CS-08-21 Appendix B - One City, One Voice, One Vision: Burlington's Strategic Plan 2015-2040 and the United Nations Sustainable Development

The City of Burlington recognizes the importance of the United Nations sustainable development goals (SDG). With the 2015 declaration, "The sustainable development goals are a call for action by all countries – poor, rich and middle-income – to promote prosperity while protecting the planet. They recognize that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with strategies that build economic growth and address a range of social needs including education, health, social protection, and job opportunities, while tackling climate change and environmental protection. More important than ever, the goals provide a critical framework for COVID-19 recovery."[1]

As Burlington defined its vision for the future, a number of factors influenced, and continue to influence, the long term goals. Burlington's work to achieve its long-term vision align and support the SDG. Burlington's advocacy work for increased cooperation with and between Regional, Provincial and Federal governments, while not an aspirational goal, is a testament to Burlington's commitment to SDG #17 - strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

UN Sustainable Development Goal	Burlington's Strategic Directions			
	A City that Grows	**A City that Moves**	**A Healthy and Greener City**	**An Engaging City**
1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere 1 NO POVERTY	· More people who live in Burlington also work in Burlington · Employment lands connected to the community and region · Easy access to amenities, services, recreation and employment areas with more opportunities for walking, cycling and using public transit · Burlington as an inclusive and diverse city and employer	·	·	· All residents, especially newcomers, feel welcomed and at home in Burlington
2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture 2 ZERO HUNGER	· Burlington's rural areas economically and socially active	· Burlington's rural areas connected to the city	· Residents grow their own fresh and healthy food	·

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3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	·	·	· Burlington's community and City operations net carbon-neutral	·
4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all 4 QUALITY EDUCATION	· Easy access to amenities, services, recreation and employment areas with more opportunities for walking, cycling and using public transit · Burlington as an inclusive and diverse city and employer	·	·	·
5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls 5 GENDER EQUALITY	· Burlington as an inclusive and diverse city and employer	·	·	· All residents, especially newcomers, feel welcomed and at home in Burlington

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6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION	·	·	· Burlington's community and City operations net carbon-neutral · A healthy thriving urban forest and increased tree canopy · Leadership in storm water management and low impact development	·
7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	· Innovative, entrepreneurial businesses settled or developed in Burlington	·	· Burlington's community and City operations net carbon-neutral	· Burlington's infrastructure in good condition
8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	· More people who live in Burlington also work in Burlington · Employment lands connected to the community and region	·	·	·

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9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation	· Innovative, entrepreneurial businesses settled or developed in Burlington	· Convenient and timely connection between municipalities	·	·
10. Reduce inequality within and among countries	· More people who live in Burlington also work in Burlington · Employment lands connected to the community and region · Burlington as an inclusive and diverse city and employer	· Transit rider access to regional and provincial transportation network	·	· All residents, especially newcomers, feel welcomed and at home in Burlington
11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	· More people who live in Burlington also work in Burlington · Residents close to goods and services · Burlington's downtown as culturally active, thriving and home to a mix of residents and businesses	· Walkable neighbourhoods well connected throughout the city · Transit rider access to regional and provincial transportation network	· A healthy, natural heritage system · Multi-use parks and green spaces	·

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12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns **12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION** ∞	·	·	· Burlington's community and City operations net carbon-neutral	·
13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts* **13 CLIMATE ACTION**	·	· People rely less on automobiles	· A healthy thriving urban forest and increased tree canopy · Leadership in storm water management and low impact development	· Burlington's infrastructure in good condition
14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development **14 LIFE BELOW WATER**	·	·	· A clean, safe and useable waterfront	·

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15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss 15 LIFE ON LAND	·	·	· A healthy thriving urban forest and increased tree canopy	·
16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	·	·	·	· Sound decision-making processes · City information always accessible
17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	·	·	·	·