

Pam Damoff puts in her last Town council meeting

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Ward 2 Town Councillor Pam Damoff said a tearful good-bye to Oakville council during Monday night's meeting.

Damoff was elected MP for the Oakville North—Burlington riding in the recent federal election.

She is scheduled to be sworn in to her new position along with the rest of the new federal government in early November.

The council meeting following will see Damoff's council seat officially declared vacant. Oakville Mayor Rob Burton confirmed Monday the position will be filled through a by-election.

During the meeting, Burton presented Damoff with a bouquet of flowers and congratulated her.

The multi-coloured flowers, he noted, were a reminder of the importance of MPs of all parties working together in

harmony and co-operation to the benefit of the country.

A tearful Damoff accepted the bouquet and received a standing ovation from those present.

The outgoing councillor said while she was excited about her new role as MP, her departure is a somewhat bittersweet.

"I've loved everything about being part of this Town council and I am really proud of everything we have

accomplished," she said. "It has been five years since I was elected. I know I will be back for the official good-bye, but I had to say tonight a thank you to the mayor and all my colleagues on council."

Damoff singled out Ward 2 Town and Regional Councillor Cathy Duddeck, calling her the best partner a person could ever want and a really good friend.

She also thanked Town staff, but left her closing comments

for the residents of Ward 2.

"Many of you I worked with long before I was on council. Cathy and I often say we represent the heart of Oakville and a piece of my heart will always be in Ward 2," said Damoff. "(Until) next time, thank you."

Damoff, who was serving her second term, is a long-time organizer of the Oakville Santa Claus Parade and is chair of it this year.

She is also currently chair of Oakville's Terry Fox Run, but is not certain at this time whether her duties as MP will allow her to remain so.

Damoff received a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal for her community service in January.

She is a co-organizer of Cycle Oakville, a grassroots group promoting cycling, bicycle-friendly business districts and organizing social rides.

Damoff has more than



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25 years of business experience gained in the financial and investment banking sector, Bay Street and through her own consulting business.

She is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario.

Some of Damoff's notable accomplishments during her time on council included promoting a motion, which led to Oakville becoming the first Ontario municipality to restrict tanning bed use for those under 18.

She was also a big supporter of bringing e-bingo to the Oakville Delta Bingo facility to support charitable fundraising.



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Review of 2016 proposed rates and fees, and Release of the 2016 proposed operating budget

2016 Budget Committee meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

Town Hall, Council Chamber - 1225 Trafalgar Road

The 2016 proposed rates and fees will be adopted as part of the 2016 budget process. They will be available for review on Friday, November 6, 2015 on the 2016 Budget page at oakville.ca or in person at Town Hall at the ServiceOakville customer service desk.

At this meeting, the Budget Committee will discuss:

- Proposed changes to existing fees (transit fares, recreation program fees, building and planning permit fees, parking rates, etc.)
- Estimated costs of administering and enforcing the *Building Code Act* by the Town of Oakville
- Estimated costs of administering and enforcing the *Planning Act* by the Town of Oakville
- Rationale for imposing or changing fees

Anyone wishing to provide comments to the committee may do so in person or by emailing the Town Clerk at townclerk@oakville.ca by 9 a.m. on November 18, 2015.

At this meeting, the town's Budget Committee will also be receiving the proposed 2016 Operating Budget for review. With

the budget process underway, the Budget Committee will be holding both formal and informal public consultation meetings between now and December 14, 2015. Visit oakville.ca to learn more about how to get involved.

Recommendations from the Budget Committee will be submitted to Council for approval at the December 14, 2015 meeting in the Council Chambers at Town Hall starting at 7 p.m.

This meeting will also include changing existing building permit fees under section 7 of the *Building Code Act*, as well as under section 69 (1) of the *Planning Act* to change existing fees for the processing of applications regarding planning matters. Approved 2016 rates and fees will be implemented effective January 1, 2016.

For more information contact the Clerk's department at 905-815-6015 or townclerk@oakville.ca, or Nancy Sully, deputy treasurer, director of financial planning at 905-845-6601, ext. 3143 or nancy.sully@oakville.ca, or by filling out an accessible form online at oakville.ca.

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