

Economic Action Plan

On March 26, 2020, Town Council passed an Economic Action Plan for Oakville. The plan was developed by the Economic Task Force to help address immediate concerns voiced by the Oakville business community.

Property tax assistance

- Tax installments due dates deferred to August and October.
- Penalty and interest for non-payment, and non-sufficient funds charges for returned payment will be waived until December 31, 2020.
- Pre-authorized payment plans: Property owners must contact finance@oakville.ca by the 15th of the month to opt-out before payment is set to withdraw.

Parking fees

- Free parking in municipal lots and on-street parking in commercial districts.
- Fees for monthly parking permit holders will be assessed on a monthly basis.
- Enforcement to continue for safety and accessibility.

Digital Main Street Program

The Ontario government, in partnership with the federal government, is helping small businesses reach more customers through the Digital Main Street platform. The new \$57-million investment to the program includes:

- \$2,500 [Digital Main Street Grants](#) available to main street businesses
- \$10,000 [Digital Main Street Service Squad Grants](#) available to municipalities and BIAs
- [Future-Proofing Program](#) focused on helping future-proof main street businesses

For more information, visit the [Online Tools](#) page.

Planning applications

- Development applications received by March 18, 2020 are being processed.
- Time sensitive inquires will be handled by Planning staff.
- The town is now accepting planning, building and development permits electronically. Visit the [Electronic Permits and Applications](#) page for details.

Building permits and inspections

- Building permit applications received by March 18, 2020 are being processed.
- Staff are implementing a modified level of building inspections.
- Development charge indexing effective April 1, 2020 will not apply to Part 9 residential building permits deemed complete by March 17th and Part 3 residential/ICI building permits deemed complete by March 3rd.
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Signage in commercial districts

Additional A-frame signage on town boulevards in the commercial districts will be allowed without a permit or fee for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis.

Business license renewal

Existing business licenses that require renewal will be extended during the COVID-19 crisis.

Noise by-law

New Provincial legislation in response to COVID-19 restricts municipalities from regulating noise made in connection with the delivery of goods.

Information resources

Economic Development staff will continue respond to inquiries and provide up-to-date information and resources to the business community. Staff are available via phone or email to provide information and support.

Economic Task Force

The Oakville Economic Task Force will continue to collaborate and seek feedback from the business community in order to provide on-going support.