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Dear Residents,

Welcome to the sixth edition of the Ward 6 Oakville newsletter. We trust you will find it interesting. Council is continuing its work towards its Livable Oakville vision. We are working to protect and expand on what makes Oakville stand out by controlling growth to what fits, maintaining high-quality infrastructure and services, keeping our finances healthy, and preserving greenspace.

CONTROLLING GROWTH AND PLANNING COMPLETE COMMUNITIES

The Ontario government is introducing significant changes to land-use planning which require GTA municipalities to plan for increased growth in residential and employment lands while reducing the level of local control over where and how growth occurs. The changes are requiring our planning staff to continuously monitor and respond to legislative changes as both Halton Region and the Town of Oakville undertake reviews of their official plans to manage growth to the year 2041.

We continue to focus on managing growth to what fits economically and environmentally, as well as building complete communities with the infrastructure and greenspace necessary to meet Oakville's high standards of livability. Oakville's plan directs growth to several nodes and corridors, including the Trafalgar Road corridor, to protect existing stable neighbourhoods from unexpected development applications. The Town of Oakville continues to plan for increased growth around the GO station, the Uptown core as well as on the lands north of Dundas.



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PROTECTING NATURE

Council is continuing to focus on preserving greenspace, growing our green canopy and protecting Oakville's natural landscape. We continue to manage the effects of the emerald ash borer on our trees, plant even more trees and work towards creating a climate change resilient community. We continue to actively protect our local creeks and natural lands.

BUILDING AND RENEWING INFRASTRUCTURE

Council will continue to focus on building and maintaining infrastructure that improves the livability of our communities on a day-to-day basis. In addition to road improvements like the upcoming expansion to Trafalgar Road, we are also making improvements to support transportation of all types including walking, cycling, and transit use. Over the last decade, we have resurfaced a significant number of the roads in the Falgarwood and Iroquois Ridge neighbourhoods. Council continues its work to promote safety on our roads with measures to control the speed of traffic on local roads.

KEEPING OUR FINANCES HEALTHY

Council remains committed to its goal of keeping tax increases at or below inflation and work is underway to meet this target again in 2020. We continue to expect inflationary increases into the future.

It's important to us that we be accessible to our constituents. If you have any questions or concerns with anything at the town, we're only a call or a click away.

In the meantime, we wish you all the best this fall!

Best regards,
Tom and Natalia



Will Oakville be Amalgamated?

Earlier this year, the provincial government announced a plan to review the governance, decision-making and service delivery functions of 8 regional municipalities as well as the County of Simcoe. This review includes the Town of Oakville and Halton Region.

The Province appointed two special advisors to help with the review. These advisors heard from members of the public

in Halton at a public meeting on May 17. The majority of the members of the public spoke in favour of maintaining the existing governance structure in Oakville and Halton.

The special advisors were expected to provide a confidential report with recommendations to the province over the summer. The results of the review are still pending.

A local group of residents was formed to

oppose amalgamating Oakville into a City of Halton. We Love Oakville has organized a public campaign to convince the Province of Ontario to maintain the Town of Oakville in its current form and has expressed concerns that amalgamating Oakville into a City of Halton would lead to higher taxes, reduced services and lost local control over decisions. More information can be found at weloveoakville.org

Inflation Target for 2020 Budget

The 2020 Budget preparation is underway with Council targeting the rate of inflation for the overall property tax increase. The Budget process is about offering valued programs to the community, making important infrastructure investments and ensuring resources are wisely spent as the community moves forward with important strategic directions. Members of the public are welcome to provide input for consideration by the Budget Committee and Council. Input can be provided in a number of ways including by email or in person. Further information is available at www.oakville.ca/townhall/2020-budget-process.html.

Budget documents released – November 19

Public Delegations at Budget Committee – December 3

Budget Committee Recommendations – December 10

Final Council Approval – December 16



Oakville Declares Climate Emergency

On June 24th, Council declared a climate change emergency to help establish the importance of accelerating climate change action and signalling to the community the need to take action now through everyday activities.

The town has been active in implementing climate change policies and programs since 2005 and has taken significant steps to reduce its own impact on the environment. Learn more including the Top Ten Actions that the residents can do to join in the fight against climate change on the Oakville.ca website.

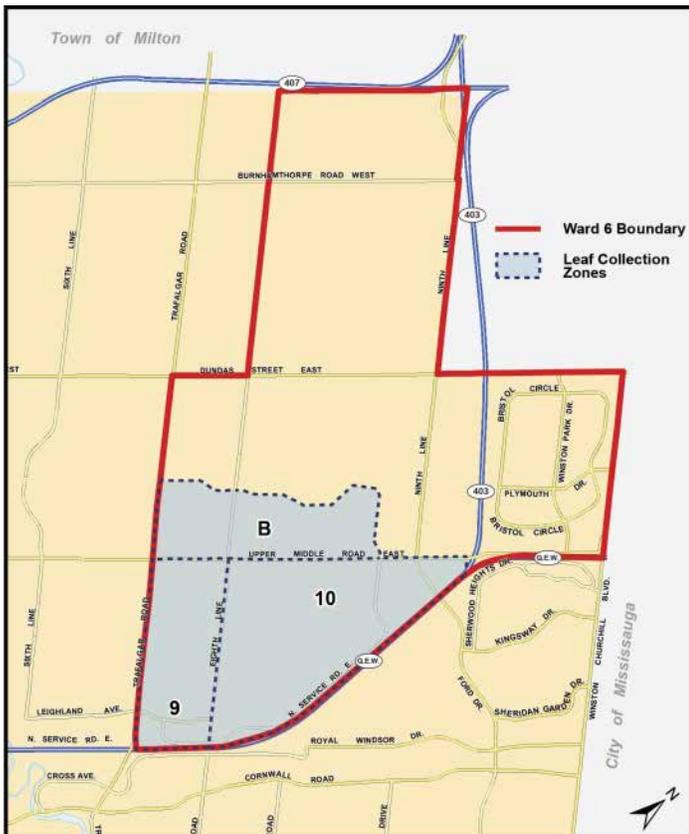


Leaf Collection and Snow Windrow Clearing Dates

Our beautiful green canopy will soon turn to vibrant fall colours and eventually end up needing to be cleaned up. Useful dates for loose leaf collection:

- Zone 9 (west of Eighth Line, south of Upper Middle) - weeks of October 21, November 4, November 18
- Zone 10 (east of Eighth Line, south of Upper Middle) - weeks of October 28, November 11, November 25
- Zone B (north of Upper Middle) - week of November 18

Snow will follow the fall leaves. The Town of Oakville offers the Driveway Snow Windrow Clearing Program to assist residents 65 years and older, who have physical disabilities or medical conditions, with clearing snow off the end of their driveways when the roads are plowed. Registration for the program is between October 1 and November 22, 2019 via Oakville.ca or by calling Service Oakville at 905-845-6601. A user-fee of \$104.05 (\$92.08+HST) applies for the 2019-20 season.



On-Street Parking By-Law

Many residents are surprised to learn that all Oakville residential streets have a three hour parking limit unless otherwise posted. This is a common practice amongst many municipalities in Ontario. The three hour limit has been in place for decades to:

- Improve traffic flow and visibility on residential streets
- Allow for road maintenance activities and facilitate weekly waste collection
- Minimize difficulties accessing private driveways
- Respond to residents concerned about streets turning into parking lots
- Encourage residents to provide off street parking for their vehicles

Various permits are available to provide temporary on-street parking beyond three hours. More information can be found online or by calling Service Oakville.



Oakville Santa Claus Parade – Save the Date!

The annual parade is **Saturday, November 16th at 9 a.m.** (rain or shine). The parade route is the same as last year – along Lakeshore Road in Downtown Oakville and north along Kerr Street between Lakeshore and Stewart. The theme this year is “Things we do at Christmas time”. We hope to see you there to welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus to Oakville!

Planning Problems with Provincial Changes

On June 6th, the province passed Bill 108, known as the More Homes, More Choice Act, despite serious concerns expressed by the Town of Oakville and other municipalities.

Bill 108 will have a serious impact on the Town of Oakville. It will change the financial tools available to the town to fund parks, libraries, recreation centres and other community infrastructure. It will also change where the town can require new affordable housing, how heritage buildings are conserved and how development applications are reviewed by the town and at the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT). These changes could result in reduced service levels, a property tax increase for Oakville residents and lost control over local planning.

Lack of Information

The process for bringing forward the changes has also been flawed. Not enough information to provide comprehensive comments; the commenting periods have been too short; and, it still remains unclear how Bill 108 will deliver more affordable housing and ensure that growth will pay for growth. These are the overarching comments the Town of Oakville has shared with the province regarding a recently released set of proposed regulations related to Bill 108.

The timeframe for the review of the proposed regulations, coupled with the lack of detail or consultation, undermines Oakville's ability to conduct a comprehensive analysis of their impact on the town's financial position, Official Plan and ability to protect the character of existing neighbourhoods.

The regulations related to Bill 108 include the forthcoming Community Benefits Charge, and transition matters related to changes to the Planning Act, the Development Charges Act and the LPAT Act.

Highlighted concerns with the proposed new regulations are:

Loss of Local Planning Control

- Bill 108 and related regulations reduce timelines for municipalities to make decisions on development applications and make the timelines retroactive to June 6, 2019.

- Bill 108 effectively reinstates the powers of the former Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) whereby the Local Planning Act Tribunal (LPAT) will be able to ignore a municipal council's planning decision and our local planning rules. The regulations require unresolved appeals to be decided under the new rules, and revoke existing prescribed timelines for the LPAT to dispose of appeals. The town requested that appeals filed under the old LPAT Act be completed under the old rules regardless of whether a hearing had been scheduled. The town is also concerned that the return to expensive and lengthy OMB style hearings will slow down the resolution of land use disputes.

Taxpayers Pay the Difference?

- Bill 108 significantly changes how municipalities finance development related infrastructure. Currently, development charges (DCs), collected by municipalities from developers for new developments, pay for "hard services" such as roads and water infrastructure, and "soft services" such as libraries, community centres and parks. Under Bill 108, soft services would be removed from development charges and financed through a new "community benefits charge" (CBC) based on land value. A CBC formula has yet to be proposed by the province. It is unclear how any CBC methodology could ensure revenues are maintained among Ontario municipalities so that complete communities are delivered in response to growth. It is the town's position that significant consultation is needed regarding the CBC formula, and the requirements for a municipal CBC by-law, together with more time to implement it, which should run parallel with DC studies and the expiry of an existing DC by-law.



Growth Management Decisions

Under provincial planning rules, Halton is being required to plan for population growth to 2041. The expected additional population growth that we are being required to plan for between 2031 and 2041 is 180,000 people. This would bring Halton's population to 1,000,000 in 2041 from the planned population of 820,000 in 2031.

Four growth models are being considered that require Halton to decide between allowing different amounts of new undeveloped land to be built on. The models range from allowing between up to 1,000 hectares of new undeveloped land to be built on, to requiring all of the new population to be accommodated within the existing planned urban areas of Halton (and allowing no new undeveloped land to be built on). The different options would have different environmental, social, financial, infrastructure and transportation impacts.

Allowing up to 1,000 hectares of new land to be built on using lower density housing styles would result in lost agricultural land, higher greenhouse gas emissions and higher reliance on private vehicles for transportation. Meanwhile, planning for the additional population within existing urban areas would generate the need for both higher density and taller buildings, particularly in growth nodes such as around GO stations and along major arterial roads, but would stop the loss of farmland and reduce the impact of growth on greenhouse gas emissions.

Halton Region asked local councils to provide input and Oakville is now in the process of reviewing the impacts of the options and considering the criteria used to choose between the options. The public is welcome to provide input. A Ward 6 public meeting is scheduled for October 2. See Oakville.ca for details.

Town Council Meetings on YouTube

Want to know what is happening at Town Hall, but there aren't enough hours in your day or your family dinner just finished and you can't make it to the meeting? You can still be in the know by subscribing to the Town of Oakville YouTube channel and accessing live and archived video content from your desktop and mobile devices.

When you subscribe (www.oakville.ca/live/index.html) you will receive updates when new content or a live stream is available. This option provides both transparency and accessibility to Council meetings with a more user-friendly experience. We hope that you will take advantage of this convenient and informative online tool.



Road Improvements in Northeast Oakville

Halton Region continues to invest in infrastructure to improve services in Oakville to keep up with growth. Whether we are improving traffic flow, creating new bike lanes or multi-use paths or continuing to provide reliable access to safe drinking water – we are building a better Halton every day. Three major projects happening nearby that residents can look forward to are:

1. Trafalgar Road Improvements

Improvements from Leighland Avenue to north of Hays Boulevard include:

- widening the road from four to six lanes
- new bus stops and shelters
- new sidewalks & off-road bike lanes
- new traffic signals, street lighting, sound walls and landscaping
- replacement of the watermain and stormwater infrastructure

Status: Construction anticipated Fall 2019 – 2021

2. William Halton Parkway Extension

A new east-west corridor between Bronte Road and Ninth Line will be completed in two phases and include:

- a new roadway
- four new roundabouts
- new on-road bike lanes and multi-use pathways
- new watermains and wastewater mains
- a new bridge over Sixteen Mile Creek (Phase 2)

Status: Phase 1 (Sixth Line to Ninth Line):

Construction underway – anticipated completion 2020

Phase 2 (Third Line to Sixth Line):

Anticipated construction 2020 – 2023 (subject to timing of funding)

3. Ninth Line Corridor Study

A Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study is considering options to address safety and travel demand on Ninth Line between

Dundas Street and Highway 407. A range of road, active transportation, intersection and overall traffic operation improvements have been considered. Social, cultural, economic and environmental impacts will also be assessed.

Status: Anticipated study completion Winter 2020

Stay connected on construction happening near you.

Halton Region has a dedicated Construction Ambassador for these projects who will be available to meet with residents and businesses to address any questions or concerns. Learn more about these projects and other Regional improvement projects by visiting halton.ca to: browse project webpages to view the latest project information; use the online map to view projects happening across the region; sign up to get project updates by email; or email accesshalton@halton.ca or call 311.



Ward 6 Development Applications

| APPLICATION | LOCATION | PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | STATUS | PLANNING STAFF CONTACT |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Upper Oakville Shopping Centre SP 1410.001 | 1011 Upper Middle Road East | 1,400 m ² retail building (Shoppers Drug Mart) | Under construction | Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 Leigh.musson@oakville.ca |
| Bressa Developments Ltd (Mattamy) 24T-12004 /1307 | 1264 & 1288 Burnhamthorpe Rd E 1345-1429 Dundas St E North Oakville | Proposed draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment to create 532 units | Local Planning Appeal Tribunal approved – Phase 1 (226 units including detached homes & townhouses, stormwater pond, parks and open space). Site alteration permit issued. | Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 Leigh.musson@oakville.ca |
| Dunoak Developments Inc. (Mattamy) 24T-12003/1309 | Dundas Street E North Oakville | Proposed draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment to create 590 units | Local Planning Appeal Tribunal approved – Phase 1 (336 units including detached homes & townhouses, park, stormwater pond, school block) | Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 Leigh.musson@oakville.ca |
| Penalta SP 1512.04 | 418-450 Iroquois Shore Rd | 2 storey multi-tenant building – restaurant and 6 storey self-storage building | Site plan approved and under construction | Tricia Collingwood 905-845-6601 ext. 3833 tricia.collingwood@oakville.ca |
| Menkes Z 1410.20 and 24T-16008 | Coronation Drive/North Ridge Trail | Draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment to permit 52 detached dwellings | Pre-servicing and under construction | Heinz Hecht 905-845-6601 ext. 3311 Heinz.hecht@oakville.ca |
| SP 1512.039 Hood Developments | 360 Oakville Place Drive | 6 storey office building | Site plan approved and under construction | Heinz Hecht 905-845-6601 ext. 3311 Heinz.hecht@oakville.ca |
| Falvo Holdings SP 1403.67 | 2578 Bristol Circle | 2,544 m ² commercial building | Site plan approved and under construction | Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 Leigh.musson@oakville.ca |
| SP 1402.66 | 2586 Bristol Circle | 10,272 m ² warehouse | Pending final site plan approval | Leigh Musson 905-845-6601, ext. 3371 Leigh.musson@oakville.ca |

Council Approves New Economic Development Strategy

On July 8, Council approved a new Economic Development strategy for Oakville, establishing a plan to further strengthen the local economy over the next five years.

The strategy was developed through consultation with stakeholders and residents, and builds on Oakville's vision to be the most livable town in Canada. The strategy's three goals focus on attracting new investment, responding to local business needs and supporting the town's commercial districts.

Investment and Innovation in Ward 6

Ward 6 is currently home to approximately 900 businesses according to the Halton Region Employment Survey and continues to be a prime location for new investment activity.

Samuel, Son & Co. recently announced their head office relocation to a brand new 55,000 square feet office on Joshuas Creek Drive, which is currently under construction. New development across from Oakville Place is also underway and will bring 140,000 square feet of office space to the market.

Industry-leading companies in Winston Park are shining examples of business growth and innovation. Geotab, the world's top telematics



firm, recently expanded into a new location to accommodate rapid growth. Additionally, local manufacturing firm Promation partnered with the University of Waterloo to bring new additive manufacturing technology to market through support from the federal government.

Oakville is notable for its diverse economy and the new strategy affirms the town's commitment to ensuring Oakville is where industry-leading companies want to be.

To learn more about economic development in Oakville, visit investoakville.ca.

Tom and Natalia in the Community



HRPS Community Safety Presentation



Holy Family Catholic Elementary School Fun Fair



Hydro Bucket Rides



Toastmasters



United Way 2019 Campaign



Tree planting at the Northeast Oakville Fair



Earth Day Clean Up at St. Simon's Anglican Church



Pathfinders Tour Town Hall



Oakville Fire Graduating Ceremony