TRAFALGAR CHARTWELL RESIDENTS' ASSOCATION

Advocating for our Community





Greetings from the President

Carolyn McMinn

Dear Neighbours,

Our Annual General Meeting is fast approaching, and I am pleased to announce that we will be able to hold it at the new Community Centre, for those of us willing and able to attend in person. The meeting will also be live streamed for those wishing to attend remotely. As with previous years, voting will take place electronically with the results announced at the meeting.

Please email info@tcra.ca with any questions you would like to pose to our panel of participants: Mayor Burton and Councillors Haslett-Theall and Gittings. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do so here! All members who join or renew prior to April 30 will be eligible to win a \$25 Gift Card to the downtown Oakville business of their choice. The winner will be announced at the meeting.

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I am amazed at how many new developments have been proposed in the last year, throughout Midtown as well as downtown and our residential streets. The Directors of TCRA have been actively attending public information meetings for each and every new development, as well as delegating at Oakville Town Planning and Development meetings. A comprehensive list can be found on our website.

There are two very important issues that will affect us all and are much broader than just our beautiful corner of Oakville: Firstly the Region Preferred Growth Concept – no urban boundary expansion until at least 2041, which feeds directly into the recent Housing Affordability Taskforce report. There are some interesting recommendations in the report, none of which will make housing more affordable for the buyer. It seems they are focused on speeding up the approval process for developers at the expense of community input into the process, denying us the ability to have a say in the character of our neighbourhood. On the flip side, if you want to avoid sprawl, you have to go tall! Intensification and densification will allow us to preserve the arable land in Halton, and thus our future food supply.

Once again, I would like to express my thanks to the **TCRA Directors**. They do a fantastic job representing our members in many different forums.

Stay safe and well!



Renew your TCRA Membership by April 30th for a chance to win a \$25 Gift Card to a downtown Oakville business of your choice



2022 Community Events

April 23rd - Community Clean Up. Stay tuned for sign-up details

May 4th - TCRA 2022 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Oakville Trafalgar Community Centre. Join us in person or stream the meeting live. Details will be emailed and posted on TCRA.ca as soon as they become available

Spring Book Club with local, international best-selling author **Natalie Jenner**

Yes to more affordable homes, No to dismantling neighbourhoods!

Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, has announced that the Province will shortly enact new legislation and introduce new regulations aimed at speeding up the permitting process for new housing. The changes are based on multiple and farreaching recommendations made by the Housing Affordability Task Force which the Government set up at the beginning of last December.

We Love Oakville, made up of eight Oakville residents' associations (including TCRA), fully supports more affordable housing and supports several of the <u>Task Force's</u> recommendations. However, we are very concerned that the recommendations will do nothing to assure cheaper housing but will impact negatively on established neighbourhoods like ours.

We Love Oakville has begun work to inform Oakville residents of the threat posed by the changes under consideration. You will hear more from us very soon.

<u>Click here</u> for the Town website where you will find a list of active development and site plan applications

