

You choose to call Oakville home. Tell us what YOU think makes Oakville most livable or what we need to do to make it more livable?

1. **Build a PARKING GARAGE on Church St!! Make it underground with 4-6 floors of condos on top (53 votes)**
We need to smartly develop Church and Randall Sts - they are dead zones!! You people screwed up the Post office Building purchase!!!!
2. **Follow the way European cities build their downtowns!! (51 votes)**
European cities don't have large space wasting surface parking lots! Build 4-8 storey buildings to create a vibrant core. Also Downtown Parking revenue MUST be used downtown only! Otherwise make parking free.
3. **We need sensible development on underused land in the downtown (48 votes)**
We should be bold and develop the marina and Tannery Park - This could be the jewel of Lake Ontario. We need to stop thinking like a small village!
4. **Follow Saskatoon's success with their CN Chateau Hotel (21 votes)**
In exchange for building a "chateau" style hotel with a minimum of 200 rooms, the city exempted the railway from property tax on the hotel for twenty-five years. This was in 1929! Oakville should do something like this - we need at least a small hotel downtown!
5. **Trees (13 votes)**
When a tree dies that is situated on Town of Oakville property, permit the homeowner to pay an up-charge for replacement with a mature tree, instead of a sapling. This will help to preserve our green canopy, and preserve the value of a tree-lined street.
6. **Clean Up the Waterfront (12 votes)**
Greatly reduce/eliminate the numbers of geese and ducks on the waterfront. There is green feces all over the walkways at the waterfront.
7. **Demographics Change (12 votes)**
Demographics in Oakville are changing and younger people are moving into town (couples but not necessarily with families) from Toronto. There should be some thought into the development of programs, activities, businesses, social activities and other events for this segment in addition to the already fulsome family friendly and seniors' friendly events.
8. **More roundabouts instead of Stop signs (10 votes)**
This will help with traffic and reduce accidents. On some streets it is rare to see someone stop at the stop sign.
9. **Build an east-west cycle way to support the many cycling commuters (7 votes)**
Oakville needs to consider other methods of green transportation. We need a cycle way along the lakeshore that could be used by those commuting to work and for recreation as well. While a bike path exists on Rebecca St., this is not suitable for a serious cyclist or bike commuter as it is too uneven and has too many curbs. Lakeshore should be

upgraded with decent shoulder lanes for cyclists from Burloak through to Winston Churchill.

10. Stop putting so many stop lights & better synchronization of existing ones (7 votes)

Development Planning needs to ensure far fewer stop lights are installed. On some major arteries there are stop lights for several blocks and often not synchronized. Having so many stop lights simply encourages traffic to use neighbourhood streets, often speeding through. New developments should certainly use roundabouts as much as possible.

11. Water taxi (6 votes)

Create a water taxi across the 16-miles creek to connect the parks on both sides near the lake.

12. More regular public transit schedule with routes that intersect, rather than having to travel to the GO stations to change buses (5 votes)

13. Trails and Greenspace (3 votes)

Keep trails as narrow and natural as possible. Trails encourage active living. Much more interesting, protected (in winter) and cooler (in summer) than sidewalks. Please create a plan and budget to deal with the invasive Buckthorn and Garlic mustard that are compromising these valuable natural areas.

14. Lower hydrdo, right turning lanes, how about a right turn lane at Dorval and Speers – south east side (3 votes)

15. Senior Citizen programs (2 votes)

Only in Oakville, is one considered to be a senior at age 50. Brilliant, however not all in this age category are retired! Many over 50's programs offered through the Recreation centres are ONLY available during the daytime. I have written emails and been promised this will change, when? As a working women, I would like to have the opportunity to take evening yoga, meditation, etc., art classes, general interest programs in the evening. However, very little is available to us who work until 4pm and for those commuting there is next to nothing. We are growing in this town, but we need to consider ALL needs, not just the singles, couples, young families, seniors but this new over 50 group (we are actively working and need to demand services too)!

16. Here is a suggestion from president Obama. Higher Internet speeds encourage business and make life more livable: <https://www.facebook.com/v> (1 vote)

Faster internet. President Obama suggests it encourages business and makes life more livable. Let's see what we can do here.

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=10153132391399238>