



# Dave Gittings

## Town of Oakville

Town Councillor, Ward 3

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### **What will be the future of the OTM Hospital Lands and Oakville Arena?**

#### **A Community Centre for Ward 3?**

With the Oakville Hospital relocating at the end of 2015, there is an opportunity to utilize part of these lands for community use. The residents associations in Wards 2 and 3 have joined to form the Community Centres Coalition in support of the fair geographic distribution of Town community facilities across Oakville.

Last Fall, the Town released the draft Parks, Recreation, and Library Facilities Master Plan (available at **PLAN** ). This report suggested that, due to the condition of the Oakville Arena and the addition of new ice surfaces in Oakville, the Town consider decommissioning the arena and include the property as part of the South Central Land Use Study, (available at **LANDS** )

The report also stated that long-term population growth supports a greater community recreation presence in the area of the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital site. It further suggested the establishment of one "minor" community centre (containing multi-use and activity space) to serve our area be explored through the proposed review of candidate sites and

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comprehensive land use study for recreational facilities in South Oakville.

This land use study will determine where a community centre may be located, including the possible location of Trafalgar Park (Oakville Arena site) or on the current OTMH hospital site.

Each residents association in Wards 2 and 3 has been asking its members to provide feedback and support for a local Community Centre. Please visit [Community Centre Coalition](#) to sign the petition and to add your support

If you are not a member of one of the Ward 3 residents associations, their contact information is located below. I encourage you to join and get involved with your local association and support their on-going efforts in our community. [TOP](#)

- **Chartwell Maple Grove Residents Association, [www.cmgra.org](http://www.cmgra.org)**
- **Clearview Oakville Community Alliance, [www.ourclearview.org](http://www.ourclearview.org)**
- **Joshua Creek Residents Association, [www.joshuacreek.org](http://www.joshuacreek.org)**
- **Oakville Lakeside Residents Association, [www.oakvillelra.ca](http://www.oakvillelra.ca)**
- **Trafalgar-Chartwell Residents Association, [www.tcra.ca](http://www.tcra.ca)**

## **Ontario Lottery & Gaming e-Bingo**

Town Council has delayed its decision regarding Oakville's participation in the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Commission's (OLG) Charitable Bingo and Gaming Revitalization Initiative (e-Bingo) pending further collaboration with partner municipalities. The OLG is firm that it will not incorporate revisions to their standard form agreement to accommodate issues identified by Oakville. These include:

- Clauses that would permit the OLG to add games, possibly video lottery terminals and video slot machines, at any time without consulting the municipality.
- A no cancellation policy for the municipality, while locking us in for 16 years.
- No authority for the municipality to negotiate terms of agreement.
- Release of the OLG from any liability
- No official definition of electronic gaming.

The OLG approached the Town last August about expanding e-Bingo to charitable gaming centres in Oakville. One year ago, Council endorsed the e-Bingo initiative and requested that a formal agreement between the Town and OLG be brought back for council approval and public consultation. Council endorsed the e-Bingo initiative on the understanding that OLG would include certain safeguards in the Agreement, such as product control, to protect the Town's interests.

The Agreement provided to the Town by the OLG did not include any of these safeguards; therefore, Council decided that it is unwilling to risk the possible introduction of these types of games in Oakville. Unfortunately, we are in a 'take it or leave it' position. Until a decision has been made and in the interest of local charities, Council has directed Staff to work with Delta Bingo to enhance its external communications as a reminder to the public that the local bingo hall is still open for business. [\[TOP\]](#)

## **Vehicles Speeding**

A frequent concern expressed by residents is vehicles speeding on their streets. Halton Regional Police Service encourages residents to document specific instances when the vehicle can be identified using their **ROAD WATCH ONLINE** report. These reports will be viewed by a police officer and, if deemed appropriate, a letter may be sent to the registered vehicle owner encouraging all who drive their vehicle to do so in a safe and responsible manner. Further information and the report can be located at [RoadWatch](#).

One of the methods that may be used to remind motorists to watch their speed are the signs pictured to the right. Based on the experience of several Ward 3 residents who have made use of these signs, the difference has been noticeable.

I have obtained a number of these signs and would encourage you to contact me if you would like to use them on your street. In order to be effective, this should be a neighbourhood effort, with signs rotated among a number of properties. The signs should be removed at night to prevent damage/theft. Please contact me if you would like further information on this **SLOW DOWN /NO NEED TO SPEED** programme. [TOP](#)



## Allan & Lakeshore Street Property

At long last... the new owners of this property have closed the purchase of this development at Allan and Lakeshore. Everything is in place, construction is now underway, and the builder is promising spring 2013 completion. [\[TOP\]](#)



## Summer Construction Completed

Summer construction has been completed on new Ward 3 play structures at Lakeside Park, Brantwood School, Maplegrove Park, and Annapolis Park. Based on the feedback I have received from both parents and children, these structures are very much appreciated! [\[TOP\]](#)

## Oakville Arts Awards

*Cogeco Stars Among Us '12*



Now in its 4th year, Oakville's Arts Awards, Cogeco Stars Among Us, celebrates the artistic achievements of Oakville's resident artists and recognizes the contribution the arts make to a vibrant and innovative community. [TOP](#)

New to the competition this year, the community will choose the award-winners. Oakville Arts Council members and residents are invited to vote for their favorite artists via electronic poll, open from August 15 through September 15, 2012.

The award-winners will be announced at the main event on September 20, 2012 at 6:30 pm. This year marks the first year that an Arts Organization Award has been included along with Literary Arts, Media Arts, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Young Artist categories for a total of sixteen finalists:



Performing Arts	Visual Arts	Digital Arts	Literary Arts	Young Artist	Arts Organization
Andrew Cole	Lynn Borysiuk	Stephanie Faye	Derik Hawley	Annie Drysdale	INASONG (John Serre)
Krista Earle	Angel Card	Siobhan Byrne	Crystal Smith	Colin Brennan	Whisky Epiphany
Sarah Anne Wolkowski			Mike Przysieszny	Mira Meikle	The Oakville Children's Choir

Please click on this link to vote - [CONTEST](#). [TOP](#)

**Olympic Celebration - Sat., Sept. 15, 2012**

Are you ready to give Oakville's 2012 Olympic heroes a standing ovation? Oakville Town Council has invited local Olympians Adam van Koeverden, Diana Matheson, Douglas Csima, Kyle Jones, Tera Van Beilen and Mark Oldershaw to a public reception on September 15 starting at 2 p.m. in downtown Oakville's Centennial Square.

To kick start the celebrations, a motorcade will transport the Olympians along Lakeshore Road in downtown Oakville to Centennial Square for the official reception and autograph session.

- Outstanding Olympic results by Oakville athletes include:
- Adam van Koeverden's silver medal in the men's kayak single (K1) 1000m
- Douglas Csima's silver medal in the men's 8 + rowing competition
- Diana Matheson's winning goal and bronze medal as part of the women's soccer team
- Mark Oldershaw's bronze medal in the men's C-1 1000m
- Kyle Jones as the highest finishing Canadian triathlete in the London Olympics
- Tera Van Beilen's near birth in the finals of the 100m breaststroke

Residents interested in volunteering at the celebration can contact Elizabeth Tamas at: [etamas@oakville.ca](mailto:etamas@oakville.ca). [\[TOP\]](#)



**Dog Guides Fall Open House – Sat., Sept. 29, 2012**

The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is hosting its Fall Open House on September 29th, from 10 am until 2 pm, at the Oakville training facility (Wilson & Rebecca).

Come tour the facilities, see demonstrations from the five Dog Guide programs, and learn about the volunteer and foster puppy program, an ideal opportunity to learn first-hand about Dog Guides! [\[TOP\]](#)



**The Kidney Foundation Fall Fundraising Walk – Sat., Sept. 22, 2012**

After the success of last year's inaugural Kidney Foundation fundraising walk in Ward 3, Ron Newman has announced that the 2012 walk will be held at Bronte Provincial Park on September 22nd, with registration @ 10:00 am and the walk beginning at 11:00 am. Enjoy a nice Fall day in Bronte Provincial Park, no long drive, no fee, and support a good cause – The Kidney Foundation of Canada. Details available from Ron at [newman2@sympatico.ca](mailto:newman2@sympatico.ca) [\[TOP\]](#)





**Best Regards,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'D'.

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