

Sustainable Development Committee 2017 Objectives

Committee of the Whole 2017 Objectives

1. Participate in the public engagement process for the new Official Plan and submit comments on issues of sustainability.
2. Effectively engage with our network of contacts including, city staff, alumni and other organizations to:
 - Communicate events we undertake;
 - Draw on their expertise and experience;
 - Develop support for initiatives we undertake or ideas we are pursuing such as zero waste, community energy and improving public transit.
3. Actively participate in various external committees and groups, and bring findings back to the committee, staff and council.
4. Invite representatives from various external organizations, (e.g. other municipal sustainability committees), to speak about the goals and objectives of their groups. Follow up on recommendations and proposals presented.
5. Encourage committee members to share articles about a topic, issue, book or organization for the purpose of educating other members.
6. Promote the State of the Environment Report (SOER) V in the community and continue to encourage council and staff to implement its recommendations. Work with city staff to explore and investigate alternative options to complete a future State of the Environment Report (VI) for the City of Burlington.
7. Complete the update of the city's Principles and Objectives of Sustainable Development.



Policy and Development (P&D) Sub-committee 2017 Objectives

1. Provide input on proposed changes to the city's revised Official Plan throughout the Official Plan Review process. This will include commenting on Official Plan Directions and Draft Policies when they become available.

2. Provide input on planning and development items sent to the sub-committee for comment per the P&D protocol. Monitor comments from staff on our reviews and dialogue with them when appropriate.
3. Promote our principles, objectives and guidelines at the pre-consultation stage with a clear message that Burlington is a Sustainable Development community. Work with city staff on applying the principles of sustainable neighbourhood and site design (such as those found in LEED Neighbourhood Development, LEED standards for new construction and similar standards) to urban design and other guidelines, secondary plans, and major development applications.
4. Support the Community Energy Plan and the principle of environmental protection through the objectives of energy conservation and a balanced transportation system in a manner that reduces greenhouse gas emissions.
5. Promote our principles, objectives and guidelines by providing input and participating in municipal, regional and provincial planning and policy groups regarding transit and transportation such as:
 - Niagara to GTA Corridor Study
 - Metrolinx
 - Regional Transportation Plan
 - Travel Demand Management Policy
 - Transportation Master Plan
 - Cycling Master Plan, and
 - Transit Master Plan
6. Promote our principles, objectives and guideline by participating in public meetings and stakeholder committees that relate to the principles and objectives of the Burlington Sustainable Development Committee and the City of Burlington.
7. Provide education and training to SDC members:
 - Invite guest speakers to provide education and information on topics of interest. Speakers could include people who work in sustainable development in nearby municipalities of similar size.
 - Organize a trip or visit that may relate to an application of focus or generally to the concept of sustainability, in connection with the Burlington Sustainable Development Principles and Objectives.
 - Review P&D material with the sub-committee,
 - Investigate new technologies, and
 - Provide annual training on planning knowledge and Principles and Objectives.

8. Set expectations and effectively utilize and recognize the unique talents of the sub-committee members.
9. Maintain, update and grow the P&D resource library. Incorporate more comments and documents from prior years.

Awareness Sub-committee 2017 Objectives

For 2017, the Sub-committee will continue its focus on the theme of climate change and what individuals can do to reduce their GHG footprint. Public events and communications will be focused around that theme.

1. Support the city's sustainability initiatives, such as the Community Energy Plan and community engagement. The Community Energy Plan (CEP) will continue to be advertised at all events in which SDC members participate. The SDC is represented on the CEP's Stakeholder Advisory Committee as well as the Community Engagement Task Group.
2. Organize and host a green living event on Saturday, May 27, 2017 at Tansley Woods Community Centre entitled "Take Action Burlington – Let's Live Green". The event will include exhibitors and presenters and will be focused on climate change mitigation and adaptation.
3. Co-host, with the Burlington Public Library, one event in the fall pertaining to a sustainability issue.
4. Participate in relevant community events such as BurlingtonGreen's Clean Up event (April), Appleby Line Street Festival (September), etc.
5. Employ social media to promote SDC events. Recommend topics for the "Take Action Burlington" blog.
6. Plan an educational field trip for membership.
7. Complete the update of the city's Sustainable Development Principles and Objectives.