

Midtown Oakville Parks and Schools Review

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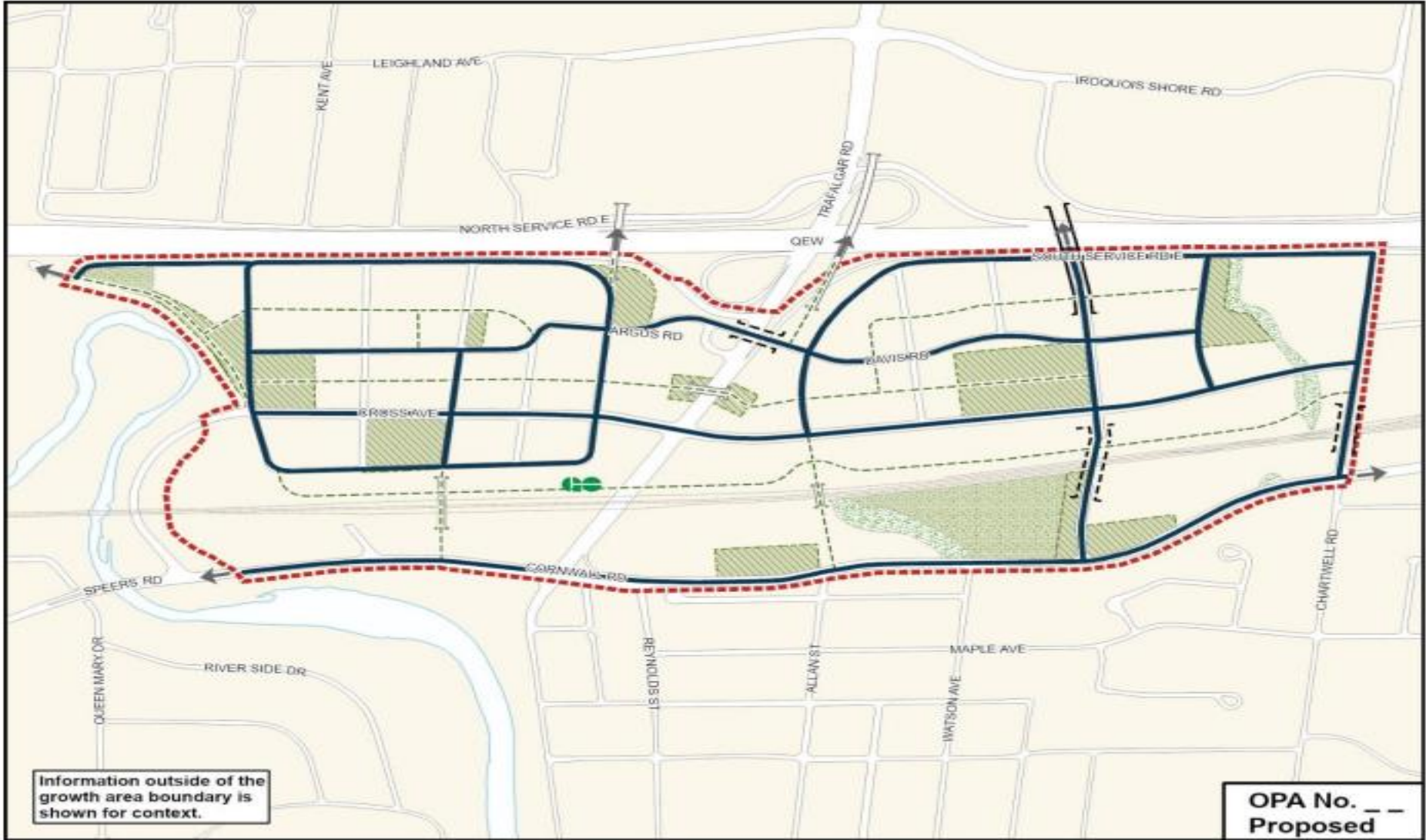
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We reviewed the Midtown Draft OPA and related documents including:

- Midtown Draft Official Plan Amendment (OPA)
- Planning Housing Strategy
- Provincial and Municipal guidelines, especially with regard to parks, green spaces, and schools

We found much to be hopeful about, and areas of concern.

Midtown Parks Plan with Parks planned in every precinct except the Transit Hub



Midtown Oakville Plans for Parks and Schools?

- ❖ A walkable neighborhood, including the creation of **parks and open spaces**
- ❖ Schools built to emphasize combining park and school sites for shared benefits
- ❖ Parks aspired to in every precinct except the Transit Hub
- ❖ **Town plans to address parkland acquisition**
- ❖ **Development is expected to contribute to high-quality public spaces, including parks**



Our Concerns

- ❖ **Parks must be a priority for Midtown.**
- ❖ **Problem with conceptual parks**
- ❖ **Provision of Parks must coincide with the phasing of Midtown.**
- ❖ **Activating the vision** is problematic due to limited availability of affordable land available for Parks.
- ❖ **Land for Parks, not Cash-in-lieu of park land.**
- ❖ **School delays:** Schools are to be built only after significant development

Our Requests

1. **Acquisition of Parkland** - Find ways to ensure developers provide parkland instead of cash so that the Town can truly plan now for future parks – as a requirement, not an aspiration.
2. **Cash-in-lieu of parkland** - Ensure that cash in lieu of parkland received by the Town remains with Midtown and funds are not diverted to other areas of the Town.
3. **CPPS** - The CPPS for Midtown must be part of the OPA to ensure the vision for Midtown as a complete community is realized.
4. **Bring clarity to how Community Benefits will be calculated.** The CPPS must also ensure the maximum FSI and heights for Midtown are not exceeded.
5. **Schools** - We ask that the Town work with school boards to ensure the boards invest now by purchasing land for a school in Midtown, as has been done historically in single-family residential neighbourhoods for years.

**Thank you for your time, and your efforts to
“get it right” when planning for great schools
and parks in Midtown.**