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*Keeping you informed . . .*



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### South Central Public Lands Study

The South Central Public Lands Study (SCPLS) focuses on three surplus school sites (Brantwood, Chisholm, and Linbrook Public Schools), the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital site, and the Oakville Arena site.

All of the [sites](#) to be studied are owned by the Town of Oakville, except for the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH) site, which the town will acquire when construction of the new hospital is complete.

#### The purpose of the study is to:

- determine the ability to fit any recreational needs established in the final [Parks, Recreation and Library Facilities Master Plan](#) on the sites
- identify other public or community needs that may be accommodated on the sites
- define a preferred land use option for each of the sites included in the study



There was an open house and information session on December 5th where possible options were presented and feedback received. The full details of uses, including visuals, may be seen in the Planning Services [Report](#).

There is an open house on **Tuesday, February 12th, between 2:00 and 9:00 PM**, at the Oakville Arena Kinsmen Pine Room where Town staff will be showing updated concepts, sharing feedback results, and collecting comments from those in attendance.

At the last public meeting, the following preliminary plans showed 4 options for the OTMH site.



### OTMH – Option A

- **community centre with pool** at southeast corner of Macdonald Rd. and Reynolds St. in location of existing hospital
- **park** south of community centre
- **surface parking** for community centre, pool and park
- location for **potential private medical building** on Reynolds St., adjacent to Wyndham Manor
- **lots for detached dwellings** along east side of Allan St.
- areas for **low-rise apartments** at interior of site
- one new east-west road between Galt Ave. and Lawson St.
- one new north-south road
- potential to incorporate elements from former OTHS into new buildings



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## OTMH – Option B

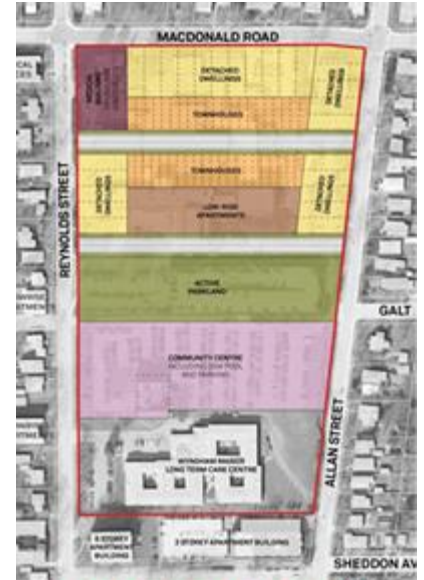
- **park** at southeast corner of Macdonald Rd. and Reynolds St.
- **community centre and pool** south of park
- **parking garage** maintained; requires crosswalk(s) and potential bridge to community centre
- location for **potential private medical building** on Reynolds St.
- **lots for detached dwellings** along west side of Allan St.
- areas for **low-rise apartments** at interior of site and on east side of Reynolds St.
- two new east-west roads
- one new north-south road
- potential to incorporate elements from former OTHS into new buildings



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## OTMH – Option C

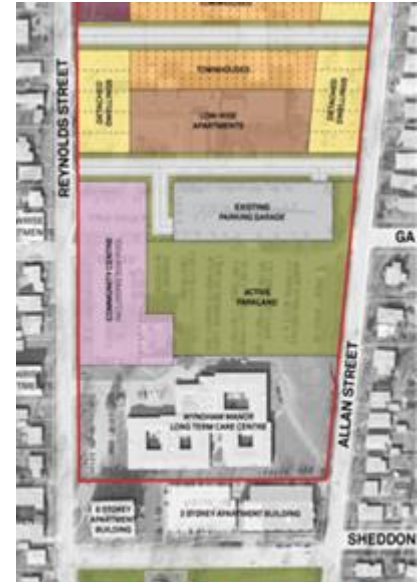
- **community centre with pool** at south end of site, immediately north of Wyndham Manor
- **park** on north side of community centre
- **surface parking** for community centre, pool and park
- location for **potential private medical building** at southeast corner of Macdonald Rd. and Reynolds St.
- **lots for detached dwellings** on Reynolds St., and along Macdonald Rd. and Allan St.
- **lots for townhouses** and areas for **low-rise apartments** at interior of site
- two new east-west roads
- potential to incorporate elements from former OTHS into community centre building



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## OTMH - Option D

- **community centre with pool** at south end of site, north of Wyndham Manor on Reynolds St.
- **park** on east side of community centre on Allan St.
- **parking garage** maintained; potential bridge to community centre
- location for **potential private medical building** at southeast corner of Macdonald Rd. and Reynolds St.
- **lots for detached dwellings** on Reynolds St., and along Macdonald Rd. and Allan St.
- **lots for townhouses** and areas for low-rise apartments at interior of site
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## Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP)

In October 2009, the Town of Oakville completed an Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) study, which included a full review of the pedestrian and cycling facilities network, with an additional focus on how these initiatives blend with transit services. The study results assess current conditions and develop a recommended implementation plan to improve and expand the network, and promote cycling and walking in Oakville.



The objective of this feasibility and design study is to establish options of active transportation facilities with the primary intent to promote safe and efficient cycling and walking in six (6) specific study areas, three of which are located in our area (Ward 3). The study addresses the initiatives and programs to support the goals, objectives, and recommendations of the ATMP.

An open house information session is being scheduled for the end of this month. If you would like to receive the details for the areas below and the date of the open house, please email me at [dgittings@oakville.ca](mailto:dgittings@oakville.ca).

- Ford Drive – North of Royal Windsor  
The Study Area extends along Ford Drive from Sheridan Gardens Drive to Upper Middle Road. The first phase (construction 2013) will be from Sheridan Gardens Drive to Kingsway Drive. Kingsway Drive to Upper Middle Road will be constructed at a later date subject to MTO and Region of Halton coordination.
- Ford Drive –South of Royal Windsor  
The Study Area extends along Ford Drive from Constance Drive to Lakeshore Road.
- Lakeshore Road  
The Study Area extends along Lakeshore Road from Allen Street to Morrison Road.



## **New Heritage Conservation District to Conserve the Character of Downtown Oakville**

At February 4th's Planning and Development meeting, Council unanimously approved the Downtown Oakville Heritage Conservation District Plan and Guidelines designating a new heritage conservation district in downtown Oakville.

The new heritage district area, just west of Navy Street to Dunn Street, and just north of Randall Street to Robinson Street, reinforces the town's commitment to creating a more livable Oakville by conserving heritage features.

"Council believes that the heritage features in our downtown core contribute to the vibrant and unique character of the business area and surrounding neighbourhood," Mayor Rob Burton said. "This designation will ensure we retain and conserve those historical resources and create an even more sustainable community."

The heritage district designation will allow change, in a managed way. The Downtown Oakville Heritage Conservation District Plan relies on a precise set of guidelines to preserve the exterior of heritage buildings, and ensure new contemporary buildings complement existing structures and neighbouring properties. A Municipal Implementation document also outlines recommended initiatives and steps to support the plan and conservation efforts.

The Downtown Oakville Heritage Conservation District Study started in the fall of 2011 and several public meetings, workshops and focus groups followed throughout the process.

To view the staff report, visit the Town's [website](#). The Downtown Oakville Heritage Conservation District Plan and Guidelines, as well as the Municipal Implementation document can be found on the town's website at [www.oakville.ca](http://www.oakville.ca) by searching Downtown Heritage Conservation District.





## Ward 3 - Outdoor Skating Rinks



While this winter's weather has been a challenge in terms of maintaining good ice, if you are a fan of skating outdoors, please keep an eye on the baseball diamond at Clearview Park and Wallace Park.

With favourable weather and willing volunteers – we will keep the ice open!

## Halton Regional Police Launch Crime Mapping Function

Halton residents are now able to access neighbourhood-level crime incident data from the previous day, week, or month, or even search as far back as six months ago through a new crime mapping function that can be accessed through the Service's [website](#). "Providing reliable, timely crime data to the communities we serve is one of our top priorities, because an informed public is a safer public," says Halton Chief of Police Steve Tanner. "This partnership with Crime Reports gives us the ability to keep the public informed on a regular basis as to what is going on in our community."

Police dispatch data is stripped of personal information, including the exact address, and sent securely to CrimeReports.com, which hosts the crime mapping software. The public can access the data through the Service's website, under the Crime Files/Mapping navigation button.

Incidents reflected on the map will be shown within 100 numbers of the address, to protect individual's privacy, while still being within the general vicinity to give people an accurate idea of crime in their neighbourhood.



The crime mapping data will include police-dispatched calls for property damage, sexual assault, assault, robbery, break and enter, theft, impaired driving, homicide, attempted murder, offensive weapons, drug-related offences, and various traffic-related offences such as impaired driving, hit and run, and motor vehicle injuries and fatalities.

“Information is power,” Chief Tanner added. “We hope that by giving the community this information, it will help them understand crime trends and better enable them to assist us in preventing crime in their neighbourhoods.” This new service even lets local citizens sign up for free customizable email updates, so they can monitor crime in their neighborhood, or click to link to the CrimeStoppers of Halton website to file an anonymous crime tip. “The crime map data is as accurate as possible, but not 100% fool-proof given the evolving nature of police investigations.”



## Oakville Hydro Conservation Program

Oakville Hydro has launched a new conservation program, named peaksaver PLUS™, for homeowners with central air conditioning. This program provides a free programmable load-control thermostat and a free in-home display, professionally installed by local air conditioning contractors at no cost to Oakville residents - a value of over \$400. The in-home display allows you to monitor electricity use in your home, and can help you find ways to reduce your electricity bill.

save on energy  
peaksaver PLUS



The thermostat enables your air conditioner to be cycled on very hot summer days - only a few times a year - for short periods, reducing our demand on the electrical grid. Studies show that residents will probably not notice when this is happening because the temperature change is so small. If you don't have central air conditioning but you do have

an electric water heater or an electric swimming pool pump, you may participate as well.

For more information about peaksaver PLUS™ and to register for the program, simply call 1-877-727-1306; or visit Oakville Hydro's [website](#).

## The Big Move

Over the past two decades, the Region of Halton has added close to 200,000 new residents, resulting in increased travel time... and frustration. Ontario's transportation agency, Metrolinx continues to work on [THE BIG MOVE](#) . This 25 year plan is designed to address some of the worst commute times in North America. During a recent update, Oakville MPP Kevin Flynn provided more detailson how the Big Move plan is coming along in Oakville.

## GO Lakeshore Express Rail Project

The environmental assessment and feasibility study for the electrification of the Lakeshore East & West GO lines is currently underway. This project will provide faster and higher capacity service to the line that carries more riders than any other in the GO rail system. By upgrading the existing trains from diesel to electric propulsion, passengers will see shorter travel times and service that runs more frequently.



## **Dundas Street & Trafalgar Road Bus Rapid Transit**

The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is a bus service that runs on a dedicated right-of-way, subsequently avoiding most traffic and improving travel times. The Dundas BRT project is currently in the planning stage and will include 40 kilometres of new dedicated bus rapid transit lanes on Dundas Street from Brant Street in Burlington to Kipling Station in Toronto. Halton Region is conducting an environmental assessment to look at a number of improvements in the area between Brant Street and Trafalgar Road, including widening the road, improving intersections, and implementing BRT service in mixed traffic.

BRT will also be coming to Trafalgar Road. Dedicated bus lanes will be created (including new BRT only lanes extending on a future new bridge over the QEW) running parallel on Trafalgar Road to the Oakville GO Station. This will greatly reduce north-south travel times along Trafalgar Road.

## **Oakville Mobility Hub**

Metrolinx has identified the Oakville GO station as a “Mobility Hub” centre for rapid transit. A long term vision for the area of the Oakville GO Station (midtown core) includes redevelopment of publicly-owned lands around the Oakville GO station, the majority of which is owned by Metrolinx. The plan also includes expansion of the GO station to ensure it can best accommodate significant growth planned for the area.

Some of Metrolinx’s transportation initiatives are already completed in Oakville. Last Fall, the new Oakville GO parking garage opened. The new parking structure is a part of Metrolinx’s Midtown Oakville Mobility Hub, transforming the lands around the station to a commuter friendly area.



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*I would appreciate your comments and input on the above updates, or any concern that your family may have. Each time I send out an update I am reminded of the level of engagement and caring of our residents as I am swamped with feedback – I am looking forward to yours.*

*Thank you,*