



Burlington Inclusivity Advisory Committee Meeting  
Agenda

**Date:** February 14, 2025  
**Time:** 9:00 am  
**Location:** Room 305, City Hall, third floor

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**1. Land Acknowledgement**

Burlington as we know it today is rich in history and modern traditions of many First Nations and the Métis. From the Anishinaabeg to the Haudenosaunee and the Métis – our lands spanning from Lake Ontario to the Niagara Escarpment are steeped in Indigenous history.

The territory is mutually covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy, the Ojibway, and other allied Nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

**2. Declarations of Interest:**

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

3.1 Minutes from the January 17, 2025 meeting

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**4. Delegation(s):**

**5. Regular Items:**

5.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

## 5.2 Update from Denise Beard

### Upcoming Committee of the Whole February 10, 2025, Meeting

- Proposed Fare-Free Transit for Youth Summer 2025 Pilot
- Motion Memo to increase childcare spaces in Burlington
- Recommendation on the 2026 election or alternative voting methods

### Get Involved

- [Council Composition and Ward Boundary Review phase 2 of consultation](#)
- [Asset Management Plan and Service Level](#)

### Press Releases

- No new releases since our last meeting

## 5.3 2025 Workplan - Finalize

Workplan to be finalized at the committee to meet the deadline date of March 5, 2025.

## 6. Other Business:

## 7. Adjournment:



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### Minutes

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**1. Members present:**

Hanadi Al-Masri, Charles McGregor, Jarred Cacnio, Niyi Olusoga, Gabriela Covaci, Rebecca Moran,

**2. Members regrets:**

Vwede Obahor, David Quezada and Vishal Mahajan

**3. Others present:**

Councillor Angelo Bentivegna, Denise Beard Senior Manager, RCC Community Development Recreation, Community and Culture and Roxanne Gosse (Clerk)

**4. Land Acknowledgement:**

Land Acknowledgement was read by Roxanne Gosse

**5. Declarations of Interest:**

None

**6. Approval of Minutes:**

6.1 Minutes from the November 15, 2024 meeting.

Minutes were approved as presented.

**7. Delegation(s):**

**8. Regular Items:**

8.1 Orientation

Orientation was conducted by Roxanne Gosse. Action: Information to be forwarded to committee members and new members are to complete the mandatory training via Better Impact.

8.2 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

There were no nominations for Chair and Vice Chair at the meeting. This item will be placed on the February 14, 2025 agenda.

8.3 Denise Beard, Senior Manager, RCC Community Development Recreation, Community and Culture regarding a City update

Denise updated the members on the following:

**Council Meeting - November, December 2024 and January 2025**

The 2025 budget was approved

Approval of the implementation of the housing accelerator program for more affordable housing and working with not for profits and the region.

Endorsement for staff to apply to the Community Sport and Recreation fund for a cricket field at Sherwood Park

Canal Pier Agreement

Short Term Accommodation By-Law

**Get Involved**

No new projects have been added, but the Manager of this area, Michelle Dwyer, has announced her retirement. She has been a strong advocate and leader for public participation in the city. Some of you may have worked with her over the years. She will be missed.

**Press Releases**

The city received nearly \$14M from the federal government through the Canada Public Transit Fund.

Robbie Burns Run this weekend. Some road and land closures downtown

Burlington Transit Downtown Customer Service is moving to Burlington GO station in spring 2025

Provincial Government offers Burlington residents affected by flooding this summer to support through the Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians program.

Province provides funding for a new mental health unit at Joseph Brant.

8.4 2025 Workplan and budget discussion (2024 workplan attached)

On motion, the members would begin to drafting some ideas and bring them to February 14th meeting for the workplan to be completed. The deadline for advisory committee workplans is March 5, 2025.

8.5 2025 Meeting Schedule

On motion, the 2025 meeting schedule was approved.

**9. Other Business:**

**10. Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.