

Budget Simulator Comments

Service	Comment
Business Economic Development Corporation	Disconnected from the city stuck at Burloak. What do they even do?
Roadway and Sidewalk Maintenance	Diverted money from regular road maintenance to our active transport network.
Parking Management	Reduced emphasis on parking. Eliminate parking minimums and collect revenues for use of public space for vehicle storage.
Road and Structure Design and Construction	Divert to capital funding for our active transportation network.
Traffic Operations Management	Divert to capital funding for our active transportation network.
Transportation Planning	Multi-modal planning with a de-emphasis on roads that move only cars.
Transit Conventional Service	Accelerate switching to zero-emissions fleet and expanding frequent transit routes, while making routing more direct to increase ridership.
Transit Handivan Service	Underfunded given demographic changes in the city.
Parks and Open Space Maintenance	More attention to maintaining our parks and our natural areas as a result of climate change.
Tree Management	More attention to our tree canopy is required.
Organized Sport Support	Reduce organized sports programs and re-direct funding to parks & recreation due to COVID
Surface Water Drainage	Climate change means this needs more attention. To be paid for by stormwater management charges to incentivize low impact development.
Environment and Energy	Spending on energy conservation and accelerating our net-zero carbon emissions strategy.
Arts and Culture	Need to do more with less.
Strategic Communications and Government Relations	Way too much money spent on controlling messaging, and people aren't buying in anyway. Partisanship in government is rampant, making any strategizing that a municipal government might do completely useless. Funds better spent elsewhere
Tourism Burlington	Need additional effort to support tourism in our city.
Burlington Performing Arts Centre	Tighten belts.
Art Gallery of Burlington	Tighten belts.
Fire Prevention and Education	Fire services are very good but there are marginal benefits for additional dollars in this area. Salaries are far too high.
Emergency Response Service	Fire services are very good but there are marginal benefits for additional dollars in this area. Salaries are far too high.
Internal Audit	Double the amount devoted to auditing and budgeting so as to eliminate financial waste and ensure that processes for procurement and dealing with suppliers work as intended.
Corporate Legal	Really need to be selective about our legal battles. Have spent way too much energy and funding in this area of late.
Information Technology	Bang for the buck in IT is never fully realized. Minimize spending and make existing technology last longer.
Signs Production Services	Do we really need this much signs production? Lets reduce signage pollution in Burlington.
Fleet Management	More of our fleet should be shared. Move to sell off larger vehicles and purchase smaller ones wherever possible. Right-size our fire department.
Capital Financing Transactions	Invest in infrastructure and pivot to focus primarily on green infrastructure. Reduce spending on roadways and divert funding to building out networks for transit and active transportation.
User Fees	Stormwater management fees and parking permit sales for using public streets to store vehicles.
Other Revenues & Recoveries	Reduce draws on reserve funds.