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## TOWN GETTING TOUGH ON OWNERS OF VACANT PROPERTIES

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Property owners who keep their properties vacant and allow them to fall into disrepair may soon be facing larger fines from the Town of Oakville.

The Town's Community Services Committee voted Monday, Sept. 16 to make changes to a proposed Maintenance of Vacant Properties Bylaw that will see the owners of vacant properties face escalating fees and penalties if they do not keep those properties in a state of good repair.

The decision follows public meetings held by the town in April and July, in which residents were invited to discuss the issues they are having with vacant neighbouring properties.

"Common areas of concern raised by residents were the properties become unsightly, they have negative effects on property values, they can become

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Nikki Wesley/Torstar

Ilinca Oprescu gives Humane Society Board Chair Clayton Shold his first dance lesson during the launch of the Oakville and Milton Humane Society's fundraiser Prancing with the Stars at Longo's.

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