

# WELCOME



JOSHUA CREEK  
Residents' Association

# Joining Us Tonight



Mayor: *Rob Burton*



Region & Town Councillor:  
*Janet Haslett-Theall*



Town Councillor: *David Gittings*

# Joining Us Tonight



- Town Landscape Architect:  
*Carmen Hui*



- Oakville Public Library Director  
of Customer Experience:  
*Caitlyn Hicks*

# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. President's Report: 2024
3. Treasurer's Report: 2024
4. Election of 2025 Board of Directors
5. OPL Central Branch Move
6. Town Square Renovation
7. 2025 Initiatives
8. Q&A session with Mayor and Councillors

# Who We Are

JOSHUA CREEK  
Residents' Association

- Since 1974: Non-profit Volunteer Organization
- Promote dialogue on community issues
- Community positions on the policy and concerns that impact our neighbourhoods, our Ward and the Town of Oakville.

*Making Your Voice Heard!*

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# 2024 JCRA Activities

1. Winston Churchill Warehouses
2. Midtown Planning and Development Applications
3. Ashgrove Cement Plant Emissions Level
4. Additional Initiatives



# Winston Churchill Warehouses

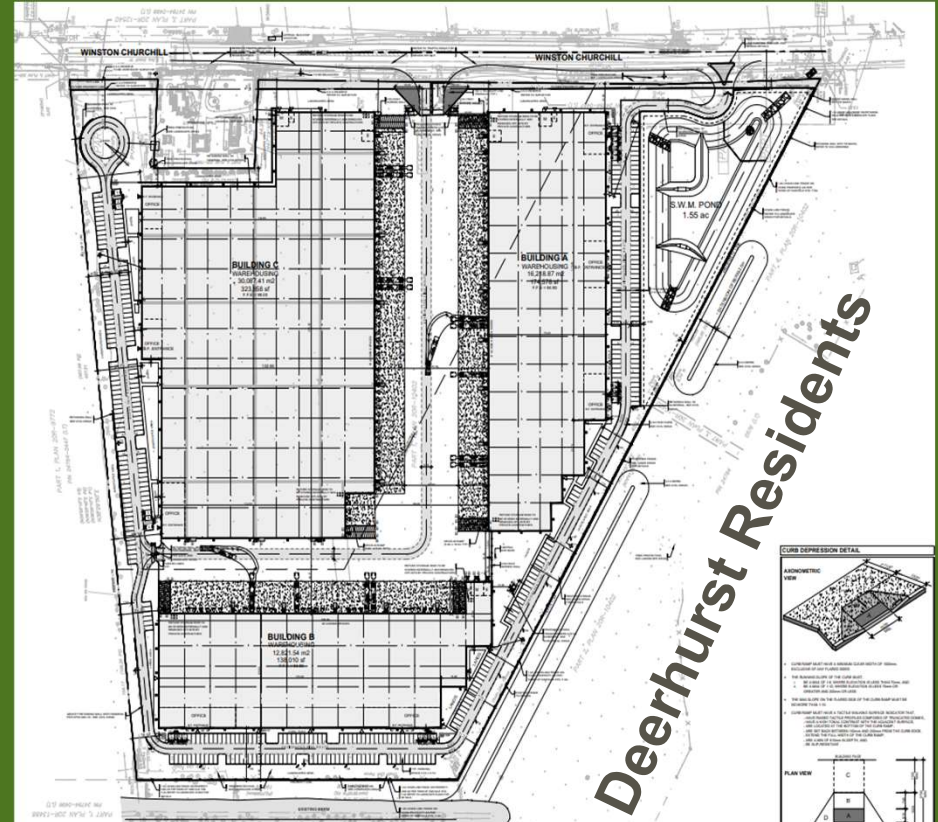
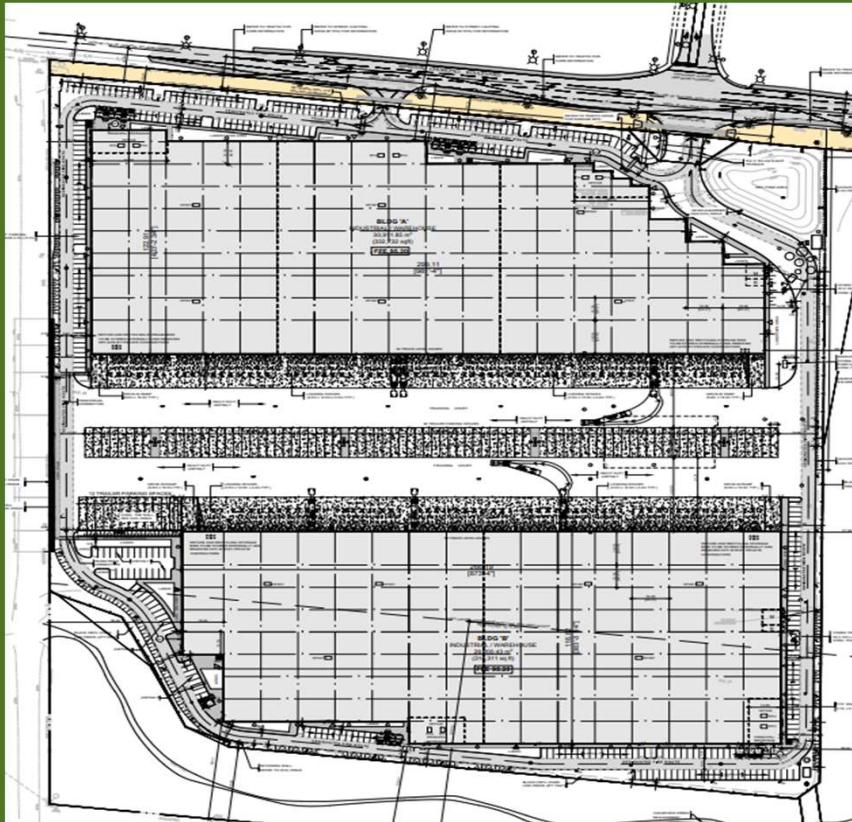
## High Cube Warehouse



# Location

Winston Churchill Blvd.

CN  
Rail  
Line



Aspen Forest Park, Claremont and Acacia Court Residents



# Numbers: Warehouses Combined Size

- 70 Acres
- 1.3 Million SF
- 750 Parking spaces
- 226 Loading Docks
- 94 Tractor Trailer Parking Spaces

*Within 300m of Residential*

# Warehouses Current Status

- May 2024, both applicants appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal on the basis they met all the requirements for site plan approval and satisfied the Town's conditions.
- If the conditions were not satisfied, then the conditions are unreasonable.

# What followed

## JCRA delegated to Town Council

- The town should oppose the OLT appeal; Town agreed.

## JCRA requested Participant status

- At OLT hearing, which was approved despite the applicants' objection to our request.
- Participant status is limited to a written submission.

# What followed

- The OLT advised JCRA cannot provide any “expert opinion”.
- The OLT delayed the hearing from January until just last week and converted it to a “written hearing”.



# What followed

- The SPA's were approved on the basis they met all the conditions.
- Agreed to construct buildings in an order that noise mitigation in the form of buildings or temporary noise walls will be in place before buildings are used.

# What's Next?

1. We will ask the Town to request that noise levels be returned to municipal jurisdiction (from the province) for these sites
2. We will ask the Town to install emissions level monitoring between these sites and the residences.

# What's Next?

1. We will ask the Town to use the \$250,000 given by the applicants to improve mitigations for the community.

# Resident Engagement

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- [MembersofCouncil@oakville.ca](mailto:MembersofCouncil@oakville.ca)
- [mayor@oakville.ca](mailto:mayor@oakville.ca)



# Resident Engagement

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- David.gittings@oakville.ca
- Ward3@oakville.ca

# Midtown Development

## Long-term Vision/Horizon

52,000 people

22,000 jobs



# Midtown Development

## Province Mandate

- Minimum 20,600 People & Jobs
- 103 Ha

# Midtown Development

## Current Town Proposed Plan

- 29,900 people & Jobs by 2051
- Up to 56,000 post 2051
- Only 65 Ha are developable
- Height will be determined by FSI and CPPS



# Current Status

- Spring 2024, the province proposed a Transit Oriented Community (TOC) in Midtown, does not require Town or Region approval.

# Current Status

- We Love Oakville, with representatives from a number of RA's, came together to oppose the TOC over concerns about hyper density.

# Current Status

- December 2024 - TOC proposal permitted a single developer, Distrikt, to build up to 58 stories for their 11 buildings. This plan does not align with responsible and reasonable growth.

# What Followed

- Thank you to residents who sent emails, texts, and attended meetings.
- Town Council unanimously passed the Midtown OPA in February 2025.

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# What Followed

- *“The OPA is the upper limit of what the severely constrained area of Midtown can handle. Yet it is the result of considerable thoughtful evaluation by planners, markets analysts, economists, lawyers, engineers and the public. It is balanced, defensible and with a collaborative approach by all has potential to be vibrant livable neighbourhood.”*

# What's Next

- The OPA must be approved by the provincial Minister, Housing and Municipal Affairs.
- The TOC must align with our OPA.
- The Town's Master Transportation Plan must ensure the right transportation structure is in place.

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# Ashgrove Cement Plant



# Ashgrove Cement Plant

## Requesting Relief

- Province's 2023 new emissions standard for 10 years.

## Mandatory Public Meetings:

- JCRA board member is attending

## Ashgrove Website

- Created to provided continual public info

## Updates

- Representatives here tonight to answer questions
- JCRA will continue monitoring Ash Grove's actions on behalf of our community.



# JCRA

## Ongoing Communication

- Website, Facebook, Monthly Newsletters
- 10 % increase of residents on JCRA's Contact list receiving JCRA emails
- Mayor's Community Leaders Round Table and Ward 3 RAs with our Councillors

# JCRA

## Ongoing Communication

- JRAM - Ward 3 Working Group on Midtown
- We Love Oakville

Email JCRA at:  
[memberjoshuacreek@gmail.com](mailto:memberjoshuacreek@gmail.com)

**Michael Mulroy**  
**Treasurer**

**Financial Report for**  
**2024**

## Statement of Operations

Canadian Dollars, Unaudited

For the Year ended December 31,		<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
REVENUE	Membership Fees	\$1,986	\$2,230
	Town of Oakville Grant <sup>1</sup>	0	1,750
	Donations (Councillors) <sup>2</sup>	475	500
	Bank Interest	<u>20</u>	<u>34</u>
TOTAL REVENUE		<u>\$2,481</u>	<u>\$4,514</u>
EXPENSES	Advertising:		
	Flyers <sup>3</sup>	\$325	\$510
	AGM: <sup>4</sup>		
	Church Rental	450	350
	Square	100	0
	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary refreshments	0	566
	Annual web hosting	230	228
	Earth Day <sup>5</sup>	83	105
	E&O Insurance and Volunteers Canada	552	652
	Renewal of Domain Name	54	0
	We Love Oakville – Midtown <sup>6</sup>	0	250
	Zoom <sup>7</sup>	264	0
	Winston Churchill Site Plan	88	0
	Subscription Oakville News	50	0
	Sundry	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>\$2,196</u>	<u>\$2,661</u>
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENSES		<u>\$285</u>	<u>\$1,853</u>

## Joshua Creek Residents' Association

### Statement of Change in Net Assets

*Canadian Dollars, Unaudited*

For the Year ended December 31,	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Balance, Beginning of Period	\$3,480	\$3,765
Excess Revenues over Expenses	<u>\$285</u>	<u>\$1,853</u>
Balance, End of Period	<u>\$3,765</u>	<u>\$5,618</u>

## Joshua Creek Residents' Association

### Statement of Financial Position

*Canadian Dollars, Unaudited*

For the Year ended December 31,	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
RBC General Account	\$2,420	\$3,564
RBC Reserve Account <sup>1</sup>	1,020	\$2,054
Undeposited Funds <sup>2</sup>	<u>325</u>	\$0
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b><u>\$3,765</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,618</u></b>
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<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Accrued Payables	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS:</b>		
<b>UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$3,765</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,618</u></b>



# Motion to approve the 2024 Financial Statements

# 2025 Board Candidates

## Renewing Directors

- Terri Ball
- Elizabeth Chalmers
- Ian Collins
- Morgan Elliott
- Antony Han
- Michael Mulroy
- Marion Richardson
- Neil Westoll

## New Director

- Elisa Zhu

## Thank you to

- Brian Mounce
- Des Browne

# Motion to approve the 2025 Board of Directors

# 2025 Initiatives

## Warehouse Development

- Work with Town to ensure mitigation for residents is provided during construction and eventually operations.

## Town Planning

- Including Midtown and Downtown Cultural Hub

# 2025 Initiatives

## Local amenities

- Trails, recreational facilities, local amenities

## Improving JCRA Communication

## Residents' Priorities?

- Please email your priorities and/or concerns to JCRA: [memberjoshuacreek@gmail.com](mailto:memberjoshuacreek@gmail.com)

# OPL presentation: Central Branch Move

- Caitlin Hicks, Director, Customer Experience

# Oakville Public Library

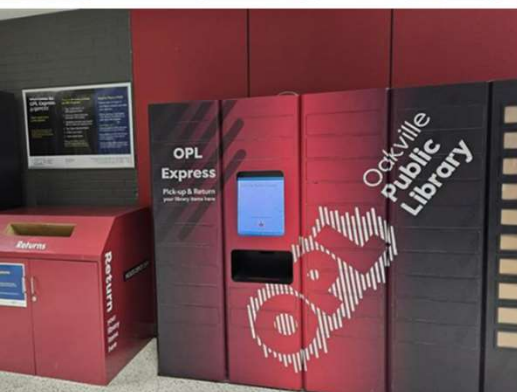
**Presentation to the Joshua Creek Residents Association**

April 29, 2025



Oakville  
Public  
Library





# Oakville Public Library: 2024 at a Glance



For 130 years, the Oakville Public Library has been at the heart of our community's learning.



**OPL is  
more just  
books**

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Seed Library

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Life Jackets

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CO2 Monitors

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Summer Sports Kits

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Winter Sports Kits

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Access to LinkedIn Learning

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Access to PressDisplay (150+ newspapers)

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Storytime Kits

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Book Club Kits

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Sewing & Serger Machines

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**There is  
something  
for everyone**

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Connections kits (55+)

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Memory Stations

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Laser Cutter

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3D Printers

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OPL Picks for You

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Book Bikes (OPL on the go!)

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StoryWalks at 4 Oakville trails

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Community Services Database

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Cognitive Care Kits

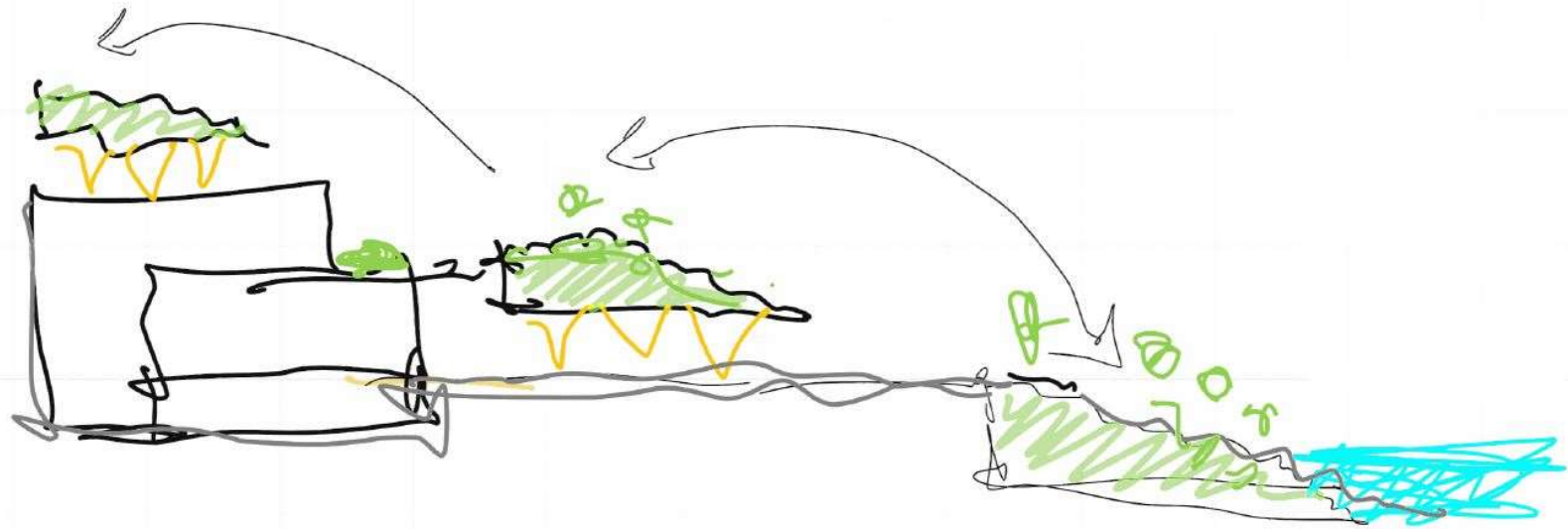
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Grab and Go Bags

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Food Shelves (including pet food)





# New Central Library

Town of Oakville



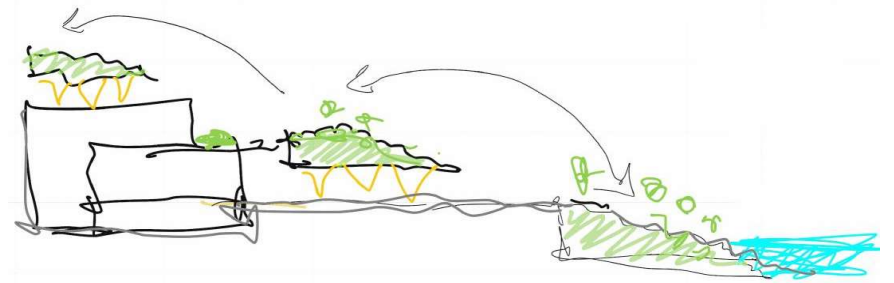
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# New Central Branch Project 2024-2028

- **Project Goal:** To design a new facility that honours the past while building for the future at 193 Church Street.
- **Interim:** The current Central Branch will continue serving the community until the new facility is open.
- **Campaign:** Started early 2024 to create opportunities outside the current project scope like roof-top gardens, a living wall, Truth and Reconciliation spaces, etc.

How is a river like a letter?





## Public Engagement

To ensure this space reflects the needs and aspirations of the Oakville community, OPL invited residents to share their ideas through a public survey and engagement sessions, held in the fall 2024.



# Engagement Activities

Engagement activities undertaken in Phase 1 included the following:

## Public engagement

- Online survey
- Open house
- Heritage to Horizon Panel

## Stakeholder and community engagement

- OPL staff
- Donors
- Community organizations
- Youth

## Indigenous engagement

Three in-person and virtual sessions have been hosted by OPL in collaboration with Stephen Paquette – Indigenous Knowledge Guide, and members of the Smoke Architecture team.



Public Open House



Staff Development Day



Children's Workshop

# Public Engagement Key Considerations

**1. A landmark building for Downtown Oakville.**

**2. “Oakville’s Library.”**

**3. Views of Sixteen Mile Creek.**

**4. Children’s space.**

**5. Indoor/outdoor connection.**

**6. Community space.**

**7. Celebrating culture and history.**

**8. Technology.**

**“It is not often that we have an opportunity to rethink a public building. Let’s not miss this opportunity.”**

**“Oakville is a young community, lots of families – children’s programming will be a big draw. Main point of engagement will be through kids.”**

# Indigenous Engagement Key Considerations

The Indigenous engagement process not only guided and inspired the design team but also created valuable opportunities for sharing and building trust.

Indigenous Engagement Summary Report is available for review at [opl.ca](http://opl.ca)

**1. Accessible indoor & outdoor gathering spaces**

**2. Fostering connections to the land and waterways**

**2. Heritage space reflecting Oakville's Indigenous history**

**3. Space for Indigenous Knowledge Guide**

**4. Space for Indigenous art and live performances**

**5. Space for preparing, cooking, and eating food**

“The building must be a tool for teaching, in its special features and in its architectural elements”

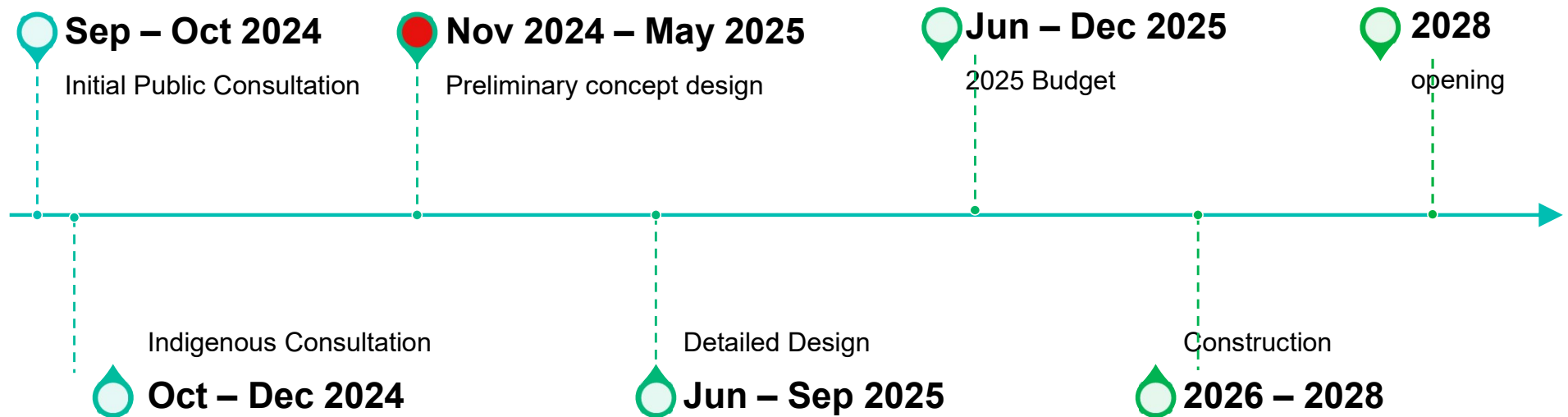
- Indigenous Engagement Summary Report



# Structural Review

To assess the facility's ability to support the Library's requirements  
and public engagement key considerations


# Timeline








# Stay Connected

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**Welcome**

About New Central Branch


Events and Engagements

News

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## New Central Branch



New Central Branch

Current Central Branch



Oakville  
Public  
Library

**Thank You!**



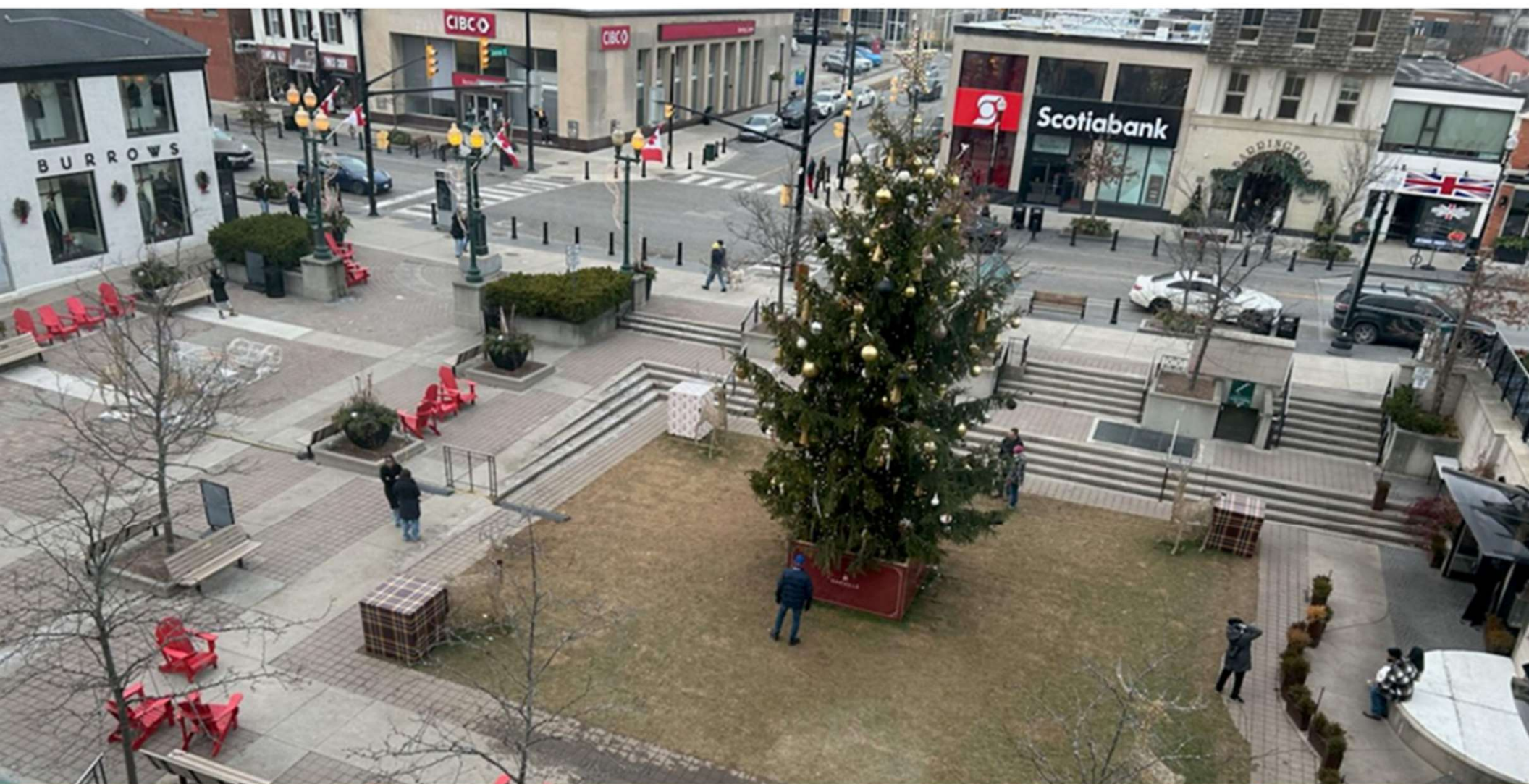
# Town Square Renovation

- Carmen Hui, Town of Oakville  
Landscape Architect

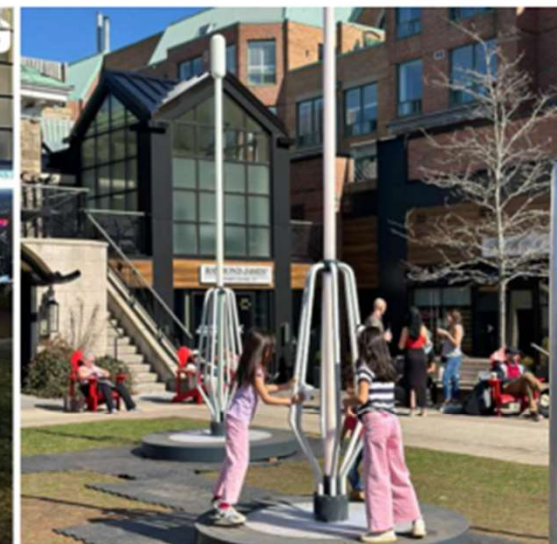
# Towne Square Update

Joshua Creek Residents' Association  
Annual General Meeting

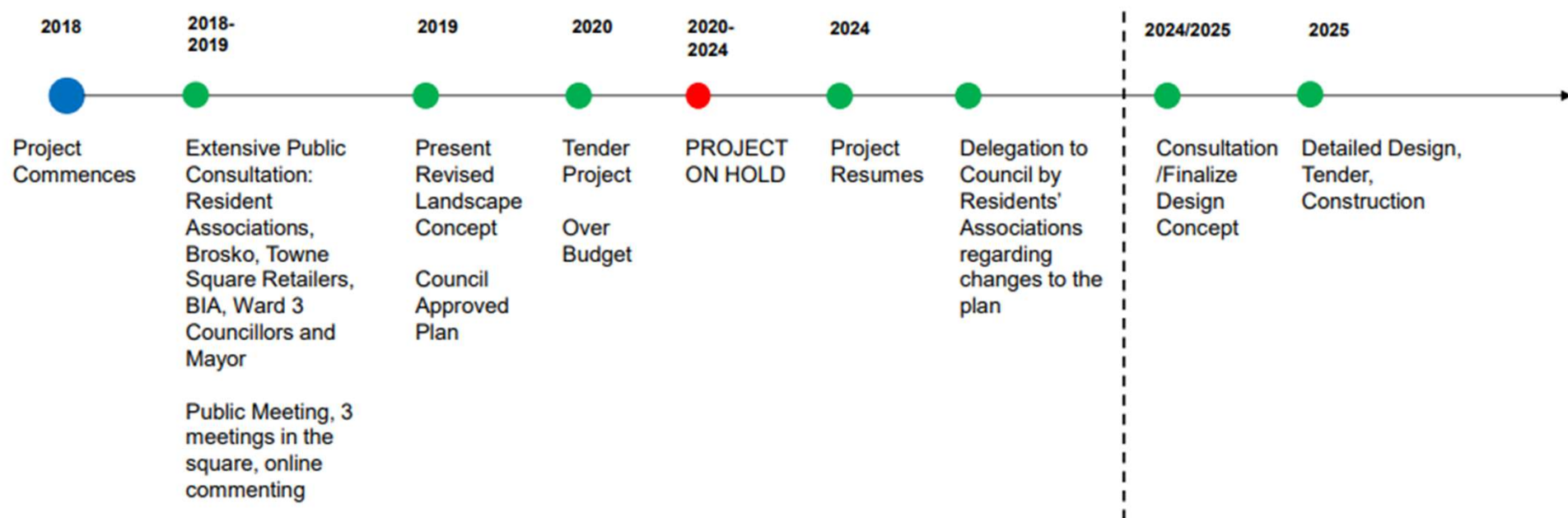
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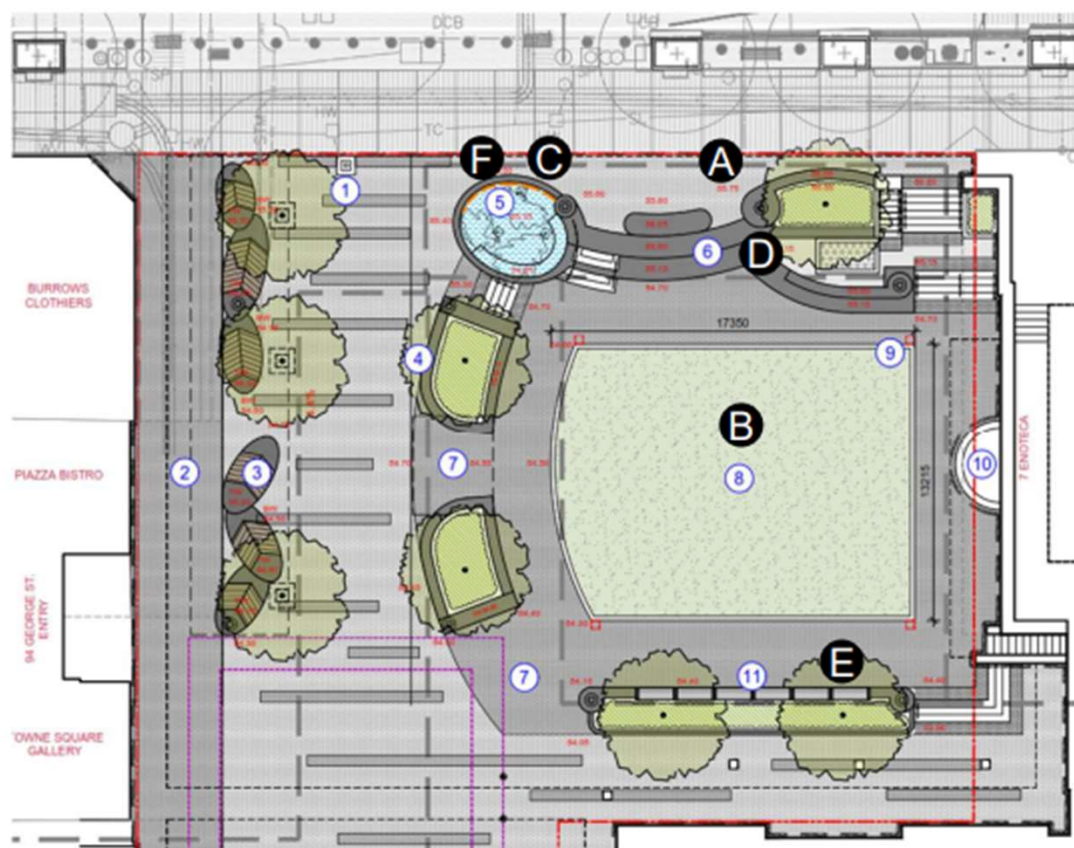
# Background-Project Timeline











- A Simple and Functional:** Permeability from sidewalk
- B Flexible:** Slightly larger square/promenade connection
- C Modest Water Feature:** Significantly scale down and flexible for seasonal plantings/displays during the winter months
- D Flexible Seating/Steps for Seating:** Additional seating, mezzanine, benches
- E Trees and Greenery**
- F 'Instagrammable' Moment:** Oak Leaves combined with 'Oakville' identifier for a stronger visual impact





Promenade looking south to Robinson Street



Promenade looking north to Lakeshore Road East



## Benefits of a Revitalized Square!

- Reinforces Towne Square's status as the jewel of Downtown Oakville
- A flexible space that accommodates a variety of programs
- Improved accessibility for all
- Increase in livability, attraction and tourism
- Increase in sense of place and community pride for generations to come!



**Thank You**

# Q&A With our Guest Panel

- Mayor: *Rob Burton*
- Region & Town Councillor:  
*Janet Haslett-Theall*
- Town Councillor: *David Gittings*

# \$25

1. Credit card tap Here Tonight
2. Transfer to:  
[memberjoshuacreek@gmail.com](mailto:memberjoshuacreek@gmail.com)

# Reach out anytime

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# Email your feedback

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# Thank you to our Guests

Our Ward 3 Councillors:

Janet Haslett-Theall and Dave  
Gittings

Mayor Burton

OPL's Caitlin Hicks

Town of Oakville's Carmen Hui

Ashgrove Cement and Crime  
Stoppers

# THANK YOU



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