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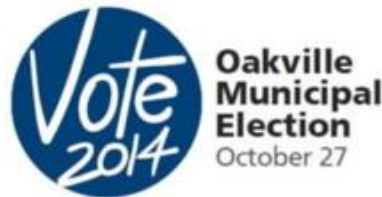


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Election Day – Monday, October 27th



While visiting residents, the most common question that I am being asked is *“How do I select who to vote for as our new Town Councillor?”*.

Oakville has a 13-member council with two Councillors from each of its six wards. Each ward has one Town Councillor who serves only on the

Oakville Town Council and one Town and Regional Councillor who sits on both the Oakville and Halton Region Councils. There are eight candidates running for the Ward 3 Town Councillor position that I have held for the past four years. As Town and Regional Councillor Keith Bird is retiring, I am running to serve as your Ward 3 representative for both the Oakville and Halton Region councils. Therefore, there will definitely be one new face on Town Council!

You will be selecting one of the following to replace me as your Town Councillor. If you are undecided, I encourage you to read the election flyers that are being delivered to your door, contact the candidates, and/or visit the websites shown below.

CANDIDATE	CONTACT INFORMATION
Mike Cunningham	http://www.vote4mike.ca
Tim Danter	http://www.danter.ca
Bob Ferguson	http://www.fergie4oakville.com
Nick Hutchins	http://nickhutchins.ca
Scott McColeman	http://www.scottmccoleman.ca
Ron Newman	Ronnewmancouncillor@gmail.com
Andrew Pask	http://www.andrewpask.com
Scott Weller	http://www.scottweller.ca

THANK YOU for the privilege of representing you during this term of Council. It has provided me with an opportunity to work full-time on your behalf and to serve as a strong voice at Town Council. Through my regular e-newsletters, public meetings, phone calls and personal meetings, I have been able to stay in touch and engaged with you about your concerns and the issues that impact our ward and our town.

Working alongside with you, several important issues have been addressed over the past four years. During the next term of office, I would like to continue to work with you to deal with additional challenges that will be facing us

- There are those who wish to alter our Official Plan through relaxed Zoning

rules to make it easier for developers who favour profit over the preservation of the character of stable neighbourhoods.

- We must work together to ensure that our Ward 3 Community Centre will be constructed with the equipment required to be a full RECREATION centre comparable to other wards.
- We must preserve, protect, and grow our tree canopy.
- Council must implement the proposed Town/Region Traffic Signal Optimization Project to alleviate the congestion that we all find so frustrating.
- Continued fiscal responsibility to keep property taxes no greater than inflation.
- Finalize the plans and efforts for our Downtown revitalization that many thousands of caring and engaged residents have helped to craft.

I respectfully seek your support once again on October 27th to represent you as your Town & Regional Councillor with the same proven dedication, energy and tenacity that I have demonstrated over the past 4 years. Thank you.



Behind the Ballot TV Cogeco

In previous newsletters, I provided details for the dates that Cogeco would be televising the Ward 3 Candidate free time messages in an effort to allow residents the opportunity to see the candidates who are asking for your support. I have heard from many residents that they missed the program or are not Cogeco customers.



Attached below is a link to my message that was broadcast on [Cogeco](#).



Election Signs



Many residents have been asking why election signs are still allowed in Oakville during the election period. Many municipalities have banned signs on public road allowances, only allowing election signs to be placed on private property. During this past term, this issue was discussed at Council. We heard from both sides on the issue. Environmental and visual pollution were the common concerns against the signs,

while the stifling of free speech and a ban being unfair to challengers balanced the other side of the argument. The final resolution allowed for election signs to continue

to be used with restrictions to placement on certain arterial roads. I voted in favour of continuing to allow candidates signage on public road allowances. As an incumbent, I believe that restricting new candidates from promoting their name would provide an unfair advantage to those already in office. As we are in the final stretch of the election, I would appreciate hearing your feedback and views. Do you believe that Council made the correct call?



Have you noticed raccoons out in daylight? Are you a dog owner?



The Oakville & Milton Humane Society (OMHS) is reporting a higher than normal number of cases of raccoons suffering from Canine Distemper Virus (CDV). CDV is a viral disease affecting animals in the canine families, in addition to some other mammals, that attacks their respiratory, nervous and gastrointestinal systems. Raccoons are pre-disposed to CDV, but it poses no health risk to humans.

Raccoons exhibiting the signs of CDV will move slowly and may appear to stumble as they walk. They are very passive and may wander aimlessly showing no response to noise or people, but may become aggressive if cornered. "These poor animals suffer greatly with the virus and unfortunately it is almost always lethal to them," according to the Humane Society. "The best we do for them is to humanely and compassionately end their pain."

CDV can be transferred to dogs if they come into contact with an infected raccoon. Most dogs are vaccinated against distemper as puppies. If you do not know if yours has been vaccinated against distemper, check with your veterinarian. It is important to keep your dog on a leash when on walks and to check backyards before letting it out.

If you see a raccoon exhibiting any of the signs of CDV, contact the OMHS at 905-845-1551. This line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please be sure to include the time and location of the sighting so that OMHS officers can attend and safely remove the raccoon.



Downtown Plan Engagement

Public participation is not about having bums in seats... it is about sharing information, creating a conversation, discussing options, and forming a decision that reflects the values of the community.

The Downtown Plan project has made public participation an integral part of the process, and we thank you for your commitment to making our community the most livable in Canada.

For full details on the efforts to date to revitalize our Downtown, please visit [Downtown Plan Engagement](#). You will be able to see the feedback and suggestions made to date and the time frame for the implementation of the following:

- Downtown Transportation and Streetscape Plan Workshop
- Downtown Plan Community meeting — June 10, 2014
- Downtown Plan Community Open House & Workshop — April 12
- Downtown Cultural Hub workshop
- Downtown Transportation Streetscape Study workshop
- Downtown Plan Stakeholder Sessions — March 3 and 4, 2014



Fall Open House



Saturday, October 25 - 9:30 am – 3 pm

152 Wilson St., Oakville
The Fall Open House provides the public with the opportunity to learn first-hand about Dog Guides. Tour the facilities, see demonstrations from all of the Dog Guide programs and learn about the volunteer and foster puppy programs.



Friday, October 31, 2014 - 10:00 am - noon

Calling all Trick-or-Treater's! Come on down to Downtown Oakville's Towne Square and show us your best costume! Start off visiting with Oakville's Fire Department, then hit the town to gather fantastic treats from our many merchants.





**DOWNLOAD THE DOWNTOWN
OAKVILLE APP FOR A CHANCE
TO WIN A SPECIAL HALLOWEEN TREAT!**



**Android version coming soon!*

Downtown Oakville is pleased to announce the launch of their new mobile app. Become a 'Downtown Oakville Insider' with this FREE app that includes an easy to use directory of all Downtown businesses and parking that is fully integrated with google maps so you can easily find what you are looking for. You will also be able to stay up to date with events and happenings in your Downtown, and be automatically eligible for amazing prizes, promotions and contests! Customize the Downtown Oakville app to suit your personality to stay abreast of what's important to you!

Thank you,

