



Town of Oakville

Council Minutes

Date: March 30, 2026
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. Fu, Commissioner of Community Infrastructure
- P. Damaso, Commissioner of Community Services
- M. Mizzi, Commissioner of Community Development
- S. Ayres, Commissioner of Corporate Services
- J. Clarke, Director of Corporate Strategy and Government Relations
- D. Carr, Town Solicitor
- W. Short, Town Clerk
- A. Coyne, Deputy Clerk
- C. Fraresso, Supervisor Council and Committee Services
- N. Coric, Council and Committee Coordinator

Others: Rob Lister, Sean McCaughan, Jeff Mocha from Oakville Enterprises Corporation.
Chief Stephen Tanner, Halton Regional Police Services.

The Town of Oakville Council met in regular session this 30th day of March, 2026 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

Mayor R. Burton provided a 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 Council February 23, 2026

Moved by Councillor Xie
Seconded by Councillor Nanda

That the minutes of the Regular Session of Council, February 23, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED

6. Public Presentation(s)

There were no Public Presentations.

7. Committee Minutes

There were no Committee Minutes.

8. Advisory Committee Minutes

8.1 Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes, March 12, 2026

Moved by Councillor Gittings
Seconded by Councillor McNeice

That the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, March 12, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED

9. Consent Item(s)

There were no requests to remove consent items.

9.1 Application to Conduct Charitable Lottery Events – Halton Food for Thought

Moved by Councillor Lishchyna
Seconded by Councillor Longo

That the request from Halton Food for Thought to conduct charitable lottery events in the Town of Oakville be approved.

CARRIED

9.2 2025 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses paid to Members of Council and Committees

Moved by Councillor Lishchyna
Seconded by Councillor Longo

That the annual statement of remuneration and expenses paid to members of Council and appointed members of Committees prepared by the Finance Department, in accordance with Section 284 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, be received.

CARRIED

9.3 2027 Council Remuneration for Elected Officials

Moved by Councillor Lishchyna

Seconded by Councillor Longo

1. That the updated Council Remuneration, Resources and Expenses Policy (Appendix A) be approved.
2. That the updated Council Remuneration, Allowances, Benefits, Expenses, Conferences and Seminars Procedure (Appendix B) be approved.
3. That the updated Pregnancy and Parental Leave of Members of Council Procedure (Appendix C) be approved.
4. That the following Council Remuneration adjustments, effective January 1, 2027, be approved:
 - a. That the Mayor's stipend be increased by \$1,386 effective January 1, 2027.
 - b. That the Councillors' stipend remains unchanged.
 - c. That the Mayor's monthly taxable car allowance be adjusted to \$1,275.
 - d. That the one-time payment of \$1,200 for furniture and office set-up for Members of Council remains unchanged.
 - e. That the monthly communication services allowance remain at \$275 for Councillors and for the Mayor.

CARRIED

9.4 Housekeeping Amendments - Harbours By-law Updates

Moved by Councillor Lishchyna

Seconded by Councillor Longo

1. That By-law 2026-036, a by-law to amend Harbours By-law 2012-007, as amended, attached as Appendix A to the report from the Parks and Open Space Department and Municipal Enforcement Services dated March 17, 2026, be passed.

2. That By-law 2026-037, a by-law to amend Parking Administrative Penalty By-law 2015-071, as amended, attached as Appendix B to the report from the Parks and Open Space Department and Municipal Enforcement Services dated March 17, 2026, be passed.
3. That By-law 2026-038, a by-law to amend Towing Without the Vehicle Owner's Consent By-law 2024-187, as amended, attached as Appendix C to the report from the Parks and Open Space Department and Municipal Enforcement Services dated March 17, 2026, be passed.
4. That By-law 2026-039, a by-law to amend Administrative Penalties for Non-Parking Violations and Orders By-law 2021-038, as amended, attached as Appendix D to the report from the Parks and Open Space Department and Municipal Enforcement Services dated March 17, 2026, be passed.
5. That the rates and fees schedule for the Parking Enforcement Program be updated as set out in Appendix E to the report from the Parks and Open Space Department and Municipal Enforcement Services dated March 17, 2026.

CARRIED

10. Confidential Consent Item(s)

There were no Confidential Consent Items.

11. Discussion Item(s)

11.1 Oakville Enterprises Corporation Quarterly Update – March 31, 2026

Moved by Councillor Haslett-Theall

Seconded by Councillor Chisholm

That the presentation from Rob Lister, President and CEO of Oakville Enterprises Corporation (OEC) regarding the quarterly update be received.

CARRIED

11.2 Alternative Options for the Relocation of Canada Day

The following delegates spoke to this item: Juman Qourshah and the Seeds of Leadership Program group delegation.

Moved by Mayor Burton

Seconded by Councillor Knoll

WAVING OF PROCEDURE

That in accordance with Section 2(2) of the Procedure By-law, Section 14.1(3) of the Procedure By-law be waived to permit consideration of the Notice of Motion regarding Item 11.3 - Relocation of the Canada Day Celebration from the February 23, 2026 Council Meeting, upon its introduction this evening

CARRIED

Moved by Mayor Burton

Seconded by Councillor Knoll

That Council reconsider the following vote from its February 23, 2026, Council Meeting:

Main Motion, as amended

1. That Council not approve the relocation of the Town of Oakville's Canada Day celebration to Coronation Park in 2026.
2. That staff report back to Council on options for alternative locations or arrangements for Canada Day this year
3. And that the Town of Oakville's Canada Day celebration for 2026 not be held in Bronte waterfront park.
4. That staff report back in March of 2026 and that HRPS be asked to attend and
5. That staff report on drone show options for future Canada Day events for 2027 and beyond, for locations including Bronte with good transportation and amenities for further consideration by Council.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Duddeck
Seconded by Councillor Chisholm

That Council not approve the relocation of the Town of Oakville's Canada Day celebration to Coronation Park in 2026.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Gittings
Seconded by Councillor Longo

That staff report back to Council on options for alternative locations or arrangements for Canada Day this year.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor O'Meara
Seconded by Councillor McNeice

And that the Town of Oakville's Canada Day celebration for 2026 not be held in Bronte waterfront park.

LOST

Moved by Councillor Adams
Seconded by Councillor Grant

That staff report back in March of 2026 and that HRPS be asked to attend.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Adams
Seconded by Councillor Xie

That staff report on drone show options for future Canada Day events for 2027 and beyond, for locations including Bronte with good transportation and amenities for further consideration by Council.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor O'Meara
Seconded by Councillor McNeice

1. Because Halton Regional Police Service's operational plan has provided sufficient reassurances to Council regarding the safety of residents, visitors and businesses, and having provided a commitment to work with the Town of Oakville, that Council approve the use of Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park as the location for the Town of Oakville's 2026 Canada Day celebration; and
2. That, funding in the amount of \$75,000 be transferred from the Tax Stabilization Reserve to offset the incremental unbudgeted cost for the Town of Oakville's Canada Day celebration at Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park.

For (15): 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, and Councillor Xie

CARRIED (15 to 0)

11.3 Veterans Commemorative Options

Moved by Councillor Haslett-Theall

Seconded by Councillor Chisholm

1. That the implementation of Option 1: Design A in consultation with the Oakville Legions location and other stakeholders for the recognition of veterans in Oakville for November 2026 be approved.
2. To support the Veterans Commemorative Banner Program in the amount of \$9,000, funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve, be approved.
3. In consultation with the Oakville Historical Society, the Bronte Historical Society, and the Trafalgar Historical Society, for the recognition of veterans in Oakville, staff broaden the program to include the provision and installation of Design B banners in the Downtown Oakville Heritage District, all Oakville Legion locations, Kerr Street, Bronte, the Uptown Core and each Community Centre during the four-week period leading up to Remembrance Day and around D-Day for 2027.

4. That staff report back with broadened program costs through the 2027 budget process.

For (15): 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, and Councillor Xie

CARRIED (15 to 0)

11.4 Global Economic, Cultural and Tourism Engagement Committee

The following delegates spoke to this item: Leen Elbarasi, representing Seeds of Leadership Program group delegation.

Moved by Councillor Xie

Seconded by Councillor Nanda

That Council endorse the creation, mandate, and composition of the Global Economic, Cultural, and Tourism Engagement Committee.

For (11): Mayor Burton, Councillor Adams, Councillor Chisholm, Councillor Gittings, Councillor Grant, Councillor Knoll, Councillor Lishchyna, Councillor Longo, Councillor McNeice, Councillor Nanda, and Councillor Xie

Against (4): Councillor Duddeck, Councillor Elgar, Councillor Haslett-Theall, and Councillor O'Meara

CARRIED (11 to 4)

12. Confidential Discussion Item(s)

There were no Confidential Discussion Items.

13. Staff Memoranda (Staff Memos)

Received for Information.

13.1 Finance Department - Town Development Charges Rate Change - February 13, 2026

- 13.2 Clerk's Department - Municipal Clearance for Liquor Sales Licence - February 18, 2026**
- 13.3 Transportation and Engineering Department - Road Safety Initiatives Fund Funding Allocation to the Town - March 11, 2026**
- 13.4 Legal Department and Municipal Enforcement Services - Regulating the Display and Distribution of Graphic Signs Update - March 16, 2026**

14. New Business

Mayor Burton shared that that the Federal and Provincial Governments have combined to reduce development charges by 50% with their governmental funding. He also stated that the Federal and Provincial Governments have worked together to fund the rebate of the HST on new homes that are bought until March 2027. Mayor Burton advised that tomorrow [March 31, 2026] is the soft opening at 9 a.m. for the new community center and library at the Sixteen Mile Sports Complex. The official opening ceremony and celebration will take place Saturday May 30th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tour bookings are available on the Town website. The Canadian chapter of the Women's Federation for World Peace, for their International Women's Day celebration in Oakville, presented Mayor Burton with a certificate naming him as an Ambassador for Peace. Their Ambassador for Peace Award states that Mayor Burton is an example of living for the sake of others through promoting a culture of peace, overcoming barriers, and fostering reconciliation. He stated that this associates him with personal hero's and leaders, like Jean Augustine the first black women elected to Canada's House of Commons.

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

16. Requests for Reports

16.1 Residential Streetlighting for Pedestrian Safety

This item was withdrawn.

Moved by Councillor Grant

Seconded by Councillor Knoll

That staff be directed to report back on streetlighting concerns within residential streets for the June 2026 Council meeting, including considerations for pedestrian safety.

17. Consideration and Reading of By-Laws

17.1 By-law 2026-036

A by-law to amend Harbours By-law 2012-007, being a by-law to establish rules and regulations for the Town of Oakville harbours **(RE: Item 9.4)**

17.2 By-law 2026-037

A by-law to amend Parking Administrative Penalties By-law 2015-071 **(RE: Item 9.4)**

17.3 By-law 2026-038

A by-law to amend Towing Without the Vehicle Owner's Consent By-law 2024-187 **(RE: Item 9.4)**

17.4 By-law 2026-039

A by-law to amend Administrative Penalties for Non-Parking Violations and Orders By-law 2021-038 **(RE: Item 9.4)**

17.5 By-law 2026-045

A by-law to amend By-law 1984-001 (The Traffic By-law)

17.6 By-law 2026-056

A By-law to dedicate certain land as part of a public highway – (Parts 1, 2 and 3, Plan 20R-23133 – South Service Road West)

17.7 By-law 2026-057

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

17.8 By-law 2026-064

A by-law to declare that certain land is not subject to part lot control (Block 34, Plan 20M-1275 – Arista Homes (Oakpointe) Inc.)

Moved by Councillor Longo

Seconded by Councillor Xie

That the by-laws noted above be passed.

CARRIED

The Mayor gave written approval of the by-laws noted above.

18. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

William Short, Town Clerk