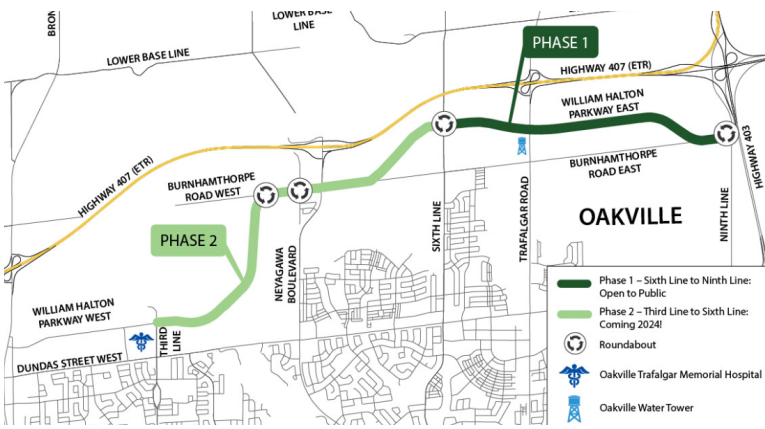


William Halton Parkway Extension

To service growth, address traffic demands and provide new travel options, Halton Region has been extending William Halton Parkway (Reg. Rd. 40) to create a new east-west corridor from Bronte Road (Reg. Rd. 25) to Ninth Line (Reg. Rd. 13) in north Oakville. This new road is being constructed in two phases as shown in Map.

Phase 1 construction from Sixth Line to Ninth Line is complete. The road is open to the public. **Phase 2** construction (Third Line to Sixth Line) is ongoing and has been divided into two stages:

- Stage 1 (Third Line to Neyagawa Boulevard): construction began March 2021 and it is anticipated that this section of road will be completed in 2024.
 - Stage 2: the remaining portion of Phase 2 between **Neyagawa Boulevard (Reg. Rd. 4)** and **Sixth Line**, Ward 7, in the Town of Oakville will begin construction in **February 2022** and is anticipated to be completed in 2023.
- Residents and motorists can look forward to the following improvements:
- A new four lane roadway from Sixth Line to Neyagawa Boulevard; and
 - New on-road bike lanes, multi-use pathways and sidewalks.



Representation on Police Board

In Ontario, police services boards oversee how policing is provided in the local community. They contribute to their community's safety and well-being by working with local citizens and organizations to make sure their community receives the appropriate policing it needs.

Police services boards are made up of an equal number of members appointed from both the regional or municipal council and the province, as well as one community member chosen by the council.

In December 2021, I was pleased to be appointed to the Halton Police Board as a representative elected by my colleagues on Council. In accepting my appointment I stated, "It is an honour and privilege to serve on the Halton Police Board where I will have the opportunity to represent our growing and diverse community's needs and best interests. I look forward to working and collaborating with my fellow board members, Halton Regional Police Services, community stakeholders and residents of Halton".



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WARD 7 REGIONAL & TOWN COUNCILLOR



Dear Neighbour,

Welcome to my latest newsletter. We're three months into the new year and we're all looking forward to warmer weather, sunny skies and happier times.

The pandemic continues to have an impact on our day-to-day living, but take heart, because together, we're making great strides. In Halton, our vaccination numbers are some of the best in Ontario. That means we've protected the lives of thousands of vulnerable children, grandparents, friends and family who are too young to receive a vaccine or are immunocompromised and need our help. Every time one of us steps up to get a first, second or third vaccination, we're helping to keep people healthy and safe.

The big story is, of course, the news that we'll soon break ground on our Ward 7 community and cultural centre. It's exciting to think that we're taking steps to make a vision come to life and I know how delighted residents are going to be when we all come together to share the final result.

I've also included an important article explaining growth in our area and a short update covering the ongoing extension of William Halton Parkway. As well, you'll find details on Oakville's latest 2022 budget and a brief report on a very important vote I was proud to be a part of at Halton Regional Council.

I encourage you to sign up for my e-newsletter, as it's the best way to get the news on Ward 7 and Halton Region delivered directly to your inbox. Send me an email at pavan.parmar@oakville.ca.

Last but not least, my usual shout out to all the new residents we've added to our community over the past few months. Welcome to the neighbourhood!

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Interior view of Gymnasium



Interior view of Pool



Outdoor Splash Pad

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A Community Centre to Call Our Own

For residents, growth in Ward 7 means an increase in the desire to have local facilities and services that contribute to our daily lives. That's exactly what our new state-of-the-art recreation and culture facility, library, and community park will deliver. With the support of the 2022 budget in place, we can now look forward to breaking ground this year!

Located on the North Park grounds at Sixteen Mile Sports Complex, the community centre, library, and park is for people of all ages. At its core will be a 6,000 square-meter community centre and 1,600 square-meter library.

The new branch of the Oakville Public Library will be designed to incorporate barrier-free multi use spaces to drive creativity, learning, and innovation. In addition to the outstanding collection of books and print material, the new branch will include the interactive Creation Zone makerspace for digital and creative arts, a video/photo cove to create, edit and support filming projects, and a Creative Tinker lab designed for kids aged 5 to 12 to build STEAM skills.

Outdoors, the new complex will deliver additional fields for sports like soccer and lacrosse, a cricket pitch, tennis, pickleball, basketball, and beach volleyball courts, a community fieldhouse with washrooms, a skateboard park, and a bike pump track. Little folks will find a playground and splash pad to explore and residents of all ages will enjoy the planned gardens and groomed trails.

Two virtual open house information sessions will be held on **Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6 p.m.** and Wednesday, **March 30, 2022 at 12 p.m.** with staff presenting the design for the community centre, library, and community park before smaller virtual breakout rooms will be created to discuss programming within each of these amenities: swimming; fitness, sports leagues and gymnasium programs, child and youth programs, including day camps, and library programs and services.

Please pre-register for one of the virtual meetings offered by emailing northpark@oakville.ca and indicate which breakout room(s) you would like to join. Once registration is complete, you will receive an email meeting invitation providing you with the link to join the information session on the date(s) you have chosen.

Learn more by visiting the North Park Development page at oakville.ca. We'll have more news and developments to share as we move forward to our planned 2024 completion, so stand by!

Oakville's Property Tax Increase Lowest in Halton

In late December, Oakville Town Council voted unanimously to approve the 1.5 percent 2022 tax increase, making it the lowest of Halton's four municipalities.

The overall total \$604.5-million dollar budget represents \$328.2m operating and \$276.3m in capital expenditures. These include Ward 7 funding for the new North Park community centre, library and sport fields and the Sixth Line (North Park to William Halton Parkway) widening. Other expenditures will include the addition of new electric buses to Oakville's fleet.

As the COVID-19 pandemic is expected to continue to affect operations, the budget is designed to fund initiatives that provide alternative recreational opportunities for residents and minimize the financial impacts due to reduced revenue streams from transit, parking and sports field rental revenues.

For residents, the approved budget represents a residential property tax increase of \$10.80 per \$100,000 of assessment, meaning that the owner of a home assessed at \$800,000 would pay an additional \$86.40 per year or \$1.66 per week.



Regional Official Plan Review Update

At its February 16th meeting, Halton Regional Council voted in favour of a motion to accommodate growth within Halton to areas within existing urban boundaries until 2041. After that date and up to 2051 a framework would determine how growth should be distributed to minimize land consumption while meeting the principles of the provincial Growth Plan.

The move by Council is one step in a series required for Halton Region to complete its Official Plan Review, create an amendment to the current Plan and forward it to the Ontario government by July 1, 2022 for approval.

A great deal of time and serious consideration was given to the approach, as there has been much concern over the potential loss of some 5,000 acres of prime agricultural land in Halton if sprawling growth is allowed to continue. Hundreds of residents and interested supporters, including youths, delegated at the February 16th meeting which ran for several hours. The climate change emergencies declared by all four municipalities in Halton and the increasing awareness of the importance to protect food supply and sustainability throughout our region, province and country, magnified Regional Council's need to recognize the serious nature of decisions before it.



Understanding Development in Ward 7

As more new residents arrive in Ward 7 and as the pace of development continues, it's important to take time to explain how Ward 7 was planned and what its future will be.

The lands north of Dundas Street and south of Highway 407, were introduced to the Town's Official Plan in 2006. From the outset, the area was planned to allow for higher density urban development – to accommodate about 55,000 people and 35,000 jobs – on lands outside of the defined natural heritage and open space system.

To achieve this increased density the area has been planned as a compact, pedestrian-oriented, urban community containing a broad range of housing opportunities ranging from executive housing on single lots to townhouses, stacked townhouses and mid-rise apartment units to high rise apartment units.

The order in which housing forms were being developed became a point of interest in 2017 when Oakville planning staff undertook a review. It showed that low density housing represented 50% of completed housing, while high density represented only 7% of completions. In addition, it revealed that in order to support transit, especially in the Trafalgar Urban Core area, it was necessary to ensure a sufficient level of high density housing. Following a study, public open houses and public meeting, in 2019, the plan was amended to reflect policy decisions for a number of items including

- transit-supportive densities,
- increase of maximum height and requirement for one mixed use or non-residential building at neighbourhood activity nodes
- update of the phasing policy to clarify the unphased development requirements.

Much of the development we are seeing today represents the higher density construction that was planned years ago, but is now in the building stage. Moving forward, Ward 7 will continue to reflect the original plan for higher density housing, compact neighbourhoods and transit-supportive forms of housing. That doesn't mean all new construction will be high rise, however it does mean that areas such as the Trafalgar Urban Core will be designed to create a major Node - a dense, mixed use development concentration that is pedestrian and transit oriented. This area will link to and complement the Uptown Core to the south of Dundas Street.

