



Burlington Inclusivity Advisory Committee Meeting
Agenda

Date: February 20, 2026
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. Delegation(s):

3.1 Presentation from Shameel R. Chankar, MA BA (hons), Intern, Heritage Services - Development & Growth Management

This presentation for Black Heritage Month with the Burlington Historical Society highlights Burlington's Black history, its ties to the Underground Railroad, and notable Black historical and contemporary figures. It also connects insights from my Little Jamaica research and explores future opportunities for Black heritage preservation in Burlington.

4. Approval of Minutes:

4.1 Approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 23, 2026

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5. Advisory Committee and Stakeholder updates:

5.1 Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee (Lucy)

5.2 Burlington Public Library (Med DeForest)

5.3 HMC Connections (Hanadi)

6. Regular Items:

6.1 2026 Budget, Workplan and 2025 Annual Report

The committee will be bring their 2026 Budget, 2026 Workplan and 2025 Annual Report to review and approve at the meeting.

7. Other Business:

7.1 Food for Feedback - September - Theme

The committee will discuss their theme for the Food for Feedback event in September.

8. Adjournment:



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Minutes

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1. Members Present:

Charles McGregor (Chair), Gabriela Covaci (9:02) Meg DeForest, Jarred Sanchez-Cacnio (9:04) Lucy Nixon, Vwede Obahor, and Niyi Olusoga

2. Members Regrets:

Hanadi Al-Masri (Vice-Chair), Rebecca Moran and Councillor Angelo Bentivegna

3. Others Present:

Renee Kulinski-McCann, Senior Manager of Recreation Services and Roxanne Gosse, Clerk.

4. Land Acknowledgement

Land Acknowledgement was read by Charles (Chair)

5. Declarations of Interest:

None

6. Welcome:

Renee Kulinski-McCann was introduced to the committee.

7. Approval of Minutes:

7.1 Approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 21, 2025.

The minutes were approved as presented.

8. Delegation(s):

None

9. Advisory Committee and Stakeholder updates:

9.1 Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee (Lucy)

Lucy spoke of the Parking Mobility App program that address accessible parking abuse, originally developed to collect data to help understand the problem and then start to look at solutions that can be provided. The app can be used:

- to report accessible parking violations, process is to take 3 pics of the violation and submit, fast, discreet and non-confrontational.
- in communities to suggest where accessible parking is needed, users can make suggestions on where accessible parking is needed
- as a tool to be informed on where accessible parking is available
- by communities can become partner communities, this allows reports of violations that come in through the app to be shared with local law enforcement can be reviewed and then enforced via mailed ticket
- provide an education program for first time offenders on the importance of accessible parking

The purpose is to end accessible parking violations, aspects of the program are customizable to the host community and can be combined with micro-mobility apps in the community. The committee suggested to populate the app, promote the app and have community members use it to collect the data - validate the problem. Use word of mouth to spread information about using the app, use social media as well.

The committee discussed ways the app or learnings from the app can be used (the education piece) even if the enforcement part of the app is not recommended at this time.

9.2 Burlington Public Library (Med DeForest)

Meg continues to work on the Multi Year Accessibility Plan and will be providing the committee with a copy. Meg stated that you the library has events happening for [Black History Month](#)

9.3 HMC Connections (Hanadi)

No updates at this time.

10. Other Business:

10.1 Annual Report (2025) (Draft due Feb 20 2026)

Roxanne informed the committee that the draft Annual Report is due by the Chair at the Feb 20, 2026 meeting.

10.2 2026 Workplan and Budget (Draft due Feb 20, 2026)

Roxanne informed the committee that a draft budget is be provided at our Feb 20 meeting, where it will be reviewed and approved.

11. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.