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Council takes steps forward on Lakeshore Road reconstruction projects Bridge rehabilitation to begin in 2017; major road reconstruction in 2019

At the November 2nd Planning and Development Council meeting, the following projects were approved:

- the Lakeshore Road reconstruction and streetscape project from Allan Street to Navy Street
- the rehabilitation of Lakeshore Bridge at Sixteen Mile Creek
- the conversion of a two-way street system in the downtown area



These projects, as well as funding for market testing for the Downtown Culture Hub project and interim improvements to the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts, have been referred to the 2016 Budget Committee for consideration in the 10-year Capital Forecast.

The proposed timing of the road projects are as follows:

- The two-year Lakeshore Road reconstruction and streetscape project from Allan Street to Navy Street to commence in 2019.
- The Lakeshore Bridge at Sixteen Mile Creek rehabilitation project to take place in advance of the road project as recent inspections of the bridge's interior components have revealed its condition warrants attention sooner. Staff have been directed to report back to Council in early 2016 with details on the roll-out of the bridge work.
- The conversion of a two-way street system in the downtown area to begin sometime in 2016 or 2017

The timing of these road projects reflects the results from a survey conducted by the Downtown BIA members which indicated a strong preference for the road reconstruction to begin in 2019.

The interim improvements to the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts will ensure it remains in a state of good repair and will include modifications to improve the functionality and accessibility of the lobby. The market testing for the Downtown Culture Hub project aims to understand the potential for public-private sector partnerships.

For more info, visit [Lakeshore Road Reconstruction Projects](#).



Public Open Houses

Downtown Oakville Growth Area Review

As part of the town's Official Plan Review (OPR), the downtown Oakville, Kerr Street Village and Bronte Village areas are being studied to look at how they will grow and change in the future. Details are available at [OPR](#).

There will be a drop-in open house for the Downtown Oakville Growth Area Review (OPR) on **Monday, November 23rd, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**, at the Oakville Arena, Kinsmen Pine Room, 133 Rebecca Street.

Drop by this interactive open house to share your ideas about the Downtown Oakville Growth Area Review, which affects all lands in Downtown Oakville. We will be seeking input about the growth area boundary, proposed land use designations, and opportunities for increased height to accommodate growth. This review is informed by the various recent downtown projects, and it will, in turn, inform the Downtown Cultural Hub project.

Current Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH)



After four years of construction, our new state-of-the-art Oakville Hospital will be officially opening December 13, 2015. Are you interested in learning about what will be happening to the former hospital site after the OTMH moves to its new location? On Wednesday, November 25th, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. **<highlight in red>** at the Oakville Town Hall, there will be an Open House to find out what needs to take place over the next five years.

- how the vacant site and lands will be secured.
- the environmental, structural, and other studies that need to be completed before demolition.
- the public consultation that will take place to reinvent the site and design a new community centre.

The OTMH site was part of the town's overall South Central Public Lands Study (SCPLS) — which reviewed a number of key sites, owned by the town, in south central Oakville (e.g. surplus school sites, Oakville Arena) and made recommendations about their future use, including recreation uses. This Open House is the first step towards the town's commitment to further assess the former hospital site and report back on site design details, public consultation, and implementation steps.

Deer Run Laneway



Access to the Deer Run laneway was closed at the start of October. This laneway off Deer Run Avenue was not a public road as it crossed private land owned by Heusel Construction. Signage was installed to advise drivers that the laneway was only for use by emergency vehicles

This closure will remain in effect while the town undertakes a mandatory environmental assessment (EA) review to determine a recommended solution for this emergency access route. A full range of options will be considered during this process from installing a cul-de-sac to building a permanent roadway connecting Deer Run Avenue to Winston Churchill Blvd.

This process will get underway at a public meeting to be held from on **Thursday, November 26th, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**, at Otello's Banquet & Convention Centre, 2273 Royal Windsor Drive.



We Have An App For That!



The official Oakville mobile app gives residents a quick and convenient way to engage and interact with the town. Available in the iTunes App Store for Apple devices and in Google Play for Android devices, the Oakville app is full of features that make it easy for citizens to access information about town news, service updates and events.

You can also share a concern or submit a service request, connect with the Mayor and your Members of Council, follow the town's social media channels, and easily access the recreational drop-in program app, Active Oakville. Additional features include the ability for users to locate the closest parks, facilities, cycle ways and trails, and to receive timely alerts about significant service disruptions and weather events

Download the Oakville app for iPhone (<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/oakville/id1036382931?ls=1&mt=8>)

Download the Oakville app for Android (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ca.oakville.android.gp>)





Events in Downtown Oakville

Full details and listings are available at [Downtown Oakville](#).

November 20th - Kick off the Christmas season and create magical memories 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.

November 21st - Santa Claus Parade

Starting November 28, Saturdays & Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wagon rides with Santa throughout the Downtown (pick up in Towne Square) and the melodic sounds of carolers!

Starting November 28

Enjoy free skating 7 days a week at Town Square on a synthetic ice surface, join us no matter the weather!



Oakville Community Foundation (OCF) – 2015 Vital Signs Report



The OCF is a conduit between the passions of philanthropic families and organizations, and the needs of the community - making Oakville a better place to live, work, learn and grow. The OCF supports individuals, families and corporations who come from all walks of life, economic backgrounds and charitable interests, but they have one thing in common – a desire to make a difference today and leave a legacy tomorrow for Oakville – a desire to be part of a smart & caring community.

As a registered charity, the OCF is one of more than 191 community foundations in Canada, and a member of the Community Foundations of Canada, the national membership organization for Canada's Community Foundations.

Oakville's 2015 Vital Signs report tells the story of two Oakvilles and aims to identify the major issues affecting quality of life in the Oakville community. It also shines a light on the good work being done by charitable agencies, citizens and local governments to improve the lives of vulnerable individuals and families.

The report will encourage more voices to join the conversation about how we can learn more, do more, and give more to create a community where everyone feels they belong

- The report provides a snapshot of the issues that affect quality of life in our community.
- Vital Signs is a tool for aligning community goal-setting, for promoting civic engagement and dialogue, and for measuring collective community success.

Think of Vital Signs as your roadmap to discovering these core community issues as well as a pathway for the OCF to help catalyze positive change in the community by connecting donors to actionable causes.

For details on the OCF and the 2015 Vital Signs report, see [OCF](#).



March of Dimes



Since 1951, Ontarians have braved the winter weather canvassing door-to-door to raise funds for March of Dimes' essential programs and services, helping to increase the independence and community participation of people with physical disabilities.

Monies collected through the Door-to-Door Campaign will help the thousands of Ontarians with physical disabilities, every bit of support helps. In the last year alone, March of Dimes' Assistive Devices Program (ADP), which is one of the charity's many programs supported 100% by donor dollars, was able to provide 106 devices with a value of close to \$114,000 for Oakville-area residents with disabilities.

Funds raised also support the Jean and Howard Caine Apartment Building, located on Robison Street, which was developed by the March of Dimes Canada Non-Profit Housing Corporation to provide accessible, affordable, supportive housing for people with physical disabilities. The 59-unit building has 24 specially designed support care units and is home to people with physical needs who live safely and independently in their own homes.

This building was named to honour Jean and Howard Caine, who along with their daughter Pamela, a polio survivor, were devoted disability advocates who dedicated their lives to promoting equality and opportunity for all people with disabilities.

"A home is not a house with windows and doors. A home is not a building of wood or stone. A home is where the heart is. My heart beats strongly in Oakville where my disability does not limit my life. My home allows me to live as I see fit. I will be forever grateful for those that contributed to the Jean and Howard Caine Apartments," says longtime resident Pamela Read.

For more information on the programs and services, or to donate to this year's campaign, please visit [March of Dimes Canada](#).



PUT HOPE ON YOUR GIFT LIST THIS SEASON ... SHOP FAIR TRADE

Fair Trade protects workers & the environment, and ensures that artisans in developing countries receive fair wages, and work in safe conditions, and learn skills that enable them to become self-sufficient. Toxic chemicals that hurt the environment and the workers are not used, and sustainable methods are employed whenever possible to ensure a minimum impact on the environment.

Shop at Maple Grove United Church, 346 Maple Grove Drive, on **Sunday, November 22, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Bigger & Better Than Ever with Artisans from all over the world!

Thai Tribal Artisan Silver www.talis.ca

African Jewelry

Clothing www.morethanhalfclothing.com

Woven crafts www.hamrovillage.com

Shea Products www.moyaasheabutter.com

Organic Tea International Y www.worldywca.org



Plus COBS & Chili Lunchroom with proceeds going to Sleeping Children Around the World.

It's all happening at Maple Grove United Church.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rene".

