



Burlington Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee
Agenda

Date: May 20, 2026
Time: 7:00 pm
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 minutes from meeting held April 15, 2026

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4. Delegation(s):

4.1 Advisory Committees of Council Governance Framework (Lisa Palermo, Manager, Committee Services & Deputy Clerk)

[Link to Legislative Services report LLS-08-26 \(May 11 Committee of the Whole agenda\) and Appendix A](#)

5. Regular Items:

5.1 Planner update

- a. Strategic Plan update (10 minutes)

[TRN-03-26 Horizon2050 - Community Strategic Plan.pdf](#)

[TRN-03-26 Appendix A. Horizon 2050 Community Strategic Plan - Strategic Directions and Objective \(Final Draft\)](#)

5.2 Government Relations update

5.3 Review of Terms of Reference

5.4 Food for Feedback - September 12, 2026

5.5 Change of June meeting date

5.6 Hydro Survey update

6. Other Business:

7. Adjournment:



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Minutes

Date: April 15, 2026
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1. Members Present:

Vincent Sowa (Chair), Maura Romanelli, Erin Fleming, Wilma Jacobs, Larry Campbell, Michiel Barnard, Peter Starcevic, Mariam Abu-El-Magd and Norm Richardson

2. Regrets:

Councillor Kelvin Galbraith

3. Others Present:

Kelly Cook (Planner) and Jo-Anne Rudy (Clerk)

4. Land Acknowledgement

The Chair read the Land Acknowledgement.

5. Declarations of Interest:

None

6. Approval of Minutes:

6.1 Approve minutes from meeting held March 18, 2026

On motion, the minutes from the meeting held March 18, 2026 were approved as presented.

7. Delegation(s):

None

8. Regular Items:

8.1 Planner update

a. Environmental Registry of Ontario postings

- Kelly reviewed some of the proposed changes and asked members to reach out to her within the next couple of weeks if they have any questions on specific items. She noted that the formal submission to the province will be completed in accordance with the comment deadline for each posting, and that she will share the final submissions with BARAAC once they have been made publicly available.

8.2 Government Relations update

- Paul was not in attendance at the meeting; however, he communicated through Jo-Anne that work continues to collect AMO delegation requests from members and he will provide an update at the next meeting.

8.3 Workplan prioritization

- Committee members agreed to prioritize work on the Terms of Reference (TOR) to align with the Advisory Committee Review that is being undertaken by Legislative Services staff. Members were asked to review the TOR and bring suggestions for changes to the next meeting for discussion.

8.4 Food for Feedback - September 12, 2026

- Jo-Anne advised that the City will once again be hosting the Food for Feedback event on September 12, 2026 from 12 to 3 p.m., one hour less than previous years. Some other changes this year include a project application that must be submitted and approved that highlights a project or initiative that aligns with and supports City or Council priorities, corporate strategies or plans. In addition, there will be mandatory reporting requirements that show how participation in Food for Feedback was used to influence the project. The application submission deadline is June 24, 2026. Jo-Anne asked the committee to consider whether they would like to participate again this year. This will be discussed at the May and/or June meetings.

8.5 Update on hydro survey

- Wilma shared the preliminary results received from the hydro survey and noted that she is waiting for 11 more responses from the Kilbride community before the results are finalized. Erin and

Miriam will work on sending these responses to Wilma. In terms of next steps, Wilma advised that the Ward 6 Advisory Committee will finalize the results and send them to the rural ward councillors and the Burlington Hydro board.

9. Other Business:

None

10. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.