



Regular Council

Minutes

Date: September 29, 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
Scott Hamilton, Commissioner Public Works
Craig Millar, Chief Financial Officer
Stephen Robichaud, Commissioner, Development and Growth Management
Andrew Scott, Commissioner of Corporate Services
Mike de Rond, City Clerk/Director, Legislative Services
Debbie Hordyk, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement**
- 3. National Anthem**
- 4. Roll Call**
- 5. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved by: Councillor Sharman
Seconded by: Councillor Bentivegna

Approve the Council agenda for Tuesday, September 29, 2026.

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

CARRIED (7 to 0)

6. Declarations of Interest

None

7. Proclamations

7.1 National Dental Care Day: October 10, 2026

7.2 Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day:
October 21, 2026

7.3 International Stuttering Awareness Day: October 22, 2026

8. Recognition and Achievements

8.1 Bicycle Friendly Communities Award

9. Presentations

None

10. Motion to approve Council Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Galbraith

Seconded by: Councillor Kearns

Confirm the minutes of the following meeting of Council:

CARRIED

10.1 Regular Council meeting of July 21, 2026

11. Delegations

11.1 Jim Thomson spoke regarding Motion memorandum regarding Electric Kick Scooters & Powered Personal Transportation Devices – Public Awareness, Injury Prevention, Point of Sale Education, Enforcement and Legislative Action (ADM-09-26)

12. Petitions

None

13. Recommendations from Standing Committees:

13.1 Committee of the Whole meeting of September 14 and 15, 2026

Items a, b, c, d, e, f, i, j and k 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. Operating budget performance report as of June 30, 2026 (FIN-25-26) (CCS)

Receive for information finance department report FIN-25-26 regarding the operating budget performance as at June 30, 2026; and

Direct the Chief Financial Officer to report back on the City's 2026 year-end results upon completion of the 2026 year-end.

CARRIED

- b. Municipal Consent By-law update (PWS-25-26) (PW)

Enact a by-law substantially in the form attached as Appendix A to public works report PWS-25-26, being a by-law to repeal and replace By-law 65-2021, The City of Burlington Municipal Consent By-law, with a new Municipal Consent By-law.

CARRIED

- c. Spruce Avenue area renewal – road closure extension (PWS-33-26) (PW)

Authorize the extension of the approved road closure on Spruce Avenue between Shoreacres Road and Goodram Drive (ES-26-05) until completion of the trenchless watermain construction, anticipated to be December 2026, as outlined in public works report PWS-33-26.

CARRIED

- d. Aldershot GO Transit Oriented Community (TOC) update (DGM-50-26) (GM)

Receive for information development and growth management report DGM-50-26 regarding Aldershot GO Transit Oriented Community (TOC) update.

CARRIED

- e. Housing Community Improvement Plan update (DGM-53-26) (GM)

Receive for information development and growth management report DGM-53-26, regarding an update on the uptake of the Burlington Housing Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Temporary Programs and the subsequent program funding allocation status of the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF).

CARRIED

- f. Motion memorandum regarding proposed Roseland Heritage Conservation District Study (COW-20-26)

Direct the Director of Community Planning to research the budget required for a heritage conservation district study of over 300 properties and report back to Council in Q1 2027.

CARRIED

- i. Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments for 235 Plains Road East and 1022 Gallagher Road (DGM-57-26)

Approve the applications for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, as modified by staff, submitted by Weston Consulting on behalf of the property owner for an 8-storey residential building (plus mechanical penthouse); and

Approve Official Plan Amendment No.167 to the City of Burlington Official Plan 1997, as outlined in Appendix D of development and growth management report DGM-57-26, to amend the designation of the lands located at 235 Plains Road East and 1022 Gallagher Road to “Mixed Use Corridor – General” with site-specific policies; and

Deem that Official Plan Amendment No.167 is consistent with The Planning Act; and

Approve Zoning By-law 2020.527, as modified by staff and attached as Appendix E to development and growth management report DGM-56-26, to rezone the lands at 235 Plains Road East and 1022 Gallagher Road from the existing “H-MXG” zone to a site-specific “H-MXG-580” zone; and

Deem that Zoning By-law 2020.527, as modified by staff, will conform to the Halton Region Official Plan, the 1997 Official Plan of the City of Burlington and the 2020 Official Plan once Official Plan Amendment No.167 is adopted; and

State that the amending Zoning By-law will not come into effect until Official Plan Amendment No.167 is adopted.

CARRIED

j. Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments for 517 Plains Road East (DGM-56-26)

Approve the applications for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, as modified by staff, submitted by Weston Consulting on behalf of the property owner, for an 11-storey mixed use building (plus mechanical penthouse); and

Approve Official Plan Amendment No.166 to the City of Burlington Official Plan 1997, as outlined in Appendix D of development and growth management report DGM-56-26, to amend the designation of the lands located at 517 Plains Road East to “Mixed Use Corridor – General” with site-specific policies; and

Deem that Official Plan Amendment No.166 is consistent with The Planning Act; and

Approve Zoning By-law 2020.526, as modified by staff and attached as Appendix E to development and growth management report DGM-56-26, to rezone the lands at 517 Plains Road East from the existing “MXG” zone to a site-specific “H-MXG-579” zone; and

Deem that Zoning By-law 2020.526, as modified by staff, will conform to the Halton Region Official Plan, the 1997 Official Plan of

the City of Burlington and the 2020 Official Plan once Official Plan Amendment No.166 is adopted; and

State that the amending Zoning By-law will not come into effect until Official Plan Amendment No.166 is adopted.

CARRIED

- k. Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments for 1376 and 1382 Plains Road East (DGM-52-26)

Refuse the applications for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments submitted by Bousfields Inc. on behalf of 2731115 Ontario Inc., F. K Deals on Wheels Inc., 2731119 Ontario Inc., and Manor Care Homes Inc proposing a 25-storey (plus mechanical penthouse) mixed-use building at 1376 and 1382 Plains Road East as well as on three additional parcels of land being conveyed from the abutting lands owned by Canadian National Railway which are without municipal address.

CARRIED

- g. Motion memorandum regarding upholding Council decision concerning food truck event in BIA (COW-22-26)

Each clause in the main motion as amended was voted on separately.

That Council direct the Commissioner of Community Services or designate to conduct a review of the July 17 to 19, 2026 Burlington Waterfront Festival, including its approval, final programming, number and proportion of food vendors, consistency with the approved event application, and alignment with previous Council direction regarding food truck festivals at Spencer Smith Park; and

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

OPPOSED: (1): Councillor Nisan

CARRIED (6 to 1)

That the review include formal and meaningful engagement with the Burlington Downtown Business Association, downtown restaurants, local business stakeholders, event organizers, and relevant City staff, **and the Public** to document impacts, identify lessons learned, and recommend improvements to the Festivals and Events approval and post-event evaluation processes; and

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

OPPOSED: (1): Councillor Nisan

CARRIED (6 to 1)

That staff report back to Council by Q4 2026 with findings and recommendations, including whether the Burlington Waterfront Festival should be renewed at Spencer Smith Park in its current format, whether a maximum number or proportion of food trucks should be established for events in or adjacent to the downtown or defined business area, and whether material changes to an approved event's programming, commercial composition, scale, or character should trigger further staff review or Council approval; and

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

OPPOSED: (1): Councillor Nisan

CARRIED (6 to 1)

That no approval or renewal of the Burlington Waterfront Festival at Spencer Smith Park for 2027 be finalized until the review is complete and Council has considered the staff report.

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

OPPOSED: (1): Councillor Nisan

CARRIED (6 to 1)

Moved by: Councillor Galbraith
Seconded by: Councillor Sharman

Remove the 4th clause from the motion:

That The Burlington Waterfront Festival be declared a food truck event and therefore subject to the 2023 decision of Council; and

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)

Moved by: Councillor Nisan
Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

add the words "and the public" to the second clause before the words" to document impacts"

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

CARRIED (7 to 0)

h. Financial status report as at June 30, 2026 (FIN-18-26)

Receive for information finance department report FIN-18-26, financial status report as at June 30, 2026.

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

CARRIED (7 to 0)

i. Official Plan Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision for 2155 Country Club Drive, 4135 Millcroft Park Drive and 4291 Couples Crescent (Millcroft Greens Current Proposal 2026) (DGM-55-26)

Refuse the application for Official Plan Amendment submitted by Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd. on behalf of Millcroft Greens

Corporation and 1000835226 Ontario Inc. to change the designation for the subject lands to support the proposed residential subdivision; and

Refuse the application for Draft Plan of Subdivision submitted by Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd. on behalf of Millcroft Greens Corporation and 1000835226 Ontario Inc. proposing a residential subdivision with 73 detached dwellings, 65 townhouse dwellings, 6 private roads and blocks for open space, landscape, natural heritage and stormwater management.

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

CARRIED (7 to 0)

- m. Confidential legal update on litigation matter regarding Nelson Aggregates appeal (LLS-37-26)

Receive for information confidential Legal report LLS-37-26 providing an update on the Ontario Land Tribunal's decision regarding Nelson Aggregate Co. appeals to permit a proposed quarry expansion.

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

CARRIED (7 to 0)

14. Motion to Approve Standing Committee Minutes

Moved by: Councillor Bentivegna

Seconded by: Councillor Nisan

Approve the following minutes:

CARRIED

14.1 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of September 14 and 15, 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 Sharman

Confirm the confidential minutes of the following closed meetings:

CARRIED

- a. Confidential closed meeting minutes for Committee of the Whole meeting of September 14, 2026

17. Rise and Report

None

18. Motions of Members

18.1 Motion memorandum regarding Electric Kick Scooters & Powered Personal Transportation Devices – Public Awareness, Injury Prevention, Point of Sale Education, Enforcement and Legislative Action (ADM-09-26) (SD)

Moved by: Mayor Meed Ward

Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

That Burlington City Council endorse a multi-agency and multi-government approach to e-scooters, with device safety and injury prevention as the key outcome; focusing on prevention, public awareness, safety strategies, business point-of-sale education, and enforcement; and

That Burlington City Council request the Provincial government, including the Ministries of Transportation, Education, Health and Solicitor General, work with local police, school boards, businesses, public health and other community partners and agencies to review current regulations, licensing, retailer & point of sale regulation for opportunities to ensure public awareness and safety; and

That Burlington City Council request the Province to collect and publish standardized provincial data on e-bike and e-scooter collisions, injuries and fatalities to support evidence-based policy and enforcement; and

That Burlington City Council request Transport Canada to federally regulate micromobility vehicle safety and battery safety requirements, standards, testing and labelling, for point of sale and importation; and in

creating those regulations, to consult with key interested and affected parties with expertise in micromobility vehicle design and safety, and universal accessibility; and

That Burlington City Council support and adopt the motion of the Halton Regional Police Board of Sept. 24 to ensure public and youth safety and coordinated action among Halton Regional Police Services, Halton District School Board & Halton Catholic District School Board; Ministry of Education, Halton Municipalities (City of Burlington, Town of Halton Hills, Town of Milton, Town of Oakville) to review local response capabilities, including:

- Updating municipal bylaws, public signage, and municipally owned property policies for clearer restrictions and enforcement mechanisms; and
- Authorizing Municipal Enforcement Officers to enforce local rules, document violations, and coordinate referral protocols with police; and
- Harmonizing definitions, restrictions, and joint enforcement initiatives across Halton while identifying municipal/provincial authority gaps; and

That Burlington City Council directs the Director of Transportation to report back on the above information in Q1 2027 and on the following areas of municipal or multiple jurisdictions:

- **A potential licencing regime;**
- **Potential mandatory helmet laws for all ages;**
- **other ways to improve safety related to e-bikes and e-scooters**
- **inclusion of the e-bike/e-scooter issue in the city's Vision Zero strategy process; and**

That this resolution be forwarded to the federal Minister of Transportation, Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General, provincial Ministers of Transportation, Education, and Health, the local Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament representing ridings in the City of Burlington; Halton Region; Halton Municipalities and School Boards; Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Ontario's Big City Mayors; Halton Regional Police Services Board; Ontario Association of Police Service Boards (OAPSB).

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

CARRIED (7 to 0)

Moved by: Councillor Nisan
Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

That the staff direction section 40 of the Procedure By-law be waived to permit an amendment to request a staff report back regarding the subject matter identified in the original motion.

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

CARRIED (7 to 0)

Moved by: Councillor Nisan
Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

Add the following paragraph before the last paragraph:

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- **other ways to improve safety related to e-bikes and e-scooters**
- **inclusion of the e-bike/e-scooter issue in the city's Vision Zero strategy process (SD)**

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

CARRIED (7 to 0)

19. Council Information Package

19.1 Council Information Package July 24, 2026

19.2 Council Information Package July 31, 2026

- 19.3 Council Information Package August 14, 2026
- 19.4 Council Information Package August 21, 2026
- 19.5 Council Information Package August 28, 2026
- 19.6 Council Information Package September 4, 2026
- 19.7 Council Information Package September 11, 2026
- 19.8 Council Information Package September 18, 2026
- 19.9 Council Information Package September 25, 2026

20. Motion to Receive and File Information Items

Moved by: Councillor Sharman

Seconded by: Councillor Kearns

Receive and file Information items, having been considered by Council:

CARRIED

- 20.1 Supplemental staff memo regarding Official Plan Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision for 2155 Country Club Drive, 4135 Millcroft Park Drive and 4291 Couples Crescent (Millcroft Greens Current Proposal 2026) (DGM-55-26)
- 20.2 Supplemental staff memo regarding Financial status report as at June 30, 2026 (FIN-18-26)
- 20.3 Public comments regarding Official Plan Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision for 2155 Country Club Drive, 4135 Millcroft Park Drive and 4291 Couples Crescent (Millcroft Greens Current Proposal 2026) (DGM-55-26)
- 20.4 Public comments regarding Confidential legal update on litigation matter regarding Nelson Aggregates appeal (LLS-37-26)
- 20.5 Supplemental staff memo regarding Millcroft Minister Zoning Order Request Update regarding DGM-55-26, (CS-07-26)

21. Notice of Motion

None

22. Motion to Approve By-Laws

Moved by: Councillor Kearns

Seconded by: Councillor Nisan

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 52-2026: A by-law to regulate (including requiring municipal consent permits) construction, road cuts and occupancies on City rights-of-way and other City property and to repeal By-law 65-2021, The City of Burlington Municipal Consent By-law.
- 22.2 53-2026: A by-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 167 to permit an eight (8) storey mixed use building consisting of ground floor non-residential uses and 140 residential units in the storeys above. 235 Plains Road East and 1022 Gallagher Road
- 22.3 54-2026: A by-law to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 166 to permit an eleven (11) storey mixed use building consisting of ground floor non-residential uses and 179 residential units in the storeys above. 517 Plains Road East.
- 22.4 2020.526: A by-law to amend Zoning By-law 2020, as amended, for 517 Plains Rd. E.
- 22.5 2020.527: A by-law to amend Zoning By-law 2020, as amended, for 235 Plains Rd. E and 1022 Gallagher Rd.
- 22.6 55-2026: A by-law to amend By-law 86-2007, as amended, being a by-law for the regulation of traffic.

23. Confirmatory By-law

Moved by: Councillor Sharman

Seconded by: Councillor Nisan

Enact and pass By-law Number 56-2026 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held September 29, 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 Stolte

Seconded by: Councillor Bentivegna

10:48 a.m. (recess), 11:00 a.m. (reconvene), 11:40 a.m. (recess), 11:45 a.m. (reconvene)

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

12:20 p.m.

Mike de Rond

City Clerk

Marianne Meed Ward

Mayor