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Keeping You Informed.



Downtown Plan going to P & D Council on October 5th.

On October 5th, the Planning and Development Council will be receiving four reports:

- Downtown Plan Implementation
- Downtown Cultural Hub Master Plan
- Downtown Parking Strategy
- Downtown Retail Action Plan

The above staff reports will be available on the Town's website as of September 25th.

Ward 3 area residents associations have developed an online survey to obtain your input on key issues related to the Downtown Cultural Hub and the Parking Garage studies. The questions focus on the Downtown Cultural Hub options, funding models, the sale of public lands, and the most important factors with respect to the Downtown development and the Southeast Community Recreation Centre.

I encourage you to participate in the [survey](#) that should take about 10 minutes of your time.

This survey will remain open until **September 29 at midnight.**

The Downtown Cultural Hub project seeks to update the aging and outdated Performing Arts Centre, library and gallery that has occupied the Centennial Square along Navy Street since 1977. The highlights of these options include:

Option 1 - A Modest Renovation

Option 1



Option 2 - A Major Renovation

Option 2



Option 3 - New Building, dispersed

Staff Preferred Option



More information on these options is available at [Downtown Cultural Hub Study Options](#).



Deer Run Laneway



Update –This laneway crosses land owned by Heusel Construction who agreed to provide it as an emergency access route to Deer Run Avenue as part of the original conditions of approval for the subdivision agreement.

The town had installed signage to remind drivers of the purpose of the laneway and to ensure that the route continues to be accessible for emergency vehicles.

Based on legal advice received by Town Council at the September 21st Council meeting, this laneway is going to be physically closed in the near future, accessible only to emergency vehicles, until an alternative solution is determined

Public consultation will be held this fall regarding the future of this emergency access route. Options include the construction of a cul de sac, or the formalizing of a roadway to Winston Churchill Blvd, built to a proper standard. These roadway options will be explored through an Environmental Assessment process. Details on the public meeting dates and locations will be announced when available.



What do you think about traffic calming & speed limits?

A Town survey asks for your feedback on road safety measures.

The Town of Oakville has developed a survey to ask residents to share their thoughts and experiences with traffic calming measures and lowering speed limits as part of the town's traffic review.

Oakville residents are asked to complete the survey to assist the town in reviewing the current methods of traffic calming and speed limits on all town roads (not major arterial regional roads such as Dundas Street, Trafalgar and Upper Middle roads and Dorval Drive). The town has eight traffic calming measures that can be implemented across the community. The survey asks residents to choose the measures they think are working well, or not, on their street or in their neighbourhood.

The survey also asks for residents' opinions on lowering the current 50 km/hr speed limit across the town. The survey results will inform the Ministry of Transportation

(MTO) as they have been asking municipalities what they think about lowering the current speed limits in an effort to promote a safer environment for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike.

The information you provide in the survey is anonymous, and the postal code request will help staff map areas of concern to residents. The survey results will be shared with Council in a staff report later this year.

The [Traffic calming and speed survey](#) is available online until **October 19, 2015**. For more information, visit the [Traffic Calming](#) page.



Ever Use a Taxi in Oakville

The Town is asking for public feedback as part of its taxi by-law review.

The Town of Oakville is conducting a comprehensive review of the taxi by-law and is asking the public for their input regarding the service they are currently receiving. The information received will be used to formulate a recommendation to Council later this year.

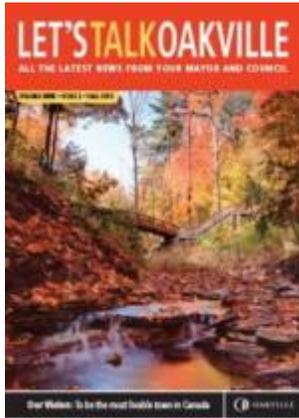
This review will ensure that the taxi services provided in Oakville continues to be fair, equitable, convenient and safe. The Town of Oakville has regulated taxis since 1983 to ensure passenger safety and fair consistent pricing. The town currently licenses traditional taxis and accessible taxis.

Considerable change has taken place in the industry with advances in technology and the town has been approached on a number of issues including: non-traditional forms of taxi operation, pricing, fairness and competition, contracting services and accessibility requirements. For these reasons, the Town of Oakville is undertaking a comprehensive review of its taxi by-law and is consulting with the public, taxi drivers and owners over the coming weeks.

Members of the public who have used a taxi service in Oakville in the last 12 months are encouraged to take a few minutes to complete a short online survey related to the taxi service they are receiving.

The [survey](#) is available online until **September 30, 2015**. Hard copies are also available at the ServiceOakville counter at Town Hall





The Fall edition of *Let's Talk Oakville* is being delivered to all Oakville homes starting this week. It contains updates from each of Oakville's 6 Wards and Town Hall.

The online accessible version is available at [Let's Talk Oakville](#) that also includes past editions.

Additional copies will also be available at town facilities.



Every Saturday from October 3 to October 31, between 1:00 and 4:00, the merchants of Downtown Oakville will be celebrating the autumn harvest. The downtown will be decorated, with activities including drop in craft exhibits, hayrides, and much more.



Empty Bowls 2015 - Halton's most popular soup kitchen. This year more than a dozen local restaurants and caterers will dish out their very best in gourmet soups for this 9th year anniversary event. Join and help raise funds to support single-parent families in Halton who are facing homelessness.

October 18th, St. Mildred's-Lightbourn School, 1080 Linbrook Road, Oakville
For details or to order tickets, please visit [Home Suite Hope](#).



United Way
Oakville

Change starts here.

The United Way of Oakville has released their campaign goal for this year. The \$4.3 million target will fund 32 local social-service agencies, which support more than 34,000 people in Oakville.

As Oakville continues to grow and develop, United Way supports its community by enabling

individuals and families to thrive and prosper. For over 50 years, United Way Oakville has worked together with citizens, business leaders, government, labour and other organizations to address and alleviate social challenges over the short and long-term.

For further information on United Way Oakville or details on this year's campaign, please visit [United Way](#).

Thank you,

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