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Oakville Town
Councillor Candidate



Implement immediate action plans

The next general municipal election
will be on Monday, October 24, 2022

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1. New Homes Grant in Oakville

Implement an immediate \$100,000 interest free municipal grant (non-taxable) for first-time home buyers only. Grant to administered for registered new home builders and for resale homes sold through licensed Real Estate brokerages. This grant will be available for home purchases in Oakville only. The funds will be credited on closing electronically through both the buyers' and sellers' solicitors. The first-time buyers must certify by statutory declaration that they have not owned any home in Canada at any time. There will be a maximum of grant funds available capped at \$300 million which will be directed from development charges.

2. New traffic By-Laws

New traffic By-Laws for licensed drivers within Oakville for Oakville residents only. After registering with the Town of Oakville, drivers who demonstrate infraction free records for a minimum of 12 consecutive months will, upon confirmation, receive a paid discount up to \$1000 on their individual vehicle insurance up to and including a 25% deduction or a Petro-Canada gasoline gift card paid by the Town of Oakville along with an official certificate certifying their ticket free status for that year.

3. Three times the fines for violations

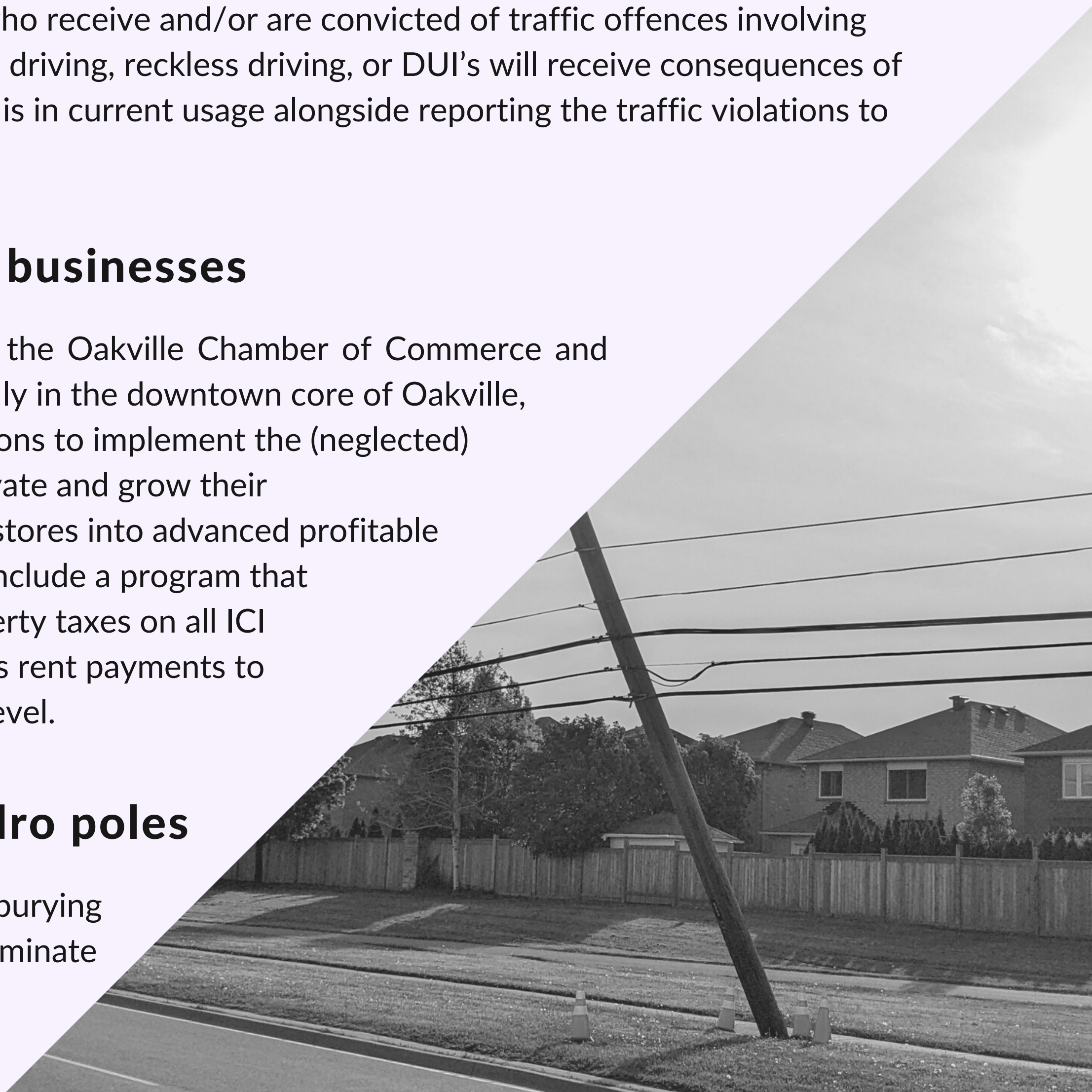
For Oakville licensed drivers who receive and/or are convicted of traffic offences involving excessive speeding, aggressive driving, reckless driving, or DUI's will receive consequences of fines that are triple that which is in current usage alongside reporting the traffic violations to their insurance companies.

4. Support for local businesses

Immediate consultations with the Oakville Chamber of Commerce and local business owners, especially in the downtown core of Oakville, to develop action-based solutions to implement the (neglected) support needed to help reactivate and grow their much-needed companies and stores into advanced profitable enterprises. This support will include a program that immediately reduces the property taxes on all ICI properties and, in turn, reduces rent payments to business owners on an equal level.

5. Eliminate the hydro poles

Immediate implementation of burying all hydro lines in Oakville to eliminate the hydro poles.



6. Settlement of a \$1 billion lawsuit

Immediate meetings with the law firm that has launched a \$1 billion lawsuit against the Town of Oakville and full official negotiations to achieve a settlement that does not include any financial compensation but rather a settlement that includes an infrastructure advancement and upgrade within the reported flood plains.

7. Reduction in Oakville Road Rage

Immediate implementation of synchronization of all traffic lights in Oakville, to improve the incidences of road rage throughout Oakville.

8. Climate change/global warming plan of action.

Implement an immediate task force to quickly and efficiently look for and implement a plan of action to adapt our entire town to the upcoming and inevitable effects of climate change and global warming. This project will design an action plan to:

- Immediately upgrade our storm sewers to handle larger capacity
- Upgrade all existing culverts to sewers
- Expand and upgrade our hydro capacity, including new energy sources, to keep our electrical power from brown and black outs
- Plant as many new trees all over Oakville as possible, mature trees and not baby stick trees that take decades to grow
- Replace the diesel generators on top of the Oakville Hospital with new natural gas generators or some other non-polluting generators
- Immediately replace all 90 Oakville town diesel buses with electric buses

9. 2+2=4

Immediate cancellation of performance-based budgeting to reintroduce regular ledger based accounting budgets.

10. Eliminate all Town building permit fees

Eliminate all Town building permit fees (except for new homes) for residents' decks, pools, additions, etc. This will increase the applications and inspections for these permits which are supposed to be for health and safety reasons, not as a cash cow revenue stream.

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11. Residents First

Ensure all councillors return all inquiries and/or questions from their ward residents in a timely manner (within 12 hours) or face severe financial consequences from the Mayoral office.

12. Tree pruning

Town greening control. Prune the bottom of all town trees where new “baby” trees grow up through the soil around the main tree trunk.

13. Flash Mob at Town Hall

Once per week at Town Hall, there will be a random and/or scheduled for the public, flash mob of local Oakville singers and musicians who will perform one song within Town Hall. Each event will be filmed/recorded for weekly distribution on all social media platforms with credits given to all musicians. All performers will be paid for their performance participation.

14. Casino Oakville

Immediate consultation with all residents to build a one-time limited edition 5-year downtown Oakville casino. All 100% net profits from the casino to go towards Town programs, existing and new ones that come into fruition. Depending on the revenue into the Town’s treasury, funds can be used for any capital expenditures or to pay off any Town debts. The casino to be built with full entertainment venues for all patrons.

15. Dismantle Casino Oakville

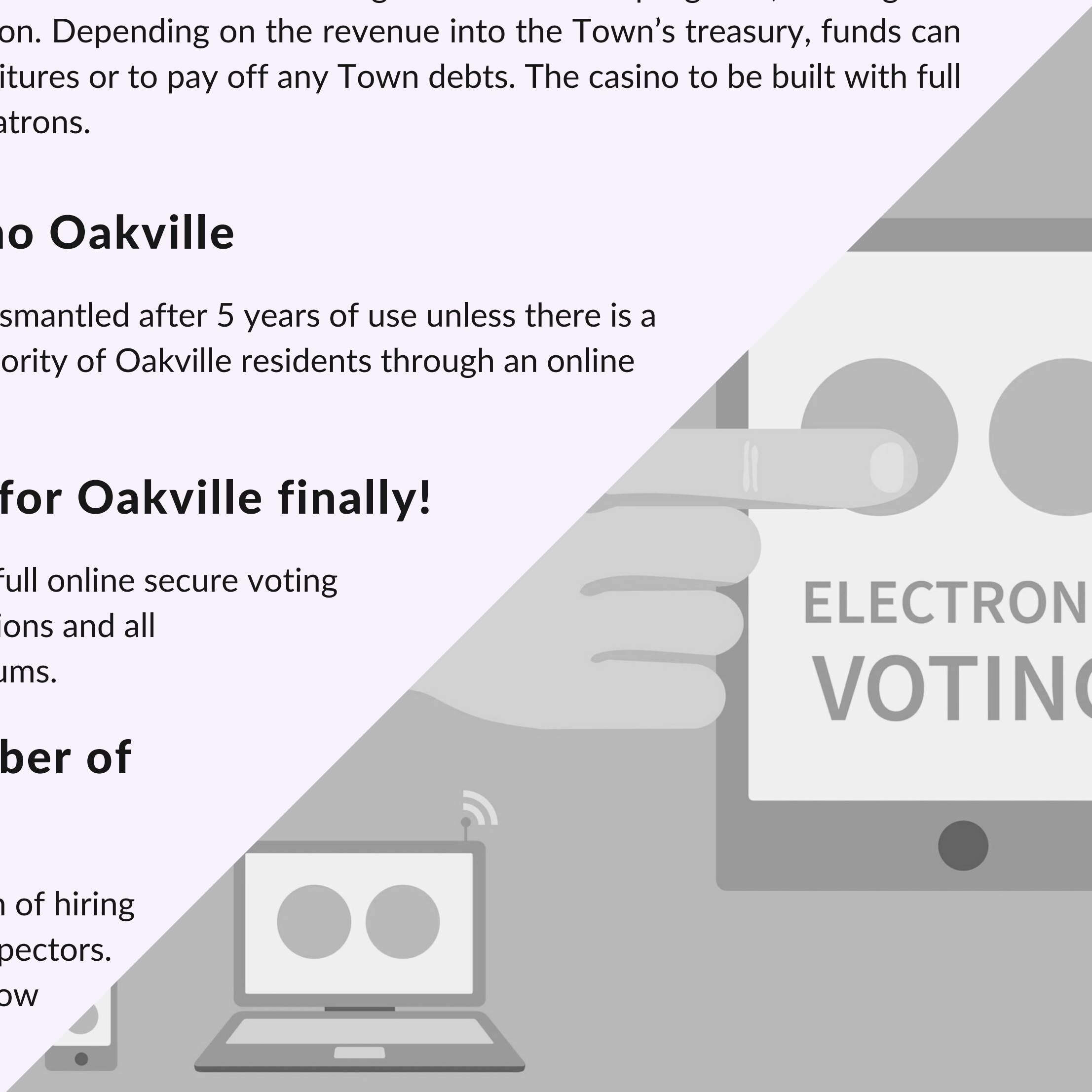
The casino to be completely dismantled after 5 years of use unless there is a confirmed acceptance of a majority of Oakville residents through an online survey or a referendum.

16. Internet voting for Oakville finally!

Immediate implementation of full online secure voting in Oakville for all general elections and all by-elections and any referendums.

17. Double the Number of building inspectors

The immediate implementation of hiring additional Oakville building inspectors. Double the number we have now in active service.



18. Complaints Reinstated

Immediate cancellation of all Council pre-screening of all Integrity Commissioner complaints. The Integrity Commissioner to be immediately reinstated on a full-time basis. All complaints to go directly to the Commissioner who will also resume all the duties and responsibilities that came with the position.

19. The Kerr Street grade separation overpass/underpass

The immediate implementation of the Kerr Street grade separation overpass/underpass to be constructed and completed within a maximum of 10 months from start to finish. Town of Oakville to develop this project with help from Builders of new homes in Oakville with the majority of the hard costs to be borne by the new home Developers.

20. Free and open debate

No more manipulating and bully councillors into voting unanimously at Council Chambers, fully encourage and allow complete free votes from all councillors. Allow and support free and open debate.

21. Expand the town infrastructure

Remove and repair/replace program to include a weekly inspection of all hydro transformers, street lamps, fire hydrants, catch basins, sewer grates, town owned fencing, road mediums and more. Implement and repair/replace program that leaves no town capital asset in a state of disrepair at any time.

22. Solving drinking water problems

Implement an immediate task force to look into the issue related to fluoride in our drinking water. Interview medical professionals including many local Oakville dentists and all residents of Oakville for their professional and personal consultations surrounding the removal of fluoride from our drinking water in Oakville. This task force will produce a report to Council within one month. Based on the report's conclusions, Council will immediately decide on whether to keep or remove fluoride in our town's drinking water.

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23. Modification of your backyards

The immediate implementation of an Oakville by-law that will allow all Oakville homeowners the ability to build an approved coach/garden house/home in their backyards. Building permits (free) are still required as are inspections and approved architectural drawings.

24. Council wage freeze

The immediate implementation of a 2-year wage freeze for the Mayor and all Councillors and the elimination of all expense accounts for the Mayor and Councillors. The only exception is for emergency situations that can be expensed. Currently, Burton brags how he and most of his Councillors do not fully use their expense accounts. Therefore, expense accounts will be terminated to save tax dollars.

25. Converting Mayor Burton's current office

The immediate implementation of converting Mayor Burton's current office that was remodelled for \$250,000 at taxpayer expense into a boardroom that can be used by all residents of Oakville for business meetings and business events. I will only require an 11 foot by 11 foot room for my office. I will also be working extensively outside the office environment within our Oakville communities to help coordinate, supervise, and implement our government's policies and laws. I will be very active in Oakville field work.

26. Build 10 Brand New Small Scale Urgent Care Centres

The immediate implementation of a new registered nurse (RN) municipal supplement. For all RN's working in Oakville in our hospital, walk-in clinics, doctors' offices, we will be paying a special non-burn-out supplement to them in accordance with the Emergency Services Advisory Committee and the College of Family Physicians. We will also as a municipality immediately begin building new long term care facilities owned and operated by the Town of Oakville. These LTC's will replace the more than enough recreation centers we have in existence already and no additional rec. centers will be constructed for the next 5 years. Additionally, we will construct 10 brand new small scale urgent care centers all within Oakville and owned and operated by the Town of Oakville.



27. Free Parking

The immediate implementation of cancelling all paid parking on streets in downtown Oakville. All parking meters will be removed. The paid parking lots will remain and continue to be available. Retail stores will offer free parking to all their customers 24/7.

28. Independent financial audit of all Town budgets

The immediate implementation of a third party independent internal financial audit of all Town of Oakville budgets from 2006 to 2022. The audit will include all departments and all revenues and expenses.

29. Office of Deputy Mayor

The immediate implementation of establishing a permanent Office of Deputy Mayor, appointed by the Mayor with the majority of Council's approval. The Deputy Mayor to have separate authority and responsibilities.

30. New Oakville Transit Program

The immediate implementation of a program that oversees our local Oakville buses picking up all passengers on all routes within a 10 minute wait period. No more waiting for up to 50 minutes to be picked up at stops. Currently and for many past years, Oakville Transit has been losing up to \$20 million per year. That needs to stop. We will implement an immediate plan of action that will keep all 90 buses within Oakville's ownership, but we will also investigate with a secured deadline of 2 months towards finding a solution to bring Oakville Transit to at least a break even point. One solution would be to privatize each bus with a separate company owning and operating each bus. They will compete with each other for the service of the customers. There will still be some limited municipal government oversight primarily for health and safety aspects. The current unionized workers, especially the bus drivers, will be offered to stay at their current jobs at current pay scales for a minimum of one year after privatization.

31. 407 Highway Residents Discount

Immediately implement a negotiated contract with the (Spanish) ownership of Highway 407 for an Oakville Resident Discount Program for registered Oakville vehicle owners to use the 407 Highway for both personal and business trips.



32. Budget Chief to be CA or CGA

The immediate implementation of hiring a Town Budget Chief/Chair who is a licensed registered/certified General Accountant. No more Councillor Tom Adams to be in charge of the Town budget.

33. New Home Vendor Take Back Mortgages

I will negotiate with the new home Developers to offer all new home buyers a vendor take-back mortgage at low interest rates for one to five year terms. This would help purchasers who would normally qualify but are holding off on purchasing for now.

34. Brand New Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts

Implement one of two projects for our aged Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts. 1) A full renovation to update, upgrade, and modernize the entire building. OR 2) Demolish the entire building while saving any historical items for preservation and building a new auditorium with state of the art facilities and expanding the seating capacity as much as possible. Build with Leed protocols.

35. Reformed Property Taxes

For all Oakville homeowners with gross family incomes of \$200,000 or less, property taxes will be frozen at 2022 levels for the next 2 years. For Oakville homeowners with family incomes over \$200,000 and up to \$250,000, property taxes will be raised 50% inflation on year 1 and current inflation on year 2. Should the homeowner income drop during the 2 year period to a new threshold, they can apply for their rebate on confirmation of their reduced family income.

36. Hiring of additional Staff for our Nurses

The immediate implementation of hiring and providing additional IT, secretarial and portering staff for our nurses in our hospital.

37. Town Youth Committee

The immediate implementation of a Town Youth Committee that meets at regular intervals at Town Hall to advise Council and the Mayor of all issues, positive or negative, that they wish to have addressed. Council will exact action plans to immediately implement any solutions or events.

Impact to
Overall Bill

37.1%

0.68%

21.6%

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41.3%

0.95%

1.63%

38. Increased funding for tourism Oakville

The immediate implementation of increasing Tourism Oakville budget from \$99,000 per year to \$1 million per year to help that department ramp up its efforts to draw in additional tourists into Oakville for various venues. The additional funding to be taken from Conservation Halton's budget of \$33 million.

39. Save glen abbey, again!

The immediate official negotiation with Club Link of Glen Abbey Golf Course to come to a contractual written agreement that maintains the property as a golf course for the next 10 years. This agreement may exclude the possible two condominium towers recently revealed at Site 1 and 2. There is also a hotel being planned now that all the golf associations have permanently vacated.

40. Save deerfield golf course

The immediate official confirmation of a written Agreement of Purchase and Sale and/or Transfer of Title from the provincial government to the Town of Oakville for Deerfield Golf Course to ensure the property remains a golf course.

41. Farmco Oakville! Fresh free food!

In lieu of Burton's plan to buy 2100 acres of already protected green belt land to turn into a park, I will immediately motion to purchase as much vacant land in Oakville that is still remaining as vacant whether it be already owned by current farmers or owned by developers who land-banked the acreages many years ago. We will either keep the land as food producing farmland or turn it all into food producing net output farmland. These Town owned lands will invite all Oakvillians to come and plant, grow, and harvest their own crops, whether it be wheat, corn or vegetables; and we will also have livestock on these Town owned farms. Oakville residents will have the option to harvest and keep the food they grow or sell it on the open and free market. These Town owned farms will only allow registered Oakville residents access to the harvests. Residents from outside of Oakville can use our farms by paying small monthly access fees to the Town of Oakville.

SOLD OUT!



42. Woman auxiliary council

The immediate implementation of a new auxiliary council which would be an all-woman council appointed by the Mayor with the majority approval of all councillors. This woman's council to meet once monthly at Town Hall and present action plans they wish to see incorporated into Oakville programs and services. The Mayor and Council to vote on each plan presented and, provided there is more than 50% approval, Town staff to help to implement the woman's council directives.

43. Oakville green plus

The immediate implementation of forming a new auxiliary council called Oakville Green Plus. This new council will have direct negotiation powers with all developers in Oakville that enhance the powers of the Mayor's office and all councillors. Combining both councils will enforce, when necessary, our official plan, zoning policies. More importantly, prevent developers from going to the Land Tribunal (OMB) because they are simply refused to develop their lands. This new Oakville Green Plus will be appointed by the Mayor with a majority vote from regular council. Oakville Green Plus will add how each application can be approved with their direct input and regular Council will follow through after agreement with all parties. Oakvillians will have the ability to be actively involved in the process with Oakville Green Plus. No more mayoral gate keeping. The power of development goes back to Oakville residents through both councils.

44. Ukraine homeowner tax cut

The immediate implementation of a property tax break for all Oakville homeowners who have hosted any Ukrainian refugee families. This tax break to help out the hosting family's expenses in hosting the Ukrainian victims of the war. Expenses to be submitted in writing to Council and, once verified, there will be an immediate reduction in that homeowner's annual property tax invoice.

