



# Dave Gittings

## Town of Oakville

Town Councillor, Ward 3

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### South Central Public Lands Study

After a year of public consultation, the final report on the future of the former Chisholm, Brantwood, and Linbrook school properties and the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital lands was presented to Council in April. The future of the former Linbrook school property has been deferred until such time as Council receives a report on the offer to purchase this site for a private boys school. The full report is available on the Town's [Website](#) and details by site are as follows:



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### Former Chisholm School Property - **Approved**

- Retention and enlargement of the woodlot & play area.
- Addition of a new cul-de-sac accessed off of Charnwood Drive
- Retain existing walkway from Bonnylyn Court
- Nine R02 lots (consistent with the neighbourhood) for detached homes.



### Former Brantwood School Property- **Approved**

- Seven R10 building lots for homes fronting on Douglas
- Existing play structure relocated to Southern corner of Palmer & Douglas
- Potential reuse of the school facade for five to nine condo/loft units.



## Former Linbrook School Property - Pending

The diagram shown reflects the recommended option, which is

- Retention of the woodlot and play area
- Creation of a new cul-de-sac off of David Avenue
- Six R01 (consistent with the neighbourhood) building lots for homes, one of which would contain the heritage schoolhouse to be renovated for use as a private home.
- **As an offer to purchase the Linbrook property for use as a private boys school has been received, the decision on this property has been deferred until Council has an opportunity to consider the details.**



## OTMH Lands

Once the OTMH relocates at the end of 2015, the existing site will be demolished. A new community centre and 25 metre pool has been recommended. This centre could incorporate the former OT High School property as part of the recreation centre and may also retain the existing parking garage. Timing is subject to consideration of the Town's ten year capital forecast to be completed this summer.

- The Mississauga Halton LHIN has proposed a medical/seniors health facility on part of these lands which would see a 23,000 to 33,000 square foot facility focusing heavily on seniors.
- Residential redevelopment proposed will see R10 Zoning at the northern end of the property with R10 zoning along Allan Street and along MacDonald Road.
- Townhouses oriented within the site and maximum four-storey low-rise units on Reynolds Street.
- This recommendation also identifies the provision for a

medical facility on a block along Reynolds Street adjacent to the community centre.

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## **OTMH Lands** continued

Under the Town's 2009 Official Plan 'Livable Oakville', it was expected that the OTMH site would be redeveloped as residential across the entire site. With the addition of a community centre, the recommendation states that the maximum number of units developed on the site remain at 156 with the inclusion of a medical facility (206 units without the medical facility) and that these plans conform to the intent of Livable Oakville.

I have concerns that the same number of units over a smaller area has been proposed and do not agree with increasing the density over the development block (units per hectare – same number of units over less land).

At the Planning and Development meeting of Council, the following staff directions were passed in order address concerns over density.

1. That the staff recommended land use option for the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH) be endorsed in principle based on the parameters set out in the Planning Services report (PD-024-13), recognizing the number of units, type and built form will be finalized after Council considers the site design level of detail to be brought forward, by staff, by June 2014;
2. That staff be directed to report on the OTMH land use option following further assessment of the site in relation to those matters identified in the reports from Planning Services (PD-024-13) and the Community Development Commission (PD-042 -13), and such report to include:
  - a. site design details and drawings;

- b. comments from further public consultation;
  - c. implementation steps on the subsequent Official Plan and Zoning by-law amendments;
  - d. other site development requirements that ensure conformity with the Livable Oakville Plan policies; and
  - e. strategy for the future sale of the site which provides certainty and control to achieve finalized Council approved site design;
3. That staff consider the town facilities and park areas proposed within the staff recommended land use options for all of the sites as part of the upcoming 10 year capital plan.

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## Gairloch Update



Further to the Town Council meeting of October 29, 2012 when the future of Gairloch Gardens was debated, the option of severing the homes from the estate and selling them was removed. Council directed staff to 1) Develop options to keep the estate intact, complete all repairs to the property and find a municipal use for the facility or 2) Keep the estate intact and lease the estate house(s).

There will be a public information meeting in June so that we may hear from residents their thoughts and ideas on the future of the Gairloch buildings. The Town has just released an 'Expression of Interest' request, the purpose of this request is to solicit viable options from interested parties regarding the lease of the estate house(s) at Gairloch Gardens. This request is the first of a two-part review process to explore options for lease of the house(s) on the estate. Following a review of the expressions of interest received, proponents may be asked to submit detailed proposals for review and recommendation to Council.

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## **Oakville Waterfront Festival - It's back, it's big, and it's free!**



The last Oakville Waterfront Festival was held in 2009. After a three year hiatus, the Oakville Waterfront Festival will return this year for the Aug. 2-4 long weekend in Coronation Park.

In the past, the Oakville Waterfront Festival has hosted bands and artists including Hedley, Jan Arden, Tom Cochran, Jesse Cook, Finger Eleven, Alannah Miles, and Blue Rodeo. While this year's line-up has not been confirmed, there will be some jazz, blues, country and big bands. Returning features will include a vendor village created with local artisans, amusement rides, activities for all ages and local craft breweries. There will also be representation of gourmet food courtesy of an entire street of Ontario food vehicles. There are a number of sponsors supporting this event including Willson International, Coldstone, Trinison, Tim Hortons, Cogeco, and Mattamy Homes.

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## Dog Guides Canada – Purina Walk for Dog Guides (Sunday, May 26)

Since 1983, the lives of hundreds of Canadian women, men, and children have been enriched thanks to the services of specially trained Dog Guides provided by the Lions Foundation of Canada. Their mission is to help Canadians with disabilities achieve greater mobility, safety, and independence with the assistance of five types of Dog Guides: Canine Vision for the blind or visually impaired; Hearing Ear for the deaf or hard of hearing; Special Skills for those with a medical or physical disability; Seizure Response for epilepsy; and Autism Assistance for autism.

Training takes 4 – 6 months and is conducted right here in Oakville! While the dogs are in class through the week, like all students, they get the weekend off. Our family fosters a dog guide on weekends. We take ‘Alice’, everywhere with us, and it is an incredible joy knowing the difference that she will soon make to a visually impaired client.

The Lions Foundation does not receive any government funding, and provides Dog Guides free of charge to qualified applicants. On Sunday, May 26th, the Lions Foundation is holding its annual fund raising walk. If you are able to participate or donate, please visit their [website](#).

Rick Mercer recently visited Oakville for a segment on Dog Guides, if you did not see the [show](#) – you must watch Rick Mercer as he navigated the streets of Oakville with a Canine Vision dog!



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## Waste Collection Program Changes



I have received a number of questions regarding the recent changes to Halton Regions waste collection and recycling program. Effective April 1st, the region implemented revisions to assist in achieving a 65% waste diversion rate by 2016. The Region's landfill site was projected to close in 2012, but as a result of previous enhanced waste diversion programs including Halton's GreenCart, the life of our current landfill site was extended until the year 2040. This newest program will extend the life until 2044.

### **New revisions include:**

- Expanding Halton's Blue Box to include more acceptable materials.
- Offering larger Blue Boxes
- Starting yard waste collection earlier in the season.
- Providing an increased number of bulk waste collection dates.
- Decreasing the current garbage bag/can limit and introducing garbage tags.

Each home is now allowed 3 bags/cans of untagged garbage, plus up to 3 bags/cans of 'tagged' garbage. To help residents transition to this new program, complimentary garbage tags can be used from April 1 to September 7, 2013. All complimentary tags will expire on September 7, 2013. Tags are available at the Town / Regional locations including the Oakville Central Public Library, Oakville Town Hall, and Home Hardware Maplegrove.

Starting September 9, 2013 Garbage tags will cost \$2 each, and can be purchased in sheets of 5 tags (\$10 per sheet). Full details of the changes are available at the Region's [website](#).

 **Halton**  
REGION

Access Halton  Dial 311  [www.halton.ca](http://www.halton.ca)

**Garbage Tag – Complimentary**  
More than three bags/cans must have garbage tags  
Maximum of six garbage bags/cans: three untagged, three tagged

**Valid April 1 to September 7, 2013**

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A terrific group of youth from the 2nd Oakville and 10th Oakville Rangers are pictured at the most recent 'Dinner & Debate with Councillor Dave' in Council Chambers at Town Hall. After dinner and a tour of Town Hall, we discussed the role and responsibilities of Municipal Government. The Rangers then assumed the role of Town Councillors for a debate. Given the level of discussion and engagement, our future looks bright indeed. If you are involved with youth programs and would like to have a similar experience for your group, please let me know as I am thrilled to have youth attend their Town Hall.

Rangers is all about leadership and community involvement and a flexible program that allows teens to create their own unique Guiding experience. Young women begin to explore career options and learn

valuable skills such as budgeting and event planning. Rangers are also involved in active leadership opportunities like global development projects, eco-awareness initiatives and teaching skills to younger girls as Junior Leaders.

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## Zoning By-law Review



The development of a new comprehensive zoning bylaw for Oakville is a major Vision 2057 undertaking which is required for the implementation of Oakville's Official Plan - 'Livable Oakville'. Livable Oakville was unanimously adopted by Council in June 2009, approved with modifications by Halton Region in the fall of 2009, and ultimately approved by the Ontario Municipal Board in May 2011.

The Planning Act requires a municipality's zoning by-law to conform to its official plan. The goals of InZone are to adopt a new zoning by-law for the town by early 2014 that will help achieve the town's vision to be the most livable town in Canada; to create a zoning by-law that provides a framework which reflects Oakville's vision for growth; and to guide what, where, and how buildings can be constructed in Oakville.

Staff presented the First Draft the 2014 Zoning By-law at the Planning and Development Council meeting on April 29th.

The First Draft of the 2014 Zoning By-law is now online for public comment. You can download the [draft](#) along with copies of previous technical papers and presentations by staff.

A number of open houses have been arranged across Oakville for residents, business owners, and all other stakeholders to find out more about the draft By-law and zoning in general. Locations near Ward 3 include:

Town Hall, Oakville/Trafalgar Rooms	Thursday, May 23; 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. (This day' presentation will focus on commercial & employment uses)
St. Cuthbert's Church	Wednesday, May 29; 7 to 9 p.m.
Oakville Arena, Kinsmen Pine Room	Tuesday, June 4; 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.
Town Hall, Oakville/Trafalgar Rooms	Thursday, June 6; 2 to 4 p.m.

These informal drop-in sessions will include a staff presentation 30 minutes after the open house start times. Staff from the town's Community Development Commission (Planning Services and Building Services) will be available to answer any questions you have about zoning and the draft regulations.

Your comments and input are important and welcomed as we work to finalize this important regulatory document. If you have questions about this project, contact the inZone project team at [inZone@oakville.ca](mailto:inZone@oakville.ca). If you have questions about the zoning currently in effect, call the town at 905-845-6601 and ask to speak with a Zoning Officer in Building Services.

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## The Oakville Historical Society



The Oakville Historical Society has been discovering, preserving, promoting and sharing Oakville's historical heritage for over 55 years. Please check out the society's [website](#) to find out more about local history and their popular speakers series and tours.

If you are a fan of the popular CBC series Murdoch Mysteries , the society is hosting an evening with the author, Maureen Jennings, on Wednesday, May 15th, 7:30 p.m., at St. John's United (\$5.00 admission).

Thank you,

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