

# LET'S TALK OAKVILLE

ALL THE LATEST NEWS FROM YOUR **WARD 6** COUNCILLORS

**FALL 2025**

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Dear Residents,

As the leaves begin to turn and our community settles into the rhythm of fall, we're pleased to welcome you to the 16th edition of the Ward 6 Oakville newsletter. This season offers not only a beautiful backdrop for our neighbourhoods, parks, and trails, but also an opportunity to reflect on what we've achieved together and what lies ahead.

### **BUSY SUMMER OF PROGRESS**

This past summer was a busy and productive time for Oakville. From park improvements and road resurfacing to the advancement of pedestrian safety initiatives, we've been focused on building a safer, more connected, and more livable community. We thank all the residents who took time to share their ideas, concerns, and priorities with us at town hall meetings and community events.

### **PLANNING FOR GROWTH, PROTECTING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE**

With continued development in north Oakville and across our town, it's essential that we manage growth responsibly. We are working to ensure that new development aligns with Oakville's values including supporting complete communities with access to parks, schools, transit, and essential services. At the same time, we must address the pressing challenge of housing affordability. We are committed to working with all levels of government to create a diverse mix of housing options that support families, seniors, and young residents who want to stay in the community they love.

### **LOOKING AHEAD: YOUR INPUT MATTERS**

Looking forward, Council will be entering the 2026 Budget process, and your input will be critical. We encourage everyone to participate in the upcoming public consultations and to share what matters most to you whether it's maintaining strong public services, investing



in infrastructure, or preserving green spaces. Fiscal responsibility and community well-being remain top priorities.

### **BUILDING A THRIVING OAKVILLE**

We're also excited to see progress on projects that will benefit our growing north Oakville neighbourhoods, including new parks and trails, recreational amenities, and better transportation.

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

Best regards,

**Tom and Natalia**



# Better Parks for All!

Parks and Open Space are rehabilitating some of our favourite parks in 2025.

## Pinery Park Playground

The playground at the park will be replaced in the coming months. The goal is to have the new playground installed by the end of the year

## Iroquois Shoreline Woods Parking Lot

This gravel lot is planned to be converted to asphalt which will allow more efficient parking. The work is expected to begin this fall and be completed by the end of the year.

## Glenashton Park Tennis Courts

These tennis courts were rehabilitated in 2024, but the final coating is to be applied in September.

## Riverstone Park

Riverstone Park is a 1.57 acre parcel of land located at 2273 Trafalgar Road. The Town purchased the land from the Region of Halton as a neighbourhood park. The Town will be seeking competitive bids for landscape architectural consulting services for the park. It is expected that public consultation for the park will be this fall with park construction in spring 2026. Residents in the immediate area will be notified of the public consultation prior to the meeting,

## Parks north of Dundas Street

Parks and Open Space staff are busy planning new parks and trails north of Dundas Street. Check out the map of existing and planned trails north of Dundas Street.

## Coming Soon North of Dundas

## Meadowridge Park

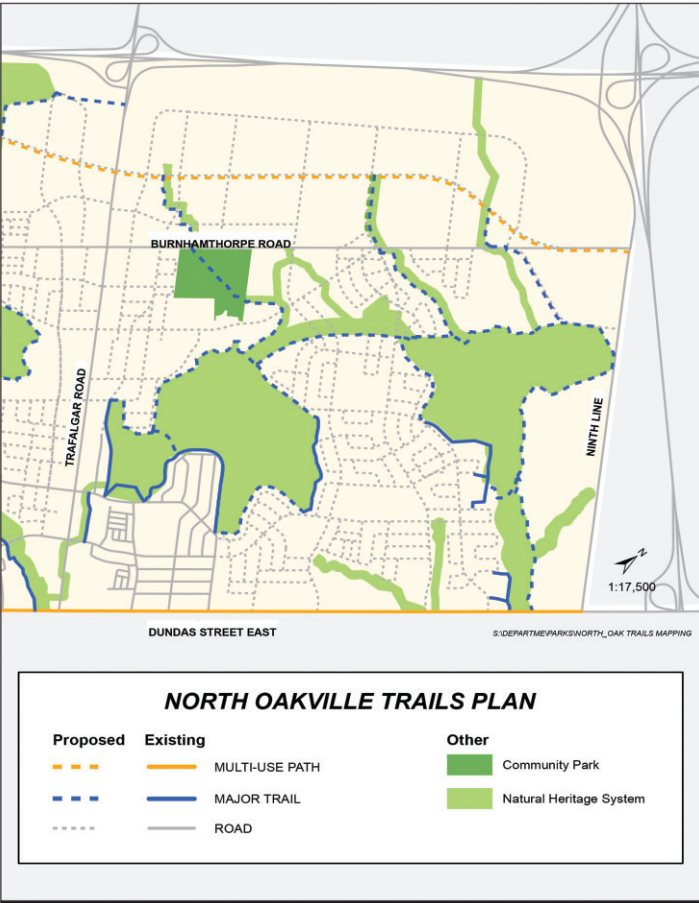
New neighbourhood park with children’s playground, splash pad, full basketball court, multipurpose sports field, washroom building, shade structure, benches, walk, tree planting and horticultural beds. Completion is expected in late 2026.

## John Mackay Parkette

Children’s playground, shade structure, horticulture beds, walkways, tree planting. Construction is starting shortly and will be completed in 2026.

## Dartmouth Park

Children’s playground, shade structure, horticulture beds, walkways, tree planting. Completion is expected this fall.





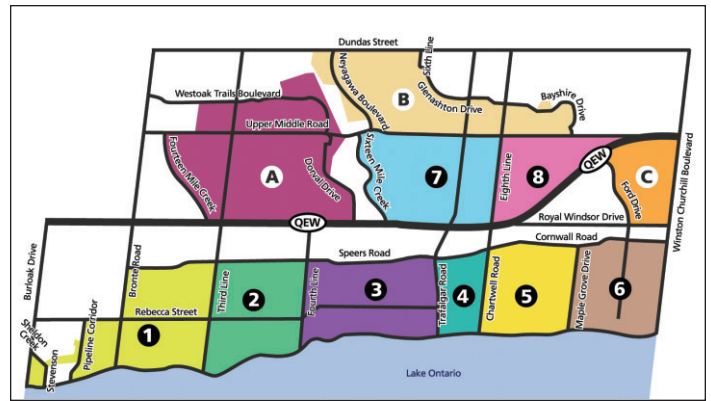
# Loose Leaf Collection Program

The Town of Oakville's Loose Leaf Collection Program for Ward 6 is set to begin on October 27, 2025, and will run for six weeks, weather permitting.

Ward 6 includes three collection zones:

- Zone 7 – Leaves will be collected during Weeks 1, 3, and 5
- Zone 8 – Leaves will be collected during Weeks 2, 4, and 6
- Zone B – A single collection is scheduled for Week 5

For full program details, including zone maps and updates, please visit the Town of Oakville's Loose Leaf Collection page. This program is intended to expand over the years to include newer residential areas as the tree canopy ages.



# Neighbourhood Traffic Safety Projects



## Automated Speed Enforcement

The town's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program was launched on January 22, 2025. It includes fourteen (14) ASE cameras (2 cameras per ward). Following provincial legislation, these cameras are installed in designated Community Safety Zones only.

Two ASE cameras were installed in the Community Safety Zones on Glenashton Drive and North Ridge Trail in January 2025 for four months. These ASE cameras were moved to Grosvenor Street and Grand Boulevard in the first week of June 2025. Please visit Town's ASE Website for additional details.



## Traffic Calming

Public consultation for implementing traffic calming measures was completed on Grand Boulevard between Upper Middle Road and Eighth Line. The traffic calming designs are being revised based on the feedback received from the residents and another public consultation on the revised designs will be conducted in fall 2025.

## Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) Construction

Construction for the following PXOs is in progress and will be completed by fall 2025.

- Bayshire Drive at St. Marguerite Catholic Elementary School (west of Creekwood Trail)
- Grand Boulevard and Valleybrook Drive
- Grosvenor Street and Grange Road
- Grosvenor Street and Kimberley Drive
- Lancaster Drive at Sheridan Public School (east of Harcourt Court)
- Design for the following PXOs is in progress, construction will start in fall 2025.
- Valleybrook Drive and Pineview Drive
- Grosvenor St and Lancaster Drive
- Grosvenor Street at Valleybrook Park access (south of Valleybrook Drive)
- Prince Michael Drive and Craigleith Road



## School Crossing Guards

To support safe travel for children walking to the new Harvest Oak Public School scheduled to open in September 2025, two new school crossing guards will be added to the intersections of Wheat Boom Drive & Meadowridge Drive and Wheat Boom Drive & John McKay Boulevard. These locations were selected to ensure safe and convenient crossing opportunities for students along key walking routes to the school.

## Walktober is Coming

The Town of Oakville, through the Active Sustainable School Travel Hub, is excited to support 'Walktober' this October. The campaign encourages students, staff, and families to walk to and from school. Participating schools will complete hands-up surveys, enjoy fun walking challenges, and have a chance to win giveaways. Schools with strong participation will be recognized for promoting active, healthy, and eco-friendly travel.

# Oakville Centre Launches 2025–2026 Season



The Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts has unveiled its 2025–2026 season, running from September through May, with an exciting lineup of music, dance, theatre, circus, and spoken word. This season features celebrated Canadian performers, including Howie Mandel, Jann Arden, Sam Roberts Band, Bedouin Soundclash, Tenille Townes, and Jesse Cook.

The season opens with legendary comedian Howie Mandel, known for his decades-long career in comedy, television, and film. A constant force in entertainment for over 40 years, Mandel will kick off the season with

sharp wit and big laughs.

Families can enjoy the return of the popular Family Series, featuring Doktor Kaboom, Curious George, and *Hans: My Life in Fairy Tales* – a playful reimagining of Hans Christian Andersen stories using puppetry, music, and comedy.

Additional highlights include Ballet Jörgen's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, The Blue Institute, and Compagnie de la Citadelle. Classic Albums Live also returns with nine shows celebrating iconic rock albums.

Don't miss the special Truth and Reconciliation performance by Mimi O'Bonsawin, with free tickets and pre-show programming, and the return of the *In Conversation With...* series featuring acclaimed journalist Brian Stewart.

Explore the full season at [oakvillecentre.ca](http://oakvillecentre.ca).

## Iroquois Ridge Community Centre Renovation Update

Since opening in 2001, Iroquois Ridge Community Centre has been a hub of activity for the Oakville community. From the leisure and lap pool to the fitness centre, gymnasium, and library, it's a place where residents of all ages come together to stay active, learn, and connect.

To keep this well-loved facility in top shape, renovations began in January 2025 to upgrade essential infrastructure and enhance accessibility, safety, and comfort. We're excited to share that all renovations are expected to be completed this fall.

Highlights include:

- A fully accessible customer service desk
- New tiles throughout the facility
- New heat pumps for improved temperature control

Once Iroquois Ridge pool reopens, we're excited to welcome you back for drop-in programs and a shortened fall swimming lesson schedule. Thank you for your patience during the renovation. We can't wait for you to explore and enjoy the refreshed Iroquois Ridge Community Centre!

### Culture Days 2025 Is Almost Here!

From September 19 to October 12, Culture Days 2025 brings Oakville to life with a month-long celebration of art, creativity, and community. Every weekend, enjoy free activities, performances, and hands-on experiences at vibrant cultural spaces across town, including Glen Abbey Community Centre, Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre, the Oakville Centre, the Oakville Museum, and Heritage Square.

Whether you're passionate about music, visual arts, storytelling, or exploring something new, there's something for everyone to discover. It's no surprise the Town of Oakville was ranked number one in Canada for Culture Days 2024 – and this year promises to be even more exciting!

### Youth Mural Project: Big Dreams, Bold Walls

Oakville teens are about to make their mark—literally! This fall, the Youth Mural Project is coming to Iroquois Ridge Community Centre, led by local professional artist Ray Vidal.

Working alongside the Oakville Youth Action Committee, Vidal will mentor 12 youth artists aged 13 to 17 as they design and paint a large-scale mural that reflects creativity, collaboration, and community spirit.

Through interactive workshops, participants will explore art history, design, colour theory, and hands-on painting techniques, gaining valuable skills while turning big ideas into bold public art. The mural will be unveiled during National Youth Week, May 1 to 7, 2026.

Now in its third year, the Youth Mural Project has previously transformed spaces at Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre (2024) and River Oaks Community Centre (2025).



### New Art on the Horizon

The windows at Iroquois Ridge Community Centre are getting a fresh new look this September. The Connexions 2025 window vinyl installation is on the way, and the featured artist will be announced soon. Stay tuned for a splash of creativity at street level!

### Fall Into Community at Iroquois Ridge Older Adult Centre

This season, reconnect and make the most of fall with a mix of returning favourites and new offerings at the Iroquois Ridge Older Adult Centre:

- Aquatic Bone and Joint Therapeutic Care is back by popular demand to support your mobility, strength, and well-being.
- Lounge hours have been extended, giving you more time to relax, socialize, and enjoy a warm cup of tea.
- From the energy of Circuit Training to the calm of Gentle Yoga, we've expanded class options to match your pace and interests.

### Save the Date: Hidden Treasures Bazaar

Mark your calendar! Join us Friday, November 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the annual Hidden Treasures Bazaar. Shop a delightful mix of gently used books, handmade crafts, jewelry, and more.

Donations of lightly used items and craft supplies will be accepted from October 14 to 31. All proceeds support the Older Adult Centre and the Oakville Fareshare Food Bank, a great way to give back while finding something special!



# 2026 Oakville Budget

Oakville Town Council recently endorsed Mayor Rob Burton's direction to limit the overall 2026 property tax bill increase to no more than 3.50 per cent.

Over the next several months town staff will refine the operating and capital budgets, focusing on Council's strategic priorities. Councillor Tom Adams has been appointed as the 2026 Budget Committee Chair and Councillor Jonathan McNeice has been appointed as the 2026 Budget Committee Vice-Chair.

Council's Strategic Plan continues to drive key budget decisions ensuring alignment with priorities such as Growth Management, Community Belonging, Environmental Sustainability and Accountable Government. Some major initiatives include the Housing Action Plan

Implementation, Midtown District Energy feasibility study, parks improvements, development of a Climate Action Roadmap, IT security enhancements, and the implementation of a Stormwater Management fee.

A staff draft budget is expected to be presented to the Budget Committee on October 21, with the Mayor presenting his budget to Town Council on December 4. As part of the 2026 budget process, the Budget Committee will be conducting public consultation starting in June and throughout the process to ensure the budget reflects the needs and priorities of the Oakville community. Special meetings have been set up to hear from members of the public on November 11 and 13 and on December 11.

## Midtown Transportation

The Town is moving forward with the Midtown Transportation Master Plan, a key step in implementing the Council approved Midtown Official Plan Amendment (OPA).

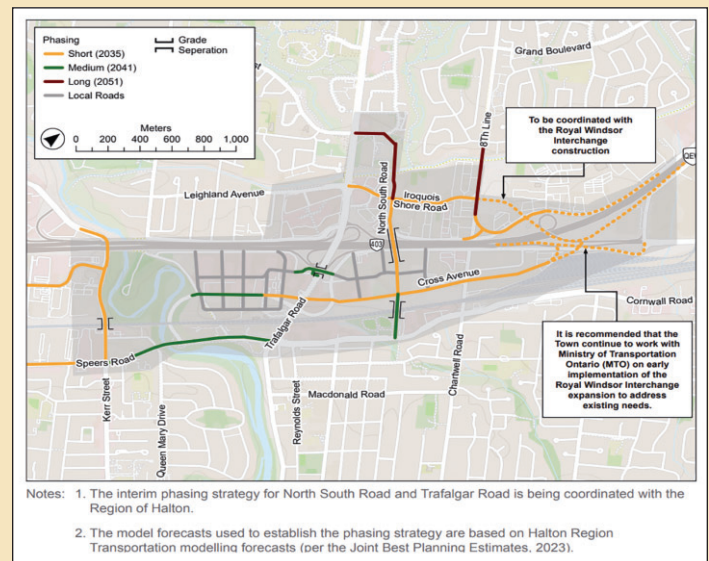
For more information and to stay up to date on the latest news, please visit the town's website at [oakville.ca/midtown](http://oakville.ca/midtown).

### Proposed QEW Crossings

To support growth and improve connectivity, the Midtown Transportation Master Plan proposes three new crossings across the Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW):

- North South Road: A new arterial roadway envisioned to include bus-rapid transit lanes and active transportation facilities planned to be built by 2035 (see Figure 1)
- Two Active Transportation Crossings – East and West of Trafalgar Road: Designed for pedestrians and cyclists (see Figure 2).

The proposed alignment of the new North-South Road will affect the current Town Hall location. The extent of the impact and any potential relocation will be further reviewed as part of the North-South Road Environmental Assessment Study, following the completion of the Midtown Transportation Master Plan.



Above: Figure 1: Location of New N-S Road Crossing  
Below: Figure 2: Active Transportation Crossings over QEW





## Oakville Tackling Housing Needs

Town Council approved its Housing Strategy and Action Plan (HSAP) in late 2024 as the Town's guiding document to improve the housing landscape in Oakville. It is structured around six goals and objectives to achieve better housing. These range from supporting growth management and increasing housing supply to improving affordability and housing choice. It includes over 70 actions the Town can take to improve the housing landscape. The HSAP is an extension of the mission statement and guiding principles outlined in the Town's Official Plan, Livable Oakville.

The actions will improve our policies, regulations, and programs, and strengthen partnerships with upper levels of government, agency partners

and the development industry to deliver the housing Oakville needs. The HSAP identifies 15 priority action items.

A robust work program will help co-ordinate and carry out the projects. This include studies supported by several departments and external experts. It will include both on-going and specific project work over several years. It includes work on rental housing, streamlining approvals and partnering on important infrastructure to enable housing among other actions.

For more information, visit the Town's Housing Strategy and Action Plan web page on [oakville.ca](https://oakville.ca)

## Ward 6 Development Applications Highlights

LOCATION	APPLICATION	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
1156 Burnhamthorpe Road East	Mattamy (Joshua Creek) Limited	Draft plan of subdivision and zoning amendment to permit a residential subdivision with 556 units, two stormwater management ponds, two village squares, a mixed use block and a natural heritage system area. In circulation and public meeting held March 3, 2025.
1395 & 1405 Dundas St E and 3010 William Cutmore	Mattamy - Clockwork – Phase 3	Site plan application to construct one seven-storey (182 units) and two 12-storey (143 units and 178 units) residential buildings. Resubmission pending.
1565 North Service Road West	Questerra Developments Inc.	Site plan application to develop a six-storey commercial self-storage building with a portion of ground floor office, associated internal/external loading space and related parking. A resubmission is required.
256, 260 and 294 Hays Boulevard and 271 Oak Park Boulevard	SmartREIT	Site plan application for two residential towers at 26 and 31 storeys with a total of 587 residential units, and 520 m2 of commercial uses at grade. The Ontario Land Tribunal issued a decision conditionally approving the development. A resubmission is required.
3060 & 3068 Trafalgar Road	3064 Trafalgar Partnership	Site plan application for two 30-storey residential towers with 698 units in circulation.
3275 Trafalgar Road	3275 Trafalgar Ltd Partnership	Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision applications to facilitate the development of two 30-storey apartments, two 14-storey apartments and townhouses. Public meeting held January 20, 2025 and a second submission is in circulation.



# Tom and Natalia in the community



Remembrance Day



Oakville Prayer Breakfast



Canada Day



Egyptian Heritage Month



Community Living Oakville



Summer Splash fire prevention campaign at Valleybrook Park



First Holy Communion at Mary Mother of God Parish



Lotus Dance Academy Year-End Performance



Christmas with St. Peter and St. Paul  
Coptic Church



Oakville Meals on Wheels



Chinese New Year with Oakville Jiu-Jiu  
Senior Association