



Town of Oakville

Council Minutes

Date: May 26, 2025
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber

Mayor and Council:

- Mayor Burton
- Councillor Adams
- Councillor Chisholm
- Councillor Duddeck
- Councillor Elgar
- Councillor Gittings
- Councillor Grant
- Councillor Haslett-Theall
- Councillor Knoll
- Councillor Lishchyna
- Councillor Longo
- Councillor McNeice
- Councillor Nanda
- Councillor O'Meara
- Councillor Xie

Staff:

- J. Clohec, Chief Administrative Officer
- P. Damaso, Commissioner of Community Services
- P. Fu, Commissioner of Community Infrastructure
- M. Mizzi, Commissioner of Community Development
- S. Ayres, Commissioner of Corporate Services
- D. Carr, Town Solicitor
- A. Holland, Acting Town Clerk
- N. Coric, Council and Committee Coordinator

Others:

- Carlos Alvarez and Matthew Ciardelli, KPMG Enterprise.
- Rob Lister and Laura Wilson, Oakville Enterprise Corporation.
- Mark Meneray, Oakville Municipal Development Corporation.

The Town of Oakville Council met in regular session this 26th day of May, 2025 in the Council Chamber of the Oakville Municipal Building, 1225 Trafalgar Road, Oakville commencing at 6:30 p.m.

1. O Canada

2. Land Acknowledgement

3. Regrets

There were no regrets for this meeting.

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

No declarations of pecuniary interest were declared.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of the previous Council Meeting(s)

5.1 Minutes of the Regular Session of the Planning and Development Session of Council, April 22, 2025

5.2 Minutes of the Regular Session of Council, May 1, 2025

5.3 Minutes of the Special Session of Council, May 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

5.4 Minutes of the Special Session of Council, May 12, 2025 at 9:00 p.m.

5.5 Minutes of the Special Confidential Session of Council, May 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

5.6 Minutes of the Special Confidential Session of Council, May 12, 2025 at 9:00 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Duddeck
Seconded by Councillor Longo

1. That the Minutes of the Regular Session of the Planning and Development Session of Council dated April 22, 2025, be approved.

2. That the Minutes of the Regular Session of the Council dated May 1, 2025, be approved.
3. That the Minutes of the Special Session of Council dated May 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., be approved.
4. That the Minutes of the Special Session of Council dated May 12, 2025 at 9:00 p.m., be approved.
5. That the Minutes of the Special Confidential Session of Council dated May 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., be approved.
6. That the Minutes of the Special Confidential Session of Council dated May 12, 2025 at 9:00 p.m., be approved.

CARRIED

6. Public Presentation(s)

There were no public presentations.

7. Committee Minutes

7.1 Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop, May 6, 2025

Moved by Councillor Gittings

Seconded by Councillor Xie

That the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Workshop dated May 6, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED

8. Advisory Committee Minutes

There were no Advisory Committee minutes.

9. Consent Item(s)

9.1 2025 Priority Intergovernmental Requests

Moved by Councillor McNeice

Seconded by Councillor Haslett-Theall

That the 2025 priority intergovernmental requests identified in Appendix A of the report dated May 13, 2025, from the Corporate Strategy and Government Relations Department be approved.

CARRIED

9.2 2024 Development Charges, Cash in Lieu of Parkland, Bonus Zoning and Community Benefits Charge Reserve Fund Statements

Moved by Councillor Elgar

Seconded by Councillor Haslett-Theall

1. That the staff report dated May 13, 2025, entitled *2024 Development Charges, Cash in Lieu of Parkland, Bonus Zoning and Community Benefits Charge Reserve Fund Statements* from the Finance department, be made available on the town website and upon request, to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

CARRIED

9.3 Immobilization Prohibition By-law 2025-097, By-law 2025-098 and By-law 2025-097

The following delegates spoke to this item: John Carusi; Michael Allen, Philly's Towing; AJ Cho, Representing Sunvalley Square Plaza.

Moved by Councillor McNeice

Seconded by Councillor O'Meara

1. That By-law 2025-097, a by-law to prohibit the immobilizing of vehicles on municipal land and on private property in the Town of Oakville, attached as Appendix A of the Municipal Enforcement Services report dated May 13, 2025, be passed.
2. That By-law 2025-098, a by-law to amend Administrative Penalties for Non-Parking Violations and Orders By-law 2021-038, as amended, attached as Appendix B to the report from Municipal Enforcement Services dated May 13, 2025, be passed.
3. That the administrative penalties with respect to By-law 2025-097, listed in Appendix C to the report from Municipal Enforcement

Services dated May 13, 2025, be approved, effective on June 16, 2025, and such fees be included in the Rates and Fees schedule.

CARRIED

10. Confidential Consent Item(s)

There were no Confidential Consent Items.

In accordance with Section 2(8) of the Procedure By-law, the items were considered out of order.

11. Discussion Item(s)

11.2 2024 Audited Financial Statements and External Audit Findings Report

Moved by Councillor Knoll

Seconded by Councillor Longo

1. That the 2024 Audit Findings Report issued by KPMG, the town's external auditor, be received for information; and
2. The 2024 Town of Oakville Consolidated Financial Statements and the 2024 Town of Oakville Trust Fund Financial Statements be approved.

CARRIED

11.3 OEC AGM May 2025, Appointment of Auditors, and Approval of Financial Statements

Moved by Councillor Lishchyna

Seconded by Councillor Xie

1. That the presentation from Rob Lister, President and CEO of Oakville Enterprises Corporation (OEC) regarding the annual business and quarterly update be received.
2. That the resolutions as submitted by the Board Chair of Oakville Enterprises Corporation in the correspondence to the Mayor and Members of Council dated May 26, 2025, with regard to the following matters be approved;

- a. The compensation for Directors of Oakville Enterprises Corporation and its affiliates increase by 3.25% effective May 26, 2025, as outlined in Appendix A.
 - b. KPMG LLP be appointed as auditors of the Oakville Enterprises Corporation, as outlined in Appendix B and;
 - c. The acceptance of the consolidated audited financial statements of Oakville Enterprises Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2024, attached as Appendix C.
3. That the Mayor as shareholder representative pursuant to the Unanimous Shareholder Agreement, be authorized to sign the resolutions for and on behalf of the Town in its capacity as the sole shareholder.

CARRIED

11.4 OakvilleMDC AGM, Appointment of Auditors, Directors, Approval of Financial Statements

Moved by Councillor Elgar

Seconded by Councillor Knoll

1. That the resolutions submitted by the Board Chair of Oakville Municipal Development Corporation in the correspondence to the Mayor and Members of Council dated April 28, 2025, attached as Appendix A, with regard to the following matters, be approved:
 - a. The firm of KPMG LLP, Chartered Accountants be appointed as auditors of the Oakville Municipal Development Corporation for the 2025 fiscal year attached as Appendix A
 - b. The consolidated Financial Statements of Oakville Municipal Development Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2024 attached as Appendix B
 - c. No compensation be paid to the Directors of Oakville Municipal Development Corporation
2. That the Mayor, as shareholder representative pursuant to the Shareholder Declaration, be authorized to sign the resolution for and on behalf of the Town in its capacity as the sole shareholder.

3. That the OakvilleMDC 2024 Annual Report attached as Appendix C, be received.

CARRIED

11.5 Oakville Municipal Development Corporation – 2025 Request for Funding

Moved by Councillor Knoll

Seconded by Councillor Xie

1. That the town lend up to \$2,975,000 to the Oakville Municipal Development Corporation from the tax stabilization reserve for 2025-2028 administrative and project costs by way of a promissory note.
2. That the promissory note, in form and substance satisfactory to the Treasurer and Town Solicitor, be prepared.

CARRIED

11.6 Winter Recreation Strategy

Moved by Councillor Duddeck

Seconded by Councillor Chisholm

1. That the permanent addition of the Winter Recreation Strategy, at an estimated cost of \$528,800, be referred to the 2026 Budget Committee.
2. That the cost of the Winter Recreation Strategy for December 2025, estimated at \$158,900, be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve.

CARRIED

11.7 Bill 17 - Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 and Bill 5 - Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025

Moved by Councillor Elgar

Seconded by Councillor Longo

1. That the staff comments included in the report “Bill 17 - Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 and Bill 5 -

Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025” be submitted to the Environmental Registry of Ontario, per the respective postings.

2. That the report titled “Bill 17 - Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 and Bill 5 - Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025” dated May 26, 2025, be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Halton Area MPPs, Halton Region, City of Burlington, Town of Halton Hills, Town of Milton, Conservation Halton and Credit Valley Conservation.

CARRIED

12. Confidential Discussion Item(s)

12.1 OEC Shareholder Approval

Moved by Councillor Duddeck

Seconded by Councillor Adams

1. That the resolution contained in the confidential correspondence from the *Oakville Enterprises Corporation (OEC)* dated *April 24, 2025*, be approved.
2. That the Mayor, as Shareholder Representative pursuant to the Unanimous Shareholders Agreement, be authorized to sign the resolution for and on behalf of the Town as the 90% majority shareholder.

CARRIED

12.2 Confidential Report - Oakville Municipal Development Corporation 2025 Request for Funding - May 26, 2025

Moved by Councillor Duddeck

Seconded by Councillor Adams

That the Finance Department Confidential Report – *Oakville Municipal Development Corporation 2025 Funding for Request – May 26, 2025* report dated May 13, 2025 be received.

CARRIED

12.3 Oakville Enterprise Corporation Appointment of Directors and Chair

Moved by Councillor Duddeck

Seconded by Councillor Adams

1. That the confidential direction provided in the *Oakville Enterprises Corporation* confidential Annual Shareholder Resolutions correspondence dated *May 26, 2025*, be approved,
2. That the individuals identified in Appendix A to this report be appointed to the OEC Board and that their names be made public in the minutes.
 - David Brennan, Chair
 - Mayor Robert Burton
 - Jane Clohecy
 - Jane Allen
 - Monique Buckberger
 - Ian Cockwell
 - Patrick Crowley
 - Harold Holloway
 - Rob Lister
 - Sheryl Watson
 - Brian Johnson (Enbridge nominee)

CARRIED

13. Staff Memoranda (Staff Memos)

13.1 INTERNAL MEMO - Municipal Enforcement Services RE: Pay-by-Plate Parking Machine Upgrades and Parking Rate Adjustments

13.2 INTERNAL MEMO - Transportation and Engineering RE: Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Camera Deployment in Flashing 40 km/h Zones

13.3 INTERNAL MEMO - Right of Way Management RE: Public Education about Permitted and Prohibited Activities in the Municipal Right of Way

13.4 INTERNAL MEMO - Planning and Development RE: Preliminary Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) with Federal HNA Template

13.5 INTERNAL MEMO - Recreation and Culture RE: New Procedure: Use of Town Spaces

14. New Business

14.1 Motion Opposing Bill 5 - Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025

WAIVING OF PROCEDURE

Moved by Councillor Chisholm

Seconded by Councillor Longo

That in accordance with Section 2(2) of the Procedure By-law, Section 14.1(2) of the Procedure By-law be waived to permit consideration of the Notice of Motion regarding Item 14.1 - Motion Opposing Bill 5 - Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy upon its introduction this evening.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Elgar

Seconded by Councillor Duddeck

WHEREAS Bill 5, the *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025*, proposes the creation of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) that would grant the provincial government the authority to exempt designated projects and proponents from compliance with existing provincial and municipal laws, including environmental regulations and local bylaws;

AND WHEREAS such provisions could undermine municipal autonomy, environmental protections, and community engagement in local development decisions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town of Oakville Council formally opposes Bill 5 in its current form and expresses concern over the potential erosion of municipal authority and environmental safeguards.
2. The Council urges the Government of Ontario to withdraw or amend Bill 5 to ensure that any development within SEZs adheres to existing provincial and municipal laws and includes

comprehensive consultation with affected communities and stakeholders.

3. A copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the local Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

CARRIED

Councillor Adams congratulated all the volunteers of the Northeast Oakville Fair on a successful event. Councillor Adams and Councillor Lishchyna spent a lot of time working with the volunteer committee. He also thanked all the sponsors, agencies and staff that helped make the event successful.

Councillor Xie and Councillor Nanda congratulated the Heart and Nation Heritage Society and thanked all the sponsors, volunteers and staff for making the event happen.

Councillor Knoll congratulated Deputy Chief Jeff Hill, Superintendent Susan Biggs, Deputy Chief Kevin Maher and Superintendent Jeffrey Sandy; all were honoured with the order of merit of the police forces at Rideau Hall. Councillor Knoll announced that the Oakville Family Ribfest is taking place June 19th - 22nd.

11. Discussion Item(s)

11.1 Advocacy Plan for Midtown OPA and TOC

Moved by Councillor Adams

Seconded by Councillor Grant

CLOSED SESSION

That Council resolve into a closed meeting session for advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them; with respect to Item 11.1 - Advocacy Plan for Midtown OPA and TOC.

CARRIED

Council resolved into closed session at 8:41 p.m.

Council resolved back into open session at 9:03 p.m.

Information was provided to Council in closed session.

Moved by Councillor Haslett-Theall

Seconded by Councillor Gittings

Advocacy Plan - Midtown Official Plan Amendment (OPA) and Transit - Oriented Community (TOC)

WHEREAS The Midtown OPA represents a bold, responsible, and defensible plan that supports sustainable, complete community-building, and is currently awaiting approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and

WHEREAS On January 27, 2025, Council unanimously passed a motion rejecting the proposed Transit-Oriented Community (TOC) plan, noting that it does not align with the draft Midtown OPA and may emphasize higher densities at the expense of balanced, timely, and sustainable development; and

WHEREAS On February 18, 2025, Council unanimously supported the draft Midtown Official Plan Amendment (OPA) following careful analysis, expert input, and consultation with stakeholders; and

WHEREAS The Town of Oakville continues to exceed provincial housing targets, having achieved 125% of its 2024 housing supply goal through proactive and holistic planning, including the Midtown OPA, which supports community benefits, sustainability, and livability; and

WHEREAS Residents have called on Council to ensure strong, coordinated advocacy and governance to secure provincial alignment with Council's approved planning direction; and

WHEREAS Municipal staff provide expert advice, analysis, and intergovernmental liaison consistent with Council's approved resolutions and direction, and are not engaged in political advocacy in accordance with their professional and non-partisan responsibilities; and

WHEREAS The Mayor, in accordance with the Municipal Act, serves as the Head of Council and Chief Executive Officer of the municipality, and acts as the primary representative of Council in external government relations; and

WHEREAS The Mayor holds executive and representational responsibilities, advocacy and engagement with other levels of government which are to be conducted in a manner consistent with the approved decisions of Council, and

WHEREAS a collaborative advocacy approach that includes Council members reinforces to Ministers the unanimous support of Council for OPA 70 and the importance of aligning the TOC proposal with that approved Council OPA 70

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Mayor is requested, in accordance with the Municipal Act, to provide regular updates to Council on advocacy efforts and engagement with the Province regarding the Midtown OPA and TOC proposal, in the interest of transparency, accountability, and alignment with Council's approved direction and share relevant updates with the public where confidentiality requirements defined by the Province do not preclude it, and or are appropriate to our efforts.
2. The Mayor second, that the Mayor is requested to consider including Council members in meetings or discussions with provincial Ministers and their staff to support the approval of OPA 70 and ensure alignment of any TOC proposal with the Town's planning framework and the expressed interests of Oakville residents
3. Staff be directed to provide regular written and verbal updates to Council on the status of OPA 70, including timelines, engagement with the Province, and any developments related to the TOC proposal(s) and to share relevant updates with the public where confidentiality requirements defined by the Province do not preclude it.

For (3): Councillor Elgar, Councillor Gittings, and Councillor Haslett-Theall

Against (12): Mayor Burton, Councillor Adams, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Duddeck, Councillor Grant, Councillor Knoll, Councillor Lishchyna, Councillor Longo, Councillor McNeice, Councillor Nanda, Councillor O'Meara, and Councillor Xie

LOST (3 to 12)

15. Regional Reports and Question Period Regarding Town Boards and Advisory Committees

16. Requests for Reports

17. Consideration and Reading of By-Laws

WAIVING OF PROCEDURE

Moved by Councillor Knoll

Seconded by Councillor Lishchyna

That under Section 2(2) of the Procedure By-law, Council waive the Section 20.1 (1) requiring that by-laws be listed on the agenda; for the consideration of by-law 202-109, A by-law to appoint the Clerk for the Corporation of the Town of Oakville.

CARRIED

17.1 By-law 2025-097

A by-law to prohibit the immobilizing of vehicles on municipal land and on private property (Re: Item 9.3).

17.2 By-law 2025-098

A by-law to amend by-law 2021-038 Administrative Penalties for Non-Parking Violations and Orders (Re: Item 9.3).

17.3 By-law 2025-112

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of a meeting of Council.

17.4 By-law 2025-109

A by-law to appoint William Short as Clerk of The Corporation of the Town of Oakville and to repeal By-law 2025-058.

Moved by Councillor Xie

Seconded by Councillor Longo

That the by-laws noted above be passed.

CARRIED

The Mayor gave written approval of the by-laws noted above that were passed during the meeting.

18. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Andrea Holland, Acting Town Clerk