

Welcome *to* Oakville



See what our community can do for your business. Oakville has the people, the places and the partners to build on your business success.

International industry leaders like the Ford Motor Company of Canada, UTC Aerospace Systems, Siemens, HATCH, AMEC and PwC have already taken advantage of our workforce capabilities to drive innovation and build sector leadership.

Our community is the premium location for a vibrant work-life balance desired by professionals. With its location in the heart of Canada's Golden Horseshoe, business leaders continue to choose Oakville as their place to do business. View our Economic Development website, investoakville.ca, to find out more about what we're doing to support local business.

A focus on knowledge-based industries

With easy access to North America's third largest financial centre in Toronto and a workforce armed with expert knowledge in a variety of fields, establishing your

business in Oakville will pay handsome dividends. Our dynamic community of over 194,000 residents is well within reach of major U.S. capital markets and nearly seven million potential consumers in southern Ontario. Coupled with a favourable Canadian tax environment, locating here makes perfect business sense.

We are one of North America's fastest growing markets with approximately 650 hectares (1600 acres) of prime vacant employment land. With our focus on growing knowledge-based industries, including one of the lowest non-residential property tax rates in the Greater Toronto Area, doing business in Oakville has never looked better.

No matter what industry, Oakville has a leader in the field. National and international corporate headquarters that have taken advantage of the town's talented workforce, advanced training opportunities and premium location to build a competitive advantage.

What attracts companies to invest in Oakville?

Consider these top 10 reasons:

Location: Oakville is only 30 minutes outside Toronto

- Oakville is located in the heart of the Greater Toronto Area
- Only 30 minutes from downtown Toronto – Canada's economic powerhouse and the fourth largest city in North America

Costs: Oakville offers competitive costs of doing business

- Competitive rates for tenants in business parks
- Tax rates and employment lands are competitively priced compared to other GTA communities
- Ontario has the lowest overall business costs among the G7 countries

Workforce: Highly skilled and professional workforce

- Nearly 80 per cent of the population (ages 25 to 65) has a post-secondary education
- One of the most educated communities in Canada and the world
- Great depth of talent available locally—specialized professionals with skills and experience for knowledge-based industries
- Labour pool of over 3.5 million in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area

Global Access: Reach your customers in major US and world markets

- Major U.S. cities are within a one-day drive including New York, Chicago, Boston and Washington DC
- Pearson International Airport provides access to over 180 destinations around the world through more than 65 airlines

Lifestyle: One of the top three places in Canada to enjoy life at its best

- Ranked in the top three of the best places to live in Canada by MoneySense magazine
- Abundance of natural surroundings—waterfront parks, walking trails and bike paths
- Safe community with excellent schools, community facilities and health services

Transportation: Quick connections to regional, national and international markets

- 25 minutes to Pearson International Airport, Canada's largest airport
- 30 minutes to Union Station and downtown Toronto
- 1 hour to the U.S. border
- 2 major shipping ports within 40 kilometres
- Intermodal rail access
- Access to highways 403, 407 and QEW from within Oakville

Land: Ample land and facilities to build, expand and invest

- Business park space available now and in the future
- High profile developments for offices and industrial facilities
- Future Life Sciences and Technology District

Education: Top schools within easy access

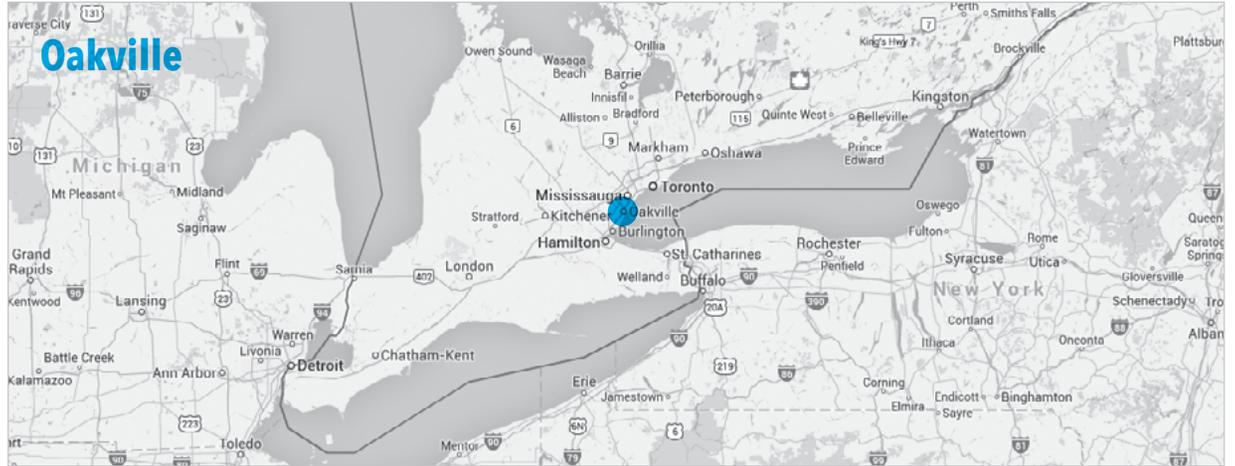
- Sheridan College, one of the world's premier animation and design schools, providing applied arts and technical programs
- 16 world-class universities and colleges within one hour
- Home to many of the best private schools in Canada

Incentives: Programs to support your business

- Government funding programs, loans and tax incentives
- Selected exemptions on development charges
- Local energy efficiency and environmental programs

Key Sectors: Oakville's industry clusters are growing

- Key sectors include life sciences; professional and financial services; digital media, animation and ICT; and advanced manufacturing
- Head offices in our key sectors located in Oakville
- Home to many industry leaders including Ford Canada, PwC and Siemens



For Oakville residents, lifestyle choices abound in our community. Located on the Lake Ontario shoreline, the downtown area features both historic and modern architecture with buildings that house over four hundred fine shops, services and restaurants.

Visitors and residents alike are delighted with the range of business opportunities, health services, cultural activities, shopping and both public and private schools.

New residents have a great selection in housing, which covers every income bracket - from heritage homes and luxury condos, to contemporary residences and waterfront properties.



With theatres, festivals, galleries, over 2,400 acres (972 hectares) of parkland and more than 20 golf courses nearby, you'll never run out of options for leisure and recreation.

Resources

We're here to help. For more resources, click on any of the links below.

Photo Gallery of Oakville

Office & Industrial Space Available
in Oakville

Oakville Videos

Economic Development Annual Report

Quarterly e-Newsletter

Schedule a Phone Call

We're waiting to hear from *you.*

Contact our Economic Development team about establishing your company in the Town of Oakville.

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