



Burlington Seniors' Advisory Committee Meeting
Agenda

Date: May 26, 2025
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Room 247, City Hall, second 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 Approve the Burlington Seniors Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 28, 2025

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4. Delegation(s):

4.1 Jen Recknagel from NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities) Innovation Centre will speak regarding the NORC initiative.

5. Regular Items:

5.1 Chair Updates

a. Working group update regarding event questionnaire

5.2 Staff Liaison Updates: Nazia White (Manager of Adult Recreation Services)

5.3 Burlington Public Library (Meg)

5.4 Burlington Integrated Transportation Advisory Committee (Pinki)

5.5 Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee (BAAC) (Jill)

5.6 Older Adult Advisory Committee - Halton, (Kerry)

6. Other Business:

7. Adjournment:



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Minutes

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1. Members Present:

Bob Chepyha (Chair), Kerry McGregor (Vice-Chair, OAAC), Patricia Robinson, Pinki Virani, Catherine Evans, Ron Earl Tansley and Meg Uttangi Matsos (Burlington Public Library)

2. Member Regrets:

Jill Randall (BAAC rep)

3. Others Present:

Councillor Angelo Bentivegna, Nazia White, (Manager, Adult Recreation Services), Debbie Hordyk (Clerk)

4. Land Acknowledgement

The Land Acknowledgement was read by Bob Chepyha (Chair)

5. Declarations of Interest:

None

6. Approval of Minutes:

6.1 Approve the Burlington Seniors Advisory Committee meeting minutes of March 31, 2025

On motion the March 31, 2025 minutes were approved.

7. Delegation(s):

7.1 Melissa Forbes from Iron Cycle provided information regarding the benefits of micro-mobility and how it positively impacts our community.

- Melissa provided back ground on the use of e-bikes for Seniors and how it can have positive impacts on Seniors health and mobility. Melissa emphasized the need for safer, wider bike paths.
- Committee members noted concern regarding safety and accountability. They noted that licensing is a good way to encourage safety and accountability in the use of e-mobility. There are currently licensing requirements from the province.
- The committee noted that there are safety concerns regarding the batteries used for the units. Melissa noted that it is important to purchase e-bikes from reputable sources to ensure that UL certified batteries are used.

7.2 Dan Ozimkovic, Transportation Planning Technologist spoke regarding e-mobility by-laws and regulations as it relates to safety on sidewalks, paths and streets.

- Dan provided an overview of the City of Burlington's Active Transportation portfolio which includes Integrated Mobility and Cycling and Active Transportation.
- It is required that new builds include bike stands. The city has a bike rack give away program for existing institutions, contact; dan.Ozimkovic@burlington.ca
- The City is working on installing protected bike lanes. Some have been installed in Aldershot, next is Prospect Street, then Fairview. Goal is to have Bike protected lanes across the City from West to east. It is important to note that not all roads are regulated by the City, Halton Region manages a portion of City roads.
- Information was provided regarding the eScooter pilot program on Centennial park path. The equipment under consideration will allow for the ability of external control of speed and forced slowdown at crosswalks. 15 km per hour is the top speed per the by-law.
- Transportation is currently working on a Community Trails Strategy Update. Community engagement is beginning in May. Citizens are encouraged to give feedback here:
<https://www.getinvolvedburlington.ca/trailsstrategy>

8. Regular Items:

8.1 Review of Workplan to Identify the Committee's Immediate Priorities

- The workplan was reviewed and the committee decided the first priority would be to finalize a questionnaire/survey that members could use at events. Bob will head up a working group to include the following members: Catherine, Pat, Ron. The working group will report back at the next meeting to review and finalize the document with members.
- The committee will be visiting NORC's (Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities) over the next few months.

8.2 Chair Updates

a. Living Well Expo (Pat and Bob)

Pat, Bob and Jill attended the Living Well Expo that was held at the Burlington Art Gallery. The event was well attended with lots of interaction with attendees.

8.3 Staff Liason Updates

a. Nazia White (Manager of Adult Recreation Services)

- Summer registration is on May 1, Nazia noted that there is a free course available to assist Seniors with the online registration process.
- Nazia noted that there is fee assistance available for Seniors and to mention this at other outreach events.
- Nazi recognized the need for more awareness in the North regarding Senior programs.

8.4 Advisory Committee / Stakeholder Updates

a. Burlington Public Library (Meg)

- Aldershot Library is closed May 1, 2025 to June 1, 2025 for maintenance.
- Annual book sale is May 24, 2025

b. Burlington Integrated Transportation Advisory Committee (Pinki)

- There is a Bronte Creek presentation at the next ITAC meeting on April 29, 2025.
- Traffic calming is being set up in North Burlington.
- There was a presentation regarding Senior Sidewalks.

- There will be public engagement sessions regarding the use of the decommissioned Transit Terminal.
- c. Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee (BAAC)
- BAAC is planning for the National Accessability Week programming which will include communication through Councillor newsletters regarding, Family Story Time "Readability" Committee members will be reading library selected books focused on person with disabilities, City Proclamation and Flag Raising and attendance at Accessible Art and Sport Fair.
 - BAAC has approved draft comment card as a tool to receive resident feedback during committee outreach events.
 - Additional information was provided regarding the eScooter pilot program on Centennial park path.
 - The committee will be working with City Partners on a refresh to "Respect the Space" (Accessible parking misuse) including heightened social media campaign.
 - Councillor rep reported that there will be an expansion to the City Traffic calming strategy including the installation of speed camera's at designated high risk areas.
- d. Older Adult Advisory Committee - Halton, (Kerry)

No Update

9. Other Business:

- Pat attended the first civic recognition selection panel meeting and noted that the next meeting is in October if someone else would like to attend. Other members are not interested so Pat will sit on the fall panel as well.
- Nazia noted that it was Volunteer Appreciation week, and thanked everyone for their time and service.
- Committee agreed on the meeting June 30, 2025 for Sarah Philips, Manager Housing Strategy to attend to discuss Senior housing.

10. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.