

## Final Draft Delegation to Council

May 2, 2017

Mayor Burton, Members of the Council and members of the community, my name is Peter DeRosa, President of the Trafalgar Chartwell Residents' Association. I am pleased to be here to represent the views of the 5 Resident Associations in Ward 3: Trafalgar Chartwell, Joshua Creek, Oakville Lakeside, Chartwell Maple Grove, and Clearview. To begin we congratulate Council and Staff on a job well done on this file, and appreciate the public consultation that has taken place to date and the opportunity for continuing to do so before decisions are made.

Our constituents, like us are anxious to enjoy the benefits of a much-needed community recreation centre and parklands and we are looking forward to meeting the new neighbours that will purchase the new housing. We look forward to the development of these lands with an integrated vision that considers the unique character of its location in relation to Midtown, Downtown and the Town's Heritage districts.

First let me say that we are delighted that the dates for conceptualization have been moved forward. This way we can proceed on schedule with the development and meet our 2020 timeline for the Community Recreation Center. You will find today that our delegation is consistent with our positions taken back in December 2, 2013. We are pleased that our comments then were heard and are reflected in the reports you have before you today.

We hope that you are equally considerate of our remarks today.

**1. With respect to Agenda Item Number 1: Active Parkland, Parkland Acquisition and completion of the Parks and Open Space Strategy**

From the report, we note that Oakville's existing active parkland supply, translates into a provision rate of approximately 2.12 hectares per 1,000 residents and moving forward it is recommended that the target be increased to 2.2 hectares. The **Five-year Review of the 2012 Parks** (page 86) states that South-East Oakville only provides 1.89 hectares of active parkland per 1,000 residents. We ask council to consider this shortfall in the amount of parkland that will be allocated in this area.

**2. With Respect to Agenda Item Number 2: Financial Overview – Former Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH Lands)**

We accept the estimated cost of the base program for the Community Centre being \$30,000,000 as well as \$8,000,000 for optional program enhancements. However, we would like to point out that these additional amenities are not unique as they are consistent with other community centres in Oakville. In addition these amenities support the principle of fair geographic distribution of Community Services throughout Oakville which Council endorsed in 2012.

**3. With respect to Agenda Item 3: South East Community Recreation Centre**

The recommendations in the South-East Oakville Community Centre, staff report of 2017 includes a fitness centre, a therapy pool, an indoor walking track, a 25-metre pool, and enhancements for the parking garage. All will provide a Community Centre which will be well used as an integral part of our Community. The inclusion of a double gym is needed to address the shortage of gym space caused by the closing of 3 schools. All the amenities contemplated in the report are consistent with what we envisioned in 2012 and we look

forward to your support. Also, we hope that all future public transportation discussions will consider the provision of easy access to the community centre from all areas of Ward 3. We do not support a 50-meter pool in this location nor any appeal for delayed decisions under the pretext of further study. This is a project that is better suited for an athletic centre with the capacity to draw users from the whole region rather than just the local community. Therefore, we are united that the project needs to stay on the current timeline of completion by the fall of 2020.

**4 With respect to Agenda Item 4: Master Plan – Former Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital Lands:**

The coalition appreciates very much the opportunity to review the three land use options that have been presented. The presentation of options was requested by the community and will be a very helpful reference point for further public consultation. We will continue to solicit input from our community on these options and will encourage residents to provide their feedback to the town at the information sessions. The redeveloped hospital lands must conform to the Livable Oakville Plan policies and we remain committed to seeking a result for the entire site which is integrated and architecturally pleasing. The coalition supports the vision for the hospital lands that includes the new community centre, parkland, some mixed single and townhouse residential development consistent with character of the surrounding neighbourhood; *the restoration of the old OTHS and the protection of the endangered Chimney Swifts. OTHS could potentially be used as a senior's residence. Our residents would also like to see some sort of, medical facility in the area as determined by the LHIN.* We support 80 parking spaces for Wyndham Manor to be in the existing 500 space-parking garage rather than taking up much needed parkland, provided the capacity of the existing parking garage is adequate.

In conclusion, we are looking forward to participating in public consultation on the three options. We trust that Council and Staff will continue to be open to suggestions for modifications.

We understand you may have questions for us but would appreciate the opportunity to write them down and discuss them as a group before we respond.

Thank you for your time and support.