

Official Plan  
Amendment

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# Points to be covered

- Flaws of the current OPA plan
- Legacy of the Oakville Mayor and Council
- Recommendations

# Flaws of the Current OPA

- **1-Density**

- Absence of transportation modeling
- Jeopardizing of the access to the hospital
- Lack of clarity of plans for integrated community services
- Density similar to Manhattan
- Projected population increase exceeds what is reasonable

- **2- Green Space**

- Insufficient parks and green spaces

# Midtown OPA flaws (continued)

- **3-Heights of the buildings and lack of family-sized units**
- Comparison with the world's most charming cities (Barcelona, Paris, Vienna, and Washington) with maximum of **6** stories in the city centre
- High percentage of **500** square foot units
  
- **4-The Town Character**
- Plan is incompatible with the Oakville vision: "The most livable town in Canada"
- Pressure to amalgamate with other municipalities will increase if Oakville loses its unique

# Legacy

Significant accomplishments in the last 20 years:

- Downtown renewal
- Pursuing the expansion of the tree canopy; Mayor Burton is referred to as “the greenest mayor in Canada”
- Preservation of the Glen Abbey Golf Course
- Building of recreation centers
- Pursuing the mission of the “Most Livable Town in Canada”

The current OPA is at odds with the accomplishments of Mayor Burton and the Council.

# Recommendations

Reject the proposed OPA in favour of the requested changes by Councillors Dave Gittings/Janet Haslett-Theall

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Planning that is more clearly guided by the well-being of present and future residents in mind