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THANK YOU for the privilege of serving as your Ward 3 Town Councillor during this term of Council - full-time, nonstop, and committed.

Serving as your Town Councillor has allowed me to engage with residents on a daily basis. My commitment to you during the last election was to be a strong voice at Town Council, to be proactive, to seek your input, to keep you informed, and to work full-time on your behalf.

Through my regular e-newsletters, public meetings, phone calls and personal meetings, I have stayed in touch with residents about your concerns and issues.

I respectfully seek your support on Monday, October 27th to represent you at Town & Regional Council with the same proven dedication, energy, and tenacity demonstrated over the past 4 years.

Please support my election by displaying a lawn sign. Susan and I would be pleased if you can attend our open house on Sunday, September 21st between 1 - 5 p.m. to discuss issues and pick up a lawn sign or brochures. Click [here](#) or call 905-844-1529, or feel free to drop in at 1267 Baldwin Drive. We look forward to seeing you.

Feel free to share this newsletter and my [flyer](#) with your family and friends.



Merton

PLANNING STUDY

Great news! Infrastructure Ontario (IO) has formally withdrawn its applications to redevelop its Third Line lands in the West Oakville Trails/Glen Abbey area, within the Merton Planning Study. This includes parcels of land owned by IO and leased to the Town of Oakville. The news affirms the Ontario government's and Oakville Town Council's commitment to the protection of green spaces by keeping these lands in public ownership.

In February 2014, MPP Flynn wrote to then-Minister of Infrastructure to ask that any plans to sell sensitive lands included in the natural heritage system of the Fourteen Mile Creek system be cancelled. As a result, Minister Murray made clear his intent to keep the lands in public ownership by retaining the existing leases as per the original agreements. The leases on the Town of Oakville properties run until 2040, and Minister Murray has encouraged IO to find opportunities to work with Deerfield Golf Course to extend the lease beyond its current expiry date of 2022.

Town Council unanimously directed planning staff to add consideration of the impact from the terms and policies in the new, greener Provincial Policy Statement on land use planning, to the terms of reference for the Merton Lands Study. Council also directed staff to consider how the Province's new policy toward protecting "working landscapes" might apply to the two golf courses, Saw-Whet and Deerfield, in the Merton Lands.

Oakville has saved over 2,300 acres of environmental lands across Oakville, and protected an additional 124,000 acres of environmental lands across Halton in the enhanced Halton Natural System. This includes over 400 hectares of environmentally sensitive lands comprising forests, creeks, wetlands and valley lands. By making the right decisions and standing up to opposition, the Ontario government and Oakville Town Council have acted to ensure that future generations have preserved natural lands to enjoy.



Staff will continue to provide status updates on the other development applications within the Merton Planning Study.



Downtown Parking Changes

Parking changes in downtown Oakville mean no coins...no problem!

Two changes to parking in downtown Oakville are now in place to make it more convenient and efficient for anyone shopping, dining or visiting the area. These changes are a result of feedback from residents and downtown business owners.

The first change includes replacing all existing pay and display machines in downtown municipal lots (including Kerr Village), with more convenient and efficient pay-by-plate machines that accept credit cards. You no longer need to display a ticket on the dashboard of your car. Simply enter your licence plate, pay, and go.

For right now, these new machines will be in the municipal lots. In the spring all on-street machines will be updated.



The second change extends the on-street parking time to three hours from its current two-hour limit. All on-street parking spaces, including metered spaces, will be updated by the end of September. The extended three-hour parking will allow visitors to stay a little longer. All machines on the streets and in the lots will accept credit cards and coins. The cost to park on the street in downtown Oakville is now \$2 per hour, except along Water Street which remains at \$1 per hour. Parking lots remain at \$1.50 per hour.

In early 2015, the town will be making additional parking changes downtown that include improving parking and directional signage to make it easier to find parking locations, and introducing 20-minute quick stop parking spaces throughout downtown.



Council Matters



This TVCogeco programme is now available online. Highlighting municipal topics of interest to the Oakville community, each episode features a panel of three Oakville residents who speak candidly with Mayor Burton about a particular issue, often with suggestions for improvements. That discussion is followed by a second panel of three Oakville Councillors who comment on what they have heard and offer ideas on how Council can make a difference. The

show is just one example of how Council engages with the community on important issues. Council Matters debuted on February 4, 2014 on Cogeco Channel 23, with a total of 20 episodes, each covering a different issue.

All 20 episodes of Council Matters are available on the Town of [Oakville's YouTube page](#).



20/20 - What's Your Vision?



The Oakville Community Foundation (OCF) is all about community and we want to keep connecting people with causes that matter.

What changes can the OCF make? What achievable objectives can the Foundation and community have in place by 2020 or 20 years from now?

Tell us your vision. Submit your video entry between September 15th and October 15th. For full details, please visit [OCF](#).

Oakville Chamber Orchestra 2014 ~ 2015 Season



Join us on Saturday, October 18th and Sunday, October 19th for our first concert of the season. The concert programme will include



Dvorak Wind Serenade and Tchaikovsky String Serenade. These two serenades are among the most beloved Romantic music for chamber orchestra.

Adults \$30, Seniors \$25, Students \$20, Child \$15
For further information, please visit [Oakville Chamber Orchestra](#).



Thursday, October 9th - 2700 Bristol Circle

Doors open: 6:30 p.m.
Presentation: 7:30 p.m.

Craig Kielburger

Co-founder of Free The Children and Me to We

Kids Who Care –
Creating a Different World

To purchase tickets or for further information, visit [Oomama](#). Or contact Lorraine at 905-842-3751.



Sunday, October 19th

Empty Bowls 2014 is Home Suite Hope's annual signature fundraising event. Local restaurants and caterers will be dishing out their very best in gourmet soups to raise funds to support single-parent families in Halton who are facing homelessness.

Proceeds from the event go towards housing, education, support, and training.

Purchase your tickets today at [Home Suite Hope](#).

Thank you,

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

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