



Let's Talk Oakville

News & Updates From Councillors Gittings & Haslett-Theall

Ward 3 News - Summer 2022



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Welcome to our latest Let's Talk Oakville - Ward 3, an update on news from across Ward 3 and around the town.

The hot and stormy days of summer are flying by and fall is approaching much too soon. In this edition we share information on the pilot of Oakville Transit Ride on Demand, Oakville's Midtown area, Old Oakville Heritage Review, Waste Management and more.

We have been enjoying our resident 'Let's Talk' drop in discussions at the Oakville Trafalgar Community Centre. For August the time has changed to Tuesday August 23, 1-2 and 6:30-7:30. If a personal appointment is your preference just reach out at ward3@oakville.ca and we are happy to arrange a phone discussion, a Zoom meeting, or a personal meeting.

We had hoped that we would not have to mention COVID in this edition, however as a 7th wave was declared earlier this summer, with it comes uncertainty of what fall and winter will bring. Take heart, we all know much more than we did in March of 2020 about how to stay active, stay safe, stay connected and support each other. Vaccinations are available for 18+ with the continued goal of reducing the severity of the illness and hospitalizations. Following Health Canada's recent approval, Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine is now available as a two-dose primary series for all children aged 6 months to 17 years. We will continue to update you on the Provincial and Regional Health rollout updates in our regular e-newsletter.

We continue to reach out through our monthly digital newsletter to ensure Ward 3 residents are informed about upcoming Town and Regional initiatives. If you are not signed up and wish to receive it in future, send us an email us at Ward3@Oakville.ca. We value and welcome feedback on the issues and opportunities we have as a Town and Region.

Our best wishes to you and your family,

Dave & Janet

Downtown, Everything's Waiting For You

Although we're well into the summer season, there's still fun and entertainment on the bill.

TD Summer Music Series continues with live music in Town Square and along the street every Saturday afternoon in August between 3 and 7:00 p.m. Visit oakvilledowntown.com/td-summer-music-series

Oscillation, Outdoors at Oakville Public Library (Navy Street) August 6-27, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily.



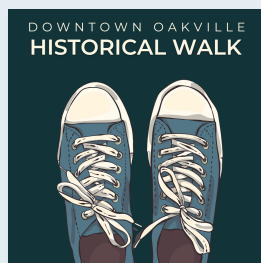
Oscillation is an interactive art exhibit that uses sight, sound and movement. Walk toward it and you'll create musical sounds

and pitches that change depending on your distance. Move or dance, and colours will reflect and refract light. Your body becomes the instrument! To learn more, visit oakvilledowntown.com.

At the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts, September 22 & 23, you can catch *The Lamb Lies*

Down on Broadway. The Musical Box, the only group in the world granted a licence from Peter Gabriel and Genesis, will recreate in its entirety the original 1974-75

performance in painstaking detail, right down to the original slide show. One final chance to witness this unique live experience. Visit oakvillecentre.ca for ticket information.



WIFI will help you read a little about the history of buildings such as the one that houses Seasons Restaurant with its 'shady past'.

Art In My Garden is set for its second successful year on Saturday, September 10 (Rain date



Sunday, September 11) from Noon to 3:00 p.m. The event is the creation of local artist, Rachel Williams, who envisioned the concept as an opportunity for Oakville-based artists to share their work as a gift. It serves as a non-transactional experience to simply enjoy art and create a sense of community as guests stroll the streets of Old Oakville and view the work of local artists in outdoor settings.



All gardens are south of Lakeshore, and between Navy Street and Allen Street. Homeowners have all given up their front gardens to host local talented artists and the visitors who want to enjoy their work.

To visit all host locations, the walk is approximately 30-40 mins.

For full details on events, promotions, special offers and a full listing of businesses visit oakvilledowntown.com or follow the BIA on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Trash Talk

Halton Region is moving forward in its transition of the municipal Blue Box program to full producer responsibility. The transition is due to be complete by April 1, 2025 in compliance with Ontario's Blue Box Regulation which was introduced in June 2021.

The regulation is intended to create a province-wide system for collecting Blue Box materials and makes producers fully accountable and financially responsible for collecting and recycling their products and packaging when consumers dispose of them.



Products and packaging included in the Blue Box Regulation are those primarily composed of glass, flexible or rigid plastic, metal, paper or a combination of these materials. The regulation includes a separate category for beverage containers. Producers will also be required to report on certified compostable products and packaging, however, there are no collection or resource recovery requirements for certified compostable products and packaging.

As well, the regulation set mandatory and enforceable requirements for Blue Box collection systems and gives producers choices for resource recovery services within a competitive market.

Possible Collection Changes

It's important to note that current levels of service established by municipalities are to remain consistent through the transition period of July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025. As of January 1, 2026, producers are

required to implement a standardized Provincial Blue Box Program (the common collection system) across Ontario that meets the regulatory requirements set by the province.

As well, because service to residents will now become the responsibility of Producer Responsibility Organizations, the common collection system may lead to changes to the Blue Box program including changes to collection frequency, collection areas and type of collection container (e.g. boxes, bags, carts). However, until such time that the rules for a common collection system are presented and approved by the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority, the impact on the levels of service and how all solid waste material will be collected in Halton remains unknown.

Halton Regional Staff have identified multiple areas where further review, discussion and agreement must occur moving forward.

Service Levels, including frequency of collection; types of materials to be collected, and eligible locations.

Hours of Operation for collection services.

Customer Service and Support, including types of containers for Blue Box material; distribution and replacement of containers; Call Centre support for customer inquiries and complaints; promotion and education material and distribution; enforcement of set-outs and placement of acceptable material.

Financial Responsibility, covering financial compensation for services provided by Halton Region on behalf of producers; and, manufacture and supply of containers for Blue Box material.

This is an important change to our current Blue Box Program and one that we will stay abreast of as the new program moves toward the projected implementation date in 2025.



LET'S TALK - IN PERSON

There's nothing like having a good face-to-face conversation, especially when it's about community issues, concerns, the latest news or a celebration. We know we're reaching scores of residents through our regular electronic and print newsletters, but engagement on a personal level is something we highly value.

When the new Ward 3 Community Centre was completed, we had planned to introduce our *Let's Talk Oakville in Person* program immediately, but Covid continued to impact how we live and our collective health is always our first priority.

We are now holding regular walk-in sessions at the Oakville Trafalgar Community Centre at a spot that's easily accessible to all. These informal sessions allow us to hear your ideas, answer your questions, and discuss any topic that is of importance to you and your family. For a listing of meeting times, please email us at Ward3@Oakville.ca.



HOLLYWOOD NORTH

A big shout out to Cobs Bakery Owner, Kevin Ker who snapped this great shot.

Actor Adam Sandler was in downtown Oakville shooting his upcoming Netflix feature film *You Are SO Not Invited to My Bat Mitzvah!* and he stopped in at Cobs on Lakeshore Road to say hello.

Oakville continues to draw interest from film studios and when it goes well as it did with this shoot it is great fun for residents and businesses. Having the street closed but sidewalks open makes a big difference and is an ideal scenario for future filming. Economic Development is working to refine communication and permissions processes which include noise levels, soliciting feedback from the businesses or residents near the requested location, mitigating parking disruption and safety.



RIDE ON DEMAND IS COMING

Ward 3 has been selected to participate in Oakville's upcoming *Ride on-Demand Pilot Program*.

The format of the program will feature a curb-to-curb shared-ride service where customers are able to request a trip by using the Ride On-Demand app or by placing a telephone call to the call centre.

Customers will be able to travel from one address to another within Ward 3, or to one of the local designated transit hubs in the same zone, where they can transfer to other Oakville Transit services.

Standard Oakville Transit fares will apply and the service will be provided through the use of fully accessible transit vehicles. The pilot is slated to begin in autumn, so stay tuned.

Mid-Town Oakville Growth Centre - Update

On June 7th 2022, Oakville's Planning Department presented Town Council with proposed revisions to the Official Plan (OP) for Midtown.

The OP is the governing document for decision making on development applications. We encourage you to read it in its entirety. As a key growth area for the Town & Region, the permissions, exemptions and urban design guidelines documented in the OP are how Council will be required to assess development applications and is critical to HOW Midtown will evolve.

There are significant proposed changes in the draft OP:

- a revised building height of 255 meters
- a recommendation to convert to a Floor Space index (FSI) versus establishing the number of storeys,
- a proposal on how to treat public realm areas,
- changes to exemptions to incent different needs for Midtown, such as housing for families, privately owned but publicly accessible open space, affordable units, office space in mixed use buildings and more.



The presentation also noted that once land currently used for things such as the rail line, road network, public space, hydro, and creek lands, is factored into calculations, Midtown is limited to 43 hectares of developable land of the total 103 hectares within the boundary.

Staff are reporting density will be 480 residents and jobs per hectare versus the 200 residents and jobs per hectare expressed when considering the 103 hectare site in its entirety.

We have asked staff for research and information regarding the proposed density change, the height, FSI and other permissions and exemptions proposed and how they support or impact the goal of a vibrant, safe, liveable, mixed-use community.

You can learn more about these proposed changes by reviewing the June 7th Midtown presentation posted on the Midtown Growth webpage.

Oakville is known for its liveability. How we build out Midtown must put liveability, albeit in an urban setting, at the focus of our permissions. Staff opened the June 7th presentation stating they are listening, and want to have a dialogue with stakeholders, Council and residents.

We have requested additional Public consultation be conducted and await dates to be set. Send your feedback to midtown@oakville.ca, please cc us at Ward3@Oakville.ca. Keep asking questions and making suggestions. We want to ensure we achieve a well-planned and vibrant, complete, liveable mixed-use community. Over the coming months Council and staff will be listening and considering all the feedback.

Staff will return to Council in 2023 with a final Midtown Official Plan amendment

For more information, visit the Oakville.ca website at <https://www.oakville.ca/planoakville/midtown-oakville-growth-area-review.html>

Heritage District Under Review

Ward 3 is home to four Heritage Conservation Districts (HCD) - Downtown Oakville, First & Second Street, Old Oakville, and Trafalgar.

The Old Oakville Heritage Conservation District, comprising the area from south of Robinson Street to the lakefront and from the Sixteen Mile Creek to Allan Street, was established just over three decades ago in 1981. Along with an extensive range of houses with architectural styles dating from the 19th century the area also include St. Jude's Anglican Church, St. Andrew's Catholic Church, St. Mary's Separate School, the Murray House Hotel, Lakeside Park and Dingle Park to the shoreline.

As several changes have been made to the Ontario Heritage Act over recent years, a review of the Old Oakville HCD became necessary to ensure it complies with current heritage practices and legislation. Activities on the update were launched in Autumn 2021 and will continue into the months ahead. Identified stakeholders in the Old Oakville area include property owners and residents associations, the Oakville Museum, the Oakville Historical Society, and those who work in the area, including realtors, architects and planners. Staff and consultants plan to hold one-on-one stakeholder meetings as required throughout the study process and any member of the public who has questions or information to share is welcome to contact staff.

Two main areas will be addressed:

- Updated HCD Study: The background document that includes a history of the district, an inventory of its properties and streetscapes and an overview of existing planning policies.



- Updated HCD Plan and Guidelines: The tools and guidelines that are used to manage change in the district.

As there are two phases to the update, it is anticipated the study will come to Council in early 2023, followed by the plan by the end of 2023. However, the schedule is flexible and additional time will be taken if required to ensure the best possible study and plan.

If you are local resident with questions please contact: Susan Schappert CAHP, MCIP, RPP Heritage Planner, District East/West Planning Services Town of Oakville 905-845-6601, ext.387 susan.schappert@oakville.ca

Municipal Election

Mark your calendar now for **October 24**. That's voting day for Oakville's upcoming municipal election.

Are You on the Voters List? If you're not sure, check MPACs Voter Lookup website at VoterLookup.ca before the end of August to verify details, update your address or add new eligible voters. If you moved to Oakville recently, just turned 18 years of age, or are a newly sworn-in Canadian citizen, add yourself to the list to receive your voter notice in September.

Research Your Candidates Visit Oakville's elections.oakville.ca/registered-candidates.html to view a list of names of candidates registered to run in the upcoming election. The list will provide you with contact information for each candidate, which can assist you in asking questions, reviewing candidates' websites or learning more about their campaigns.

Important Dates

- October 6-9 and 11-15: Advance voting at multiple locations across town.
- October 24: Voting day, multiple locations available in each Ward.

Local Libraries Buzzing

Great news! This summer, our Clearview Branch has added daytime hours and earlier this year, an additional week night was added to its evening hours. The current schedule is Sundays: from 1 pm - 5 pm, Mondays: 10 am - 3:30 pm, Tuesdays: 3:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Wednesdays: 10 am - 3:30 pm, Thursdays: 3:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Fridays: CLOSED, Saturdays: 10 am - 4 pm.

Also new are the updates you'll find at the OPL website. How many times have we all looked for a new release but can't remember the exact title? Now, when you're searching for a book, movie or music, you'll see the cover. You can click on your selection, read an overview and in a click, put a hold on it.

Last but not least, have you tried Library Takeout, the contactless hold pickup service? Or, Grab and Go Bags? You order your bag in a seamless three-step process. OPL staff prepare bags with 5 books or 5 DVDs based on available categories and you pick up your bag full of surprise selections staff think you'll enjoy. To Book a Grab and Go Appointment or find additional details on all OPL programs, visit opl.ca.



COUNCIL TERM IN REVIEW

When Council began its term in 2019 following the municipal election of 2018, not one of us could ever have imagined that just months later we'd find ourselves in the midst of a global pandemic that is still with us today. The good news is the long list of achievements we accomplished here in Ward 3. Here's a selection of some memorable events.

2019



Oakville Council declares climate emergency, continues work on Community Energy Plan.

Oakville opt's out of allowing retail cannabis stores in Oakville.

By-Law enforcement services increase after-hours support.

Oakville Transit's Home to Hub on-request transit service launches in Ward 3. Residents get driveway pick-up and transport to local hubs at downtown or Oakville GO Station.

Town Council approves Municipal Accommodation Tax to generate revenue for tourism-related initiatives



Ward 3 Councillors worked with RAs and residents on multiple planning applications throughout the 2019-2022 term.

Mitigation plan put in place for downtown streetscape reconstruction and gives direction for free parking on Saturdays, running from April 2019 to November 2020.



2020

The long-awaited opening of the LEED Certified Oakville Trafalgar Community Centre and Park comes to fruition. With double gym, indoor pool and walking track, the centre contains Oakville's first-ever warm water therapy pool.

Oakville receives funding to support 22 dual charging stations, totalling 44 EV parking spaces across Oakville's retail areas and Community Centres.



2021



New and expanded traffic calming measures across Ward 3. Community Safety Zones increased to 7, ready for Automated Speed Enforcement when available. Expanded pedestrian crossings and increased traffic surveys. Continued evaluation of 40km/ph for residential streets.

Following public consultation, Wallace Park design finalized, featuring duo-use area providing summer basketball and winter refrigerated ice rink, all-season washrooms, junior & senior play areas and illuminated pathways.

Pride rainbow crosswalk and Pride chairs introduced Downtown.

Council approves the acceleration of a proposed skateboard facility for Cornwall park.

Amazon warehouse chooses alternate site for its new location.

Town Square revitalization with new amenities and design is confirmed for 2023 Capital Budget. The Clock, which was removed in 2019 for safety, undergoes maintenance.



Electric buses coming to Oakville - 16 new electric buses and replacement of 57 diesel buses over the next seven years with zero-emission battery-electric buses.



Downtown Revitalization Project is complete. Residents and business owners welcome the new Lakeshore Road streetscape. The Downtown BIA introduces Hometown Holiday and enhanced beautification. Digital Main Street and Shop Local Safely are introduced. Post Covid commercial recovery plan is formulated.

Lower Morrison & Lower Wedgewood flood mitigation strategies are presented.

Town introduces new Online Applications for residential parking, business permits, building permits and inspections.

Improvements made to Coyote Management Education and support.

2022

Rainwater Strategy introduced to plan for future community needs.

Residents weigh-in through online survey for Comprehensive Noise By-Law under review.

Ward 3 sees revitalization of Wynten Way park. Joshua Creek trail receives ongoing improvements against erosion.

Town of Oakville and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation unveil first orange crosswalk in Oakville to honour children of the residential school system and demonstrate Oakville's commitment to reconciliation.

Restoration of the Old Coach House at Oakville Museum is completed and open to the public. Olde Oakville Heritage District Review continues. The Clock returns to Town Square.

Halton Regional Council new Official Plan Amendment votes to contain sprawl and save farmland.

Oakville Transit selects Ward 3 for On-Demand Shared Rider Pilot program.

Midtown Oakville Growth in the spotlight for Council and residents.

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