

COMMENT

Ah, the (fishing) lure of a garage sale

I don't know what's worse: holding a garage sale or buying drapes. Now, I know. If I was truly the interior designer that lurks at the bottom of the hearts of most of us, I'd just whip up some billowy things that would have drape-lovers oohing and aahing, the moment they were hung on wonderfully exotic curtain rods. And can anyone tell me the difference between drapes and curtains? And do you have drapes but hang them on curtain rods or drape rods? Or is that, again, like interior design know how....sort of like sofa over couch. Everyone knows, of course, that a sofa is the well built Cadillac of furniture whereas the moment you sit on a couch, you know it. In any case, the idea of sewing up anything more complicated than the hem on a dress and even then you're stretching it is simply too much, so I am one of those schlepps out with the drones looking at what is euphemistically known as Window Coverings.



DIANE HART

It is, take it from me, not the best way to spend an afternoon. But even finding your way around Window Coverings is far better than getting ready for a garage sale. Now if you talk to anyone about garage sales, you'll think you've hit a jackpot. Tens of millions of dollars are only to be had by slapping a few strips of masking tape on some old pots and hanging out a sign at the end of the driveway. Well that may be true. But my question is how any relationship lasts throughout all the jolliness of lugging junk through the house, propping it up in the living room, arguing about whether or not it should be

kept because after all, it's the only board game of its kind, the only wine cork of its kind even if it has never worked properly, the only wicker dog bed of its kind even if most dogs chew them to bits and then.... the pricing of all these wonderful items. I mean, I have to say we almost came to blows over an old silver tackle box, filled with lurid lures of all shapes and sizes. My husband began reminiscing about the fishing trips he and pals had taken all the while fingering the lures lined up on the tiny shelves, the floats, line and sinkers at the bottom of the box. My son, hoping to goad him into keeping it, asked what was so special about the basserino lure lying in red and white splendour at the top of the shelf. Well, said my spouse, leaning back and propping his feet up on the couch, red and white drives pike mad. Drew nodded. "So have you ever

caught anything with it?" My spouse shifted a little uncomfortably on the couch. "Well, no not exactly. But it's a vintage lure." Okay so we're back to square one. We have to put a ticket on this box and while I say give it to anyone who walk by the house, my spouse wants cold, hard cash in the area of \$10 for it. "What?" I shriek, "who in their right mind will pay \$10 for lures that don't even catch any fish?" This is not what you might call exactly collegial talk between spouses, but what the heck. It's already 10 pm, we can't answer the front door because we've got so much junk packed ready to put out in the driveway, it's pouring rain and the kids are beginning to bicker back and forth about how much each has donated towards our family garage sale. "We better make a million dollars, that's all I can say," I grumbled. We still had to get a couple of bikes from the back shed, the basketball net set from the deck and on and

on. Finally, we were ready. All the odds and ends were priced, the stuff was ready to go. We fell into bed, exhausted. Only to wake up to pouring rain and drivers of vans and trucks slowly snaking their way past our house despite our Cancelled sign in the driveway. One fellow actually banged on our door. And there we were looking out into the rain, our living room crammed with stuff, just pondering our next step: lugging it all back down the stairs until we could try it all again the following week. I'm thinking I had more fun having an emergency root canal last year. You know what? It would be just my luck to have the basement flood and I'd have to pay some guy to take it all to the dump. So I've decided: I'm going to adopt a new minimalism in my life. Bare windows and no more junk. The next interior design trend, what do you think?

Study information available from different sources


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**congested road system?**  
• this study will not directly address the congestion that we are currently experiencing on the road networks in Oakville. However, the study will make recommendations that are directly related to traffic movement in the study area, in Oakville and the through traffic from outside our municipal borders. It is well recognized that congestion is not peculiar to Oakville but is present throughout South Halton and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The Region of Halton has already completed the Regional Road 5 and 25 Corridor Strategy which includes widening Dundas Street to six lanes and makes provision for HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) Lanes. The Greater Toronto Services Board (GTSB) is developing a GTA Transportation Plan. It is also the direction of the study to create more live/work relationships in the area under study.  
**What type of business/industry will be located in the employment lands?**  
• Oakville's Economic Strategy identified the need for creating a business environment in Oakville that would attract complimentary businesses and industries to meet the needs of the already existing business community in Oakville. Creation of land areas that would accommodate business parks, office buildings, warehousing with good access to markets and road networks in Ontario, other provinces and to the United States. An example is Zenon which has already relocated their Head Office from Burlington to the area around Dundas Street and Bronte Road. This company works throughout the world installing their technology for treating waste water.  
**Is this Study and Planning Process being rushed?**  
• as indicated before, it has taken 10 years or more to designate the lands north of Dundas Street as an urban area. Items related to HUSP can be viewed by accessing Halton Region's own website at [www.region.halton.on.ca](http://www.region.halton.on.ca). The planning for North Oakville began with the LGL Study which took over a year. The current North Oakville Land Use Options study was begun in June of 1999. There have been two Public Information Meetings to date. There is also a Community Resource Group that has met on two occasions to review the same material that has been presented at the Public Information Meetings. The next Public Information Meeting will be held on May 18th, 2000, and the final report will be presented to council at a Public Meeting on June 26th, 2000. All meetings are held at the Town of Oakville offices on Trafalgar Road.  
**Can't we just say NO to anymore Growth in Oakville?**  
• The Town of Oakville tried to say NO and limit growth in the mid-1970's. This decision resulted in the Developers and Landowners referring the plan to the Ontario Municipal Board. The decision of the OMB in 1978 resulted in approvals for the growth we have seen in Glen Abbey, River Oaks and Iroquois Ridge North. There is still land in these communities which can be built on but inquiries from Developers and Landowners are being made to the Town for lands that are owned north of Dundas Street. If an application is received for an Official Plan Amendment and Zoning Bylaw for any of the lands north of Dundas Street, the Town must deal with the application within 90 days according to the Planning Act. If the Town doesn't meet this


timeline, the owner has the right to appeal his plan to the Ontario Municipal Board for a decision. Without a Plan, Oakville is at a disadvantage and could risk losing control over how, when and where growth starts to occur on the lands north of Dundas Street. Hopefully, this article has

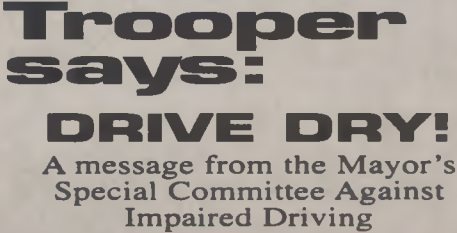
addressed some of the questions that the current citizens of the Town of Oakville have about the North Land Use Options Strategy that the Town is presently doing. I would encourage you to visit the Town's website at [www.town.oakville.on.ca](http://www.town.oakville.on.ca) for details of both this study and the LGL Environmental Study. For


information on Region of Halton Official Plan #8, please access [www.region.halton.on.ca](http://www.region.halton.on.ca). If you are not currently connected to the internet, visit your local library and access the website through the computers located there. If you still have questions, attend the next Public Information Meeting in May

and the Public Meeting before Council in June or call your Ward Councillors; they will be more than happy to talk to you.  
**Liz Behrens**  
*Halton Region councillor and chair of the Steering Committee for the North Oakville Land Use Options Study.*

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**OAKVILLE**

**Trooper says: DRIVE DRY!**  
A message from the Mayor's Special Committee Against Impaired Driving



**THIRD LINE**  
Wycroft Road to Upper Middle Road  
Class Environmental Assessment Study

**NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE**  
In order to address growing traffic congestion on Third Line and to enable co-ordination with the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) design of the QEW / Third Line interchange, the Town of Oakville and MTO are carrying out a study of Third Line from Wycroft Road to Upper Middle Road in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The study is addressing the EA requirements for both Third Line and the interchange with the QEW. McCormick Rankin Corporation (MRC) has been retained to carry out the study.  
Following the first public information centre on March 1, 2000, the study findings and preliminary proposals for Third Line were reviewed taking into consideration comments received from the public, property owners and government agencies. The preferred alternative is shown on the key plan and includes:  
• the widening and reconstruction of Third Line to 4 lanes plus median with turning lanes at intersections as required  
• a new interchange at the QEW with Third Line going over the QEW.

**KEY MAP**  


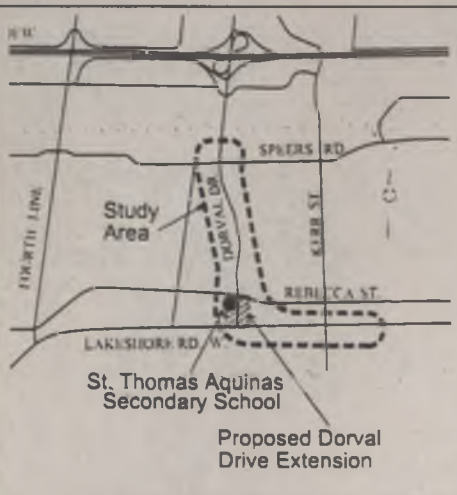
A second public information centre has been arranged to review the comments received to date and the preferred alternative for Third Line. The information centre is scheduled for:  
**PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE**  
**Date: Wednesday, May 3, 2000**  
**Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Place: Pilgrim Wood Public School**  
**1151 Pilgrims Way, Oakville**

The purpose of the Public Information Centre is to receive public comments about the proposed widening of Third Line and the proposed interchange with the QEW. The information centre will be an informal drop-in centre where those who attend will be able to discuss the study with representatives of the Town of Oakville, MTO and the consultants, and provide comments. Anyone with an interest in the study is invited to attend and participate. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you cannot attend and would like to provide comments, please forward them by **May 12, 2000** to:  

<b>Mr. Dan Cozzi, P. Eng.</b> Town of Oakville, Public Works Department 2274 Trafalgar Road Oakville, Ontario L6J 5A6 Tel: (905) 845-6601 ext. 4424 Fax: (905) 338-4159 e-mail: <a href="mailto:dcozzi@town.oakville.on.ca">dcozzi@town.oakville.on.ca</a>	<b>Ms. Leslie Scott</b> McCormick Rankin Corporation 2655 North Sheridan Way Mississauga, Ontario L5K 2P8 Tel: (905) 823-8500 Fax: (905) 823-8503 e-mail: <a href="mailto:lscott@mrc.ca">lscott@mrc.ca</a>
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Following the public information centre, the preferred alternative will be reviewed in light of comments received. It is proposed to present the study recommendations to Community Services Committee on May 23, 2000 and file the Environmental Study Report (ESR) in early June, 2000. A notice of the filing of ESR will be placed in the local papers.

**NOTICE OF FIRST**  
**PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE**  
**CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**  
**DORVAL DRIVE EXTENSION**  
**FROM REBECCA STREET TO LAKESHORE ROAD WEST**

The Town of Oakville has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment Study to examine the extension of Dorval Drive from Rebecca Street to Lakeshore Road West. The study is being carried out in accordance with the Municipal Engineers Association guidelines for a 'Schedule C' Class Environmental Assessment for Municipal Road Projects. The study will review the need and justification for possible improvements to the existing corridor and evaluate alternatives for the extension. Upon completion of the study, an Environmental Study Report will be filed on the public record.  
  
**Date: Wednesday, May 3, 2000**  
**Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (presentation at 7:15 p.m.)**  
**Place: Library, St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School**  
**124 Margaret Drive, Oakville**  
**(southwest corner of Dorval Drive and Margaret Street)**

The information centre will consist of a short presentation followed by an informal discussion period where those who attend will be able to discuss the study with representatives of the Town of Oakville and the consultants. Anyone with an interest in the study is invited to attend and participate. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you cannot attend and would like to provide comments, please forward them to:  

<b>Mr. Scott McMillan, P.Eng.</b> Municipal Project Manager Town of Oakville, Public Works Department P.O. Box 310, 2274 Trafalgar Road Oakville, Ontario L6J 5A6 Phone: (905) 845-6601 ext. 3308 Fax: (905) 338-4159 <a href="mailto:smcmillan@town.oakville.on.ca">smcmillan@town.oakville.on.ca</a>	<b>Mr. Tyrone Gan, P.Eng.</b> Consultant Project Manager iTRANS Consulting Inc. 100 York Boulevard, Suite 608 Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 1J8 Phone: 1-888-860-1116 Fax: (905) 882-1557 <a href="mailto:tegan@itransconsulting.com">tegan@itransconsulting.com</a>
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A project website is available at [www.dorvalea.com](http://www.dorvalea.com). Information on the project will be posted on the website and you are welcome to contact us directly through the website.

**COUNCIL & STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

<b>Monday, May 1, 2000</b> Council Meeting Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	<b>Monday, May 8, 2000</b> Planning & Development Council Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, May 9, 2000</b> Community Services Committee 7:30 p.m. - Oakville Room Administrative Services Comm. 7:30 p.m. - Bronte Room	<b>Monday, May 15, 2000</b> Council Meeting Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.

**COUNCIL & COMMITTEE TOUCHSTONE**  
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