

To promote the exchange of information on issues that impact the quality of life in our neighbourhood, broader community and the Town of Oakville, with a particular focus on preserving and protecting our history, streetscapes, natural environment, heritage districts and homes.

OLRA Fall Newsletter

Oakville Lakeside Residents' Association

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Eye on the Sixteen — CharterAbility

by Geoff Godard

There are many things that make our part of the world unique and, channeling Mayor Burton, "Livable."

One of these is CharterAbility, whose two 24-foot pontoon boats ply the Mighty 16 north almost to the rapids just below Cornwall Street and south to Lake Ontario from its base under the Rebecca Street bridge, all summer long. Since 2003, it has introduced people to this rare northern ribbon of ancient Carolinian forest that runs through the heart of our town.

Many know the organization founded in 2003 by Stephen Cull, confined to a wheelchair following a tobogganing accident. A pontoon boat ride on Lake Muskoka inspired Stephen to create a similar experience

for people like him who face physical or other limitations and might otherwise be unable to access the wonders of this wild riverine environment.

CharterAbility's remarkable history and development are on its website, which we encourage you to visit if you don't know the evolution of Stephen's project to the successful enterprise

it is now. It's accessible of course, but also inclusive. It welcomes everyone for a cruise. And, supported by donations, there's no charge (of course a donation is welcome!). If there's a volunteer captain available, you're welcome to board. There's nothing else like it in North America.

We were introduced to Stephen by Ian Bowbyes, the gardener behind the March of Dimes Caine Apartments perennial garden we wrote about as "A Garden We Love" in our Spring 2023 newsletter. Stephen invited us on a cruise to experience this unique adventure.

On a hot, sunny mid-July morning we arrive at the elegant, landscaped courtyard embarkation point (which includes a barbeque and picnic tables for post-cruise nourishment) and board the Jeff Sloan with a group of newcomers to Canada organized by

HMC Connections, a Halton Region organization focused on multiculturalism.

Captain Larry Hardabura, one of many volunteer captains, reverses our craft onto the creek and we head north past the Power Boat Club's grand cabin cruisers, then through swarms of canoes and kayaks filled with kids from summer camps at the Burloak Canoe Club.

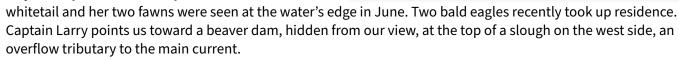


Eye on the Sixteen — CharterAbility - continued

We round the bend past the clubs and enter a realm of silence, punctuated by the occasional sharp piping call of a kingfisher patrolling the creek searching for prey. The bustle of the Town recedes as we enter the wilderness.

Turtles sun on the occasional riverbank rock or fallen tree trunk. There are many ducks, mostly mallards, and two elegant swans. Captain Larry tells us the pair, Max and Samantha, reside here and have for years, raising many broods. He gives us bits of bread to toss their way.

Blue herons call this home and occasionally soar majestically above the valley. There are deer. A



We turn back just below Cornwall where navigation ends, beside the site of the mill established in the 1830s by Oakville's founder, William Chisholm, which stood until it burned in the late 1920s. We cruise south, past our embarkation point, past the Oakville Club, Oakville Yacht Squadron and the Oakville lighthouse onto a choppy, refreshingly cool Lake Ontario, amidst the sailboats of the OYS sailing school. We finally return to our base after a wonderful, illuminating adventure.

This unique experience is available nowhere else. While priority is given to those with access limitations, there are no other restrictions. Anyone can book a cruise at CharterAbility's website - charterability.com

Up to twelve trips run daily, each lasting just under an hour. Scheduling is coordinated by Linda Kennedy, who can help custom design your voyage. And if you're moved by the experience, don't forget to donate—your support will keep this extraordinary service afloat.







by Hazel Cole

Over the past few growing seasons, Board Member Gail Kaufman has been effusing about her work at "The Veggie Patch." What and where is the Veggie Patch, I asked, and why the enthusiasm? I felt there must be more to it than a simple love of gardening. And, indeed, there is.



The Veggie Patch was the brainchild of Michael Nightingale, a much beloved former resident of Old Oakville and a head teacher at Appleby College. He and his wife had two plots at the allotments on Lyons Lane and often gave any surplus produce away. This gave him the idea of producing vegetables for the sole purpose of donating them to the Kerr Street Mission to help feed those in need. In 2014, he asked two fellow octogenarians, Michael Lanning and Austin Haslett, to join him in this endeavour. The initiative soon became part of St Jude's Outreach Program.

The first plot was in a shaded part of the allotments, and it was difficult to grow much; but over the past 10 years, the group has managed to work 4 sunny plots, each individually rented by an Oakville resident. While Austin is no longer able to contribute and Michael Nightingale has passed away, Michael Lanning is still as keen as ever, working as part of a small, but dedicated group of local residents plus a couple of volunteer students.

The results are impressive. By the end of 2024, the group had managed to grow and harvest just over 6,500 lbs of vegetables, the entirety being delivered to the Mission, with 2023 alone accounting for more than 1,000lbs. The main vegetables grown are lettuce,

tomatoes, cabbage, squash, Swiss chard, onions, carrots, beans, zucchini, eggplant and Bok choy. The group is hard at work for a few hours every Tuesday morning during the entire growing season, weeding, turning the soil, drilling, sowing, harvesting, weighing and delivering. It's hard work and a matter of sheer dedication.

The group is always looking to secure the long-term survival of this worthy initiative. In short, its members are always interested in finding additional volunteers; you do not have to be a gardening expert, rather enjoy being outside, digging in the soil and delighting in watching things come to life! And, the best part is seeing the difference it makes to the Kerr Street Mission.

If you are interested in volunteering, please email Gail at jgkglobal@gmail.com

Now I am interested in knowing more about St Jude's Outreach Program!

"The Workmen's Houses" aka "The Three Sisters" – 18-26 Thomas Street

by George Niblock

The three much loved cottages at the bottom of Thomas Street were built in the Neoclassical style, circa 1852, by Duncan Chisholm, the nephew of William Chisholm, Oakville's founder. The cottages were built to house his shipbuilding workers. Duncan Chisholm was a master mariner who first founded an iron and tin business in Oakville and then went on to establish a shipyard on Sixteen Mile Creek at William Street.

The first of the three in the row is 18 & 20 Thomas Street. This large double house is rendered in the simple lines of the Georgian style. The second is 24 Thomas Street and the third, number 26. These houses have in common a symmetrical layout, timber frame construction, with shiplap clapboard siding. The windows are a beautiful "six over six" pattern, which is based on a pane width that was common from 1835 to 1865.

Tim Boyd of Hamilton wrote about the workmen's houses: "The early settlers of Oakville, while full of optimism, lacked formal training in building. There were few master builders or architects at the time. In fact, the shipbuilders who came to work for Chisholm in the shipyard also built many of the first houses in Oakville. From the beginning, there was extensive mingling of the workers' cottages and merchants' houses. The earliest

The Workman's Houses - continued

homes in Oakville were constructed quickly with the easiest and most available materials. Timber was there for the taking, and shipwrights and carpenters were skilled in its handling. Lake stone and river stone were used for the cellar walls and footings."

Early photos show that numbers 24 and 26 both had their front porches removed after 1970 and front doors moved. 24 retains a front entrance, now on the left-hand side of the front elevation. The entrance is now embellished by a simple pediment and pilaster detail, and a three-pane transom tops the front door. 26 now has its entrance on the north elevation and three symmetrical windows across the front. The three cottages share a charming common laneway at the rear accessed from

Front Street.

Property Details from the Oakville Historical Society:

"In September 1833, William Chisholm sold Lot F. Block 21 of Plan 1 to Robert Thompson. In November 1833, it was sold again to William Earls 'and wife' and then to Richard Crozier 'and wife.'

In November 1851, it was sold to Duncan Chisholm 'and wife'. He built three Workmen's Houses at the foot of Thomas Street to house workers in 1852, but never lived in any of them. They sold them in December 1855 to George Wilson.

Duncan Chisholm was the fourth child, second son of seven children of George Chisholm Junior and Eliza McCarter. George was a younger brother of William Chisholm, founder of Oakville. Duncan was born on the family farm on the north shore of Burlington Bay in 1824, died in Oakville on 17 Dec 1888, and is buried at Oakville Cemetery. After the War of 1812-13, he served in the Provincial Navy. His first wife was Hannah A. Miller, daughter of W.G. Miller. They had six children before she died in 1871. He then married Ellen J. Walters of Chatham and had another four children before she

died in 1880. He and his younger brother, George Brock Chisholm (not to be confused with his grandson, Dr George Brock Chisholm, first Director General of the World Health Organization) became master mariners and moved to Oakville. In 1848, Duncan founded an iron and tin business in Oakville. He first lived at the corner of Lakeshore Road and Dunn Street, sharing a house with Mrs. Mary Wilson who operated a bakery in her half of the house. About 1853, he built a new brick house and shop on the southwest corner of Dunn and Lakeshore and lived there until his retirement.

In the late 1850s, he established a shipyard on the Sixteen at William Street and built there the "Victoria," the "Monarch" among others and finally, the "White Oak." The White Oak was built for George Brock Chisholm and launched on Dominion Day 1867, and

> it was expected that she would be named "New Dominion," but George Brock's daughter, Kate, named her "White Oak." For Canada's Centennial 100 years later, the Oakville Historical Society commissioned a scale model of the White Oak. It is now on display in our office. The

White Oak ended her days in Collins Inlet near Killarney Provincial Park."

Duncan was also a ship owner and served as Captain of the "Oddfellow," the "Royal Oak" and the "Three Bells" among others. He was the instigator of Captain Morris Felan's epic Christmas voyage of the "Victoria" (they shared her ownership) to Oswego and back. Navigation was closed for the season; there were no lights and insurance was not available. Felan managed to scrape up a crew of five, including Duncan, and they returned to Oakville on Christmas Day with the ship covered in ice. Their cargo was about 200 tons of pig iron for which they paid \$2.50 per ton.

With credits to: The Historical Marker Database and Tim Boyd; Oakville Historical Society; Heritage Oakville.

Summer Garden Party

We would like to express our thanks to Daina and Trevor Pencott at 145 William Street for hosting the 2025 OLRA Summer Garden Party. The weather was perfect, the ambience delightful, and as usual, the event was sold out.

A special thanks to the OLRA Board Members who organized this amazing event!

Our garden party is open to members only, so please consider renewing or joining the OLRA (see the back page for details). Membership is important. Your membership fee funds the cost of the garden party and our semi-annual newsletter, both of which we believe contribute to the sense of community that makes our small part of the world so special.

Please reach out to us if you'd like to offer to host next year's Summer Garden Party.











Oakville Public Library Central Branch — An update on the move to the Old Post Office

by Duncan Galloway

Our library is in many ways central to our community. With a mission to bring together people, information and ideas, to enrich lives and to build healthy communities the library is a place to learn, connect, create, work or just be. So, decisions on a potential move of Oakville Public Library's Central Branch to a new building are both important and exciting.

Back in January 2012, the Town of Oakville purchased the Oakville Post Office at 193 Church Street from Canada Post for its market value of \$11 million, outbidding developers in its determination to keep this important downtown building in public ownership.

Fast forward a decade, in September 2022 staff were directed to begin capital planning for a distributed Downtown Cultural Hub - addressing the Oakville Public Library, Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts, Oakville Galleries, and the future of Centennial Square and more.

Meanwhile, the current Central Branch was experiencing problems with leaking roofs, flooding, increasing maintenance costs, and major renovation expenses to meet modern accessibility requirements. The 1960s building was showing its age. Closing the Central Branch for two years for renovations was not an attractive option, so in September 2023 the decision was made to relocate the library, ultimately selecting the old Post Office as its new home.

In late 2024, Oakville Public Library held public consultations to determine what the community wanted from the new library building, with reports issued in February 2025. The public wish list was long and ambitious. People wanted a landmark, a "spectacular" public building with natural light, a cafe, children's space, a reading garden, living walls, flexible event spaces, large windows and plants, access to technology, and a local history room. And stacks of books.

Two firms of architects have been selected; Perkins&Will, a well-known global design firm with an award-winning portfolio, and Smoke Architecture. Founded in 2014 and located in Hamilton, Smoke Architecture is Anishinaabeg owned and operated, and women led. Their focus is on embedding Indigenous principles into the design and function of spaces to create compelling places that welcome all.

The new building will, potentially, have great views. Studies are exploring how to take advantage of the outlook North over 16 Mile Creek and South to the Town Square and Lake Ontario; maybe by adding an additional floor if the building structure allows. Above all, the hope is that it will be a space where people relax when they enter the building - where the fabric and structure of the building actually provide a sense of health and well-being. The library team hopes that the new building will be a place people want to visit, chat or browse. A place where they want to bring their children - in short, where it will be a community space.

A specific element of the conceptual design is a children's area to support literacy and a love of reading. A critical role. Below is E.B. White writing to the children of Troy on the opening of their library.

April 14, 1971

Dear Children of Troy:

Your librarian has asked me to write, telling you what a library can mean to you.

A library is many things. It's a place to go, to get in out of the rain. It's a place to go if you want to sit and think. But particularly it is a place where books live, and where you can get in touch with other people, and other thoughts, through books. If you want to find out about something, the information is in the reference books-the dictionaries, the encyclopedias, the atlases. If you like to be told a story, the library is the place to go.

Books hold most of the secrets of the world, most of the thoughts that men and women have had. And when you are reading a book, you and the author are alone together--just the two of you. A library is a good place to go when you feel unhappy, for there, in a book, you may find encouragement and comfort. A library is a good place to go when you feel bewildered or undecided, for there, in a book, you may have your question answered. Books are good company, in sad times and happy times, for books are people - people who have managed to stay alive by hiding between the covers of a book.

E.B. White

Letter to the Troy Public library. Troy Public Library website. Troypl.org

The new library building will support the many changing roles of a library in the 21st century. As well as an outstanding space for children, concept plans include a flexible community event space and a local history room for the preservation and display of local Indigenous artefacts, local records and archives. There will be space to enable those with no access to electronics to access the internet and other electronic resources in the library. In this digital age, the library will be a space where staff can help people of all ages arm themselves with the ability to discern and fact check online misinformation and disinformation.

Physically, the building will provide a safe space, open to all for warming and cooling in extreme weather. And a safe space and the first point of contact for people with specific shelter needs, where librarians work with partner agencies to ensure these people get the right support.

All these activities and more are part of the changing role of a library and must be addressed by the conceptual designs for the new building. Options on how to proceed will be presented to the OPL Board and then to Council. The intent is still to complete the move in 2028.

As residents of downtown Oakville, the Central Branch is our library and a resource for the whole Oakville community. Cherish your library, through attending Book Sales, programs, events, or just by using your

library card to check out books and resources from the catalogue. And make sure our Councillors and Mayor know that you cherish your library and that you support them in overcoming the challenges in creating a wonderful new Central Branch library in the old Post Office building.

Our thanks to Tara Wong, CEO of the Oakville Public Library for sharing her insights to help support this article.

"Know this - if you love your library, use your library. Support libraries in your words and deeds. If you are fortunate enough to be able to buy your books, and you have your own computer with which to conduct research, and you're not in search of a story hour for your children, then don't forget about the members of your community who are like you but perhaps lack your resources - the ones who love to read, who long to learn, who need a place to go and sit and think. Make sure that in your good fortune you remember to support their quest for a better life. That's what a library promises us, after all: a better life. And that's what libraries have delivered."

Ann Patchett: Quoted in The Public Library: A Photographic Essay by Bill Moyers (Foreword), An Patchett (Afterword), Robert Dawson (Photographer) 2014

Eye on the Sixteen - Update

By Geoff Godard

For the first time since the high water event of 2017, there will be very little going on in the harbour or on the Mighty Sixteen in the upcoming year.

The 2009 Oakville Harbour - West Shore Landscape Master Plan is complete. The lake is again behaving itself under a new set of protocols by the International Joint Commission that governs such things that should ensure levels don't again reach the records set in 2017 and 2019.

Conservation Halton has new protocols that should ensure a catastrophic discharge from Mountsford Dam, the main watershed control of the Sixteen, as happened July 16, 2024, will not be repeated (see great flood July 16).

The Oakville Club's seawall replacement project is complete.

The only ongoing project is the landscaping of Shipyard Park on the west bank. It was to commence this fall but is postponed to 2026. The Town and Conservation Halton need time to further refine parameters of the project.

The consequence is, if we have a refreshingly cold winter with not too much snow, for the first time in many years there could be a good skating season

COBS Bread: More Than Just a Bakery

by Geoff Godard

COBS Bread has been a cornerstone of our downtown for nearly 20 years, known for its exceptional bread, pastries and service. Many may not realize that COBS is also deeply woven into the fabric of our community, actively supporting Kerr Street Mission, Smilezone, school fundraisers, and numerous local sports teams. We set out to explore this side of the business.

COBS is the Canadian counterpart of Bakers Delight, a successful Australian bakery chain established in 1980. The first COBS opened in Vancouver in 2003.

We assumed the name was bread-related—perhaps referencing a "cob of bread," which in parts of England and elsewhere refers to the end of a baguette-style loaf or a round, sturdy roll (inelegantly described by Copilot as "resembling a cobblestone"). Kevin Ker, owner of the downtown Oakville store, set us straight. "COBS means 'Canada's Own Bakery Store' and if you like, 'Celebration of Bread." Today, there are over 180 COBS stores and more on the way.

Kevin grew up in Aylmer, Ontario, where his father managed an IGA grocery

store in what was then tobacco country. He recalls, "People like my father had a symbiotic relationship with their community—when the community thrived, businesses thrived. I grew up surrounded by service clubs like Kiwanis. Local businesses routinely sponsored sports teams and community events."

After earning a degree in food and beverage management from New Hampshire College in Durham, N.H., Kevin started his career in management with Kelsey's Roadhouse, later moving to Krispy Kreme. In 2004, based in Calgary, he discovered COBS when a Calgary location was

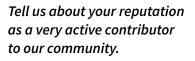


established. Intrigued by its vision, he soon joined the company, eventually becoming regional supervisor of operations in Ontario—where he met his future wife, Kim Davis, an Oakville native.

How did you end up settling in Oakville?

"I was tired of constant travel and wanted to build a life

with Kim. She introduced me to Oakville, and I was immediately drawn to the community. Around the same time, COBS shifted to a franchise model for growth. It felt like the stars had aligned, so I bought the Oakville franchise, married Kim and we are raising two beautiful kids."



"From the beginning,
Bakers Delight embraced
a culture of community
support, and that spirit was
ingrained in COBS from the
beginning. And, it matched
my upbringing perfectly—a
natural fit."



What charitable causes you and your team support?

"Our major partnership is the Kerr Street Mission at the top of Kerr, for its Kerr Street Food Market. They're the largest recipient of our product at the end of each day, but we also supply other food banks, like the Daily Harvest.

"Our other major initiatives are with schools and the sponsorship of sports teams. We donate pastries to events and help their fundraising through the sale of our gift cards — one free loaf of bread per month for a year. We donate the value."

Anything in it for COBS?

"I like to think the people who buy our Loaf Cards from one of the organizations we support and sample our fare will become loyal repeat customers. And I'm pretty sure they do! For me personally, I love that I'm following in my father's footsteps."

We also toured Kerr Street Mission to see its operation, especially the Food Market. Our guide was Tony O'Dell, Director of Fundraising and Communications. Tony gave us this final word: "We have a great relationship with Kevin and his team. COBS is a major contributor to our continuing success."

We are fortunate indeed that Kevin Ker of Aylmer chose downtown Oakville to set up his business.





Neighbourhood Safety Update

by Amanda Holden

At the May meeting of the Oakville Lakeside Residents' Association, Constable Dejazmatch James from the Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS) joined members to share information on community safety and practical steps residents can take to protect their homes.

Residents are encouraged to explore the Halton Police Crime Map (https://www.haltonpolice.ca/en/news-and-updates/crime-map.aspx), which allows users to view recent break-and-enter occurrences across the region. As noted at the AGM presentation, HRPS also offers Home Security Inspections—a free service providing personalized recommendations for improving household security. (https://www.haltonpolice.ca/en/staying.safe/home-security-inspections.aspx)

In an update from Chief Stephen Tanner, Halton Region continues to rank as one of the safest communities in Canada. For 2024, Halton once again recorded the lowest overall Crime Severity Index (CSI) among Ontario's "Big 12" police services, covering both violent and non-violent offences. The trend has continued into 2025: during the first six months of the year, overall crime decreased by 11.7 percent per 100,000 residents, and property crimes such as break-and-enters and auto thefts declined by 15.9 percent when adjusted for population growth.

Chief Tanner emphasized that HRPS remains focused on serious threats—including home invasions, auto theft, and gun-related crime—while working with municipal, provincial, and federal partners to bring offenders to justice.

For more details and access to Constable James's presentation materials, visit the OLRA website at https://www.oakvillelra.ca/single-post/halton-police-safety

Oakville Downtown BIA and Other Updates



Light up the Night

November 14, 5pm-9pm – Our Towne Square annual tree lighting celebration returns with a 45-foot tree, live entertainment, carollers, hot cocoa, Santa's cottage, and family activities.

Santa Claus Parade

Saturday, 15 November 9 am (rain or shine).

Oakville Museum - Visit with Santa

November 22, 2025, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (30-minute sessions) – Don't miss Santa's special visit to the Museum! Write a letter to Santa at the Old Post Office in Lakeside Park. Tour Erchless Estate, beautifully decorated for Christmases past. Create magic in the Coach House before meeting Santa in his cozy sitting room.

Local Love Christmas Market

November 27, 2025, 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Verace restaurant, 312 Lakeshore Rd. E., Oakville – Discover a vibrant marketplace filled with services and products all crafted, curated and provided by incredible women entrepreneurs. Connect with your local community, explore unique products and services, and support small businesses in a welcoming and inspiring atmosphere.





Towne Square - Holiday Programming

November 29th, December 6th, 13th and 20th at 12pm-4pm. Come for Candy Cane Carollers, Santa, Hot Cocoa, Carriages, Horse-carriages.

Eigth Annual Christmas Eve "Carols in the Square"

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Chartwell Church invites the Oakville community to join them for their 8th annual Christmas Eve "Carols in the Square." Singing starts at 5:00 pm and ends at 6:00 pm. Bring your family, friends and neighbours to sing along and also to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.

This is an opportunity to bring a non-perishable food item in support of Kerr Street Mission's foodbank.

For more information, please contact Chartwell's church office at 905-844-2801. Please note: in the event of rain, the event will take place at 228 Chartwell Road, Oakville.



Art in My Garden

by Rachel Williams and adapted by Hazel Cole

Art in my Garden is becoming a much anticipate event. This year, its 5th edition, saw over 1500 people visit the show and interact with its 70 artists, and 3 dedicated art activities hosted across 35 private gardens in Old Oakville

The neighbourhood was transformed into an outdoor gallery, an immersive experience. Local homeowners and artists collaborated to share original artworks set amongst our gardens. The event offered an inspiring showcase of creativity from Oakville artists. 25 new artists joined in 2025 adding to the already diverse representation of artists from across the town.

This year introduced Hanging in Harmony—a collaborative installation of 10" x 10" canvases painted by volunteer artists of all ages, each interpreting the theme "What Is the Art in Your Garden?" . This volunteer-led installation was created by members of the public during 8 free weekend painting sessions hosted in Downtown Oakville and by members of established groups in Oakville such as the Sir John Colbourne Acrylics group, Waterside Art Group, Oakville Art Collective, Knox Presbyterian Church, St Jude's Church, Oak Park Neighbourhood, Ace Coworking collective and many local retailers within the BIA. The resulting patchwork of personal expression was proudly displayed hanging between trees on Navy Street during the event.

We look forward to next year's edition.

For questions regarding Art in My Garden pleae reach out to Rachel Williams rachel.williams@gmail.com



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Join the OLRA or Renew

Membership Information

The Oakville Lakeside Residents' Association is a volunteer non-profit organization. Since 1966, we have been a strong voice for our neighbourhood on issues that impact our community. We are committed to keeping our members informed on what is happening in our neighbourhood and our Town.

We engage our members via: oakvillelra.ca, email, Facebook, newsletters, blogs, meetings, and neighbourhood events.

JOIN or RENEW TODAY!

The membership fee is \$25 a year (May 01 - April 30) per household or \$40 for two years.

We offer two ways to pay:

Cheque: Please mail your name, street address, phone number and email along with a cheque payable to "Oakville Lakeside Residents' Association" to:

109 Thomas Street, P.O. Box 69585 Oakville, ON, L6J 7R4

2 INTERAC e-Transfer: Please send an e-Transfer through your online banking to: olramembership@gmail. com - ALSO email us your name, street address and phone number.

Check your current membership status at <u>oakvillelra.ca/members</u>

Our success depends on a broad base of support in a well-informed community!

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