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Dear Amanda Holden,



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A special meeting of Council concerning Glen Abbey Golf Course was held on January 23rd. Town staff and legal counsel presented an update on the status of ClubLink's appeal of the town's Interim Control By-Law 2016-24 to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), as well as issues related to ClubLink's application to develop Glen Abbey Golf Course. You can review the staff report from the January 23 Special Council meeting, and the January 23 Glen Abbey Golf Course Update pdf at [Glen Abbey Information](#).

#### Oakville GO Station construction



The Metrolinx construction of their new operations facility is taking shape. The new facility (pictured here) is located south of the Oakville GO Station.

Construction is not expected to affect the existing parking structure or station and is estimated to be completed in late 2018.



#### Woodland Hazard Abatement – 2017 Dead Ash tree removal

The town continues to treat municipal street trees to protect against Emerald Ash Borer. However, the EAB infestation has had a devastating effect on our woodlands. Most, if not all of the town's 43,000 woodland ash trees, are now dead or dying. The town is following best forest management practices to remove dead and dying ash trees to reduce the risk to the public and to help our woodlands regrow. Trees that pose a safety hazard to properties and to people using the trails are being removed.

Woodlands with more than 50 per cent ash population are a priority and will be managed first. Once these woodlands are completed, the town will begin removals in the woodlands with less than 50 per cent ash population. Trees designated for removal or other work will be marked: A yellow dot or slash or an orange X indicates the tree will be cut down, and an orange dot indicates the tree will be pruned. There will be a significant change in the appearance of the woodlands following tree removals. Logs, branches and wood debris left on the forest floor will eventually break down, nourishing the soil, and aid in the natural regrowth of shrubs and trees.



#### Spring & Summer Parks, Recreation & Culture Guide



Copies are available for pick-up at community centres, seniors' centres, libraries, pools, arenas, and Town Hall. You can also access the guide at [My Digital Publication](#).

Registration begins **February 11** for residents' programs and **February 21** for Seniors Services programs.

Oakville.ca is the fastest and easiest way to find and register for your programs!



- Ward 3 will see ash tree removals as shown in the above map.
- 4 Pinewood Park
  - 7 Cornwall Woods North
  - 30 Cornwall Road Buffer
  - 32 Chamberlain Wall Park
  - 69,71,78,86 Joshua Valley Park
  - 72 Ardleigh Park
  - 74 Annapolis
  - 79 Aspen Forest Park
  - 83 Aspen Forest Park

For further information or details, please visit [Woodland Hazard Abatement](#).



### NEW South East Oakville Community Centre (former hospital lands)



On December 1, members of the public participated in sessions to provide input on the amenities they would like to see included for our community centre, an indoor pool (to replace Centennial Pool), a gymnasium, youth space, active living space, multi-purpose space and community rooms. Further discussions with the public about park amenities, such as a children's playground, seating areas, horticultural beds, walkways and shade structure will take place prior to the start of design later this year. The town is undertaking a careful planning process to determine what amenities will be included on the former hospital site. Further details and updates on our new community centre and the former hospital lands are available at [Former Hospital Site Project](#).

I would appreciate hearing your thoughts and feedback on what you would like to see included in your new community centre.



### 2017 Waste Collection

### Calendar



The 2017 Halton Guide & [Waste Collection Calendar](#) has now been delivered to all households.

The online tool version of the Waste Collection Calendar is also available. This makes it easy to remember your next waste collection day as well as special pick-ups and programs. The Waste Collection Calendar Tool allows you to confirm your next waste collection day and see what materials are being collected. You can also: View, download and print your collection calendar, even sign up for weekly reminders by email, phone or Twitter, and add a schedule to your personal calendar (iCal, Google Calendar or Microsoft Outlook).



### Livable Oakville Official Plan Review



### The Oakville Historical Society

(OHS) offers a wide range of events for its members, residents and tourists, including historical talks at public meetings, historical walking tours and talks and presentations to community groups. The Society initiated the Historical Plaque program 60 years ago for houses one hundred years old or more and this program continues to this day.

The OHS publishes a quarterly newsletter to share interesting moments in the Town of Oakville's history and updates on the S Society.

For further details on the OHS and events, visit [OHS Newsletter](#).



### Making Oakville a Fair-Trade Town



Last year a steering committee, Making Oakville a Fair Trade Town, was organized to work on designating Oakville as a fair trade town. There are currently 22 such designated towns in Canada including Vancouver, Ottawa, and Toronto

To meet the requirements of the [Fair Trade Town Action Guide](#), Oakville needs a minimum of 31 retail stores that offer trade products, 16 restaurants or cafés, 18 community partners, and town support.

The committee is composed of Chair Shelly Sanders, Hart Jansson, Jennifer Jala, Yuri Wu, and Town Councillors Ralph Robinson and Dave Gittings who recently held their inaugural meeting. Their next one will be on Thursday, **February 16** at 1:00 pm at at Taste of Colombia Coffee Shop, 67 Bronte Road. Anyone is welcome!

For more information on this initiative, visit [Oakville Fair Trade Town](#) or contact Shelly Sanders at 905-337-2343 or [shelly@shellysanders.com](mailto:shelly@shellysanders.com).



### The Halton Food Council

The Halton Food Council is a non-profit organization whose work is guided by the [Halton Food Charter](#) that envisions a Halton where:

- All residents have access to adequate, affordable, safe, nutritious and culturally acceptable food;
- There is a fair and sustainable food system (e.g. local foods are available and promoted, local agricultural lands and farmers are protected and supported, urban agriculture is encouraged, and food has been produced and distributed in an environmentally acceptable way);
- Food is an important part of our heritage and culture.



An official plan is a legal document containing goals, objectives, and policies intended to guide land use, development and growth in a municipality. Oakville's official plan comprises the [Livable Oakville Plan](#) and the North Oakville East and West Secondary Plans. The Livable Oakville Plan applies to the lands south of Dundas Street and north of Highway 407. It was adopted by Council in 2009 and approved by the Ontario Municipal Board in 2011.

The [Planning Act](#) requires a review of the official plan every five years. This is also called a municipal comprehensive review. It is now time to review these documents to ensure that the policies are consistent with the latest Provincial and Regional policies, support the town's strategic goals, and reflect the vision and needs of the community.

Public meetings are being held for the Oakville Downtown, Kerr Street and Downtown Bronte areas.

The Downtown Oakville Growth Area Review is being held on **Monday, March 6th**, at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts Studio Theatre, 130 Navy Street. There will be an afternoon session from 1:00 > 3:00 and an evening session from 6:30 > 8:30 p.m.\* Both the afternoon and evening sessions will present the same information.

As follow-up to the reports presented to the [Livable Oakville Council Subcommittee](#) last week, Planning Staff will be hosting public information sessions about the draft official plan policy changes for Downtown Oakville (i.e. "the Main Street Growth Areas"). Each session will include a formal presentation and question period as well as open house displays, with an opportunity to provide feedback and have one-on-one discussions with staff.

To read about the Council, recipes, local foods, garden tips, Canada's Healthy Eating Strategy, and how you can become eligible to win a one year family pass to Conservation Halton Parks, click [January 2017 newsletter](#).



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