



# CHALLINOR REPORT

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## Dorset Park & Timberlea Neighbourhoods To Retain Their Character

As part of the third and final phase of the Town of Milton's exhaustive Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study, Milton Council approved the amendment to the Town's comprehensive zoning bylaw, introducing new standards that aim to preserve the character of the Dorset Park and Timberlea neighbourhood areas and protect them from incompatible development, while still permitting change that is sensitive and respectful of their character.

Town of Milton Development Services staff carried out a Mature Neighbourhoods Character Study over the last four years to review the Town's Official Plan policies and regulatory framework relating to the construction of new dwellings and additions to existing dwellings in mature residential neighbourhoods within Milton's established

urban area. Following that review and considerable public consultation, Town Development Services staff recommended appropriate changes to protect the character of these areas.

The study analyzed the elements and qualities that contribute to residential character of and assessed whether the policies of the Official Plan and the regulatory framework of the Town's Zoning By-law are effective in managing development and maintaining the character of mature neighbourhoods.

The study was carried out in three phases and the findings of each phase informed improvements to the Town's regulatory tools. **CR**

## Council Approves Revised Street Name Bank Policy For Milton

Milton Council has approved a revised and improved street name bank policy developed by Town of Milton Development Services staff, with assistance from Ward 2 Local Councillor John Challinor II.

The revised policy reflects the original intent of the street naming policy co-drafted in the mid-1990s by former Town planning director Mel Iovio, former local historian, the late Jim Dills and Mr. Challinor.

The primary focus of the naming policy is to recognize local citizens who had contributed to the well being of the community as well as those who had done so provincially and nationally. Msrs. Iovio, Dills and Challinor reasoned that such a focus would forge a permanent link between the old and new community through Milton's rich historical past.

As part of the approval, Council rescinded all previously approved but unassigned theme street names that do not closely associate with Milton's cultural heritage, history or environment. These names consist of names under the theme of Canadian Artist, Canadian National Parks and Terrestrial Regions, Ontario Provincial Park, Western Mountains, Ontario Native Trees, Ontario Rivers, Ontario Wildflowers and Provincial/National Canadian place names. **CR**

## Top Ten Ways To Be A Great Miltonian This Spring

What follows are the Top Ten complaints I have received over the 3.5 years since being elected as your Local Councillor. Let's work on all of them together in the months to come with a view to eliminating them and creating a better place for all of us to live, work and play:

### Challenge: Speeding through residential neighbourhoods

**Solution:** Demographically, Milton is now the youngest community in Halton and one of the youngest in the Greater Toronto Area. That means there are a lot of young people crossing and sometimes playing on our residential streets, riding bicycles and attending our schools. Please follow the speed limit, drive according to the road conditions, watch out for children and, overall, drive defensively. No-one wants to see anyone make a mistake on our streets that they will regret for the rest of their lives.

### Challenge: Running red lights

**Solution:** It has become all too common in Milton, but that doesn't make it right. It is against the law to run a red light. When you do it, you put your own life at risk as well as someone else's.

### Challenge: Parking over sidewalks and across boulevards

**Solution:** Parking over a sidewalk or even partially over a sidewalk is illegal. Parking on or partially over a sidewalk also doesn't allow a pedestrian or someone in a wheelchair to walk or wheel safely along that sidewalk. Parking on the boulevard between the sidewalk and the roadway is legal, unless the driveway is located within 50 metres of an intersection. Then, doing so is illegal. Why? It impairs their ability to turn onto a nearby street.

### Challenge: Allowing long grass and weeds to grow on lawns

**Solution:** Keep Milton beautiful — cut your lawn and the boulevard in front of your home on a regular basis. Collect the grass cuttings from the sidewalk and the street when you're done. And, if there is garbage or animal waste on your lawn, pick it up immediately as it is unsightly, smelly and attracts rodents. The Town of Milton's Clean Yards Bylaw does not permit grass or weeds to be more than 8 inches or 20.32 cm tall. If you are unable to cut your grass because of a physical ailment or disability, please notify the Town.

### Challenge: Leaving grass cuttings on streets / sidewalks

**Solution:** After you have cut the grass, immediately collect the grass clippings from the sidewalk or street because leaving them there is a violation of the Town's Road Fouling Bylaw. To help avoid leaving grass on the sidewalk or street,

buy a grass bag for your mower or turn the mower around so the grass clippings land on the boulevard or lawn.

### Challenge: Storing recycling/garbage bins on the front porch

**Solution:** The vast majority of homes in Milton have a garage or carport, both of which were designed to store automobiles, lawn mowers, tools and recycling bins/garbage bins. Leaving recycling and garbage bins on your front porch is unsightly, smelly and attracts rodents. It is also a violation of the Town's Property Standards Bylaw.

### Challenge: Placing basketball nets on boulevards

**Solution:** Basketball nets are permitted to be placed on a driveway or on the edge of the roadway in front of the driveway. Please ensure they are properly secured to prevent a possible injury from a tip-over. Placing them on the boulevard is a violation of the Town's Road Fouling Bylaw. Doing so has the potential to destroy the grass and damage the trees. Once they are no longer in use, they should immediately be placed in the garage or on the driveway adjacent to the garage.

### Challenge: Building driveway extensions

**Solution:** Driveway extensions are permitted on the property owner's portion of the driveway without a permit, provided the extension meets the Town's Zoning Bylaw criteria. No extensions are permitted on the public property portion of the driveway. Doing so is a violation of the Town's Road Fouling Bylaw.

### Challenge: Making noise

**Solution:** Milton's neighbourhoods are to be quiet between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. Depending on the type of noise, the evening hour can be extended to 11 p.m. That's only fair to those who work, those with young children, those who are struggling with a family matter or others who just want to get a good night's rest. For the sake of your neighbours, keep the music down, put the Harley to bed early and take the Leafs-Canadiens debate inside.

### Challenge: Parking overnight on streets

**Solution:** No parking on residential streets is permitted between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., unless an on-street parking exception is obtained from the Town of Milton. It is strictly enforced through the Town's Parking Bylaw.

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## Next Four Years Critical To Setting Our Direction For The Next 40 Years

The next four years will see the Town of Milton make decisions that will establish the community's direction for the next 40 years. In no particular order, those decisions are as follows:

### Town of Milton Official Plan

Like the pending Regional Municipality of Halton Official Plan, the Town's next Official Plan will set the direction for residential and commercial growth locally to 2051 and beyond. Some current long-range planning scenarios being considered by the Region threaten the ability of Milton to protect its mature and historic neighbourhoods, fail to provide multiple housing alternatives for new Miltonians and prevent the municipality from helping to create the volume of employment opportunities that permit residents to work locally. Ward 2 Local Councillor John Challinor II helped Council and staff develop a proposal that meets Milton's growth requirements. The next Council will need to work with Regional Council and the Government of Ontario to ensure Milton gets what its residents need when it comes to housing and employment -- and that needs to be reflected in the Town's new Official Plan.

### Town of Milton Secondary Plans

The key secondary plans that will be approved over the next four years include the Mobility Hub Study, which will establish Milton's new uptown as a complement

to its historic downtown; the Trafalgar and Agerton Secondary Plans, which will establish a new residential and commercial community along the north-east boundary of the municipality; the Milton Education Village, which will establish an unparalleled knowledge centre anchored by Laurier University and Conestoga College; the Britannia Secondary Plan, which will establish new residential neighbourhoods in the south-east and south-west areas of the community; and implementation of the Derry Green Corporate Business Park, which will provide much of the new employment in Milton and Halton Region for the foreseeable future.

### Town of Milton Service Delivery Roll-out

The Service Delivery Review, requested by Ward 2 Local Councillor John Challinor II during the 2018 municipal election and approved shortly after he was elected, has resulted in several hundred thousand dollars worth of savings in the short-term but, more importantly, will result in automated and improved service delivery to Milton taxpayers, most notably over the next four years through investments in training, technology and work processes.

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## Next Four Years Critical

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### Town of Milton Operating & Capital Budgets

With the exception of the 2021 operating budget, most of the budgets approved by Milton Council since 2019 have not strengthened the financial sustainability of the municipality. Ward 2 Local Councillor John Challinor II has been amongst a minority of councillors who have consistently expressed concern about the current financial situation, making reasonable suggestions to alleviate fiscal concerns and intelligently enunciating what the Town's core operational priorities should be. While the Town's fiscal challenges are forecast to decline in the mid-term, the near-term will be a challenge as long as a majority of councillors continue to dismiss the financial impact on taxpayers. Failure to act responsibly in the near-term will impair the mid-term and long-term financial health of the Town of Milton. Annual budget increases should track favourably against the annual rate of inflation.



### What Ward 2 Taxpayers Require

Over the next four years, the residents of Ward 2 need a local councillor who is clearly in their corner, one who balances the financial challenges faced by the municipality with their ability to pay; one who knows the importance of long-term planning and helps council and staff make convincing arguments to the other levels of government in a way that benefits all Miltonians; and one who understands that, at its core, the Town of Milton exists to deliver broadly-based, core services to taxpayers and those programs must be provided efficiently, effectively and in a high-quality fashion to be of value. **CR**

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