



Burlington Inclusivity Advisory Committee Meeting
Agenda

Date: June 19, 2026
Time: 9:00 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 minutes of the meeting held on May 22, 2026

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4. Delegation(s):

5. Regular Items:

5.1 Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee (Lucy)

5.2 Burlington Public Library (Meg)

5.3 HMC Connections (Hanadi)

6. Other Business:

6.1 Touch base (Food for Feedback)

7. Adjournment:



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Minutes

Date: May 22, 2026
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1. Members present:

Charles McGregor (Chair), Hanadi Almasri (Vice-Chair), Lucy Nixon, Meg De Forest, Vwede Obahor and Niyi Olusoga

2. Members absent:

Jarred Sanchez-Cacnio, Rebecca Moran, Gabriela Covaci and Vishal Mahajan

3. Others present:

Councillor Bentivegna, Alison Policicchio, Marketing Director, Burlington Downtown Business Association and Roxanne Gosse (Clerk)

4. Land Acknowledgement

The Chair read the Land Acknowledgement.

5. Declarations of Interest:

None

6. Delegation(s):

6.1 Green Lanyard Campaign - Alison Policicchio - Marketing Director, Burlington Downtown Business Association

Alison discussed [The Green Lanyard Project](#) as a community initiative designed to support people living with non-visible conditions like:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- Sensory processing differences

- PTSD or trauma-related needs
- Anxiety or panic disorders
- Chronic illness

Wearing a lanyard lets someone discreetly signal they may need a bit more understanding or support in public places, without having to explain. The importance is to be aware that Invisible challenges can make everyday activities—like shopping, ordering food, or asking for help—more stressful.

By recognizing the lanyard, your business shows:

- Compassion for people of all abilities
- Commitment to accessibility
- Leadership in inclusive service

Even small acts of kindness can create a safe and welcoming space.

The Downtown Business Association is actively promoting and providing training to locate businesses.

7. Approval of Minutes:

7.1 Approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 24, 2026.

The minutes from April 24, 2026 were approved as presented.

8. Regular Items:

8.1 Burlington Accessibly Advisory Committee - Lucy

It is National AccessAbility Week - May 31 to June 6, 2026. The committee is working on outreach opportunities.

8.2 Burlington Public Library - Meg

The library is holding National AccessAbility Week at the [Central Library](#) at the Central Library location from May 31st to June 6, 2026. The Green Lanyard Project - starting May 31, green lanyards are available for free at the Central Branch welcome desk (while supplies last)

8.3 HMC Connections - Hanadi

HMC is not working towards organization their yearly [Multiculturalism Day](#) on June 27, 2026, from 12 pm to 4 pm, Sherwood Forest Park, 5270 Fairview St., Burlington, ON

Open and free to the public. Come enjoy learning about other cultures!
Cultural entertainment and activities Youth games and challenges for prizes Children's Activities and Bouncy Castle Ice cream truck Fun for all ages

9. Other Business:

9.1 Food for Feedback - discussion

The committee discussed the new requirements in registering for the event. It was decided on **Motion** (carried) that the Clerk will send an email to all members to vote on whether the committee wishes to participate in this year's event.

10. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.