

We want to hear from our community. Give us your feedback on the recommended 2016 key initiatives and tell us **“What is your key priority for 2016 under Council's key areas of focus”?**

1. Excellent - but has anyone noticed that downtown Oakville is beginning to look a bit like a ghost town? (11 votes)

Suggest the town strongly encourage whomever owns these properties to lower the rents...pronto!

2. Please protect our green space (9 votes)

With so many houses built in north of Dundas, Oakville is losing its charming and green space. Do we really have to sacrifice our green space in order to achieve growth?

3. Trees Please! (5 votes)

East Dundas is looking like a Concrete Jungle. Can we PLEASE have trees planted on the median islands (Dundas between Trafalgar and 9th Line)?

4. Save Glen Abbey Golf Course green space (3 votes)

5. Active transportation facilities (2 votes)

Include more north/south cycling routes in the Oakville Active Transportation plan. Currently, the safest way to get from North Oakville to the downtown, is a singular underpass below the QEW at the foot of Sixth Line.

Progress has been made on the Fourth Line overpass, Third Line, Dorval, and Trafalgar are a cyclists' worse nightmare.

If the Glen Abbey Golf Course gets converted to housing, a provision for a bike path along Six Mile Creek (from Dundas to Lakeshore) can be made to facilitate this idea.

6. Buy or retro fit snow plows with a boom that can be dropped down across driveways to prevent a snow dam being formed (2 votes)

I saw this in Europe. Residents will love you for it.

7. Designed Road Corner or Roundabout, use some artistic sculptures (2 votes)

8. Fiscal Sustainability (1 vote)

Make Lakeshore and Downtown more cycle friendly with a fully designated cycle lane.

9. Cats should be allowed to roam (1 vote)

If cats are not allowed to go outside to roam then perhaps dogs should not be allowed outside on any public land in Oakville. Why should I have to endure dogs urinating and worse in front of me when I go for a walk in Oakville? Why are cats penalized and not dogs who to me are the bigger menace. Cats are allowed outside in other areas in Canada. Why is Oakville being so mean to cats.

10. Leaf Blowers should NOT be banned (1 vote)

Leaf blowers are an essential yard tool for those of us with large properties. Whether we do the work ourselves or pay a company to do the work it is unworkable without them. At my house the boulevard trees drop leaves, seeds and small twigs on the side walk and roadside everyday throughout the spring, summer and fall. A livable Oakville to me is a tidy and presentable Oakville. As the Town only comes around a couple times a year it falls to the residents to pick up the slack. 10-15 minutes with leaf blower replaces an hour and a half of sweeping with the broom. 10-15 minutes with the machine for over 200 feet of sidewalk and 200 feet of road side with six large and messy trees I think is a very efficient speed with no excessive noise made.

It's nice that the stay at home and retired residents have lots of time to complain about leaf blowers to the Town rather than just going outside to speak to their neighbours. But for those of us who work full time modern conveniences are a necessity. I hope Town Council remembers that when they make their decision.