NORTH OAKVILLE MASTER PLAN & SECONDARY PLANS (EAST and WEST) Town of Oakville, Ontario

Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd was retained by the Town of Oakville to lead a multi-disciplinary team of internationally known and award winning consultants, in the development of a master plan for North Oakville.

Consisting of approximately 3100 hectares north of Dundas Street and south of Highway 407, the Plan was developed on the New Urbanist model, using best planning practices to promote efficient land use through a mix of uses at a variety of densities, while maintaining a vital and healthy natural heritage system. This approach enables the creation of places with identity, appealing to residents of all ages and income levels, and where walking, cycling and public transit is as convenient as driving. Based upon four mixed use corridors and nodes, and a modified grid road pattern, the plan for this new community consists of 14 distinct yet connected neighbourhoods, each focusing on bus stops, local commercial uses, parks and schools as well as significant employment lands.

Through an extensive series of public charrettes and workshops, the team was able to engage the public in developing a clear vision and goals for this new community early in the planning process. Throughout the lengthy process of developing this plan, the need to balance the protection and preservation of the natural environment, while at the same recognizing that "humans

need habitat too", was maintained. To this end, the Plan uses a "systems" approach to defining the natural heritage system. This approach serves to protect and link all important natural features, while allowing lesser important features to be developed. Overall, the Plan preserves nearly 900 hectares of connected natural areas while accommodating approximately 50,000 residents, and 35,000 jobs in an efficient and sustainable manner.

The North Oakville Secondary Plans received the Ontario Professional Planners Institute, award for Planning Excellence in 2010



North Oakville West Master Plan

