

LET'S TALK OAKVILLE

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

SUMMER 2026



- **GROWING OUR URBAN FOREST**
- **GREAT RECREATION & CULTURE**
- **INTRODUCING NEW WASTE CARTS**
- **TECHNOLOGY IMPROVING TRAFFIC AND POLICING**

Working together for a stronger community.





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Dear Residents,

As we all enjoy the summer weather, we're pleased to welcome you to the 19th edition of the Ward 6 Oakville newsletter. This season offers great opportunities to enjoy our parks, trails and community with friends and family while looking ahead to our future.

Busy Summer Work Season

Work is well underway on key infrastructure and community projects across Oakville. From road resurfacing and park enhancements to investments in pedestrian safety and active transportation, these improvements are helping keep our neighbourhoods safe, connected, and vibrant. We're also excited to see progress on the plan for the new Riverstone Park as this important community space continues to take shape with construction expected in 2027.

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



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supporting complete communities with access to parks, schools, transportation, transit, and essential services. At the same time, we must address the pressing challenge of housing affordability which impacts communities across Canada. Oakville is committed to creating a diverse mix of housing options that support families, seniors, and young residents who want to stay in the community they love.

Your Input Matters

We encourage everyone to participate in public consultations and to share what matters most to you whether it's maintaining strong public services, investing in infrastructure, or preserving green spaces. Your thoughts and feedback help the Town do a better job serving you.

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





Adaptive Signal Control Pilot Improves Traffic on Trafalgar Road

A pilot Adaptive Signal Control project on Trafalgar Road is demonstrating how real-time technology can improve traffic flow in Oakville by proactively responding to live road conditions.

Unlike traditional signal systems that rely on fixed timing schedules, the new system uses real-time data to assess and predict vehicle demand, automatically adjusting signal timing to reduce congestion before it builds.

Implemented between Cornwall Road and Leighland Avenue, the pilot has already delivered measurable results, including a reduction

in peak afternoon travel times from 6.1 minutes to 4.8 minutes and noticeable relief of rush-hour queues near the GO Station.

The system is part of Halton's Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) and is designed as a privacy-first solution that counts vehicle volumes without collecting personal information.

Regional staff describe the technology as a “smart valve” and the “complex brain” of an integrated traffic program, helping create a more responsive and efficient roadway network.

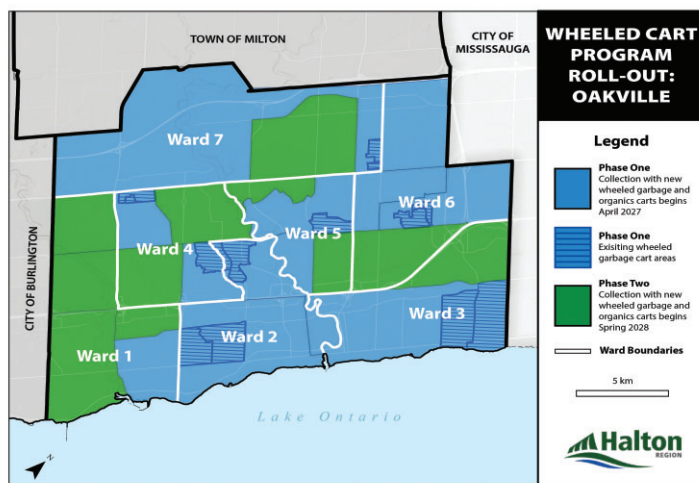


Wheeled Waste Carts are on the way!

Halton Region is rolling out wheeled waste carts! Over the next couple years, households will transition to an automated curbside system using standardized wheeled carts. This new approach is designed to make waste collection more efficient and easier for you - no more heavy lifting, and cleaner streets overall.

This program will roll out to all households with curbside waste collection in two phases over the next two years.

770 households in Ward 6 are already using wheeled garbage carts as part of the Region's pilot program from 2023 and the expansion of the program in 2025. All households will receive one 240-litre wheeled garbage cart (standard size) which holds 3-4 standard garbage bags and one 120-litre organics cart which includes a gravity-locking lid to help keep pests out. If your household produces less garbage and is



part of Phase One, you can choose a smaller 120-litre wheeled garbage cart (holds 1-2 standard garbage bags) during the selection period. You can view cart sizes in person at locations like Iroquois Ridge Community Centre and Oakville Public Library branches (Woodside and Central). If you want the smaller cart, be sure to request it by August 15, 2026. If you prefer the standard size, no action is required. Phase Two households hold tight; no action is needed this year! In Spring of 2027 you will be notified via direct mail.

To check which phase you are in, to select a smaller cart (Phase One households only), or learn more about the program visit halton.ca/wheeledcarts or call 311.

This is an important step toward a safer, cleaner, and more sustainable waste system for you and your community.



Fire Safety for Residents

Fire safety starts with simple, everyday actions. This year, Oakville Fire is encouraging residents to focus on four key areas to help keep homes and families safe.

First, be cautious with open fires, including backyard fire pits, chimineas, candles, and barbecues. As a reminder, residents must follow the Town of Oakville's Open Burning By-law, which regulates when and how open-air burning is permitted.

If you are enjoying a backyard fire, always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel with dirt or sand nearby to extinguish it safely. Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the site. Apply water to all coals and remaining embers.

Second, practice safe use of lithium-ion batteries in devices such as phones, e-bikes, and tools. Remember the C.H.A.R.G.E. acronym: Choose certified products from recognized testing laboratories (such

as CSA, UL, or ETL); handle with care and watch for signs of damage; always charge safely; recycle responsibly; get outside quickly if a battery fire occurs; and educate others about battery safety.

Third, every home must have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas. It is the law. Test alarms monthly and replace batteries when needed.

Finally, as of January 1, 2026, updated Carbon Monoxide rules require CO alarms in the same locations in homes with fuel-burning appliances, fireplaces or attached garages. By taking these simple steps, Oakville residents can reduce fire risks and protect what matters most.

Join the Summer Splash event in Ward 6 at Valleybrook Park (1150 Valleybrook Drive) on **August 5, 2026** from 6-8 p.m. to meet the fire crew, check out the fire truck and get some fire prevention tips!

Technology Improving Policing



The Halton Regional Police Service are one step closer to creating a Real-Time Operations Centre (RTOC) that could alert officers the moment a stolen or flagged vehicle enters the region.

The technological hub would be located within Halton Regional Police headquarters in Oakville, adjacent to the 911 Communications Centre. The RTOC will enhance the service's intelligence-led approach to public safety, bringing together multiple streams of information, such as CCTV, Automated Licence Plate Readers (ALPR), aerial video from drones and helicopters, as well as live operational data such as unit

locations. Once fully established and staffed, the centre will enable faster interpretation of unfolding events, more co-ordinated decision-making and efficient deployment of resources when seconds matter.

The Halton Police Board approved the process of establishing a Community Safety Alliance during its May 28 meeting. Based on lessons learned by other police services in Ontario, the HRPS has prioritized the Community Safety Alliance as an essential aspect of the creation of a fully functional Real Time Operations Centre.

The alliance is expected to include Halton Region, local municipalities and other external stakeholders to support the creation of the RTOC by co-ordinating the installation and maintenance of a network of CCTV and ALPR (automated licence plate recognition) cameras that will be deployed throughout the region.

The alliance would also establish a framework for the HRPS to access regional traffic cameras and other CCTV camera feeds from local municipalities. The RTOC project is anticipated to take 1-3 years to complete which will include public consultations and a Privacy Impact Assessment.

The initial funding for the project is being considered as part of the 2027 budget.



Tackling Buckthorn

Common buckthorn is an invasive species that spreads quickly and threatens the health of woodlands. It produces large numbers of seeds that germinate rapidly and can alter soil physio-chemical properties, creating conditions that prohibit growing native species and supports only its own growth.

Buckthorn also outcompetes native berry-producing plants and shrubs, replacing more nutritious food sources for wildlife. If left unmanaged, buckthorn can disrupt natural forest succession and woodlands can become dense buckthorn thickets with little ecological value, reducing biodiversity and contributing to the decline of native species.

The Town is currently tackling this challenge in a couple of ways:

1. Through the Woodland Regeneration Program, the Town removes buckthorn from woodlands and natural areas, then replants native trees in mixed species and sizes, from seedlings to tall stock. The goal is to

establish canopy cover quickly and strengthen the woodland's resilience to future buckthorn growth.

2. The Town also responds to service requests by inspecting sites and evaluating removal options in consultation with residents.

Residents and private property owners play an important role by controlling common buckthorn on their land. Buckthorn is exempt from the Town's Private Tree Bylaw, and removing it helps reduce the number of seeds available to spread.

Common buckthorn is the most common species in the Town by total population, accounting for 16 per cent. To help guide long-term action, the Town is developing its first Invasive Species Management Plan to address buckthorn and other invasive species. For more information about the Invasive Species Management Plan, or to learn about other invasive plants, pests, and diseases, visit Oakville.ca.

Growing Our Tree Canopy

Oakville's 2024 Urban Forestry Study offers encouraging news about the health and future of our tree canopy. Building on earlier studies from 2005 and 2015, the latest review focused on the area south of Dundas Street.

The study shows that our tree canopy cover increased from 26 per cent in 2015 to 29 per cent in 2024. Oakville is now home to an estimated 2.7 million trees, up from 2 million a decade ago. Together, these trees deliver major environmental benefits, including stormwater absorption, carbon storage, summer cooling, and improved air quality. The urban forest is estimated to remove 7 tonnes of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) air pollutants each year, while the total annual value of its ecosystem services is estimated at \$4.64 million.

The report also points to improved forest diversity and resilience. Oakville now has 167 recorded tree species, compared with 123 in 2015, helping

strengthen the urban forest against pests and disease. Annual tree mortality has dropped from 5.3 per cent to 3.8 per cent, and more than 95 per cent of street trees are in good or excellent condition.

The study also identifies challenges that require ongoing community attention. Invasive common buckthorn has increased from 10 per cent of the tree population in 2015 to 16 per cent in 2024, while roads, driveways, and buildings continue to reduce planting space. Even so, researchers estimate there are about 176,000 potential planting sites in south Oakville.

For residents, the message is clear: Oakville's urban forest is growing stronger and continues to support a healthier, more resilient community, but its long-term success depends on continued care, planting, and stewardship. Healthy trees make neighbourhoods cooler, cleaner, and more livable for everyone.

Great Recreation & Culture

Mark your calendar

Fall program registration opens online on **Tuesday, August 11 at 7 a.m.** Browse program options starting August 4 at programs.oakville.ca.

Programs for Older Adults

Older adults can enjoy a variety of *Talks* and *Lunch and Learns* that support healthy aging. Topics include preventing falls at home, managing thumb pain and learning about the benefits of strength training. Special events include Ultimate Ridge Trivia and the Christmas Social. The Hidden Treasures Bazaar takes place on November 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and features handmade items, books, unique gifts and more.

Programs for Families, Youth and Adults

IRCC continues to offer programs for all ages. Early years programs include *Preschool ABC Discovery*, *Kids Jump and Play* and *Creative Movement*. Youth and adults can participate in swimming, pickleball, basketball, volleyball and tennis. Expanded outdoor programs provide even more ways to stay active this season.



Movies in the Park

Movies in the Park returns this August 26th at Valleybrook Park! Entry and family-friendly activities begin at 6:30 p.m. with the movie beginning at dusk. Come early to ensure you get a good spot to watch the main feature, have a chance to connect with friends and neighbours, and take part in Oakville Public Library activities. Visit [Oakville.ca](https://oakville.ca) for more details and the full schedule of movies and locations.

Facility Improvements

Accessibility upgrades at Falgarwood Pool begin this fall. Improvements include a new pool lift, stepfree showers and a slip resistant deck to support safety and access for all.



New Mural at Iroquois Ridge Community Centre

Oakville unveiled a new public artwork at Iroquois Ridge Community Centre during National Youth Week, created through the 2026 Youth Mural Project led by artist Ray Vidal. Twelve local youth, aged 13 to 17, spent five months designing and painting the mural, which highlights imagination, teamwork, and their perspectives on the community. The free program provided 42 volunteer hours, workshops, and mentorship while enabling participants to contribute a lasting piece of public art. Now in its third year, the initiative builds on past murals at Queen Elizabeth Park (2024) and River Oaks Community Centre (2025). The youth artists say the mural reflects Oakville's natural beauty, diversity, history, and everyday spaces, bringing their shared vision of the town to life.

IRCC Pool Temporary Closure

The IRCC pool will be closed from August 31 to September 27 for planned maintenance. Work includes repairing tiling deficiencies and painting the sound boards on the east and west sides of the pool natatorium. Fall aquatic programming resumes on September 28.

Join a Town of Oakville Fitness Centre

If you are looking for more ways to stay active this fall, consider joining a Town of Oakville fitness centre. Membership includes access to cardio and strength equipment, dropin fitness classes, indoor walking tracks and more across seven locations. It is a great way to support your health and stay connected to your community.

Improving Upper Middle Road

Halton's Road Resurfacing Program which is working along Upper Middle Road includes the improvements at several intersections to implement more accessible pedestrian crossings:

- Gently sloped pedestrian ramps with tactile plates
- Installation of accessible push buttons with tactile information and audible cues
- Realignment of pedestrian infrastructure

These modifications are part of the Region's plan to achieve compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

Halton Region also coordinated with the Town of Oakville to complete repairs to and improve the multi-use path owned and maintained by the Town. Together we're making Oakville more livable!





An Attractive Business Community

Ward 6 continues to be a destination for business growth, investment, and innovation.

From June 2025 to May 2026, the community welcomed a range of new and expanding companies, reflecting strength across a variety of sectors.

In the manufacturing sector, AFX Mixing and Pumping Technologies Inc. established a new office on Winston Park Drive, while Miura Canada Co. Ltd. relocated to a new office on Bristol Circle to support the expanding demands of their operations.

Ward 6 also saw new investment in the clean energy sector with Cleanlight Energy opening its headquarters in mid-2025.

Earlier this year, biopharmaceutical company UCB Canada Inc. announced a multi-million-dollar expansion of its Oakville operations, creating 28 high-value jobs at its Bristol Circle location.

This investment adds to the growing life sciences sector in Oakville.

Over the past year, commercial building permit activity reached nearly \$16 million in construction value, with most activity focused on interior alterations to existing spaces, while industrial construction values approached \$11.5 million.

Together, these developments show that the Ward 6 community continues to be an attractive location for new businesses, but also for existing companies looking to grow.

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. Public meeting held March 3, 2025 and resubmission pending.
1395 & 1405 Dundas St E and 3010 William Cutmore	Mattamy - Clockwork – Phase 3	Site plan application to construct one seven and two 12 storey residential buildings. Resubmission pending.
3064 Trafalgar Road	3064 Trafalgar Partnership	Site plan application for two 30-storey residential towers with 698 units under review.
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. Final approval pending.
350 Iroquois Shore Road	Suncor Energy Products Partnership	Site Plan application resubmission pending for redevelopment of the existing Petro-Canada gas station including new convenience store and quick-service restaurant (A&W) with drive-through. Car wash to remain.
1930 Ironoak Way	JM Hospitality Inc.	Site plan application for a 5-storey self storage building. Resubmission pending.

Tom and Natalia in the community



Siemens Canada Pollinator Garden



Flag Raising for Lions Foundation of Canada Guide Dogs



Oakville Community Spirit Award winners



Recognizing National Public Works Service Week



Another win for Oakville Buzz Lacrosse



Oakville Youth Awards



1188 Lorne Scots Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps Annual Ceremonial Review



7th Annual Northeast Oakville Fair



Grand Opening of the expanded Sixteen Mile Sports Complex



Supporting Ribfest



Celebrating at Crusaders Rugby Summer Ball



D-Day Remembrance Parade at Royal Canadian Legion