

Budget Simulator Comments

| Service | Comment |
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| 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. |