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Trees and Development Approvals / Ford & Cornwall Development

Sustaining Oakville's urban forest is a priority for Council. The town has several by-laws and policies that support its goal of achieving 40 per cent tree canopy coverage by 2057. While the town's private tree by-law sets out regulations limiting the cutting of trees, trees are managed differently when a land owner progresses through the development approval process. As dictated

by the Ontario's Municipal Act, our Private Tree by-law does not apply "as a condition to the approval of a site plan, a plan of subdivision or a consent under section 41, 51 or 53, respectively, of the Planning Act or as a requirement of a site plan agreement or subdivision agreement entered into under those sections".





Through the town’s planning process, applicants are required to prepare tree inventory, tree protection and tree restoration plans. These plans are reviewed by Town staff in conjunction with the applicants proposed site-plan. The final approved plan defines the trees that can be removed, those to be preserved and a landscaping plan that outlines additional/compensatory planting requirements for the site. These steps and measures ensure that tree preservation is top-of-mind before construction begins. The town’s urban foresters review all plans in accordance with the town’s Urban Forestry Management Plan.

The Northcote development site pictured above at the corner of Ford Drive and Cornwall, for example, progressed through the site plan approval process. Tree preservation was emphasized through the review process resulting in a site plan that sees nearly 50% of the trees on the site preserved and conversely 50% of the trees being removed. The preservation plan requires 9 trees to be transplanted on the site and a landscaping plan that will see a total of 39 new trees complementing this new development. It should be noted that this site has a reduced development and planting area due to the presence of the Enbridge pipeline.

For more information on preserving trees in Oakville, visit <http://www.oakville.ca/residents/tree-protection-faq.html>

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Gairloch Gardens



Mississauga's Gairloch



Oakville's Gairloch

I have received a number of inquiries regarding construction activity on the south side of Lakeshore Road, immediately east of Winston Churchill Blvd. This is known as the “Fusion” property, or the Bell

Gairdner Estate, located on the bank of Lake Ontario, east of Joshua's Creek and south of Lakeshore Road West (picture above left).

The Bell Gairdner Estate measures 44.5 acres, housing a former manor house and coach house which have been designated a heritage property under the Ontario Heritage Act. The buildings were constructed in 1938 and Kathleen and James Gairdner began full-time residency at the estate after World War II. Gairdner dubbed it "Gairloch," a Gaelic word meaning "short lake". This romanticism concluded in 1960 when James divorced Kathleen and moved to another waterfront property in Oakville. Upon his death, Gairdner bequeathed this estate, which he also named "Gairloch" to the Town of Oakville

The Mississauga "Gairloch" estate was sold in 1961 to Ontario Hydro that used it for its Canadian Fusion Fuels Technology Centre.

The City of Mississauga purchased the property in 1999 for parkland purposes and is developing this site as a public park with the buildings being re-purposed as a reception, wedding, banquet and meeting facility. Buildings are under renovation and expected re-opening of the facility is slated for January 2014. In Phase 2, the City of Mississauga is expected to develop the rest of the site as a public park. The timeline for this phase is yet to be determined.

Further to past Council debates on the future of 'our' Gairloch, there will be a report coming to Council this Fall detailing maintenance considerations/costs, as well as Oakville Galleries' plans which may see them remaining at Gairloch for the next 4-5 years.

Aspen Forest Park

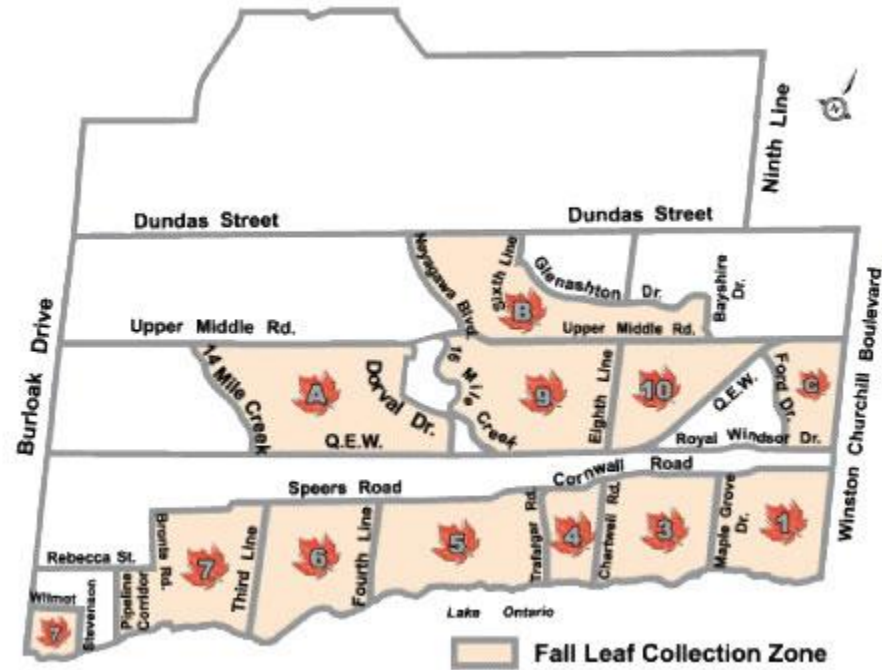


Work is nearing completion on the addition of two 'mini' soccer fields at Aspen Forest Park.

The berms on the East side have been completed, sodded and planted. A pedestrian connection to Acacia Court is complete, and the addition of a play structure will be completed over the next four weeks.

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Fall loose leaf collection October 15 to November 29



Collection Dates

Dates	Zones
October 15 to 18	Zone 4
October 21 to 25	Zones 1 & 3
October 28 to November 1	Zone 4
November 11 to 15	Zones 1 & 3
November 18 to 22	Zones 4 & C
November 25 to 29	Zones 1 & 3

Let's Talk Oakville



Let's Talk Oakville

The Fall issue of Let's Talk Oakville was recently delivered to Oakville households. You may view the full magazine at <http://www.oakville.ca/mayor/lets-talk-oakville.html>

The Ward 3 update can be seen on pages 13 to 16.

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Chartwell-Maple Grove Residents Association Annual General Meeting - Wednesday, October 16th



All welcome to join CMGRA's AGM, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Oakville Room at the Oakville Town Hall, 1225 Trafalgar Road.

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Fall Consultation Dates



A zoning by-law is a 'rule book' that controls how construction and development can take place in the town. Zoning by-laws regulate how land and buildings are used, the location of buildings, lot sizes and dimensions, building heights and other provisions to ensure proper

development.

The inZone project is the preparation of the town's new zoning by-law. inZone will implement the policies of the town's new official plan, the Livable Oakville Plan, into the town's zoning framework. The project is a key action for the 2012-2014 term of Council's [Strategic Plan](#). This project will result in a new zoning by-law that provides a framework reflecting Oakville's vision for growth by guiding what and where buildings can be constructed in Oakville. There are two upcoming open houses;

- Wednesday, October 16, 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.
Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre, 2302 Bridge Road
- Thursday, October 17, 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.
Town Hall, 1225 Trafalgar Road (Oakville/Trafalgar Rooms)

The statutory public meeting under the Planning Act has also been scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2013, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Oakville Town Hall (1225 Trafalgar Road). Updated information on timing and registering as a delegation will be available closer to the date.

To review the draft by-law and technical papers, visit the [inZone project webpage](#).

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The 2000th Dog Guide team has graduated from the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide centre. Each Dog Guide that has graduated from one of the six training programs has been provided at no cost, despite the \$25,000 it takes to train and place each Dog Guide. Since 1983, the Lions Foundation has grown from offering one Dog Guide program to six:

Canine Vision Dog Guides - for people who are blind or visually impaired

Hearing Ear Dog Guides - for people who are deaf or

hard of hearing

Special Skills Dog Guides - for people with a medical or physical disability

Seizure Response Dog Guides - for people who have epilepsy

Autism Assistance Dog Guides - for children with autism spectrum disorder

Diabetic Alert Dog Guides - for people who have type 1 diabetes with hypoglycemic unawareness

Open House - Saturday, October 26th

Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is hosting an Open House at the [Oakville training facility \(152 Wilson St.\)](#). From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. the public is invited to cuddle some future Dog Guide puppies, see demonstrations from all [six Dog Guide programs](#), tour the training facility, and learn about how to become a foster family or volunteer. The event will also feature a silent auction, with all proceeds going towards providing Dog Guides at no cost to Canadians with disabilities.

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Oakville enhances online search capabilities of Council agendas and minutes

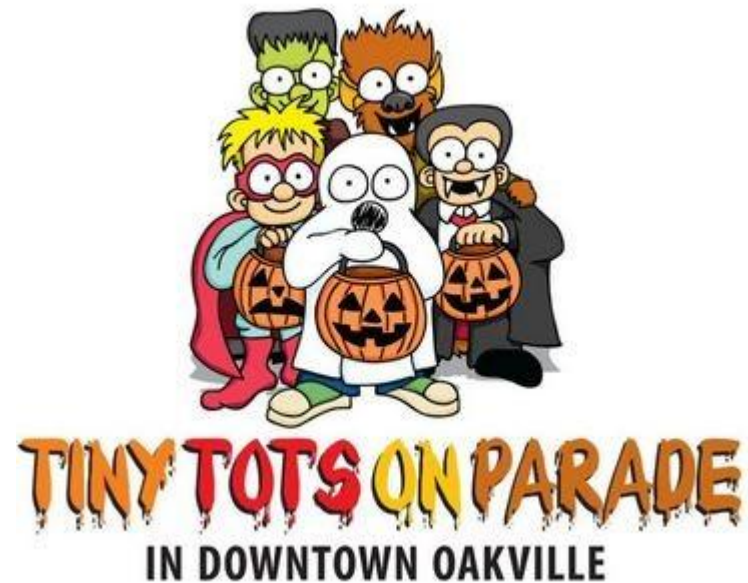
With a growing focus on citizen-centric online communications, the Town of Oakville recently launched improved search capabilities on the [Council Agendas and Minutes](#) page.

The new search function allows for more efficient and accurate searches of Council, Planning and Development Council, Administrative Services and Community Services committee items dating back to 2007. Staff will continue to input backdated agendas and minutes for all Council and standing committees to April 2003.

A convenient RSS (Rich Site Summary or Real Simple Syndication) feed was also introduced to alert subscribers to all newly added Council items. The RSS feed is updated as soon as new information on the Council Agendas and Minutes page is published to oakville.ca. Subscribers to the feed will receive this information right on their smart phone, computer or tablet.

The town's other RSS feeds include service disruptions, news releases, public notices, Council highlights, Oakville Transit updates, upcoming performances at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts, and videos on TownTV.

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Thursday, October 31st - 10:00 am - 12 noon

Once again, this year the Tiny Tots will be on Parade for Halloween in Downtown Oakville.

The fun will begin in Towne Square at 10:00 am and will finish at noon.

With our friendly witch, cuddly friends and Oakville Fire truck display, not to mention all the tasty treats, it's a day you don't want to miss! Please come in costume and bring a bag for all of your treats!





Random
Act Of
KXndness
Day.



Oakville Celebrates the 3rd Annual Random Act of Kindness Day on Friday, November 1st, 2013.

It's simple and up to you! Join your neighbours, local businesses and community organizations by taking the time to do one or more Random Acts of Kindness during the day. Everything counts: from holding a door open and smiling at everyone you meet, to helping a neighbour or buying lunch for the team.

Allow us all to celebrate - report back on the Kindness you experienced and the Kindness you shared.

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Blog: www.rakoakville.com

As always, I look forward to hearing from you, dgittings@oakville.ca, regarding the above information or any other questions or comments that you may have.

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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dane'.