

Subject: Dave Gittings, Region & Oakville Town Councillor, Ward 3 - Keeping You Informed . . .

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Dear Amanda Holden,

Downtown Streetscape Design Choices

At the next Town Council meeting on July 25, I will be asking that procedure be waived to allow for a motion for reconsideration of the decision concerning the streetscape furnishings selected for downtown Oakville.

If successful (I will require support from 2/3 of my council colleagues), my motion will direct Town Staff to initiate a new public consultation process starting in early September to consider more traditional options for the Downtown Streetscape (lighting, furniture, etc.). As it is important that this project is not delayed, the objective will be for Staff to come forward with a recommendation for Heritage Oakville and Town Council by the end of 2016.

I would appreciate your support in letting all members of council know that you support this request for reconsideration. Please show your support by e-mailing MembersofCouncil@oakville.ca



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Halton Encourages Voluntary Outdoor Water Conservation

Due to the extended hot, dry weather in our region, Conservation Halton and Credit Valley Conservation have issued a level 1 Low Water Condition in the Halton area. Halton Region currently has a sufficient supply of water to meet residents needs and the current voluntary water restriction, **level 1 Blue**, will remain in effect. Residents and businesses are asked to



Background

Public consultation on the different options for Lakeshore Road, the streetscape master plan as well as the theme for the site furnishings and finishes took place in 2014-2015. Staff presented the preferred options to Council in March 2015. Council approved the recommendations from the Downtown Transportation and Streetscape study in April 2015. Staff reported back to Council in November 2015 on the Lakeshore Road construction phasing alternatives, as well a business review study to determine the ability of a new parking structure to attract both short term and long term patrons, recommendations on how the town may ensure its success, and funding for a new parking garage. Council approved the timing for the Lakeshore Road Reconstruction project to commence in 2019 and be completed over a two year period. In addition, the Lakeshore Road bridge over Sixteen Mile Creek will be rehabilitated in 2017.

There has been significant feedback received from the public over the past two months regarding the contemporary street furnishings that were recommended and approved (streetlight poles, benches, bike rings & bollards) through the consultation process. It is for this reason that I ask for your support so that we may hear from residents, and make sure that we get it right. Please email your support for reconsideration to MembersofCouncil@oakville.ca



West Nile Virus (WNV)



Splashes of colour on area storm water grates show that they have been treated with larvicide by Halton Region. Catch Basins and Storm Water Management Ponds are treated with larvicide approximately every three weeks to assist in the prevention of the WNV. The dots confirm that the catch basin has been treated, and the colour identifies the application cycle. Mosquitoes that transmit WNV to humans most commonly breed in urban areas where items that hold water,

consider participating in the voluntary program.

Halton continually monitors the water system to ensure that adequate water is available for domestic uses, for firefighting & for all Halton Region residents and businesses. Factors such as water demand, water storage levels, stream flow, groundwater levels and weather patterns are considered when setting the appropriate alert or outdoor water use restriction level. Residents are being asked to voluntarily follow the odd/even watering schedule in order to avoid a water ban. Properties with odd address numbers water on odd numbered calendar days and properties with even address numbers water on even numbered calendar days. Halton is also asking residents to only water between 6:00-9:00 a.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m.

For more information about the program and tips on conserving water, please visit [Outdoor Water Use Program](#).



Potential Community Health Hub

The health care needs of our areas residents has been of prime concern since the opening of the new OTMH at the end of 2015. Residents groups, associations, council and town staff have been working with the Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) in an effort to have medical services in our area now that the hospital has been closed.

Town Council has approved moving ahead with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Town of Oakville and the Mississauga Halton LHIN. This non-binding MOU outlines the scope and scale of a partnership between the two parties regarding the potential concept of a community health hub. Further work and analysis will be required before any binding agreement would be created for approval by Council.

Some of the objectives of the MOU include:

- The LHIN will undertake a third party study on the future health needs of the area surrounding the former hospital site. The study is the first step in response to resident requests for consideration of local healthcare services provided in the area. Once the results of the study are known, the town and the LHIN will further investigate opportunities for joint programming at the former hospital site including opportunities related to a health hub.
- The town and the LHIN will explore the possibility of the town leasing the Kerr Street Seniors Centre Site to the LHIN or LHIN designate. The town is planning on relocating the seniors centre to the new community centre the town is building as part of the Trafalgar Park revitalization scheduled to open in mid-2018. Conceptually, the Kerr Street Seniors Centre Site could be used for a community health hub to complement the services provided at the new seniors facility.

Town staff will also continue to have discussions with the LHIN and Halton Region, who have indicated support for both the health study and exploration of health hub opportunities, to ensure that options align with the local public health and social services initiatives.



Art in the Park Monday, August 1



including birdbaths, plant pots, old toys, and non-draining eaves troughs, are abundant. Residents are asked reduce mosquito breeding sites by removing all water-filled objects and by changing the water in birdbaths at least once a week.

For further details, visit [West Nile virus](#).



Basement Flooding

Mitigation Program

Halton Region is rolling out a new region-wide Basement Flooding Mitigation Program for Halton homeowners to further help reduce the risk of future basement flooding in local homes.

What is the Basement Flooding Mitigation Program?

The program provides subsidies to encourage homeowners to take action to help protect their homes from basement flooding. Enhancements have been made to four main areas of the program.

- Downspout Disconnection Program
- Weeping Tile Disconnection Program
- Sewer Lateral Lining and Repair Program
- Backwater Valve Installation Program

The purpose of these components is to prevent storm water from entering the sewer system during severe weather events, thereby reducing the risk of basement flooding.

Downspout disconnection

Downspouts from roofs directly connected to the sewers are a major contributing factor to overloading the sewer system and causing basement flooding. The Region is encouraging homeowners to disconnect any directly connected downspouts to reduce the risk of flooding, both in their own homes and in their neighbours home.

The downspout disconnection program offers two options:
Halton Region representatives will do the work at no charge to homeowners in targeted areas. Work will be phased over the next three years, starting in Oakville this fall.

Any Halton resident can complete the work themselves and submit receipts along with a completed program application form for reimbursement. The program offers a 100 % subsidy, up to \$500 for downspout disconnection.

A link to the application form with more details about the program and how to qualify will be posted on the Halton Region [website](#) as the program gets closer to rolling out this fall.

Weeping tile disconnection

Weeping tiles directly connected to the sewer system also put extra pressure on the system during heavy rainfall events. This program will offer 100% subsidy up to a maximum of \$5,000 for the disconnection of weeping tiles and the installation of a sump pump and backup power system. To be eligible for the program, homeowners must use one of the Regions approved contractors. This list, along with a link to the application form, and more details will be coming soon as the program gets closer to rolling out this fall.

Sewer lateral lining or repair

The Sewer Lateral Lining and Repair Program helps Halton residents subsidize the cost of lining or repairing a sub-standard sanitary sewer lateral. The subsidy will provide a 50% reimbursement for eligible work, up to a maximum of \$2,000. This subsidy is for one-time use for each



In 1965 the Oakville Art Society (OAS) created Art in the Park to promote local artists and artisans. Now in its 51st year, the event will be held on August 1st at Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park featuring over 180 artisans.

The \$5.00 admission fee supports the OAS in their effort to subsidize programming and

act as a venue for furthering interest and knowledge of the world of art. Please visit [OAS](#) for more information.



Downtown Farmers Market & Cultural Activities

Every Saturday - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
The market is complimented with a robust schedule of free artistic, cultural and recreational activities. Mark your calendar and visit the Summer Cultural Connection in Downtown Oakville for a new experience each Saturday. Visit the weekly farmers market on George Street between Church Street and

Lakeshore Road



homeowner.

A link to the application form and more details about this program will be coming soon.

Backwater valve Installation

If you have experienced a sewer backup, you may qualify for financial assistance. The Region provides a 50% subsidy, up to a maximum of \$675, to purchase and install a backwater valve (approved by the Ontario Building Code) for inside your home. Backwater valves prevent wastewater from coming back into your home in the event of a sanitary backup. The subsidy applies to materials, labour, permit and taxes.

A link to the application form and more details about this program will be coming soon.



Based on feedback that I receive from residents, online Information is keeping many of you up to date on events and news in Oakville. There are two groups on Facebook that may be of interest to you, **Oakville Past Present and Future** and **If You Grew Up In Oakville You Remember**.



Nolan Machan publishes an online e-paper every day called **Oakville News**. Information is updated throughout the day, and you can receive it in your inbox for free. To subscribe just provide your email address and decide if you want to receive it every morning, evening, or just once a week. Here is the link: [Oakville News](#).

Oakville News

You can receive announcements from Town Hall by subscribing to the Town of Oakville weekly e-newsletter to receive updates about whats happening including big council decisions, major events and how you can get involved with the town. If you would like to subscribe, please let me know or contact serviceoakville@oakville.ca

TD Downtown Oakville Jazz Festival

August 5 @ 1:00 pm - August 6 @ 12:00 am

Celebrating its 24th year, the TD Downtown Oakville Jazz Festival provides an amazing weekend for the entire family. Enjoy outdoor patios, great shopping, fantastic dining and excellent entertainment!

This FREE event showcases over a dozen bands on several stages throughout the downtown, including our annual Youth in the Spotlight series.

For artist line-up and schedule visit [Jazz Festival](#).

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