



Burlington Inclusivity Advisory Committee Meeting
Agenda

Date: March 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. Approval of Minutes:

3.1 Approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 20, 2026.

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4. Delegation(s): none

5. Regular Items:

5.1 Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee (Lucy)

5.2 Burlington Public Library (Med DeForest)

5.3 HMC Connections (Hanadi)

6. Other Business:

6.1 2026 Food for Feedback

Discussion regarding theme for the event.

6.2 Halton Black Voices Event March 20 2026

6.3 Discussions on next steps for workplan

7. Adjournment:



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Minutes

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1. Members Present:

Charles McGregor (Chair), Gabriela Covaci, Meg DeForest, Lucy Nixon, Vwede Obahor, Hanadi Al-Masri (Vice-Chair)

2. Members Regrets:

Niyi Olusoga, Rebecca Moran and Jarred Sanchez-Cacnio

3. Others Present:

Councillor Angelo Bentivegna, 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:

6. Delegation(s):

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

The presentation highlighted 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.

7. Approval of Minutes:

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

The minutes were approved as presented.

8. Advisory Committee and Stakeholder updates:

8.1 Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee (Lucy)

Lucy let the committee that Dzenana Zildzic is the new Accessibility Specialist for the City of Burlington. Lucy stated that BAAC had made recommendations to Marion Rabeau (Manager, Design & Construction - Parks) and Claire Basinski (Consultant) regarding the Community Trails Strategy project. That staff will be working on responses to all the recommendations that were provided and a draft response ready to bring back to BAAC.

8.2 Burlington Public Library (Med DeForest)

Meg had no new updates at this time.

8.3 HMC Connections (Hanadi)

Hanadi spoke regarding the Halton Multicultural Council (HMC) who is hosting a **Multiculturalism Day event on Saturday, June 28, 2026, at Sherwood Forest Park** (5270 Fairview St., Burlington) from noon to 4 p.m. This free, family-friendly event will feature live, themed entertainment, cultural booths, games and prizes for children, a bouncy castle, food vendors, and an ice cream truck. HMC is working hard in preparing for the event.

9. Regular Items:

9.1 2026 Budget, Workplan and 2025 Annual Report

2025 annual report

Motion: approve the 2025 Burlington Inclusivity Advisory Committee annual reports. **Carried.**

2026 workplan and budget

Motion: approve the 2026 Burlington Inclusivity Advisory Committee work plan and budget. **Carried**

10. Other Business:

10.1 Food for Feedback - September - Theme

The committee discussed Food for Feedback theme briefly. The committee suggested that at the next meeting the clerk is bring the chain that was created from last years event to assist in coming up with a theme for this year.

11. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.