

NEWSLETTER



GO TO BUILD UNSIGHTLY PARKING STRUCTURE AT TRAFALGAR & CORNWALL



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

7:00 PM

New Central Public School

The following guests have been invited:

Kevin Flynn MPP

Gary Carr (Regional Chair)

Mayor Rob Burton

Councillor Keith Bird

Councillor Dave Gittings

GO Transit (Metrolinx) is building a 6 storey (twice the size of the Aurora structure above) garage on the north-west corner of Trafalgar and Cornwall roads. The Town is powerless to change the design as under Provincial legislation Metrolinx is not required to seek Town approval for the building. Trafalgar Road is the gateway to Olde Oakville and the downtown area. An ugly structure will be a blight on our community. We would prefer a multi-use facility with mixed retail on the lower level OR locate the parking lot at the far-west corner beside

Old Mill Road, providing they brick the garage to match the condominiums at Old Mill.

Please email / call our MPP Kevin Flynn at 905-827-5141 or kflynn.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org The Metrolinx CEO can be reached at https://secure.gotransit.com/mx_secure/en/contact/ContactCEO.aspx.

Details can also be found at tcra.ca -- please don't forget to cc us in your emails at chair@tcra.ca

Dear TCRA Members,

On behalf of the volunteer Board of the TCRA, I would like to welcome you to our first newsletter of 2011 and update you on a couple of new things at the TCRA that should be of interest.

Membership is now free: As a member of this community you are a member of the TCRA! As of 2011, membership is free to all those that live in our catchment area, QEW – Lakeshore and Trafalgar Road to Chartwell Road. In lieu of free membership, we would ask you to consider making a small donation annually to the TCRA. Even a \$10-\$20 donation goes a long way in helping us to preserve and improve the quality of the community we all value.

Come to a TCRA monthly meetings: Our meetings are open to all in the community and usually take place the second Wednesday of each month at the King's Arm upstairs starting at 7:30 pm.

Goal towards paperless: To save costs and be environmentally conscious we are hoping to move to paperless communication in the future. Please take the opportunity to register on-line if you haven't already or to update your information at www.tcra.ca (If we already have your email and you don't have a password, you can click on "forgot your password" link).

Social get togethers: We are planning our first social event on March 30th at the King's Arms starting at 7:30 pm. I hope you will all come to meet your neighbours and hear about what's happening in the community.

Best regards,
Mark Caskenette, Chair
chair@tcra.ca

HOSPITAL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT



prepared, working from the assumption that the Town will first acquire title to the lands. The Town's planning staff will present an informational update to Council on February 28 (public meeting). It is expected the three optional plans will be completed by early April, and that a Public Workshop to consider them will be held in early May. A report and recommendation will then be prepared for presentation to Council, followed by a Public Information Meeting in June, 2011, and final presentation to Council for approval. TCRA views this matter to be of extreme importance, and intends to play a prominent role in ensuring the best possible outcome for our area. We would welcome input via www.tcra.ca from TCRA members.

The Town is hiring an urban design/ heritage consultant to assist in determining the ultimate use of OTMH/ OTHS lands following relocation of the Hospital (planned for 2015). Beginning in February 2011, the consultant will meet with key stakeholders in the area, including TCRA, to secure input and advice. Three optional plans for redevelopment of the lands will then be

SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT



New Central

New Central is now our Kindergarten to Grade 6 public school. Since late August New Central has been undergoing a major renovation in the form of a new addition with four new classrooms and washrooms for the younger grades. The addition is scheduled to be completed by February 28, 2011. The students will move into the new classrooms on March 21st, the first day back after March Break. New Central is now taking registrations for Sept 2011. Further information about the 'new' school can be found on their website <http://chatt.hdsb.ca/~newps/>

Maple Grove

Our neighbourhood Grades 7-8 are now housed at Maple Grove. Construction of the new addition is now well underway. Photos of the construction are available via the school website <http://mag.hdsb.ca>

EJ James

EJ James now accommodates our French Immersion students in Grades 1-8. <http://ejj.hdsb.ca>

BIA UPDATE

The BIA is the Downtown Oakville Business Improvement Organization that brings many of the wonderful activities to our community, including the Jazz Festival and Midnight Madness.

The Downtown Oakville community would like to welcome some new neighbours to the downtown business community and wish them much prosperity for 2011:

UPCOMING NEWS

Walk the red carpet this May and celebrate Downtown Oakville's very own Runway Show with celebrity host Jeanne Beker of CTV's Fashion Television! The Downtown Oakville & Mercedes-Benz Oakville Autohaus Runway Show will take place on the evening of May 7th 2011 at 8:30 p.m. under our very own Grand Tent on George Street.

LUX SILVER

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MENDOCINO - To open April 2011

L'OCCITANE EN PROVENCE - To open April 2011

DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN (DOSAP)

Council endorsed the DOSAP on August 9th, 2010 (see the plan on www.oakville.ca/eams.htm). TCRA was actively involved in development of the plan, and gave it our strong support. The multi year plan is now entering into the early stages of implementation, and Town planning staff is currently developing preliminary projects and budgets. It is expected that individual components of the plan will be subject to public consultations prior to implementation. TCRA will continue to be regarded as a primary stakeholder and an active participant in this process.

POWER PLANT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

The efforts of C4CA, the various Resident's Associations, Town of Oakville, and MPP Kevin Flynn and countless others has resulted in the formal withdraw of the approved Power Plant in Oakville. However, efforts are still underway to ensure that no power plant is built in Ontario within 1,500 metres of a residential community. Work is also continuing by C4CA and others to improve our air quality in Oakville. As many of us learned, we live in one of the most taxed airsheds (over-polluted) in Ontario.

PARKS, RECREATION, CULTURE & LIBRARY (PRCL) MASTER PLAN UPDATE

The 2006 PRCL Master Plan is being updated to reflect changes that have occurred, and/or are foreseen in Oakville. These include growth, new development, the new official plan, shifting demographics, and emerging trends in recreational activities. The update will provide insight into PRCL facility needs, and will inform, support and guide several other important ongoing Town projects including the Downtown Strategic Plan, the Hospital Lands Study, and Midtown planning, all of which relate directly to TCRA territory. It is expected that in early Spring 2011, a draft of the update study will be presented to Town Council for information purposes, and to obtain direction as to public consultation. In view of the existing scarcity of PRCL facilities in SE Oakville, and the potential loss of more green space resulting from school closings, this initiative will be closely followed by TCRA, with the intention of participating directly in the consultative process. The current plan can be found <http://www.oakville.ca/bpo-prcl.htm>. If you wish to express you concerns email: blueprint@oakville.ca or call: 905-815-6040 or Parks, Recreation and Culture directly at el: 905-338-4250 or parksandrec@oakville.ca

MELROSE AT THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD

Melrose/Rosehaven appealed to the OMB regarding their development proposals at 296, 300, 312 Randall St and 293 Church St; 153+157 Reynolds St; 132 + 136 Allan St; 135+137 Trafalgar Rd. These were to include buildings of 3-6 storeys, 9 - storeys and 12 - storeys, none of which conformed to current by-laws or the Official Plan.

The OMB agreed to the request to consolidate all of the appeals that relate to these sites The Town, Region and the lawyers for Melrose have been in consultation regarding the four development proposals.

The Town, Region and Melrose/Rosehaven have had several meetings and are working toward a resolution. The three parties feel they are very close to a settlement but nothing has yet been signed. No details of the negotiations were disclosed. If the parties arrive at a mutual agreement, the solution will be proposed to the OMB at a settlement hearing set for 10.00am on 25 February 2011 (Committee Room 2, Town Hall).

GEORGE'S SQUARE BAND SHELL

TCRA is pleased to note that efforts to remove the Heritage Trail kiosk from the band shell in George's Square have been successful. By placing the kiosk elsewhere in the park, the band shell can now potentially be used for its intended purposes. Be advised, however, that organized events in the park, and/or use of the band shell require that a prior application be made to the Town – see "Book a Facility" on www.Oakville.ca.

YOUR COMMENTS:



We want to acknowledge and thank all of you who continue to share your thoughts and comments with us either after a newsletter or at any other time. We encourage you to contact us. WE NEED YOUR INPUT. You can submit your comments at our website www.tcra.ca or call or write any Board member (see Contact Us on our site).

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

Please take the opportunity to register on-line if you haven't already or to update your information at www.tcra.ca or fill and return the form below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(home): _____ (business): _____ email: _____

Make a Donation and support the TCRA: \$20.00 _____ \$30.00 _____ Other: _____

Would you Volunteer any time for our Association? Yes _____ No _____

If so, what are your areas of interest? _____

Do you have any concerns you wish to bring to our attention?

Trafalgar-Chartwell Residents' Association

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