



Parks, Recreation and Library Master Plan

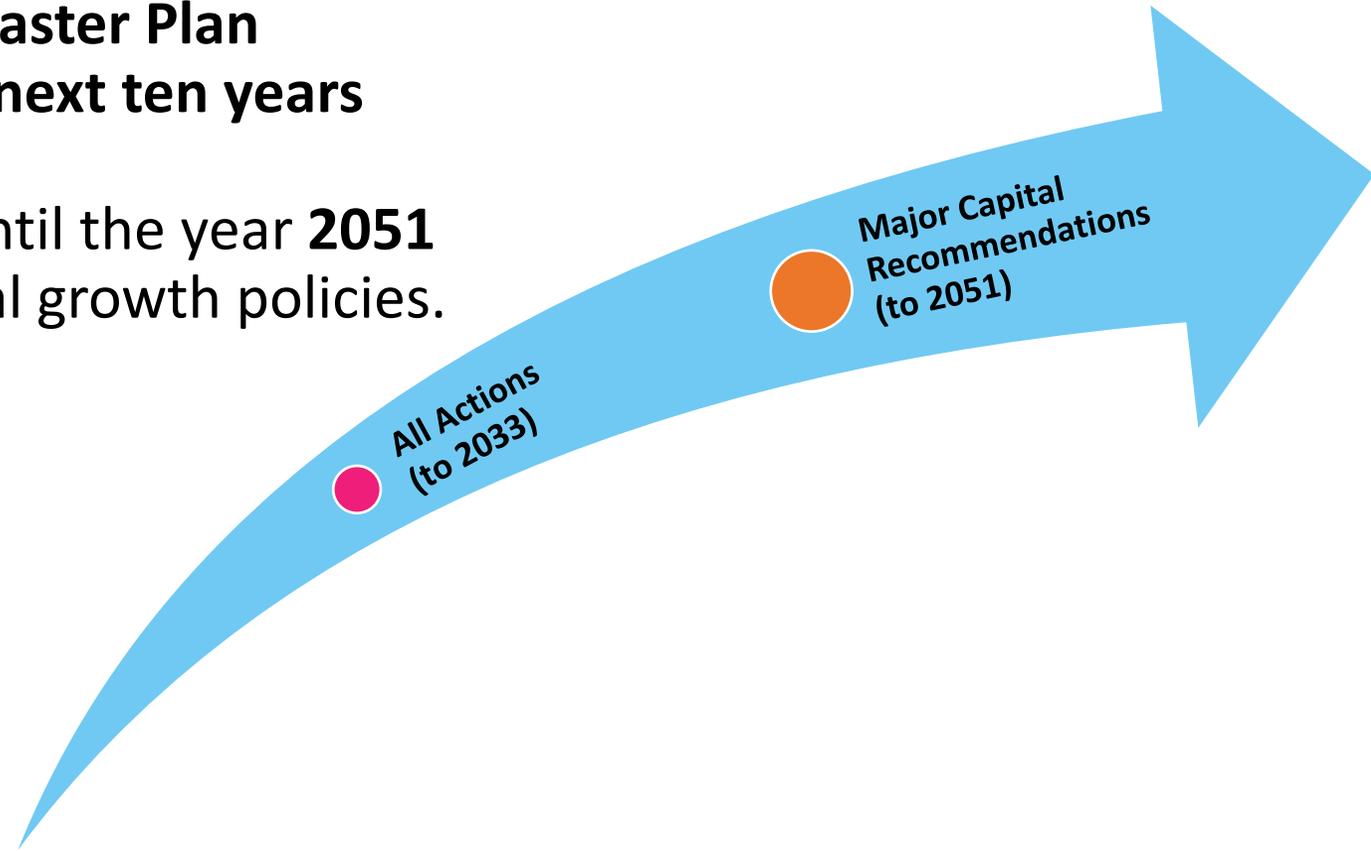
Oakville Public Library Board – October 17, 2024



About the Plan

The **Parks, Recreation and Library Master Plan** strategically guides the town for the **next ten years (2024-2033)**, with a planning horizon that considers major capital needs until the year **2051** in alignment with the latest provincial growth policies.

The master plan was last updated in 2017. A new strategy is necessary to guide our future investment in new and existing facilities and services.



Project Scope



Recreation Facilities and related services

Community centres, pools, arenas, seniors' spaces, programming, and more.



Public Libraries and related services

Library branches, alternative spaces, collections, and more.

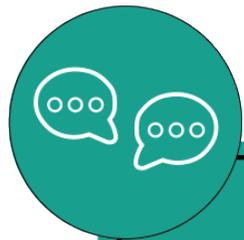


Park Facilities and Parkland

Sports fields, sport courts, splash pads, community gardens, parkland, and more.

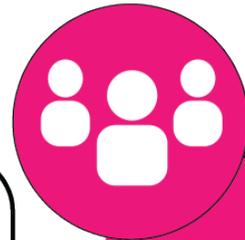
Building Blocks

The plan is a comprehensive, evidence-based exercise grounded in the following:



Public and Stakeholder Input

Residents and local organizations were engaged through open houses, surveys, and workshops.



Demographic Analysis

The plan considers how and where Oakville is growing, changes in age, ethnicity, income, and other factors.



Research and Trends

The plan examines industry best practices, participation trends and usage levels, asset inventories, and more.

Public Engagement

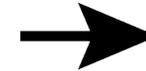
Community Survey Stage 1

2,050 households
completed surveys,
representing 6,400 residents



Public Open Houses Stage 1

80+ persons attended
6 sessions in May 2023



Stakeholder Workshops Stage 1 & 3

20+ organizations
participated, representing
nearly 28,000 members



Community Survey Stage 3

1,579 responses on
the draft master plan

Summary of Library Board Input (May 2024)

- Reconsider potential demand for library service in Midtown Oakville
- Review approach to providing enhanced library service in the Bronte area – consideration of location, impact on Woodside, etc.
- Recommend review of service delivery model in Clearview
- High cost of eBooks was noted



Summary of Community Input (June 2024)

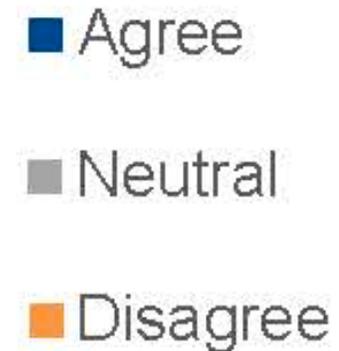
1. **Ensure that libraries offer flexible spaces that can support evolving needs, services, and programming. (n=1377)**



2. **Where possible, coordinate and integrate new libraries with other community and/or recreation facilities. (n=1382)**



3. **Continue to expand technologies within the library to support persons requiring access and to foster experimentation and innovation. (n=1369)**



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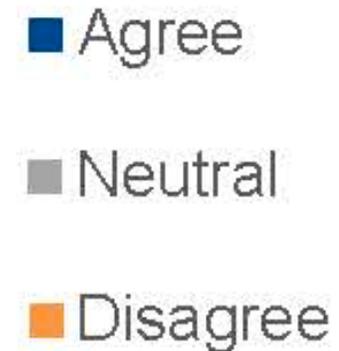
4. Develop a Future Operating Hours Plan to consider extending hours at selected locations. (n=1376)



5. Respond to population growth by developing new library branches in the Trafalgar Urban Core area (north of Dundas Street) and the Palermo area within the next 10 years. (n=1375)



6. Explore the potential to offer additional social services within libraries (in partnership with others) to better support at risk and marginalized populations. (n=1376)



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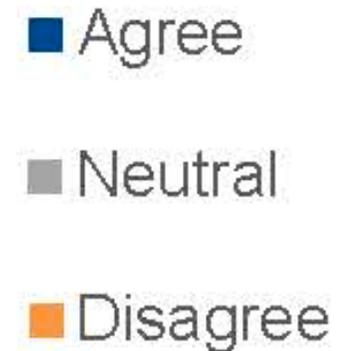
7. Continue to expand outreach and alternative delivery models to emerging communities and gap areas (e.g., OPL Express locations, etc.). (n=1378)



8. Review options and locations for enhanced library services within the Bronte area. (n=1373)



9. Include a library branch in the planning for Midtown Oakville. (n=1373)



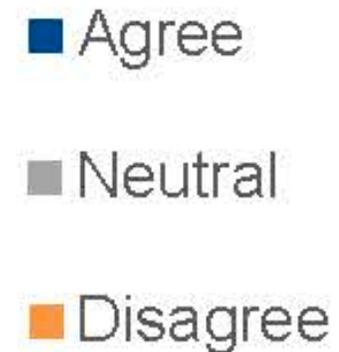
■ Agree ■ Neutral ■ Disagree

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10. Support Oakville's growing diversity by enhancing multi-lingual collections and programming (e.g., English as a Second Language, etc.). (n=1378)



11. Prioritize the redevelopment of the Central Library as part of the Downtown Cultural Hub Initiative. (n=1383)



Libraries – Objectives

- A. Embrace Evolving Roles
- B. Enhance and Revitalize Existing Branches
- C. Provide New Branches in Strategic Locations
- D. Evaluate Alternative Service Models
- E. Maintain High Quality Services
- F. Consider Extended Hours
- G. Support for At-Risk Populations
- H. Partner with the Town

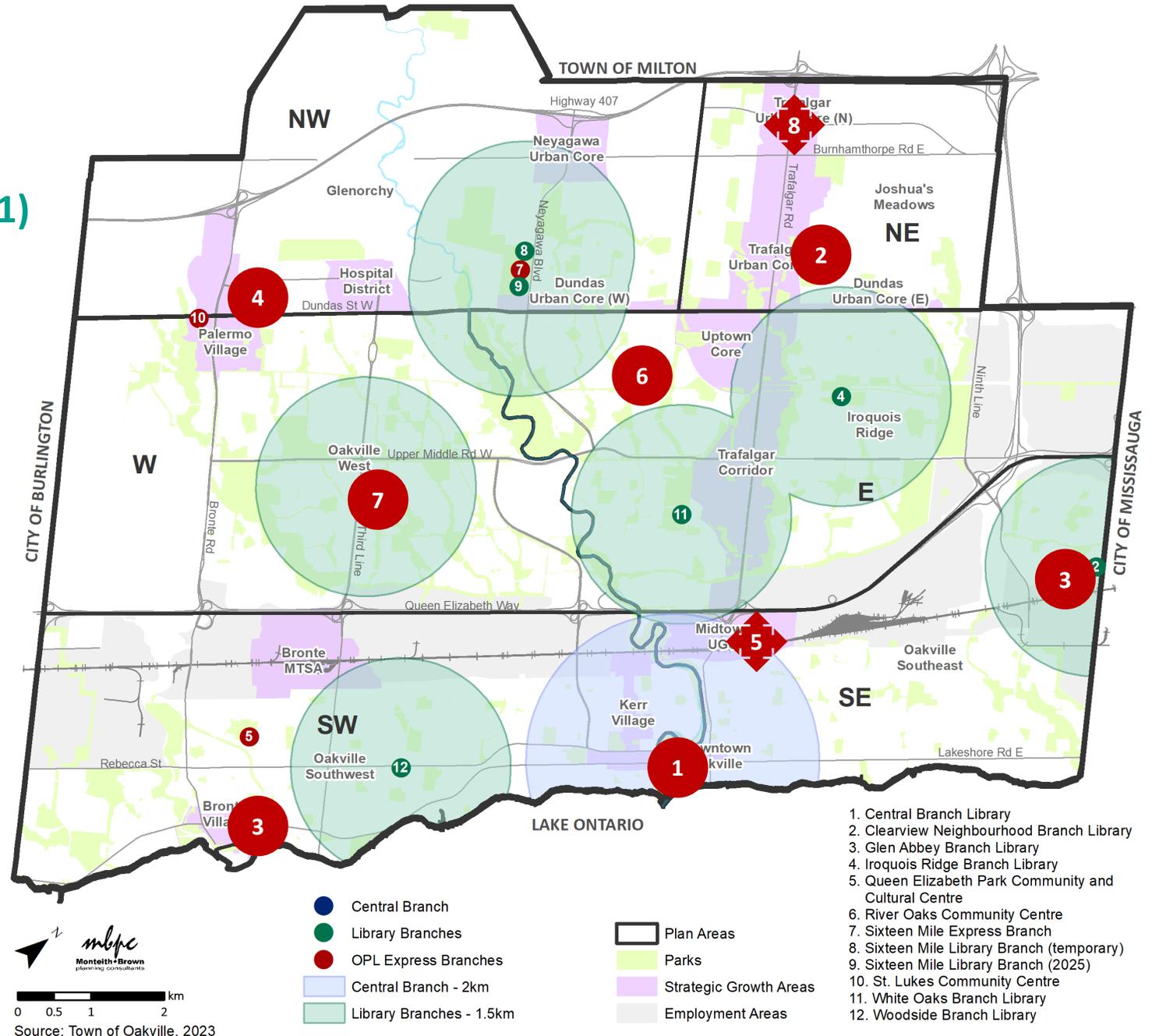


Library Facilities

Proposed Capital Program (2024-2051)

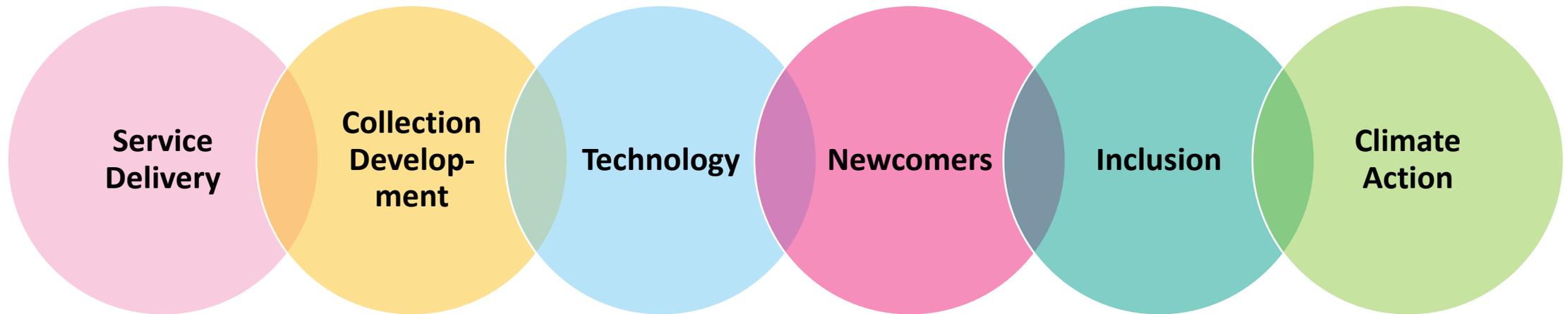
1. Replace **Central Library Branch**
2. New library branch in **Trafalgar Urban Core South**
3. Undertake review of library services in **Bronte and Clearview** – may result in new branch in Bronte (site tbd) and reconsideration of Woodside
4. New library branch in **Palermo** (with community centre)
5. New library and community hub in **Midtown Oakville***
6. Add library branch to **River Oaks CC**
7. Consider expansion to **Glen Abbey branch**
8. New library branch in **Trafalgar Urban Core North** (with community centre)*

* site/land required



Library Services

The plan also includes recommended actions related to:



Wrap-up

Thank you for your input throughout the planning process.

The final plan will be presented to Town Council on November 5.



