



Regular Council

Minutes

Date: January 27, 2026
Time: 9:30 am
Location: Council Chambers, City Hall, second floor

Members Present: Mayor Marianne Meed Ward
Councillor Kelvin Galbraith
Councillor Lisa Kearns
Councillor Rory Nisan
Councillor Shawna Stolte
Councillor Paul Sharman
Councillor Angelo Bentivegna

Staff Present: Curt Benson, Chief Administrative Officer
Blake Hurley, Commissioner, Legal and Legislative Services/City Solicitor
Jacqueline Johnson, Commissioner, Community Services
Scott Hamilton, Commissioner Public Works
Craig Millar, Chief Financial Officer
Stephen Robichaud, Commissioner, Development and Growth Management
Sue Evfremidis, Chief Human Resources Officer
David Thompson, Specialist, Digital Communications
Richard Bellemare, Specialist, Digital Communications
Debbie Hordyk, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk
Mike de Rond, City Clerk/Director, Legislative Services

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Land Acknowledgement**
3. **National Anthem**
4. **Roll Call**

5. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Bentivegna
Seconded by: Councillor Sharman

Approve the Council agenda for Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

IN FAVOUR: (6): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan,
Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

Absent (1): Councillor Galbraith

CARRIED (6 to 0)

6. Declarations of Interest

None

7. Proclamations

7.1 Kawasaki Disease Awareness Day January 26, 2026

7.2 Black History Month February 2026

8. Recognition and Achievements

8.1 City of Burlington Ontario Age Friendly Community Award

9. Presentations

None

10. Motion to approve Council Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Bentivegna
Seconded by: Councillor Sharman

Confirm the minutes of the following meeting of Council:

CARRIED

10.1 Regular Council meeting minutes of December 9, 2025

10.2 Special Council meeting minutes of January 6, 2026

11. Delegations

None

12. Petitions

None

13. Recommendations from Standing Committees:

13.1 Committee of the Whole meeting of January 12 and 13, 2026

Note: Items a, b, c, e, f and g were voted upon by way of one consent vote.

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

CARRIED (7 to 0)

a. Single source procurement – fire service predictive analytics modeling software (CSS-03-26) (CCS)

Approve the City of Burlington to single source a predictive analytics and deployment modelling software solution with Darkhorse Emergency Corp., contingent upon the completion of a Threat Risk Assessment, Privacy Impact Assessment, and Technical Architecture review as outlined in community services report CSS-03-26; and

Authorize the Manager of Procurement Services to issue a purchase order and sign any associated agreements with the vendor named above, in a form satisfactory to the Commissioner, Legal and Legislative Services/City Solicitor.

CARRIED

b. Delegated Authority By-law Amendments (LLS-03-26) (CCS)

Approve the proposed delegations of authority provided in legislative services report LLS-03-26 regarding Delegated Authority By-law Amendments to Schedule H, and inclusion of a new Schedule L; and

Enact a by-law substantially in the form attached as Appendix A to legislative services report LLS-03-26, being a by-law to amend By-law 71-2023, a by-law to delegate approvals to staff.

CARRIED

- c. Appointments to the Burlington School Traffic Safety and Mobility Advisory Committee (LLS-04-26) (CCS)

Approve the appointments to the Burlington School Traffic Safety and Mobility Advisory Committee, as contained in confidential Appendix A to legislative services report LLS-04-26; and

Publish the appointees' names following approval by Council at their meeting held January 27, 2026.

CARRIED

- e. Motion Memorandum regarding amendments to Procedure By-law (COW-02-26) (SD)

Direct the City Clerk/Director of Legislative Services to report back to the February 9, 2026 Committee of the Whole with the following proposed amendments to Burlington Procedure By-law 59-2024 for consideration:

“Each member will have a maximum of three minutes to speak on a motion and will be given the option of an additional maximum three minutes after every member has been allowed to speak. This time cannot be accumulated and added to the additional commentary period. There will be a maximum of two commenting periods per member and any additional requests for commentary will only be provided to members through the passing of a two-thirds vote.”; and

“Each member will have the opportunity to ask two questions, to a maximum of one minute per question on a motion and will be given the opportunity to ask an additional two questions after every member has been allowed to ask questions. There is no limit to the number of questions each member can ask providing that the above guidelines are adhered to and the questions are concise, directly related to the agenda item being discussed and that question period is not used as an opportunity to comment or express opinions of the matter being discussed.”; and

“The management of both question and commenting periods remains within the authority and purview of the Chair of the Meeting”.

CARRIED

- f. Motion Memorandum regarding correspondence from the Burlington Cycling Advisory Committee on Vision Zero Program (COW-01-26)(SD)

Direct the Director of Transportation report back to Committee of the Whole no later than April 2026 with a plan and recommended budget to advance the Vision Zero workplan to begin in 2026.

CARRIED

- g. City Initiated Official Plan Amendment No. 7 and ROPA No.1: Employment Area (DGM-01-26)

Direct the Director of Community Planning to consider Council, agency, development partners, and community feedback received as part of this statutory public meeting prior to bringing forward a staff report recommending approval of Official Plan Amendment No. 7 and Burlington Regional Official Plan (ROPA) Amendment No.1.

CARRIED

- d. Appointment of Mayor to Burlington Economic Development and Tourism Board (MO-01-26)

Appoint the Mayor to the Burlington Economic Development and Tourism (BEDT) board for a term to be determined following the BEDT 2026 AGM, but no longer than the current term of office as outlined in office of the mayor report MO-01-26.

IN FAVOUR: (6): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

OPPOSED: (1): Councillor Kearns

CARRIED (6 to 1)

14. Motion to Approve Standing Committee Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Stolte

Seconded by: Councillor Nisan

Approve the following minutes:

CARRIED

14.1 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of January 12 and 13, 2026

15. Urgent Business

None

16. Confidential Items and Closed Meeting

16.1 Motion to confirm confidential minutes

Moved by: Councillor Kearns

Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

Confirm the confidential minutes of the following closed meetings:

CARRIED

- a. Confidential closed meeting minutes of Special Council for December 9, 2025

17. Rise and Report

None

18. Motions of Members

None

19. Council Information Package

19.1 Council Information Package December 12, 2025

19.2 Council Information Package December 19, 2025

19.3 Council Information Package January 2, 2026

19.4 Council Information Package January 16, 2026

19.5 Council Information Package January 23, 2026

20. Motion to Receive and File Information Items

None

21. Notice of Motion

None

22. Motion to Approve By-Laws

Moved by: Councillor Sharman
Seconded by: Councillor Kearns

Enact and pass the following by-laws which are now introduced, entitled and numbered as indicated below:

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

CARRIED (7 to 0)

22.1 03-2026: A by-law to amend By-law 71-2023, to delegate approvals to staff.

22.2 04-2026: A by-law to designate 368 Brant Street, in the City of Burlington, in the Regional Municipality of Halton, to be of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, chapter O.18, as amended

23. Confirmatory By-law

Moved by: Councillor Galbraith
Seconded by: Councillor Nisan

Enact and pass By-law Number 05-2026 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held January 27, 2026 being read a first, second and third time.

IN FAVOUR: (7): Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna

CARRIED (7 to 0)

24. Statements by Members and Staff

25. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by: Councillor Sharman
Seconded by: Councillor Nisan

Councillor Galbraith arrived at 9:35 a.m.

Adjourn this Council now to meet again at the call of the Mayor.

10:03 a.m.

Lisa Palermo

Deputy City Clerk

Marianne Meed Ward

Mayor