The BYC is in the beginning stages of developing a Youth Team to discuss youth issues, fundraise for local causes, develop workshops/events and be youth representatives for the Bronte community. Meetings are taking place on the last Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. So if you’re a youth between 13-19 years of age and you want to have a voice, get involved!

Another update worth noting is the SUMMER TUNE UP; it is BYC’s first ever band/artist night. Local youth bands had the opportunity to audition and then perform in front of their peers. The event was also socially conscious. Canned food items were collected at the door and donated to local food banks.

The Bronte Youth Centre is located at 2296 Lakeshore Road West. Summer Hours beginning July 5, 2011 - September 3, 2011, are Tuesday- Saturday 2pm-10pm.

For more information you can contact Kim McDonald at: kmcDonald@oakville.ca or by phone at 905-582-3592. Alternatively, you can find BYC on Facebook.

PORTaits OF Honour IN Oakville

A national initiative of Kin Canada and artist Dave Sopha, the Portraits of Honour National Tour is travelling across Canada in an effort to raise millions of dollars in support of programs and charities that aid the men and women who proudly serve in the Canadian Forces and their families. The tour is providing Canadians from coast to coast with an opportunity to honour and celebrate our Canadian troops and pay respect to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, while recognizing the challenges that face those that return home with lasting physical or emotional injuries.

Oakville residents engaged with the tour when it stopped in town on June 23, at the Royal Canadian Legion – Bronte Br. 486.

You can donate online to this very worthy cause at: www.portraitsofhonour.ca

The tour features a mural that stretches 10 feet tall by 50 feet wide and depicts the faces of the 156 Canadian soldiers, sailors and aircrew that have lost their lives in Afghanistan. Since 2008, artist Dave Sopha has worked tirelessly on the mural. The result is a stunning likeness of each person that the artist has set out to depict.
WELCOME!
CANADIAN TIRE FINANCIAL SERVICES
IS NOW A RESIDENT OF THE
GREAT LAKES BUSINESS PARK

It's official: the first tenant in the Great Lakes Business Park is Canadian Tire Financial Services (CTFS). CTFS moved into their new head office in the first quarter of 2011. The office is located in Phase 1 of Oakville’s newest business park and is developed by Pauls Properties Corporation. The new CTFS facility is home to approximately 350 people. Councillor Robinson and Councillor Johnston are happy to welcome the addition of CTFS to Ward 1 and the broader Oakville business community.

PLANNING FOR THE BURLOAK WATER PURIFICATION PLANT EXPANSION

When you turn on your tap in the morning, you probably don’t think about how the water got there. The staff at Halton Region thinks about it a lot. The Region owns and operates five water purification plants (WPP) – two of which are in Oakville – that can purify more than 450 megalitres of clean, fresh drinking water every day. That’s as much water as 180 Olympic sized swimming pools.

Ward 1 is the proud home of the newest water purification plant in the province. The Burloak Water Purification Plant at 3380 Rebecca St. by Great Lakes Boulevard, currently cleans 55 megalitres of water every day. You may recognize it by the unique roof that looks like waves.

Recently, the plant hosted a public meeting to discuss its upcoming expansion plans, because while the plant currently meets the water needs of our community, we also need to plan for the future. Residents came out to talk about landscaping around the plant, learn about different types of technology, and let staff know what’s important to the community as planning for the expansion begins. Staff are working on the Environmental Assessment planning phase of the expansion that would see the plant clean another 110 megalitres of water every day.

Another public information session should be held in the fall, with staff completing the Environmental Assessment process and conceptual design by early 2012. Construction is then expected to begin in 2014, so that the expansion can start purifying more water by 2017.

For more information on this project, please visit www.halton.ca/EAs or dial 311.

KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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<td>2143111 Ontario Inc. (Bronte Village Mall)/ Z.1729.57</td>
<td>2441 Lakeshore Road West</td>
<td>An application has been received to amend the town’s zoning by-law to permit the redevelopment of the Bronte Village Mall for a mixed-use retail, office, and residential development (451 dwelling units) and a total commercial gross floor area of 14,314 square metres. The development is proposed in five blocks with buildings of two to four storeys fronting onto Lakeshore Road West containing a food store and other retail uses, one 21-storey building fronting onto Bronte Road, and two ten storey buildings and two eight storey buildings fronting onto Sovereign Street.</td>
<td>Application is currently in circulation for technical review. Public meeting was held on November 9, 2009.</td>
<td>Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 <a href="mailto:lmusson@oakville.ca">lmusson@oakville.ca</a></td>
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WARD 2 SUMMER 2011

One of the joys of being involved with the civic life of Ward 2 is that the range of issues discussed in our homes and businesses is endlessly fascinating. As a community, we’re participating in the development of the former Department of National Defence Lands, supporting enhancements to our green spaces and recreational areas, concerned about the safety of cell towers, and watching over new residential and business development in our area.

Our ward is home to 35 park properties totaling 106 hectares of green space and we host two seniors’ centres. Oakville Harbour and Oakville Hydro are located within our borders and the range of business and recreational interests is phenomenal. We’re consistently impressed by the level of community spirit here. We’ve often heard it said that Ward 2 is the “heart” of our town. Please feel free to contact us by telephone or email to express your concerns about issues relevant to our Ward. We deal with many different questions in the course of an average work week and we’re always open to finding new ways to serve community interests. Both of us believe strongly in the importance of working together to resolve problems and create a compelling future, and we appreciate the opportunity to serve Ward 2 at Town and Regional Councils.

Ward 2 Councillors Cathy Duddeck and Pam Damoff have been working with Hopedale Residents’ Association (HOPE), area residents and fellow politicians to call on the federal government to improve the handling of radio communication tower installations – in Oakville and across the country.

In May, the Councillors introduced two motions, both of which were unanimously approved by Council. The first motion calls for the federal government to take action to provide minimum setbacks and implement broader public consultation on the placement of radio communication towers. In the absence of federal action, the motion requests that municipalities be permitted to use their Planning Act powers to implement these changes.

The second motion, which was approved at a meeting of the Planning and Development Council, revokes the town’s letter of concurrence to Industry Canada for the Rogers Wireless Communications proposed telecommunications installation at 1461 Rebecca Street. The motion also rescinds the town’s existing telecommunications facility and installation policy and procedure dated May 23, 2007. Council directed staff to develop a new policy for telecommunications applications that appropriately recognizes the need for public consultation by proponents.

“Municipalities currently have no jurisdiction over the erection of radio communications towers within their communities, despite local residents’ concerns about safety. Residents need to share their concerns with the federal government because they are the ones who can change the laws,” notes Councillor Duddeck.

A December 2010 report from the Standing Committee on Health entitled, An Examination of the Potential Health Impacts of Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Radiation, called on the Government of Canada to support long-term studies on the potential health impacts of exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic radiation. While it is known that radio communication towers emit electromagnetic radiation, studies on the potential harm from long-term exposure have yet to be completed.

Copies of the resolutions were sent to the Minister of Industry, MP Terence Young, MP Lisa Raitt, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

On June 1st, Rogers suspended its cell tower installation at 1461 Rebecca pending further discussions with Mayor Rob Burton and the Town. “People shared their concerns with Rogers,” Councillor Damoff notes. “There needs to be more consultation on the placement of these towers and more accountability on the potential risk to residents’ health.”

Mayor Burton greeted the announcement by Rogers that it has officially suspended its work to erect the cell tower as an opportunity to explore better outcomes for all concerned. “Now that Rogers has accepted my invitation to stop and work on alternatives, we’ll focus on creating a solution that addresses everyone’s interests,” the Mayor said. “Prior to any decision being finalized by Council, there will be a town-wide public consultation.”
PARKS RENEWAL PROJECTS BENEFIT WARD 2 RESIDENTS

Oakville is a town that takes its green spaces seriously and the evidence will be on display throughout Ward 2 this summer as a number of important park projects come to fruition. Thanks to a team effort at the town and in the community, development projects at the following locations will be completed over the next few months:

- Anderson Bridge Parkette (corner of Rebecca and Forsythe Streets)
- Coronation Park (Lakeshore Road east of Third Line)
- Forster Park (100 North Forster Park Drive)
- #3 Lakeshore Road (Corner of Forsythe and Lakeshore Road)
- Westwood Park (bordered by Kerr, Bond, Wilson and Head Streets)

Here are the details:

**Anderson Bridge Parkette**
This gem of a community garden has been maintained for decades by the Oakville Horticultural Society (OHS) but trouble arose about a year ago when a road work project separated the park from its water supply. Undaunted, OHS members decided to redevelop the 280 square metre parkette as a sustainable garden.

Enlisting support at Town Hall and in the community, members asked sustainable gardening expert Sean James of Fern Ridge Landscaping to design the garden. OHS President Catherine Kavassalis says his support is invaluable.

“We’re part of the trend in this country, and certainly it’s a growing trend, to garden with what you have.” She adds, “We’ve received many donations and it’s been wonderful – even when we were planting the garden, members of the community came along with drinks and offers to help.”

Ms. Kavassalis says that all of the plants in the Anderson Bridge Parkette have been selected for the soil and climate conditions at the park and all are native to the area. She notes that the project is evolving and, as time goes by, changes will be made to maintain a beautiful, thriving green space.

The Town of Oakville is donating all signage as well as a pathway through the park that will be made of recycled glass. The OHS will be running a “Name the Park” contest later this year and the Parkette will be officially opened this fall.

**Coronation Park Rejuvenation**
A rejuvenation project at Coronation Park comes to a cheerful conclusion early this summer as workers put the finishing touches on the park’s new washroom/concession building. The new building includes full male/female washrooms as well as a family change area, a concession stand and a storage area for parks equipment.

Other work at the park over the last few years has included a new playground and splash pad upgrades.

**Forster Park Splash Pad**
Although the playground, tennis and basketball courts have been around for years, Forster Park is getting a major boost this summer with the addition of the town’s 15th splash pad.

Janis Olbina, the town’s Manager of Park Planning and Development Parks and Open Space, says the park is due for an update.

“We’re trying to provide more splash pads in our neighbourhoods and this area was noted as being deficient,” she says. “Like many areas south of the QEW, it did not have this type of neighbourhood facility.”

The splash pad will be located in the central area of the 1.85 hectare park, south of the playground. It will include a variety of motion-activated surface jets and above-ground water features that will operate during normal daylight hours. The splash pad is scheduled to open at the end of June, with the official opening and neighborhood picnic taking place in early August.

**3 Lakeshore – Urban Park**
When the urban park at 3 Lakeshore Road in Ward 2 is finished early this summer, residents will have an accessible and attractive way of walking from street level to the parkland below. The urban park was sought by area residents three years ago when the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) granted approval for the construction of a condo building at 111 Forsythe Street.

The project involved the removal of an old staircase and the fabrication of new steps that provide a gradual, staged passage between the two levels. Grading, paving, development of a decorative staircase and landscaping have also been part of the project.

**Westwood Park Redevelopment**
The Westwood Park project has been in the works for a few years, notes Janis Olbina. Originally identified for redevelopment as part of the Kerr Street Revitalization Study, the park fronts on Kerr Street and occupies the 0.68 hectare block bordered by Kerr, Bond, Wilson and Head Streets.

A substantial amount of work will be done to the park over the summer, and improvements include:

- the installation of new pathways, seating and stone walls
- re-grading as necessary
- lighting and irrigation improvements
- a central gazebo and trellis structure and
- a new streetscape along Kerr Street.

The project should be complete by the fall of this year.
WHAT’S NEXT FOR OAKVILLE’S DND LANDS?

Details on the redevelopment of the former Department of National Defence (DND) lands should be available within the next few months in the wake of a third information session on the topic held several weeks ago.

The land, located at the northwest corner of Dorval Drive and Rebecca Street, has been the subject of much interest in Oakville over the past few years after the Government of Canada decided to divest from the 6.6 hectare property. Originally built following World War II, the area was a small enclosed community comprised of 75 military homes that were situated around a private central green space. The compound housed about 200 military families at its peak; the last residents left the property in 2009 and the houses were demolished last summer.

The DND transferred ownership of the property about a year ago to the Canada Lands Company (CLC), a self-financing Crown Corporation that handles the sale of all government properties. The company handles similar projects in a number of cities across Canada.

According to Norm Jarus, CLC’s General Manager of Real Estate for Ontario, the organization’s mission is to enhance the financial and community value of former government properties and create communities that are sustainable, integrated and focused on providing a high quality of life.

The CLC has met privately with many community stakeholders in Oakville and has participated in three information sessions over the past year to ensure community issues are taken into consideration during the redevelopment. One information session of note was the town-held visioning workshop on November 18, 2010, which was undertaken as part of the implementation of Livable Oakville.

In addition, the company will be bound by the town’s Livable Oakville Plan, which stipulates that the DND lands be used for residential purposes. The plan elaborates further:

- Buildings may comprise detached or semi-detached homes and/or townhouses
- Overall density is limited to a maximum of 29 units per hectare
- Parks, playgrounds, recreational areas, churches and other places of worship and public or private schools can be included in the development
- Any development has to be compatible with the surrounding neighbourhood in terms of building scale, height, architectural character and materials used in construction

The most recent information session allowed the CLC to present its proposed residential plan and outline the rationale for its approach. Mr. Jarus says, “Our hope is that the infrastructure work can start in the summer or fall of 2012.”

The CLC’s most pressing objective is the development of a master plan for the project.

Once approval is granted, the company will sell serviced lots to a homebuilder, who will be obliged to work to a set of urban design guidelines. “The guidelines will be very precise as to the style of home, allowable building materials, landscaping and so on,” Mr. Jarus says.

Ultimately, the homebuilder will look after marketing and sales. For more information on the CLC and its goals and purposes, please visit the organization’s website at www.clc.ca.

RESIDENTS’ ASSOCIATIONS KEEP COMMUNITIES IN TOUCH

Residents’ Associations are active in many Canadian communities and their members contribute countless hours to the improvement and resolution of serious neighborhood issues. Ward 2 is lucky to have six active Residents’ Associations within our borders and the volunteers populating these groups address issues in their area with energy and dedication.

Ward 2 Councillors Cathy Duddeck and Pam Damoff make an effort to meet regularly with all Residents’ Associations to stay abreast of problems or concerns that might need a helping hand at the municipal or regional level. The Residents’ Associations are not their only pipeline to community opinion – but they are highly valued.

If you would like to get involved in the evolution of your community, or you are simply interested in more information on what’s going on at a neighbourhood level, please contact the appropriate person in your area:

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RENEW IT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HALTON

Most people recognize the positive value Habitat for Humanity provides to Halton Region through its high-profile home-building projects, but the organization has another community support program that has so far flown below the radar of most Oakville residents.

ReNew It is a home improvement program that helps low income homeowners qualify to repair and renovate their homes with the help of interest-free loans that are paid back on a geared-to-income basis. While the program aims to help all low income families in Halton Region, it might be of particular interest to seniors who want to remain in their homes but can’t afford costly renovations.

The ReNew It program covers the cost of:
- Adding wheelchair ramps
- Eliminating mould
- Improving insulation to reduce heating costs
- Replacing windows
- Repairing roofs and furnaces
- A variety of other accessibility-related renovations

To qualify, proposed home repairs or renovations must address one of more of the following issues:
- A health and safety deficiency
- Accessibility requirements
- Increased energy efficiency to reduce expenses

Habitat for Humanity Halton unveiled its ReNew it program in 2009 with a target of completing 10 projects annually in the Region – two each for Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills, plus two “at-large” projects done wherever the need is identified.

Individual projects are valued at between $3,000 to $10,000 dollars and most of the work is done by volunteer teams of between five to ten people over a two to four day period.

Local statistics indicate that approximately 10% of the Oakville population is living below the poverty line; to be eligible for the ReNew It program, applicants must have an annual income of less than $42,000 for a family of two to four people, or less than $30,500 for individuals.

Habitat for Humanity Halton is a non-profit, faith based organization that helps build affordable housing and promotes home ownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty. For more information on either of the programs mentioned above, or to apply for a project, please contact Judy Worsley, Director of Partnerships and Planning at: jworsley@habitathalton.ca or 905-637-4446, ext. 226. For information on Habitat for Humanity Halton visit the organization’s website at: http://www.habitathalton.ca.

OAKVILLE ARENA UPDATE

Thousands of Oakville residents have enjoyed a family skate or a game of hockey at the Oakville Arena over the years and, although the building has enjoyed a proud reputation for decades, Oakville residents must decide what the future holds for the site.

Built in the 1950s, the building sits on a block of town property bordered by Felan Avenue and Kerr, Dean and Rebecca Streets. Although the arena is still structurally sound, it is nearing the end of its useful life and Domenic Lunardo, the town’s Commissioner of Community Services, says the future of the property will be reviewed during this term of Council.

“There have been rumours that once a certain date arrives, the arena must come down,” he says. “We had an engineering audit of the building and that report determined that it is not in any danger of falling down. We continue monitoring the building with the help of a structural engineer on an annual basis to ensure that it is safe.”

While Lunardo says the town does need to look at decommissioning the arena and examining options for the arena site itself, he notes that there will be a full public consultation involved in the redevelopment of the site and Council will be kept fully informed throughout the process.

Councillors Cathy Duddeck and Pam Damoff held a preliminary meeting with area Residents’ Associations in June to begin the discussion about the future of this site.

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<td>Neilas (Shepherd Road Inc.) Z.1615.52</td>
<td>54-60 Shepherd Road</td>
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<td>Public Meeting held. Recommendation Report expected late Spring</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. / 24COM – 1100/21616</td>
<td>70 Stewart Street &amp; 73 Washington Avenue</td>
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<td>Paul Demczak 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 <a href="mailto:pdemczak@oakville.ca">pdemczak@oakville.ca</a></td>
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WARD 3

Regional and Town Councillor – Ward 3
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It is hard to believe that it has been six months since this term of Town Council commenced. As your newly elected Town Councillor, I am happy to report that the transition from working full time at 1 Yonge Street to working full time for the residents in Ward 3 has been very busy and a most rewarding experience. I am reminded daily of the incredible area in which we live, and I am extremely thankful for the level of resident engagement that is shown on an ongoing basis.

As your Town Councillor, in addition to attending regular Council meetings, I serve on the Community Services Committee, the Heritage Oakville Committee, as well as on the Downtown Oakville BIA Board of Management. It is a pleasure when I advise my family that I have a meeting downtown, as it now refers to downtown Oakville!

I have been fortunate to be able to meet with residents, groups and people involved with community initiatives on a daily basis.

Current issues in Ward 3 include the future use of the three HDSB surplus properties, the future use of the OTMH lands, the possible redevelopment of Centennial Square in Downtown Oakville, and the new GO train parking structure at Trafalgar/Speers, to name a few!

Elsewhere in our Ward 3 news are contact details for our five residents’ associations. Your local residents’ association is comprised of your friends and neighbours whose reason for living in our Ward is the best interest of your neighbourhood. They raise issues of concern and look out for your family’s interests. If you are not a member of your neighbourhood’s residents association, please join by emailing the contact list ed!

I send out a Ward 3 e-newsletter on a regular basis in an effort to keep our community up to date, and to seek feedback. If you would like to receive this update, please email me at: dgittings@oakville.ca. I look forward to hearing from you!

The re-election of Conservative Terence Young as MP for Oakville will likely mean business as usual for many aspects of the federal-municipal relationship, and as your representative on Town and Regional Councils, I’m looking forward to a collaborative relationship with the federal government. Halton Regional Chair Gary Carr surveyed candidates on a number of local issues during the spring election; Terence Young’s responses lead us to expect the following:

Re: Infrastructure funding
• Provision of a permanent annual municipal investment of $2 billion through gas tax funding
• Full refunds for municipalities for all GST payments

Re: Affordable Housing and Housing Programs
• Provision of $1.7 million to Halton Region over five years to combat homelessness through the government’s National Homelessness Partnership Strategy

Re: Halton’s Economic Development Strategy
• Transit improvements
• Encouragement of economic diversification and growth
• Efforts to attract more professional and high-technology firms and jobs to the area

Re: funding for child-related issues. Support for:
• Continuation of the Universal Child Care Benefit ($1,200 annually per child under six) to support parents in choosing the form of child care they prefer
• The Child Tax Credit, a $2,000 tax credit for each child under 18 years of age
• The Doubling to $1,000 of the Children’s Fitness Tax Credit
• A Proposed Children’s Arts Tax Credit

Re: Canada Health Transfer
• Changes to this mechanism to more accurately reflect population needs
• The boosting of health funding at the rate of about six per cent a year
WARD 3 SUMMER 2011

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Questions or comments? Contact Suzy Godefroy, Manager of the Downtown BIA, at: suzyg@oakvilledowntown.com or browse the BIA’s website, www.downtownoakville.ca

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Willing workers from the Clearview Oakville Community Alliance, Clearview Community Church, and Oakville Galleries have created a Community Garden to provide fresh produce for local food banks. Present in this picture - from left to right - are: Kandice Jansson, John Comber, Jacqui Cornelisse, Jonathan McNeice, Elizabeth Underhill, Melissa Tervit, Cees Kersten, Hart Jansson, and Georgina Kaschuba.

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The 4th Trafalgar Beaver Colony enthusiastically planted white spruce and pine seedlings, and the group wasn’t the only one benefitting from the CAP program: local ratepayers associations in Oakville’s Ward 3 each took possession of hundreds more seedlings and spent countless hours planting.

The Holcim plant located in Mississauga is aware of its impact on the Oakville community. As a result, people who live, operate a business or are otherwise connected to the Clarkson/Oakville area are eligible to join the organization’s CAP.

Formed in December 2009, the CAP’s mission is to provide, encourage and facilitate two-way communication between local residents, regional stakeholders and Holcim Canada about the operation of the Mississauga Plant. This includes environmental, economic and social issues of mutual concern.

The seedling program dovetails nicely with the Town of Oakville’s efforts to increase green cover. According to the 2006 Oakville Urban Forest Report, the town is committed to increasing canopy cover from approximately 29 to 40% by the year 2046.

Ward 3 has on average about 45% canopy cover, although the East Industrial Park area has just under 7% tree canopy coverage and Clearview measures in at a touch under 17%.

For more information on the Holcim CAP program, please visit: http://www.holcim.ca/en/sustainable-development/community-advisory-panels-caps.html

OTMH HOSPITAL LAND STUDY UPDATE

Great excitement is being generated these days over the new hospital opening in a few years in North Oakville. Of primary concern to the residents of Ward 3 is what will occupy the lands once Oakville’s new hospital opens.

In 2015, the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH) will be relocating to the new hospital site at Third Line and Dundas Street. The move is expected to take place over a number of months; at the end of the process the hospital site on Reynolds Street in Old Oakville will be vacant, similar to its neighbour, the previous Oakville Trafalgar High School (OTHS) building.

The town secured the option to purchase the 5.5 hectare hospital site (including the old OTHS building) for $1 once hospital services have been relocated. This was negotiated as part of the town’s agreement to help fund the new hospital building.

Town planners began seeking community input on what to do with the OTMH lands last June when a public workshop was held to explore residents’ ideas. Participants examined a variety of considerations including community character and demographics, traffic issues and some of the challenges associated with redevelopment. Brainstorming resulted in ideas that ranged from “turn it into parkland” to “build recreational or cultural facilities” on the property. A variety of residential and health-related uses were also suggested.

Based on the input at last year’s workshop and several recent stakeholder interviews, the town has hired urban design firm planningAlliance to put forward a number of redevelopment concepts which will be brought forward this fall.

Oakville’s Livable Oakville Plan classifies the site as a “Special Study Area” and “Potential Residential Redevelopment Area,” which means it must undergo extra analysis to ensure the end uses are compatible with the character of the surrounding neighbourhood. The 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. The old OTHS building is designated under the Heritage Act and the policies encourage its preservation.

A concurrent study by town staff is examining future parks, recreation and library needs. This will provide valuable input for the land use/design options that may be considered.

For more information on the hospital lands issue, please refer to: http://www.oakville.ca/lo-otmhlands.htm

DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY ON THE FUTURE OF BRANTWOOD, LINBROOK AND CHISHOLM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROPERTIES

School closures in Ward 3 have generated considerable interest in recent years and while parents and students throughout Southern Oakville have been settling into a new scholastic routine over the past 10 months, the future of the closed schools will remain unresolved until at least the fall.

Gord Lalonde, Commissioner and Treasurer of the Town of Oakville’s Corporate Services Commission, notes that the town is currently investigating the value of the lands as well as possible future uses. Once the study is complete, options will be presented to Council on the potential town purchase of the properties from the Halton and District School Board (HDSB).

“We’re hoping to take something to Council this fall and there will be opportunities for public input at that time,” said Mr. Lalonde.

Halton District School Board (HDSB) trustees confirmed the closure of Brantwood, Chisholm and Lynbrook elementary schools a year ago after months of debate and community input. At issue was the declining enrolment in the older areas of the Ward and the increasing pressure on educational services resulting from Clearview’s demographically younger population. The HDSB determined that renovations to Maple Grove, New Central, Southeast Oakville has a total enrolment capacity of 1,677 students, but by the year 2015 the total number of students educated in that area will be limited to about 1,470. A $6 million renovation of Maple Grove Elementary School was commissioned last year to ensure a fully operational JK-8 facility with a total capacity of 550 students, up from the original 302 places. The renovations added two junior and senior kindergarten classrooms as well as six other classrooms and two specialty rooms. The school’s gym and several classrooms were also renovated.

The changes are expected to ultimately reduce the number of students needing busing from 858 to 565 students – a 34% drop.

All three closed schools are zoned “PE” or “Public Use Education”, which would permit public or private schools, day nurseries, recreation areas, community centres, churches or other places of worship to operate from the former school properties. If a purchaser of any of these sites wanted to use them for a purpose that was inconsistent with current zoning regulations, they would have to apply to the town for a zoning change.

MIDTOWN DEVELOPMENT – GO PARKING GARAGE

Now that Ontario Government agency Metrolinx has awarded the contract to Ellis Don Corporation, construction of the new $35 million GO Transit parking garage will begin shortly. The new six-storey structure will be located at the north-west corner of Trafalgar and Cornwall Roads and it will contain an estimated 1,340 parking spaces. Total area of the completed structure will be 46,000 square metres.

Metrolinx is building the parking structure in order to alleviate parking pressures at the Oakville GO Station. As a provincial organization, the company has not been required to obtain town permits or approvals for the project. An information meeting was held in late May of this year to give residents more details about the project. Ward 3 Councillors Keith Bird and Dave Gittings will keep residents informed about progress at the site.
STAY IN TOUCH WITH
WARD 3 RESIDENTS’
ASSOCIATIONS

Oakville has a number of active residents’ associations (RA) that are focused on protecting and improving conditions in our neighbourhoods and they represent an important link in the chain of communication between residents, the town and councillors. Each RA has had to deal with important issues in the evolution of our town. The volunteer hours of countless dedicated residents have made a huge difference in our quality of life on a number of fronts. Ward 3 has five active residents’ associations. If you would like to get involved or simply stay connected with local issues, please feel free to contact your neighbourhood representative below:

Chartwell Maple Grove Residents Association
Dani Morawetz
http://www.cmgra.org/
dmorawetz@cogeco.ca

Trafalgar Chartwell Residents Association
Mark Caskenette
www.tera.ca
chair@tera.ca

Clearview Oakville Community Alliance
Michelle Sloane – President
www.ourclearview.org
sloane@sympatico.ca

Oakville Lakeside Residents’ Association
Boyd Waites
www.oakvillelra.ca
boyd.waites@yahoo.com

Joshua Creek Residents Association
Janet Haslett-Theall
www.joshuacreek.org
jht.hrconsulting@cogeco.ca

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<td>445312 Ontario Limited/ Z.1714.26</td>
<td>104-114 Robinson Street (Robinson Street/Water Street/ Navy Street)</td>
<td>To allow the site to be developed for a 13-unit apartment building.</td>
<td>Interim order issued by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) to approve the development subject to a severance application being approved</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>Westerkirk Capitall Inc. Z.1601.20</td>
<td>560 Winston Churchill Blvd.</td>
<td>ZBA to consider the removal of the “H” Holding Provision, in the absence of the conditions for the removal being fulfilled.</td>
<td>In circulation</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>Kaneff Group of Companies/ Z.1501.16</td>
<td>2680 Sheridan Garden Drive</td>
<td>To remove existing service station kiosk and canopy and replace with a car wash and service station kiosk.</td>
<td>Application is currently in circulation for technical review.</td>
<td>Brenda Stan 905-845-6601, ext. 3034 <a href="mailto:bstan@oakville.ca">bstan@oakville.ca</a></td>
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<td>Hicks Partnership Inc.</td>
<td>331 Sheddon Drive</td>
<td>To permit a 3 storey, 20 unit residential building residential space with 32 dwelling units.</td>
<td>Currently under review by town staff. Public Information Meeting expected to be held late Spring/early Summer.</td>
<td>Paul Demczak 905-845-6601, ext. 3042 <a href="mailto:pdemczak@oakville.ca">pdemczak@oakville.ca</a></td>
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First and foremost, I would like to thank the residents of Ward 4 for their strong endorsement in the last election. I am honoured to continue working hard on your behalf and promise to maintain a strong voice for Ward 4 at the Town and the Region of Halton.

As you read through this issue of Let’s Talk Oakville, I would like you to reflect not only on the content, but on the format. Do you think that this is the best vehicle to deliver an overview of what is happening in the town? Is it an appropriate use of your tax dollars? Would the newspaper and the Town website be just as informative? I am asking these questions because I myself wonder if this is the best use of your tax money. Although I am a strong believer in good communication, I am also watchful of how we spend your tax dollars. So let me know what you think. Your feedback will help determine how we can best communicate with you in the future.

Speaking of communication, did you know that if you contact the Town about an issue, Town Staff are not obligated to inform your council representatives? So, Ward 4 residents, please contact me directly with your concerns, or copy me on any email communication you have with Town Staff about an issue. I would like to lend my voice to help ensure that your issues get resolved positively and promptly.

I have one last point about communication. One recurring comment I received while knocking on doors last fall was appreciation for the email updates I send out periodically when there is breaking news, an important meeting coming up, or a hot-button issue requiring resident feedback. If you would like to receive my emails let me know. Don’t worry - I won’t fill your inbox with trivia, and I won’t share your email address with anyone.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

I am constantly reminded that Oakville is a dynamic and vibrant place to live and I am thankful that you, the residents of Ward 4, have placed your trust in me to represent your views at Town Council. I look forward to another active session of Council and to working collaboratively with you and other members of Town Council to resolve any issues of concern. Please feel free to challenge me on my 2010 Election Platform at any time.

As you’ll see in the pages to follow, Oakville’s economic future is bright. We continue to retain, expand and attract businesses that are positioned for growth with a particular focus on job creation. Ward 4 is preparing to house a state of the art life sciences technology park around the site of the new hospital, which will act as an impetus for innovation and contribute to the excellent quality of care provided by the new hospital. On the issue of health and living a healthy lifestyle, I encourage everyone to get out and get active this summer; you can start by using the 16 Mile Creek and our other local trails that many of you have access to in your residential areas.

I always think of the relationship between Town Councillor and Ward 4 residents as an ongoing conversation. I am open to your feedback and I encourage you to look at the town’s website - www.oakville.ca - for updates on local activities and news, especially Town TV. Let me know how we can improve our core services and how you feel about the town’s facilities. Do we need additional services for our seniors? Can we benefit from more outdoor resources: tennis courts, cricket pitches, baseball diamonds, rugby or soccer fields and splash pads in the area? The same goes for indoor facilities: do you feel we can use an ice hockey arena, soccer field, badminton court or skateboard park? I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks again for your support and enjoy the summer!
Imagine a place where a drug is developed to combat Alzheimer’s disease; where a tiny machine to perform keyhole surgery is perfected; and where the ATM machine for prescription drugs is manufactured.

Imagine a place where your children and their children will want to work; a stimulating environment for the convergence of science, engineering, and medicine.

Imagine a place where medical innovations are nestled in a park-like setting surrounding a new state-of-the-art community hospital. Imagine green spaces and meeting places for walking, gathering, thinking and creating.

That place to be is Ward 4 in Oakville.

You’ve seen the flags announcing the new hospital development at Third Line and Dundas Street. But what is quietly happening behind the scenes is the development of a plan for a Life Sciences and Technology Park on the 200 acres of employment lands surrounding the hospital, a joint effort between the Town of Oakville and Ontario Realty Corporation. Phase one of the Park would occupy a quarter of the employment lands.

These employment lands will be a place for an estimated 4,500 knowledge-based workers, providing new job opportunities for Oakville and surrounding residents.

As Don Waugh, CEO and Co-founder of PCA Services Inc., notes: “We have relied on the underlying factors in Oakville’s business environment to accomplish our goals, and are highly supportive of the Life Sciences and Technology Park being developed around the new hospital. It will provide an ideal place for the connectivity of people and the commercialization of innovations in this sector.”

At build-out, the lands will contain approximately 2.5 million square feet of commercial and industrial development and generate twelve million dollars in taxes for the Town, Region and School Boards. At present rate, the Town would receive $2.8 million, the Region $3 million, and the Province $6.2 million.

As this initiative creates a new environment for innovation, it will support the town’s vision of being the most livable town in Canada, for residents and for business.

Next steps include:

May: Request for Quotation (RFQ) is sent out in early May - Sasaki Associates Inc. is retained to facilitate visioning workshop.

June: Local companies operating in Life Sciences and Technology sectors join Mayor Rob Burton in a visioning session on June 28. The input from this workshop helps shape a shared vision for the development of the Park reflecting the requirements and desires of Oakville’s industry leaders.

Fall: Sasaki Associates present the workshop findings and established vision to the town as well as perspective renderings illustrating the character of the park.

After arriving in Oakville from Ireland in 1947, Joyce Burnell began a 35 year teaching career that focused on speech related work. A lifelong volunteer outside of the classroom, Burnell gave generously of her time with St. John United Church, the Retired Women Teachers Association and the Oakville Historical Society, for which she was awarded the Community Spirit Award and the Senior Citizen of the Year Award.

Burnell was also a published author, penning the book Oakville Street Names and Landmarks with fellow author David Ashe. The book delved into local history, providing domestic and international context for Oakville street names and landmarks. Joyce also added a local flavor to the paranormal, including the titles Ghosts of Oakville and Boo Too-Ghosts of Oakville.

An inspirationally positive person and a community activist until the end, Joyce spearheaded a grassroots campaign that raised an amazing sum of $343,000 to save the 255 year-old Woodlands White Oak Tree, which was in danger of being cut down due to the expansion of Bronte Road.

Following an unforgettable presentation to council - where Burnell substituted verses from God Save the Queen for the White Oak’s better qualities, she co-chaired the newly created Woodland Oak Tree Preservation Committee whose goal was to raise funds so Bronte Road could be re-routed around the tree.

With an effort characterized by perseverance and financially supported by the broader community both nationally and internationally, music icon Sarah Harmer, and an anonymous donor, Joyce was able to preserve the oak’s rich history.

For her actions in saving the tree, Burnell was recognized with the Town of Oakville Natural Heritage Award in 2009.

Both Councillor Elgar and Councillor Lapworth remember Joyce fondly. Joyce Burnell was many things: she was a wife, a teacher, an activist, and an author. Joyce was someone who cared deeply about the community of Oakville and the natural environment. Her legacy survives long after her as someone dedicated to family and friends and the things in which she believed most strongly.

Councillor Elgar went on to say: “If I had to pick one word to describe Joyce it would be ‘inspirational’. She inspired those around her to believe in themselves, to step forward to offer help when needed and to take risks for a good cause. Not only was she an advocate for the environment, she was an author, historian, and painter. Joyce was a good friend and I will miss her a great deal.”
OAKVILLE – A WINNING ECONOMIC FORECAST

The town’s economic future is bright. Council now has an Economic Development Strategy in place that is centred on business retention, expansion and attraction; this strategy represents a vision that acts locally and thinks globally.

From the point of view of attraction, Council’s vision is for Oakville to be a centre for knowledge based industries; in particular for the professional/financial services, advanced manufacturing, life sciences, digital and animation sectors. Attracting businesses in these segments represents Oakville’s determination to appeal to the best and brightest in areas that are poised for growth going forward.

A number of companies re-located to Oakville in 2010, bringing approximately 360 jobs into Oakville’s targeted knowledge based sectors, which helped to offset some of the job losses incurred as a result of the economic downturn.

Major economic initiatives are moving forward, including: Winston Park West employment land servicing; the exploration of a digital media hub; and, a concept plan for a life sciences technology park around the new hospital, which you have read about in the preceding pages.

Oakville’s 2010 Economic Development Annual Report builds on these signs of positive economic progress in suggesting that the town is taking important steps to protect employment land from being converted to residential use. To this end, Council is focused on job creation with the expectation that every 100 hectares of employment land will generate about 5,600 jobs and about $2.5 million a year in business property taxes for the town. In that vein, the town has reorganized part of its Planning and Development commission to be better equipped to fast-track meaningful development proposals.

2011 promises to build on the positive momentum of 2010. More job growth is forecasted in Oakville’s targeted sectors as well as continued growth in the non-residential real estate market.

Oakville remains a place whose high quality of life and vision for the future make it a desirable location for economic development and a town positioned for continued economic growth.

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With the summer months upon us, it is clear that partying and loitering in ravines and the trail areas behind residential homes is of growing concern to residents.

Ward 4 Councillors and the Halton Regional Police Service continue to take this issue very seriously and are taking measures to address this problem at its source.

A number of initiatives of note are currently underway:

**Project Walkway**: is an initiative run by the High School Liaison Officers in Oakville. Officers are in plain clothes and target the pathways around the local schools that run through residential areas where there have been issues with youths drinking, taking drugs or causing mischief.

**Strategic Support Team (SST)**: is a plain clothes street enforcement unit that examines youth and quality of life concerns in Oakville. SST attends to areas of concern based on crime analysis trends. Once a specific area has been identified by police, SST can conduct surveillance in the area in order to engage in zero tolerance enforcement with offenders.

**Uniform Patrol**: officers will patrol areas of concern based on complaints generated by the citizens of Oakville. Proactive patrol is conducted in order to deter this type of activity. Furthermore, uniform officers will also engage in plain clothes projects to investigate these areas of concern. Certain designated bike officers can patrol these pathways running through residential neighborhoods.

As a citizen of Oakville, if you are faced with this problem, you should contact Halton Regional Police Service at 905-878-5511 and ask to speak to Dispatch in order to inform police of a problem area.
Municipal government decisions tend to have a large and very direct impact on people’s quality of life: residents throughout Oakville drive on roads, visit hospitals, attend schools and live in neighbourhoods that at one time were discussed at length in a Town Council or committee meeting.

That means that as councillors, the quality of our input on Council and in committees is important and we believe that it’s imperative that we stay in touch with our constituents so we can represent you and your priorities as effectively as possible.

If you have a concern, or simply seek information about a town issue, here’s how you can contact us:

**Monthly meetings**
We host drop-in gatherings the third Thursday of every month at the River Oaks Community Centre and invite anyone who wants to discuss a concern or obtain information to join us there. It’s an informal setting and we’re available from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Twitter**
Both of us are active on Twitter and enjoy the immediacy of the medium. If you have a concern about a municipal issue, it’s a great way to get in touch quickly and although obviously 140 characters isn’t sufficient for an in-depth response, it’s a great way to start a conversation. Jeff Knoll: @CouncillorKnoll
Marc Grant: @MarcReyerGrant

**SeeClickFix.com**
This is our newest project and you can find out more about how it works in the article on the pages to follow. Essentially, it’s a web-based reporting tool that lets people flag a problem that needs resolving in the Ward. So far it’s working extremely well.

**Email, Telephone, Face-to-Face Meetings**
We respond to those too! And if you have an idea for any other ways for us to keep in touch, we’d be glad to hear them.

Have a safe and happy summer!

**SEECLICKFIX.COM**

Not all internet innovations seem valuable, but Ward 5 Councillors Jeff Knoll and Marc Grant are checking out a new application that could significantly improve response times for civic problems identified by residents.

“We’re testing a new web-based issue reporting and management tool called SeeClickFix.com,” Jeff notes. “The concept is simple: when a resident sees a non-emergency issue they can report it to us immediately from their computer, smartphone or iPhone.

“They can identify the problem’s exact location, upload photos, type up a detailed description and submit the query for follow-up,” adds Marc. “The report is shared publicly on our account on the SeeClickFix.com website so others can see the issue and add their own comments. The issue remains on the website until it’s resolved.”

According to the site’s originators, the program is based on improving efficiency, empowering citizens and increasing people’s sense of civic engagement with their community.

Jeff notes that SeeClickFix is a pilot program and the Councillors would appreciate input from Ward 5 residents so they can assess it further.

So far the program appears to be an excellent tool and the councillors are hopeful that the Town of Oakville or Halton Region might consider adopting it community-wide.

You can access the councillors’ SeeClickFix.com site, here: www.seeclickfix.ca
KIDS CULINARY COMMUNITY TEACHES ABOUT HEALTHY CHOICES

Julia Hanna, owner of Oakville restaurants Ritorno and Ristorante Julia, brought sparkle to a cloudy day this spring when she hosted the official groundbreaking of her new initiative, the Kids Culinary Community (KCC).

The KCC is a not-for-profit project Hanna is spearheading in partnership with Longo’s grocery stores and several other local businesses. It aims to teach children the benefits of healthy eating by providing experiential programs focused on growing and preparing nutritious food.

“We have a crisis in this country,” Hanna notes. “Children’s palates are defined by fast food and we have a generation that has no culinary skills. They don’t even know where to start.”

Star Lane Homes and Rose Haven Homes have donated land near the corner of Dundas Street and Neyagawa Boulevard for the KCC’s garden, as well as money, tools, seeds and manpower. Their generosity means Hanna can involve children in the planting, cultivation and harvesting of fresh vegetables.

In addition, Longo’s is allowing the organization to host cooking and nutrition classes at store lofts throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) to help children and their adult mentors understand that taste and nutrition are complementary benefits of good eating.

“We have to be proactive when it comes to our children’s health,” Hanna says. “Too much money is being spent on the treatment of disease and not enough on prevention. What we eat is important.”

Hanna suggests that many diseases - such as juvenile diabetes, heart disease and obesity - can be traced directly back to nutrition, and she is determined to educate children and adults about how to make intelligent eating choices.

“How we feel about food not only affects our health, but it affects our self esteem as well. Look at a person’s relationship with food and you can tell how they feel about themselves.”

Hanna notes that for the first time in history culinary traditions are not being passed down from generation to generation.

“This is a life skill that’s as important as learning to read or write,” she says.

Hanna says she chose to partner with Longo’s grocery stores because the chain has embodied food ethics since the first store opened in 1956.

“The Longos don’t just feed people for profit, they feed people for well being,” she says.

A family-owned and operated organization, Longo’s has 21 stores employing more than 3,000 people across the GTA.

“Rosanne Longo has been on board since day one,” Hanna adds. “This couldn’t happen without her involvement.”

Anyone wishing to support the work of the Kids Culinary Community can help by:

- Encouraging politicians from a policy perspective to support children’s health and well-being in general, and healthy food choices in particular
- Asking schools and school boards to incorporate hands-on programs like the KCC
- Donate time and/or money to support the KCC
- Visit the KCC website to learn more about the issue of kids and healthy eating

For more information visit the KCC website at: http://www.kidsculinary.ca/why.html

You can contact the organization at: info@kidsculinary.ca.

ST. JOSEPH’S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT

The new St. Joseph’s Ukrainian Catholic Church currently under construction on Trafalgar Road near River Oaks Boulevard has some impressive features: when completed, the 43,000 square-foot building will contain a heritage centre, numerous meeting and gathering rooms, a small chapel and a state-of-the art daycare centre that’s had a waiting list for months.

The crowning glory will undoubtedly be the 65 tonne dome that will sit atop the complex.

“The central dome will span about 34 feet,” says church board member Eugenia Danko. “We’re going to be using the largest crane in Ontario to put it up.”

The shingles on the four storey dome look like slate but they’re actually recycled rubber, Danko notes, and the mini dome on the very top will be metal clad.

The congregation has been holding services for the past 43 years at its current location on Maple Grove Road, although when services were first performed in 1958 they were conducted in members’ living rooms.

In the past decade the congregation has grown from 40 to 225 families and the existing church, built to accommodate 130 people, is no longer large enough to accommodate services that sometimes include as many as 750 people. The new church will have seating for 350 and the plan is to use the church’s meeting hall and video streaming when necessary.

Danko says the church’s pastor, Father Michael Loza, is very focused on families and children.

“He gets the children involved in the whole liturgy and they read from the children’s Bible during the service,” she notes.

There are approximately 30,000 people of Ukrainian heritage living in the area and although most member families are from Oakville, some live in Milton, Burlington, Mississauga and Toronto. She says the religion itself is a blend of Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy.

For more information about St. Joseph’s Ukrainian Catholic Church please visit the church’s website at: http://www.tserkva.ca/.

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THE GTAA NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAM

You’ve started up the barbeque, opened a beverage and you are enjoying a peaceful evening with friends in the backyard when the grumbling roar of a jet engine overhead stops all conversation. You can even see the aircraft as it passes by. Is this airplane in violation of the law?

On a recent tour of Pearson International Airport, Councillors Knoll and Grant posed this question to Kathy Bochan, Noise Management Specialist at the Noise Management Office at the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) and discovered that the answer was “Not necessarily.”

Bochan notes that jet aircraft are required to remain at 2,400 feet (732 metres) above airport elevation unless they are on final approach for landing at Pearson Airport. This generally occurs seven to 10 nautical miles (13 to 18.5 kilometres) from the airport, and the configuration of runways at Pearson Airport means Oakville residents should rarely, if ever, experience low flying aircraft.

“About 70% of Pearson’s air traffic travels in an east-west direction,” Bochan says. “And we try to use the industrial corridor for departures around the airport as much as possible.”

Bochan herself has experienced the noise from what she was certain was an illegally low flying airplane and she is sympathetic to concerns about the issue. She notes, however, that when she cross-referenced her own experience with airport statistics, she found the aircraft in question had been in compliance with the law.

“Noise is different for everybody,” Bochan adds. “Some people are more sensitive than others and different factors can affect how noise is perceived.” She notes that low cloud cover can amplify the sound of passing aircraft and people tend to notice overhead air traffic more in the summer when windows are open and people are more often outdoors.

Wind direction also affects air traffic over Oakville, since airplanes take off and land into the wind; wind changes require runway changes, resulting in more traffic overhead on some days versus others.

Noise abatement policies require aircraft arriving at Pearson Airport to maintain a three degree angle of descent glide scope on final approach to landing and they must minimize the use of reverse thrust after touchdown.

Aircraft departing the airport must reduce engine thrust shortly after takeoff; they must also follow aeronautical specifications up to an altitude of 3,000 feet (914 metres) above airport elevation.

The GTAA has a sophisticated flight tracking system that records every second of every flight into and out of Pearson Airport. When a noise complaint is received, noise management specialists obtain the complainant’s address and the time the noise occurred. They can then determine which flight was overhead at that time as well as its ground speed and altitude. If the aircraft is flying too low, or the aircraft has deviated from the standard arrival or departure procedure, the matter is referred to the GTAA Enforcement Office for investigation. If a violation occurs, the matter is forwarded to Transport Canada, which may assess a penalty.

“The GTAA handles complaints from anyone living within a 10 nautical mile radius of the airport,” says Bochan. “We refer anyone who calls in from outside that area to Transport Canada.”

Parts of both Ward 3 and Ward 6 in Oakville fall within the GTAA’s area of responsibility.

Although people commonly believe airplanes are not allowed to take off or land overnight, Transport Canada permits 13,207 night-time arrivals and departures annually through Pearson Airport. Any aircraft arriving or departing between 12:30 a.m. and 6:29 a.m. must obtain permission from the GTAA prior to landing or they are assessed a penalty equal to 16 times the aircraft’s landing fee.

Between 2006 and 2010 the GTAA received 19 complaints from eight different Oakville callers within their area of responsibility. Altogether, the office received 1,245 complaints from 311 callers last year.

Meanwhile, a total of 32 million passengers flew into or out of Pearson Airport last year at the rate of about 1,200 passengers per day. Air traffic volume is growing by about five percent a year.

Anyone in Oakville interested in registering an aircraft noise complaint should contact the GTAA’s Noise Management Office at (416) 247-7682. If you are outside the GTAA’s catchment area, they will refer the call to Transport Canada. If you know you are more than 10 nautical miles outside the GTAA’s catchment area, contact Transport Canada directly with any complaints at (416) 952-0235.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE

The concept of emergency preparedness has changed over the decades and although stockpiling a fallout shelter was something resourceful people did in 1953, it’s something few of us dream of doing today. That being said, the prospect of an unexpected disaster is top of mind for many people in Oakville these days, particularly those involved in running the town’s Emergency Operations Centre (EOC).

Andy Glynn, Deputy Fire Chief of the Oakville Fire Department, says the EOC is responsible for the strategic overview of a disaster, should one occur. “Being prepared for emergencies and maintaining continuity of business is vitally important for the Town of Oakville,” Andy notes.

The EOC was established in compliance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act R.S.O. 1990 (EMCPA), which requires that each municipality have a designated Emergency Operation Centre.

Annual exercises are an integral part of municipal/emergency preparedness and the town conducts table-top and field exercises annually in order to fulfill the EMCPA’s mandate. Last year, the EOC was involved in a large-scale field exercise involving more than 150 participants, including Halton Regional Police, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the four municipal fire departments of Halton Region.

Glynn recommends Oakville residents prepare for unexpected emergencies and residents are urged to keep a 72-hour supply of food, water and other important items on hand at all times. While earthquakes in Southern Ontario are rare, other issues such as winter snowstorms, tornadoes and windstorms are more frequent. Infrastructure problems such as watermain failures, human health epidemics and personal emergencies such as fires and flooding can also be dangerous for residents.

ROBBIE’S RAINBOW RAISES HOPE

The news that her six-year-old son Robbie had Crohn’s Disease came as a shock to Oakville resident Kate Murray and her family, but they’ve found a way to turn the trauma into something positive; in the past 18 months they’ve raised $35,000 for families who can’t afford the $20,000 annual treatment costs.

Children like Robbie who have severe cases of Crohn’s need a powerful medication infused every six weeks. It’s not covered by OHIP and many private insurance companies are dropping coverage due to cost.

The Murrays can afford the medication but because many people can’t they decided to help.

For Valentines’ Day, 2010, Kate Murray made 3,000 chocolate lollipops to sell at the Fortino’s grocery store in downtown Oakville. The effort raised nearly $4,000 for a charity that was christened “Robbie’s Rainbow” and the family hasn’t looked back.

A school in Toronto now sells chocolates for the charity, there’s been another Fortino’s fundraiser, and family friends have raised $16,000 through two Celtic-themed events. The Robbie’s Rainbow team will attend various area celebrations this summer and a “Bowling for Bums” event is planned for the fall.

“More than 5,000 Canadian children have Crohn’s and ulcerative colitis today,” Murray says. “Our mission is that no child will be turned away from treatment due to a lack of necessary funding.”

Robbie’s Rainbow funds are administered by the Hospital for Sick Children Foundation and anyone wishing to donate can do so on the Robbie’s Rainbow website: http://robbiesrainbow.ca/ Donations link: http://bit.ly/lDcW61

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<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>Public Information Meeting held April 28, 2011. Public Meeting anticipated to be held in early Summer 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>Dundas Street, between 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>Public Meeting to be held in early Summer Public Meeting held.</td>
<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905.845.6601 x3984</td>
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<td>Town-initiated Zoning By-law Amendment</td>
<td>Trafalgar Road and Glenashton Drive</td>
<td>To re-zone the lands to allow for a mixed-use development</td>
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<td>Gabe Charles <a href="mailto:gcharles@oakville.ca">gcharles@oakville.ca</a> 905.845.6601 x3984</td>
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Dear residents,

We are busy working for you. In the first year of this term of Council, we are advancing our community in many important ways:

Controlling Growth
We are continuing to control growth and development through the implementation of our new official plans at both the Town and the Region of Halton. We continue to defend our plans from developer pressures to ensure the vision of Oakville’s future is our own. This term will also see significant work being conducted on Oakville’s zoning by-laws to bring them in line with the official plan. We are defending our stable neighbourhoods and directing growth to designated areas.

Alleviating Traffic Congestion
We are building new transportation infrastructure to ease commutes. New transportation master plans to deal with our transportation needs over the next 20 years are being put into place. They will mean both improved roads and transit systems for Oakville.

Managing Taxes Responsibly
Council has given direction to staff to prepare budgets for 2012 to 2014 with tax increases in line with the rate of inflation. We recognize the need to limit our operating costs while maintaining infrastructure and core services.

Building the New Hospital
Plans for the new Oakville hospital at Third Line and Dundas Street are progressing and we look forward to the ground breaking on this significant piece of healthcare infrastructure this year. Oakville continues to play a partnership role in funding this important project.

Cleaning Our Air
We are taking important steps to improve local air quality through Oakville’s Health Protection Air Quality By-Law for major emitters. We are also taking steps to create a more comprehensive air management system.

Increasing Waste Diversion
The Region of Halton is also working on new waste management strategies to increase the amount of garbage diverted from our landfill from 60 to 70 percent. This would eliminate the need to consider an incinerator in Halton for the foreseeable future.

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

REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI AND ILLEGAL BOULEVARD SIGNS
Graffiti is a regular concern across the GTA. The Town of Oakville’s aim is to remove graffiti within 72 hours. If the graffiti is racist or obscene in nature, or identifies a particular individual, the town will remove it immediately and report it to the Halton Regional Police Service. In some instances, if it is not on town property (e.g. utility or Canada Post boxes), town staff are required to report the graffiti to the appropriate organization and coordinate the clean-up with these organizations.

You can access the town’s graffiti removal services by contacting 905-338-4392, or by e-mail at: graffiti@oakville.ca

To remove illegal boulevard signs such as wire frame plastic signs, contact Bob DeHoog by phone at: 905-845-6601 ext. 3337, or by e-mail at: bddehoog@oakville.ca
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WARD 6 PARK IMPROVEMENTS

There are a number of exciting park and recreational upgrades scheduled for Ward 6 over the summer months and into the early fall:

• The stair/bridge installation at Sheridan Valley Park is now complete: this includes the clearing of overhanging tree limbs and dead or dangerous trees from path areas, along with the removal and replacement of the asphalt walkways from Upper Middle Road, through to Grosvenor Street and Grand Boulevard.

• An investigation is ongoing into the establishment of a bocce facility at Glenashton Park.

• New pedestrian improvements at Pondview Pond will take place in the late summer. Following heavy rainfalls the volume of the pond increases and often creates difficult pedestrian access along the southeast corner of the pond. A new pedestrian connection will be constructed to provide a more elevated pathway for residents to resolve this problem.

• The resurfacing of tennis courts at Valleybrook and Glenashton Park are scheduled to take place after Labour Day weekend.

AIR QUALITY - OAKVILLE

As part of the town’s commitment to improve air quality in Oakville, the town passed the Health Protection Air Quality by-law 2010-035 (HPAQB) on February 1, 2010. The purpose of the by-law is to protect the health of Oakville residents from the negative effects of fine particulate matter (PM) by collecting information on emissions from facilities in Oakville and requiring major emitters to obtain approval of their emissions from the town.

The town has started to implement air quality improvements in the overtaxed Oakville-Clarkson Airshed. For example in 2011, the town will undertake a project to pave the shoulders along Royal Windsor Drive between Ford Drive and Winston Churchill Boulevard to reduce the proliferation of airborne dust particles caused by the gravel shoulders on busy roadways.

In January 2011, Town Council called upon the Province of Ontario to nominate the Oakville-Clarkson Airshed as the first pilot area to implement a Comprehensive Air Management System (CAM). This new approach to regionally coordinated airshed management was announced by the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) on October 20, 2010, as part of a national commitment to introduce more ambitious air quality standards and nationally consistent industrial emissions.

The town is also working with a variety of municipal partners to develop and implement additional clean air strategies. It should be noted that in addition to industrial processes, other local sources of air pollutants come from vehicle emissions and building operation. Everyone can take action to improve our air quality by using their vehicles less, using active and public transportation, and practicing energy conservation at home.

LODGING HOUSES - EXPLAINED

What is a lodging house and why is it licensed?

A lodging house is a rental accommodation where individual rooms are rented and kitchen and bathroom facilities are shared. Lodging houses in Oakville require a licence for up to three lodging units. Renting over three units is illegal and is not permitted in Oakville. Lodging houses must have a license in order to legally operate, to ensure that proper living standards are met and to account for proper fire safety on a yearly basis.

Licenses became mandatory in 2007 due to concerns for the health and safety of occupants in houses with multiple rental units. They also provide individuals seeking accommodation with a list of legalized facilities within town.

Information for tenants

Tenants can file licensing related complaints about landlords with the Clerk’s Department, Licensing and By-law Services by calling 905-815-2010 or emailing clerks@oakville.ca

Information for landlords

Landlords of lodging houses must comply with Oakville’s Zoning By-law that regulates land, buildings and structures within town. The Zoning By-law permits lodging houses in residential zones only where there is single detached dwellings and not in townhouses, semi-detached houses or row houses.

You can obtain an application from the town website or visit Licensing and By-law Services at Town Hall. Operation of a lodging house without a license may result in charges or the initiation of prosecution against the property owner.

New changes to the licensing and zoning by-laws

If the owner of the property occupies a rental unit as their primary residence, they can rent a maximum of two lodging units without having to obtain a license.

Definitions for lodging houses, lodging units and lodgers have been added to the by-laws to ensure consistency and clarity when regulating lodging houses.

For additional information and forms, visit the Town’s website at: oakville.ca/businesslicensing.htm

TRAFFIC CALMING AT ST. MARGUERITE D’YOUVILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The Town of Oakville is continuing with efforts to mitigate speeding on roads in elementary school zones where speeds exceed warrant thresholds. The town has developed physical traffic calming measures aimed at reducing vehicle speeds by making it uncomfortable for motorists to travel at excessive speeds.

Spedding problems which warrant mitigation have been indentified along Bayshore Drive in the vicinity of St. Marguerite d’Youville Catholic School. To address the problem, the town is planning the installation of speed cushions and flexible bollards.

The project team held a Public Information Centre on May 3, 2011 to review design plans and provide input on the final design. Tendering for construction will go ahead this summer, with installation slated for completion before the start of school in the fall.

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FIXING OUR CREEKS

The Town of Oakville manages approximately 116 kilometers of creek channels which are regularly inspected and evaluated to address the problem of erosion and overall stability. Falgarwood Creek from the Morrison-Wedgewood Diversion Channel to Gainsborough Drive was identified as a priority site in the town’s 2006 Erosion Assessment Study. Surrounded by residential homes, the Creek was rapidly down-cutting, which was causing the valley slope to over-steepen, system instability and environmental degradation. Two storm water outfalls were threatened by channel instability. The majority of the town’s past measures to mitigate erosion were also damaged.

Stabilization of the valley and creek bank slope, along with nominal realignment has been undertaken. This addressed concerns by slowing down the erosion process by dissipating energy in a wider channel, and reducing some of the scouring of the banks by the creek. A number of areas historically impacted by erosion and scouring have been repaired.

The town also promotes best management practices such as removing pool drains and other drains from parcels of properties that back onto the creek valley, helping to prolong the design life of the creek works.

In order to minimize the loss of trees and vegetation, the creek has been designed to be the minimum width required to convey the regulatory flood, without a decrease in flood storage. For construction access, the town’s objective was to minimize the number of access points and mitigate the removal of any mature trees beyond those being removed for the creek alignment.

The creek construction was completed in December 2010, with seeding and planting commencing in May 2011.

Morrison Creek will be the subject of future studies to address similar concerns.

HALTON IS AN EXTREMELY SAFE COMMUNITY – LET’S KEEP IT THAT WAY!

Traffic Initiatives: The bulk of police traffic initiatives in Ward 6 deal with ongoing traffic safety along major routes including Trafalgar Road, Dundas Street East, Ninth Line and Upper Middle Road. Of course, residential streets near schools and parks are always a concern. The Halton Region Police Service uses a three prong approach to traffic safety that includes: education; enforcement; engineering.

Officers also focus on aggressive driving behaviour (speeding, stunting, and unsafe lane changes) and distracted driving in an effort to change driver behaviour and increase compliance with the Highway Traffic Act.

Break and Enters: Ward 6 has experienced residential and commercial plaza break-ins. Noteworthy are the increasing random “smash and grabs” experienced by small businesses along the Dundas Street commercial corridor. Police have focused uniform patrols in this area along with a dedicated detective unit to investigate these crimes. Small business owners are encouraged to contact Cst. Draper of the Community Support Office at 905-825-4747 Ext.2222 for crime prevention strategies. Tips for preventing this type of crime include setting alarms, adequate lighting and break resistant coatings over glass portions of the business building.

Residential break-ins also occur in Ward 6. Random break-ins are largely crimes of opportunity where culprits target insecure or unlocked homes and vehicles. Police encourage residents to lock doors and windows when they are not at home and to ensure that valuables are not left in plain view.

Recent arrests confirm that culprits were randomly targeting unlocked premises.

However, there are instances however where doors or windows to residences are being forced open (door kicks, window smashes and prying doors with tools). These types of entries are predominantly occurring during the day into unoccupied homes. Police are conducting focused patrols in areas that have seen an increase in activity. Additionally, a recent arrest in May 2011 identified 3 individuals responsible for the bulk of these entries and police report a decrease in break-ins since the culprits were incarcerated.

Police strongly suggest that homeowners secure residences when leaving for the day or an extended period of time. Routinely arming alarms (and signage for alarms), working with neighbours who are home during the day to report suspicious activity to police, and providing lighting and clear views of entrances to your property, are all measures that make your residence less attractive to thieves.

Auto Thefts: Ward 6 has seen a slight drop off in auto thefts from the previous year.

Theft From Autos: Thefts from autos are an ongoing concern. This type of crime has typically been committed in the past by youths walking residential streets late at night or early in the morning. Police have dedicated a team to actively investigate these incidents. A recent arrest in May 2011 identified a group responsible for these types of crimes throughout Oakville. Items targeted for theft include GPS units, loose change, sunglasses, laptop computers and other items that can be sold for cash. Most vehicles are not damaged. Generally, perpetrators enter through unlocked doors. Parking your car in your driveway, providing lighting and locking doors are the best deterrents for this crime.
TIME OF USE BILLING - OAKVILLE HYDRO

The installation of Smart Meters and the application of TOU Rates are a provincial government initiative and part of the Long-Term Energy Plan to promote energy conservation and manage electricity demand across Ontario. These changes to the way customers are charged for their electricity use are mandated by the Ontario Energy Board.

The Province of Ontario is using TOU Rates to encourage a change in energy use from On-Peak to Off-Peak periods whenever possible. TOU Rates are intended to encourage customers to reduce or shift usage to periods of lower demand (weekends or later in the evening), and away from times when electricity is most expensive. Customers will not be able to shift all electricity usage away from peak periods, but the more electricity a customer shifts, the more they can manage their costs and contribute to lower overall peak prices for everyone.

Oakville Hydro has started applying Time-of-Use (TOU) Rates to its customers’ electricity use. TOU Rates will be applied using the normal meter reading schedule which will take 60 days to convert all customers to the new rates. Personalized letters have been sent to all customers informing them of the specific date TOU Rates will apply to them.

TOU Rates fall into three categories, On-Peak, Mid-Peak and Off-Peak. The start times of each period are shown below. Summer periods are in effect from May 1 to October 31, 2011; winter rates will begin November 1, 2011.

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OPEN AIR BURNING – RULES AND REGULATIONS

As the summer months are upon us, it’s helpful to know the rules and regulations around open air burning or outdoor fires. Anyone who wishes to burn materials outdoors is bound by The Town of Oakville by-law as follows:

Recreational Burning Highlights:
- Burning must take place between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m.
- Maximum fire pit size is 2 feet by 2 feet by 16 inches high
- Only charcoal or clean, dry, seasoned wood without preservatives can be burned.
- All wood being burned must be within the pit.
- Burning must be at least 3 meters from adjacent property and also 3 meters from combustibles.
- A charged water hose and/or 2A fire extinguisher must be nearby.
- Burning must be supervised by an adult at ALL TIMES.
- There must be favourable weather conditions: no fog, no smog alert, winds to less than 30 km/hr.
- Smoke may not obscure roads and homes. Sparks may not travel to nearby homes.
- Open air burning is permitted at ground level only.

To view the by-law in its entirety, including enforcement, where to obtain permits, and regulations that govern rural burning, visit: http://www.oakvillefire.ca/openairburning.htm

KEEPING AN EYE ON WARD 6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

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Oakville is at a unique point in its history. We are planning and creating a future that will allow us to become the most livable town in Canada. We will do that by controlling growth and encouraging sustainability, while maximizing the value of every taxpayer dollar. The recent 2011 Citizen Survey indicates that:

- Overall satisfaction with town government is at 82%. This is up four points from 2009.
- Over eight in ten residents say that Oakville is a better place to live than most areas in the GTA.

The survey serves an important consultative function: it allows us to take the pulse of Oakville residents on matters that are important to setting our direction for the future.

Our goals over the remainder of this term are ambitious but achievable:

**Controlled Growth:** We are controlling growth. The Livable Oakville Plan recently received approval from the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). The plan directs growth while protecting the town’s stable residential neighbourhoods, greenspaces and employment lands to 2031. Implementation of the Livable Oakville Plan is scheduled for completion over the next 3 years and includes addressing site specific appeals, reviewing zoning by-laws, and developing new urban design guidelines and community improvement plans.

**Economic Prosperity:** We will nurture economic prosperity via new employment lands and implement the job creation ideas suggested in the Creative Oakville Report; we will continue to support Business Improvement Areas and encourage revenue generation from new, non-tax sources.

**Environmental Sustainability:** We will continue to work with the Province to create Greener Building Standards; we will establish sustainability goals via an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan and strengthen the Private Tree Protection By-law and tree cover plans.

**Health and Safety:** We will start construction on our long needed modern new hospital, and protect air quality by way of our Health Protection Air Quality By-law and Do No Harm planning rules.

**Town Services:** We will continue to clear snow, remove leaves, mow parks, plant flowers, water trees and enforce by-laws to maintain the level of quality to which we have all become accustomed.

**Public Transit and Roads:** We will encourage local employment by making it easier for people to get to work as we complete the rollout of our Transit Plan, including our new Transit Depot; we will continue our road renewal to get our road quality up to 100% by 2022.

**Public Consultation:** We will solicit public consultation in the creation of plans for the re-use of public lands at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, Oakville Trafalgar High School, Brantwood, Linbrook, Chisholm, Lorne Skuce and White Oaks schools, the old Oakville Arena, and Centennial Square.

**Parks, Recreation, Culture:** We will continue our investment in community facilities with the opening of the Queen Elizabeth Park Community Centre; we will create more bike paths and trails and study the establishment of a unified Heritage District to unite the existing three districts; we will update our Parks, Recreation and Library Master Plan and finalize our Harbours Plan.

**Talent Attraction:** We will attract, develop and retain the high quality staff necessary to operate the town's critical programs, services and facilities.

Our plans for this term of Council recognize that our work has to happen in concert with the community, towards a common good.

You can always reach me via the contact information noted above. Add me on Facebook (www.facebook.com/mayor.rob.burton) and Twitter, send me an e-mail, invite me to speak or attend your community event, or phone me with an issue of concern. I look forward to hearing from you.
NEW OAKVILLE HOSPITAL - LOCAL SHARE REDUCTION

The new Oakville hospital will not cost the town as much as first anticipated. Halton Healthcare Services (HHS) has reduced its local share donation request of the town; the request has decreased from up to $200 million to only up to $130 million. The local share refers to the portion of the project that is not funded by the provincial government and must be raised by HHS and the community.

“This number may decrease again,” noted Mayor Rob Burton. “It depends on a further analysis of the bids and the refinement of local share plan numbers as we move towards the hospital’s financial close, which is expected on July 19th. A final donation number is anticipated for later this year.”

As a result of the refinement of the project, Halton Healthcare’s Board has advised that the difference of the up to $70 million dollar total amount is no longer being requested.

Town staff will continue to be involved and present at the table as work moves forward with Halton Healthcare and the province in terms of calculating and refining the final local share plan amounts. No money will flow from the Town of Oakville until substantial completion of the new hospital, which is now slated for July 2015.

As part of the project’s refinement to date, the Halton Healthcare Board also advised that the new Oakville hospital will use a traditional central utility plant, similar to Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. The Halton Healthcare Board committed to covering costs that Oakville Hydro has incurred to develop a district energy system, which is now being replaced by the traditional central utility plant.

Hospital Infrastructure Partners has been selected as the builders of the new Oakville hospital. Construction on the 1.6-million-square-foot facility is slated to begin this August; the hospital will have a capacity of 457 beds and will be three times the size of the existing Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

(See newoakvillehospital.ca for more)

NEW OFFICIAL PLAN – NOW CONTROLLING GROWTH

The town’s new Official Plan, Livable Oakville, is now in force and effect, serving to control growth since its approval on May 10, 2011 by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

Livable Oakville is the blueprint for how Oakville will grow in the next twenty years. The Livable Oakville Plan directs the majority of growth to six priority growth areas. The three primary growth areas are: Midtown Oakville (the town’s Urban Growth Centre), Uptown Core and Palermo Village. The three secondary areas are: Kerr Village, Bronte Village and Downtown Oakville. Livable Oakville’s policies also aim to preserve, enhance and protect the distinct character, cultural heritage, living environment and sense of community in our established neighbourhoods.

“In the 2011 Citizen Survey, residents told us that controlling growth remains their key priority for the town. OMB approval of Livable Oakville has given us the power of controlling growth, while at the same time protecting Oakville’s natural environment – the second most important priority for our residents,” said Mayor Burton.

All future development applications fall under the jurisdiction of Livable Oakville, and will be evaluated on how effectively they meet its goals of environmental sustainability, cultural vibrancy, economic prosperity and social well-being. While Oakville used to grow at an annual rate of more than 4%, Mayor Burton expects the rate to be less than 2% annually for the next 20 years when we reach build out.

“The success of Livable Oakville is not only in the development of policies that are defensible, clear and concise, but in the overwhelming involvement throughout the entire process of stakeholders and residents in the design of the plan. OMB approval allows us to direct growth to meet our vision of being the most livable town in Canada. We finally get to be masters of our own community instead of being beholden to developers and the Ontario Municipal Board, said Mayor Burton.

In 1961, after unprecedented post-war growth at an average annual rate of 11.5%, Oakville’s first official plan was approved. At the time, the population was 42,286, and was primarily located south of the QEW. In the 1970s the town faced continued growth pressure. Council’s refusal of developers’ plans for the communities of Glen Abbey and River Oaks was overturned by the Ontario Municipal Board in 1978. Our new plan, Livable Oakville, meets Provincial planning requirements with policies that will allow us to control growth in Oakville and protect established neighbourhoods.

Livable Oakville was unanimously adopted by Town Council in June 2009, and approved by Halton Region in November 2009.

Now that the town has won OMB approval for Livable Oakville, the next steps in implementing Livable Oakville include addressing a few outstanding site-specific appeals at the OMB, reviewing our zoning by-laws, and developing new urban design guidelines and community improvement plans.

“I'm confident that we will address these remaining issues as effectively and efficiently as we did with getting OMB approval for Livable Oakville. Once again, I look forward to working with our residents, businesses, service groups, Council and staff, to develop solutions that benefit everyone,” said Mayor Burton.
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DEVELOPMENT CHARGES - WHO PAYS FOR GROWTH?

We had to do a number of things to get growth under control in Oakville:
- We needed a Natural Heritage System
- We needed new development charges
- We needed a new Official Plan
- We need updated zoning by-laws to conform to the new Official Plan

During this term of Council we will complete our growth controls by aligning our zoning by-laws with our new Official Plan, Livable Oakville, and by updating our development charges by-laws. Staff has begun the three years of work that this will take, noting that public consultations will be a part of the alignment exercise.

Updating the development charges by-law requires a special study that we can think of as a type of 5 year capital budget. We need to list all the items necessary to build over the next 5 year period of growth. Because growth will be slower and more controlled than it has been, this multi-year capital budget may be lower, but Council is unlikely to move away from its policy of making growth pay for the legal maximum of its associated costs.

Since the Harris government in 1997 cut the list of things that municipalities reduce development charges by considering other options for funding growth. One of the suggestions in the report is to have existing taxpayers, through their property taxes, pay for soft services such as community centres and libraries related to growth.

According to Will Dunning, author of Consequences of Government-Imposed Costs within the New Housing Market, a report commissioned by the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO), Alternatives to Development Charges for Growth-Related Capital Costs, recommends municipalities reduce development charges by considering other options for funding growth.

Both reports suggest that high development charges carry the risk of discouraging building activity and making home ownership unaffordable. This scenario is inconsistent with what is actually happening in Oakville. Developers are clamouring to build new subdivisions in north Oakville. The situation is the same in Oakville’s more established areas south of the Queen Elizabeth Way, where builders and developers aggressively compete for infill lots. Oakville is unable to meet the industry’s current demand for building lots, in spite of having the highest development charges in Canada.

Clearly, building in Oakville remains a profitable and viable option for developers. Between 2009 and 2010, the total construction value of new residential building permits issued by the town increased by just over 78%, from approximately $144 million in 2009 to almost $258 million in 2010. For the first few months of 2011, new residential building permit activity is up 87.8% from the same period last year.

“Development charges are simply the cost of doing business in Oakville. Even with our current development charges, we can’t keep up with the building and development industry’s demand to build in the Town. If Oakville is a money losing proposition for the industry, which is what they want us to believe, how come they want to build here?” asks Ward 4 Town and Regional Councillor Allan Elgar.

Home ownership also appears to be on the rise in Oakville. House prices have increased all across the Greater Toronto Area, not just in Oakville. Yet, many families continue to be drawn to Oakville as the place to call home. It is not unusual for new housing subdivisions in Oakville to sell out within days, sometimes hours, of the opening of a sales centre. People want to move to Oakville. They recognize that Oakville is a great place to raise a family, and are willing to pay a premium to live here. Oakville is worth it.

Other municipalities, who have traditionally built infrastructure at the front end, hoping to recover costs from developers later, are now looking to Halton Region and the Town of Oakville as examples of how growth should be managed.

NEWS & UPDATES

Budget 2012: The development of the town’s 2012 Budget begins June 27th with the presentation of budget forecasting to the Budget Committee. Further development of the 2012 Budget will take place over the summer months, with the release scheduled for November 2011.

Provincial Offences Service Office: The Provincial Offences Service Office at Town Hall closed on July 1st. With the number of transactions at this service office declining, it is no longer cost effective to operate. Services will continue to be available online and in the court offices located in Burlington and Milton.

Lower Fourth Development: A planned subdivision by Mattamy Homes is taking shape on Dundas Street, between 6th Line and Neyagawa Boulevard. The proposed development includes a variety of land uses including residential, a school, and a neighbourhood park. The subdivision also creates another linkage as part of the Natural Heritage System and is expected in 2012.

Edgemere - 1502 Lakeshore Road East: On December 30, 2009, the OMB approved an Official Plan amendment and zoning by-law amendment application to permit ten two and one half storey residential buildings consisting of three dwellings per building. The site plan application is being considered by the OMB this summer. It is anticipated that construction will occur in 2 phases, with phase one beginning in the fall of 2011.

Summer Council Sessions: Council continues its work over the summer months with meetings on July 4th and 11th, and August 8th and 15th. The Site Plan Committee will meet on July 12th and August 9th. The Community Services and Administrative Services Standing Committees of Council convene on August 9th.
# TOWN COUNCIL’S 4 YEAR WORK PLAN

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

### 2008

- **Winter**
  - Second annual New Year’s Levee
  - Total tax increase of 3.78 per cent
  - Harbours dredged
  - Mayor’s roundtable on social services
  - Town appoints Ontario’s first Municipal Energy Conservation Officer

### 2009

- **Spring**
  - Oakville urban forest arts contest
  - Four new buses
  - New Council resolution on power plant
  - Drive-thru ban extended one year
  - New development charges cut growth costs
  - Mayor’s softball tournament raises $100K for KSM
  - South Shell Park (phase 2)
  - Work begins on QE Park Community Centre renovations (to re-open 2012)

### 2010

- **Summer**
  - New transit terminal opens in Uptown
  - NHS sign unveiled
  - Heritage tree hunt
  - Nine new buses
  - Mayor’s softball tournament raises money for Oakville YMCA
  - Oakville Environmental Strategic Plan
  - Public Consultation:
    - DND lands
    - Livable Oakville
  - Tree protection by-law update approved by Council
  - New soccer fields at Glenashton Park completed
  - New firefighters hired

### 2011

- **Fall**
  - Tree protection by-law update approved by Council
  - New soccer fields at Glenashton Park completed
  - New firefighters hired
  - Council passes Official Plan Amendment regulating power generating facilities in Oakville
  - Proposed Oakville Generating Station cancelled
  - New sixteen Mile Sports Complex quad pad arena opens
  - Westwood Park (phase 1)
  - Bronte Waterfront Heritage Park (phase 1)
  - Construction begins on Oakville Transit Facility
  - New Hospital Master Site Plan Approved
  - Council passes health protection and air quality by-law
  - Construction begins on Oakville Transit Centre (open March 2011)

### Public Consultation:
- Health protection and air quality by-law
- Funding for new Oakville hospital
- Downtown Oakville Strategic Review
- Places of worship study

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

## Progress Report

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

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