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On October 27<sup>th</sup>, the residents of Ward 3 elected Nick Hutchins to represent them at Town Council for the next four years, and I was elected as your new Regional and Town Councillor. I am humbled by the strong endorsement received and grateful for the opportunity to serve as your representative on Halton Region council and Oakville Town council. I look forward to the coming term and will continue to work hard on your behalf.

To view the election results, see [Town of Oakville 2014 Elections](#).

## Councillor Keith's Retirement Party

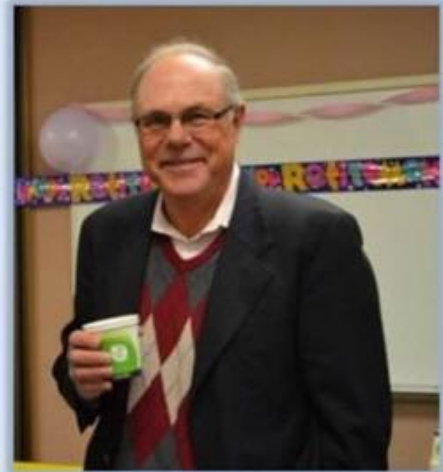


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# **HAPPY RETIREMENT KEITH**



**Keith Bird**, Oakville Town and Regional Councillor, has retired from Council after an impressive 36 years of service to the community. You're invited to a special dinner hosted by Mayor Rob Burton to celebrate Councillor Bird's career and wish him well on his retirement.

**When:** Thursday, November 27, 2014  
6 to 9 p.m.

**Where:** Compass Restaurant  
2340 Ontario Street  
Oakville

**Cost:** \$75 – includes dinner and a gift contribution

Tickets can be ordered through the Office of the Mayor and Council by telephone at 905-338-4173 and email at [mayor@oakville.ca](mailto:mayor@oakville.ca). Please RSVP by no later than November 19, 2014.

Mayor Burton asks anyone with photos, clippings, memorabilia and stories to contact the Office of the Mayor and Council to share these memories during the festivities on November 27.

  
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## Hydro Line Pruning begins in east Oakville in January

Starting in the new year, the Town will begin pruning trees near power lines in neighbourhoods in east Oakville. The town is undertaking this work on behalf of Oakville Hydro in an effort to reduce safety hazards and prevent power outages.

A public open house will take place on **Wednesday, November 12** from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** at Town Hall for residents to learn more about the process.

If not properly maintained, trees can create power outages or hazardous situations by touching or falling on power lines. "Regular pruning generally makes

trees structurally more resilient to extreme weather events such as ice storms,” said John McNeil, Manager, Forestry Services. “Our arborists inspect trees to ensure safe clearance around power lines to minimize potential hazards. The town uses professional tree service contractors skilled at maintaining the health of the trees.”

There are approximately 18,000 municipal and privately owned trees in the town’s hydro line clearing program. Trees in the program are pruned on a three-year cycle in each of the three zones of Oakville Hydro’s service area, following the Electrical Safety Authority’s (ESA) industry standard of providing a minimum three-metre (10 foot) clearance. In some instances, hazardous trees may require removal if satisfactory pruning cannot be achieved. Residents will be contacted if a tree requires work beyond routine pruning. When power lines are located in rear yards, workers will access the hydro easement through the property.

At the open house, residents will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from the town’s Forestry section, Oakville Hydro, and the town’s tree service contractor.



## Make a difference in your community

The Town is looking for volunteers to serve on a number of committees for the 2014-2018 term of Council, and applications will be accepted until **Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. Council draws on the expertise of citizen volunteer members on advisory committees and boards to provide input on matters within the town.

If you require further information, please contact the Clerk’s department at 905-815-6015 or email the [Town Clerk](#).

### **Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Note: The *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*, states that the majority of members must be persons with disabilities. Meeting time: second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

Committee of Adjustment

Meeting time: second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Community Spirit Awards Selection Committee

Meeting time: as required

Heritage Oakville Advisory Committee

Meeting time: fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m.

Oakville Public Library Board

Meeting time: fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

Property Standards Committee

Meeting time: meetings held during the day as required, with limited notice



## Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, November 14, 2014

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Kick off the Christmas season and create magical memories for your little ones in Downtown Oakville's Towne Square at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony! Enjoy incredible entertainment, caroling, Santa, treats, and of course the lighting of the beautiful tree.



The Oakville Santa Claus Parade will roll at **9 a.m.** on **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** through Downtown Oakville.

This year's theme, A Canadian Christmas, invites parade participants and attendees to think about the special traditions and celebrations that mean Christmas in Canada to them. The parade will begin at Lakeshore Road East and Reynolds Street, go west on Lakeshore to Kerr Street, north on Kerr and end at Kerr and Stewart streets.

For further info, visit [Oakville Santa Claus Parade](#).



# Have your say about public transportation in Oakville, take Oakville Transit's online survey by November 21<sup>st</sup>

As part of its current service review, Oakville Transit has launched a new [online survey](#) to gather feedback and suggestions from residents and workers in Oakville who do not use public transit. The survey will be available until **Friday, November 21** at midnight.

The transit services review aims to identify operational efficiencies and service improvements that could be implemented over the next five years. The review is being undertaken by transportation consulting firm Parsons Brinckerhoff and includes input from transit customers, community leaders, major employers and the general public. The final report will provide recommendations for the operation of Oakville Transit's fixed route, flexible and accessible transportation services.

"Our transit services review will help define how we design and deliver transit services in Oakville for the next five years," said Barry Cole, director of Oakville Transit. "We've heard from our riders; now we need input from non-riders to learn where we can improve."

There are two ways to provide feedback and suggestions before the November 21st deadline. Take the [online survey](#) or send comments and ideas to [transitreview@oakville.ca](mailto:transitreview@oakville.ca)

Thank you,

