



Mayor Rob Burton
Oakville Town Hall
1225 Trafalgar Rd
Oakville, ON L6H 0H3

Dear Mayor Burton,

Subject: Leadership On Midtown After The OPA Is Approved

Dear Mayor Burton,

Tomorrow Oakville Town Council will convene to approve a new Official Plan Amendment (OPA) for Midtown Oakville.

We Love Oakville (WLO) supports this draft OPA, as it provides a framework for a high-density, livable community that satisfies both provincial requirements and the Province's Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) program. This OPA also presents a unique opportunity to integrate Infrastructure Ontario's Oakville TOC initiatives, thereby stopping the unnecessary duplication, inefficiencies, and costs the TOC has created. In our view this is a win-win solution.

While we appreciate your recent clarification regarding the misunderstanding about your endorsement of the TOC proposal, residents are still not clear whether you will actively advocate for this win-win solution. Specifically, residents want to know whether you agree that the OPA should apply uniformly across all of Midtown, without exemptions? Or will you continue to consider Infrastructure Ontario's process to independently plan and approve the TOC development according to their own goals and specifications to be the preferred approach?

Residents struggle to see how one can simultaneously support both the proposed OPA and a TOC that does not comply with the OPA. Oakville residents want clarity on where you stand.

To provide the transparency your constituents expect, we respectfully request that you publicly confirm before or at the February 18th Council meeting the following:

1. That you will strongly advocate for the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to swiftly approve the OPA across all of Midtown, without any carve outs, exceptions or exemptions; and

2. That you support the alignment of the TOC in all material respects with this OPA to ensure there is cohesive, consistent, and comprehensive planning for Midtown.

If you are unable to make these commitments, we ask that you clearly explain your position and how you intend to provide leadership in implementing the OPA that we expect Council to approve tomorrow.

Sincerely,

George Niblock and Jim Goodfellow on behalf of We Love Oakville

We Love Oakville is a non-partisan grassroots organization comprising residents associations throughout Oakville. For more information on We Love Oakville and our Save Midtown campaign visit www.weloveoakville.org.