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Town Councillor, Ward 3

*Keeping you informed. . .*



The most frequent question that I am asked is what keeps me busy as a Councillor. These past few weeks it has been calls regarding snow plow damage to lawns! More on that below.

Council Meetings take place on the first and third Monday of each month, while the Planning and Development Council meetings take place on the second and fourth Monday of each month.

**Community Services Committee** - I sit on the Town's Community Services Committee, which addresses community service issues including public programs, facilities, and services.

**Heritage Oakville Committee** - I am also a member of the Heritage Oakville Committee. This group of incredibly engaged residents, led by former Mayor Harry Barrett, advises and makes recommendations to Council on heritage designations, applications for repeal of designations, applications for alterations, and/or removal/demolition of Part IV and Part V properties under the Ontario Heritage Act. It also provides input to Planning Staff on heritage policy matters as they relate to planning applications. This committee provides me with a fascinating look at Oakville's past and an even greater appreciation of our Town.

**Downtown Oakville B.I.A. Board of Management** - After a 30 year career in advertising at the Toronto Star and after serving as a past Chair of the Retail Advertising & Marketing Club of Canada, I have a keen appreciation and respect for retailers. These entrepreneurs create Downtown Oakville's ambiance, provide us with festivals and events, provide jobs for our residents, and pay commercial taxes. These stores and restaurant owners have 'skin in the game' and do their best to earn our ongoing patronage. On a daily basis, I meet with Downtown Businesses as well as other companies in Ward 3 to discuss issues of concern.

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I am out most evenings attending meetings at Town Hall, with local Residents Associations and Community groups or at various events. The transition from working full time in downtown Toronto to working full time as your Town Councillor has been incredibly rewarding ... and I do not miss the commute!



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### ***Snow Plow Sod Damage***

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Damage from street snow plowing is an unfortunate occurrence caused by a number of factors including lawn overgrowth, encroachments and, of course, operator error. Damage was more prevalent after the last storm, since the ground was very soft due to the mild and wet weather prior to that event. I have spent a large part of the past several weeks identifying damaged areas in Ward 3 in an effort to have them repaired. Please let me know if there is a particular street that is in need of repair!

### ***Earth Week Clean Up***

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On Saturday morning April 16th, please set aside a few hours to assist in cleaning up our community of litter and debris. These efforts will be starting by 9:00 AM. Let's make a big difference for our local environment and our community!

**CLEARVIEW PARK**

The Clearview Oakville Community Alliance (COCA) invites you to join their clean up and then enjoy a hot dog and a free hot-air balloon ride sponsored by Remax.  
Meet at Clearview Park

**DUNVEGAN PARK**

Meet on Cornwall Road behind Maple Grove Village.

**POST PARK**

Bring a shovel to help spread wood chips.

**BROOKMILL ROAD BRIDGE**

Tidy up this beautiful section of Joshua's Creek.

**2011 Community Spirit Awards**

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Oakville invites you to help recognize and celebrate the leadership and commitment of our 2011 community champions. Do you know a friend, co-worker, business, or community group who makes your community a better place to live and work? If you do, you can acknowledge this person or organization, business or group by nominating them for a Community Spirit Award!  
Deadline for submission: Friday, April 15, 2011 at 4 p.m., Details and forms can be found at <http://www.oakville.ca/csa.htm>

**OTMH Lands - Future Use**

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The town is working on a study of the OTMH Lands to determine the best use for the property once the hospital moves. You can find more information about the study on the project web page.  
A report was presented to Planning and Development Council on February 28 about the next phase of the study. The Town has retained planningAlliance to conduct the design phase of the OTMH Lands Study. John van Nostrand is the project director, and Paul Kulig is the project manager.  
An important phase of their work will be key informant interviews which are currently in process. Details and timing of a public information meeting will be available soon.

**Oakville GO Station / Metrolinks Parking Garage**

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Many residents have asked about the new GO parking structure to be constructed at the Northwest corner of Cornwall & Trafalgar Road.  
Metrolinx has announced that the RFP process has closed and the successful proponent will be announced shortly. The construction of this garage is a design/build, meaning that it is done in conjunction with the Town's input. The design will be fluid, not static, based upon a predetermined submission. There will be consultations with resident groups, and MPP Kevin Flynn will be arranging an information evening for residents with Go Transit.

## Oakville Hydro Time of Use Rates (TOU)

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Starting April 14, 2011, Oakville Hydro will begin converting customers from Ontario's current electricity pricing model to TOU Rates. Using your normal meter reading schedule, it will take 60 days to convert all customers to TOU Rates. Prior to April 14, 2011, you will receive a letter that details your individual changeover date.

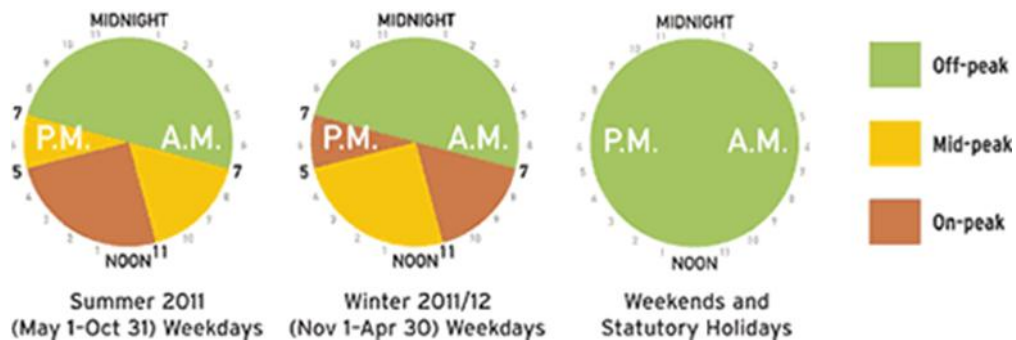
Oakville Hydro encourages you to be a smart energy consumer and begin the process of shifting your electricity use to Off-peak times wherever possible.

### **Time-of-Use Rates Goal: Conservation**

Oakville Hydro is switching consumers to TOU Rates as part of the Ontario government's Energy Plan to help promote energy conservation. Time-of-Use Rates encourage consumers to shift electricity use from Peak to Off-Peak periods whenever possible. This shift: reduces the strain on the electricity system, helps the environment by reducing the need for coal-fired power, defers investment in new energy infrastructure, and provides customers with a new way of managing their electricity use.

### **Summer, Winter and Weekend Time Periods**

When we switch over to the summer time period on May 1, 2011, these new TOU Rate time periods will come into effect.



With this changeover, the start time for Off-peak weekday hours will roll back from 9 p.m. to 7 p.m. - giving you an extra 10 Off-peak hours each week.

Be sure to read the OEB's spring insert in your Oakville Hydro bill for more information.

### **Smart Meters and Time-of-Use Rates**

Smart Meters send your hourly electricity use information to Ontario's Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO). The IESO sorts your Smart Meter hourly

data into the TOU Rates periods (Peak, Off-Peak and Mid-Peak), checks that the conversion is correct and then sends this information back to Oakville Hydro for billing.

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2011 Downtown Oakville & Mercedes Benz  
**RUNWAY SHOW**  
Hosted by Jeanne Beker of CTV's Fashion Television  
**SATURDAY MAY 7, 2011**  
Under the Tent on George in Beautiful Downtown Oakville  
(see map on reverse)  
FASHION LOUNGE: 7:30pm RUNWAY SHOW: 8:30pm  
FASHION LOUNGE AFTER PARTY: 9:30pm  
Tickets \$75.\* [www.oakvilledowntown.com](http://www.oakvilledowntown.com)

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### ***Tickets on sale for Runway Show***

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The 2011 Downtown Oakville & Mercedes Benz Autohaus Fashion Week will take place Saturday, May 7. Don't be disappointed – tickets will be sold out very soon.

Oakville's fashion boutiques and salons will put on a show to highlight fashion forward spring and summer collections that will be hitting local stores. The CTV's fashion icon Jeanne Beker will host the Runway Show.

Event sponsor, Mercedes-Benz will also present a VIP experience of the show to two winners. To enter to win a VIP package, people are asked to visit participating boutiques and salons in Oakville. The experience will include front row access to the show and its Fashion Lounge, dinner, \$500 worth of Downtown Oakville Gift Certificates, a gift bag full of additional merchandise and specials from local business, along with a chance to meet Beker backstage.

The show begins with the Fashion Lounge at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Runway Show at 8:30 p.m. and ends with the Fashion Lounge after party, which begins at 9:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$75, which includes the pre and post lounge events, along with the runway show, along with a gift bag with samples and promotions, a chance to win a trip for two to the Caribbean.

For more information and tickets visit the Downtown Oakville BIA website at [www.oakvilledowntown.com](http://www.oakvilledowntown.com).