

# **COVID-19 Emergency Response: Update**

as of December 6, 2021

Environment, Infrastructure &  
Community Services Committee

December 9, 2021

# Legislative Update

## Report Projection – January 2022

### Corporate Services, Strategy, Risk and Accountability Committee

Meeting Date – January 10, 2022

#### Consent Agenda

- F-38-21- Procurement By-law

#### Regular Agenda

- CL-30-21- Delegated Authority By-law
- CS-02-22- V2F Progress Report as of Q4 2021
- CM-08-21- 2021-2022 City Manager Objectives
- CC-01-22- 2021 Community Survey Results

#### Confidential Agenda

- L-01-22- Confidential update on a litigation matter
- L-02-22- Confidential update on a litigation matter

### Community Planning, Regulation & Mobility Committee

Meeting Date – January 11, 2022

#### Regular Agenda

- PL-03-22- City of Burlington Housing Strategy Initial Inclusionary Zoning Report
- PL-02-22- MTSA ASP Project Recommended Preferred Precinct Plans
- PL-06-22- Submission on Region of Halton's Draft Preferred Growth Concept and Draft Land Needs
- PL-07-22- Planning Application Fee Review

# Report Projection – January 2022 (continued)

## Environment, Infrastructure and Community Services Committee

Meeting Date – January 13, 2022

### Regular Agenda

- RCC-01-22- Ryerson Park Renaming

## Council Workshop

Meeting Date- January 17, 2022

### Agenda

- CWC-XX-21- Indigenous History Workshop

# COVID 19 Financial Update

Joan Ford

Chief Financial Officer

# COVID 19 Property Tax Update

Final Billing Due: \$222.9M (City, Region, & Education)  
 Collections to Dec 3, 2021: \$220.6M  
 Collection Rate: 99.0% (Dec 2020 98.7%)

Class	Final Levy	Total Final Outstanding	% of Final Levy
COM	\$37,272,403	\$359,867	1%
IND	\$26,169,540	\$77,714	0%
RES	\$146,310,671	\$1,806,795	1%
MULTI-RES	\$12,392,846	\$19,259	0%
FARM	\$736,586	\$13,245	2%
Grand Total	\$222,882,047	\$2,276,880	1%

# COVID 19 Cash Flow Update

## Cash Flow Projections (Dec 3/21)

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$64.4M	\$73.6M
Dec 31 <sup>st*</sup>	\$16.3M	\$45.8M
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup> (2022)	\$10.7M	\$30.5M (2021)

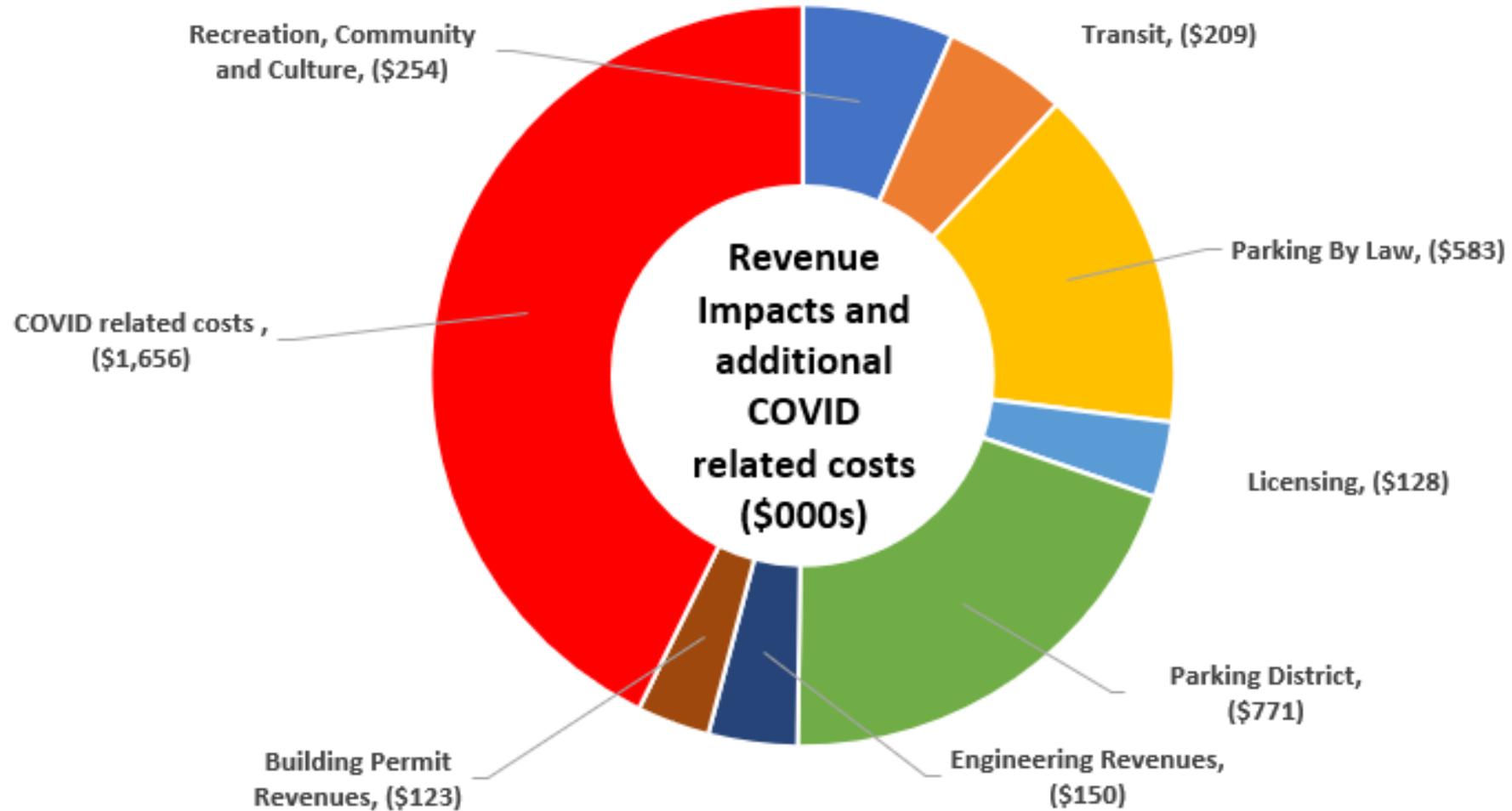
\*Includes the School Board's requisition payments of approximately \$30M.

## 2021 Year End Projections for COVID-19 pandemic

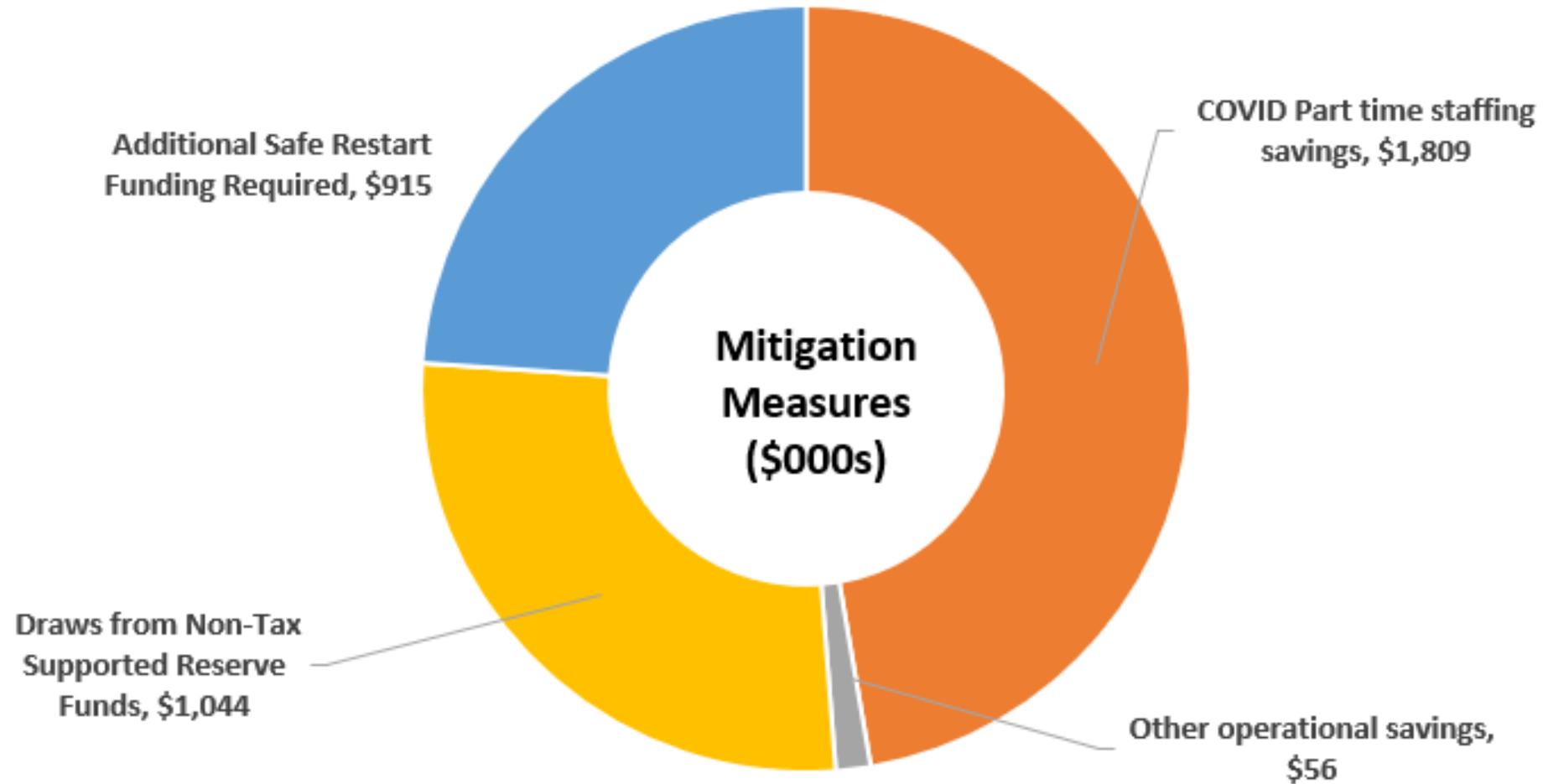
<b>Estimated Year End Net Financial Impact</b>	
Revenue Impact ( Tax Supported )	\$ 1,123,985
Revenue Impact ( Non-Tax Supported )*	\$ 1,043,838
COVID Related costs	\$ 1,655,603
<b>Total Revenue Impacts and COVID related costs</b>	<b>\$ 3,823,426</b>
COVID Part time staffing savings	\$ 1,808,733
Other Operational Savings	\$ 55,971
<b>Total City-Initiated Mitigation Measures</b>	<b>\$ 1,864,705</b>
<b>Projected Position</b>	<b>\$ (1,958,722)</b>
<b>Additional Safe Restart Funding Required</b>	<b>\$ 914,884</b>
<b>Draws from Non-Tax Supported Reserve Funds</b>	<b>\$ 1,043,838</b>
<b>Net Year End Position</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

\* Impact from Non Tax supported Revenues is supported by City's Reserve Funds

# Revenue Losses/COVID costs



# Mitigation Measures



## Use of Safe Restart Funding

	Funding used	Balance
Total Safe Restart Funding Received		\$19.79
2020 Year-end	\$6.90	
2021 Budget	\$6.70	
2021 repurpose back Infrastructure levy	\$2.18	
2021 one-time Tax Rate Stabilization RF	\$0.45	
2021 Year-end projection	\$0.92	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17.15</b>	<b>\$2.64</b>

\* Value in millions

# Economic Update Briefing

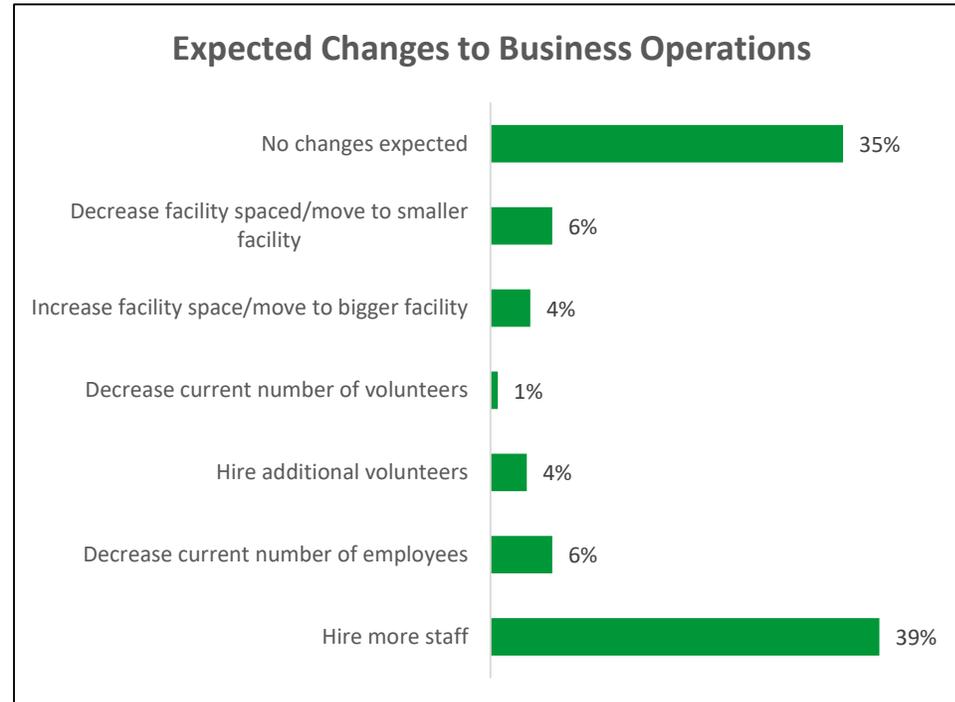
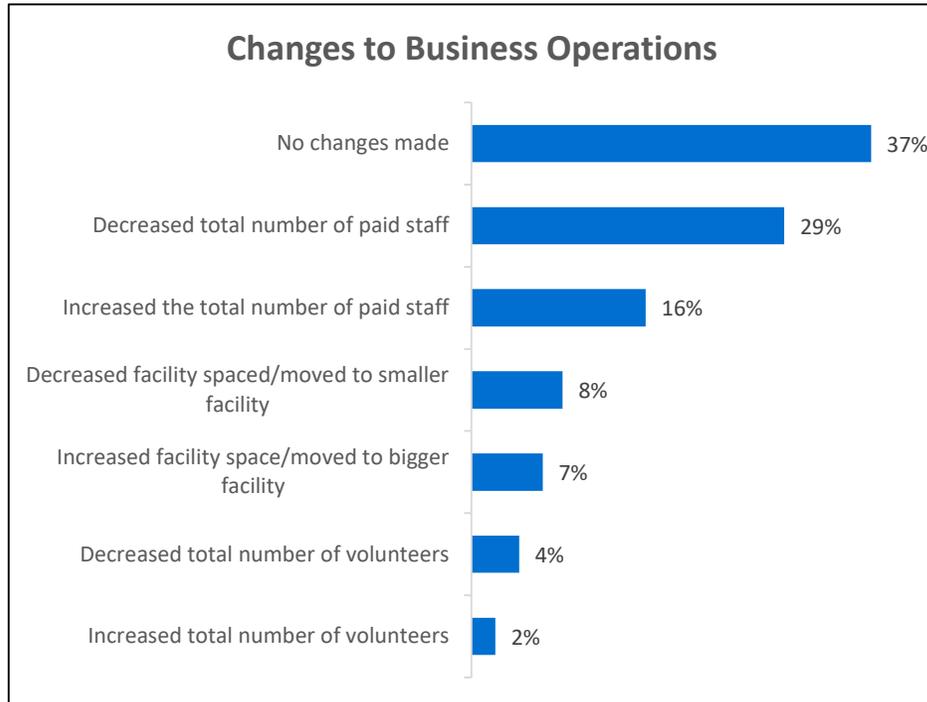
Anita Cassidy, Executive Director  
Burlington Economic Development

# COVID-19 IMPACTS: Right-to-Disconnect Legislation

- **Working for Workers Act (2021)** includes a new law that employers with  $\geq 25$  employees create a written policy about the right to disconnect from email contact and calls outside of regular work hours.
  - Employers have **6 months** to ensure they have a **written policy** in place
  - Goal = to **improve work-life balance**, reduce burnout, and solidify the line between personal and work time
- **Example applications:**
  1. Urge employees to avoid email traffic between 7pm and 7am
  2. Out-of-office emails to make clear when someone is not available at the end of the work day
  3. Outline emergency exceptions to the rule

Source: [Ontario's 'right to disconnect' law has just been passed — so do you actually have the right to disconnect? | The Star](#) (Dec 2021)

# Halton COVID-19 Business Impact Survey Results: Burlington

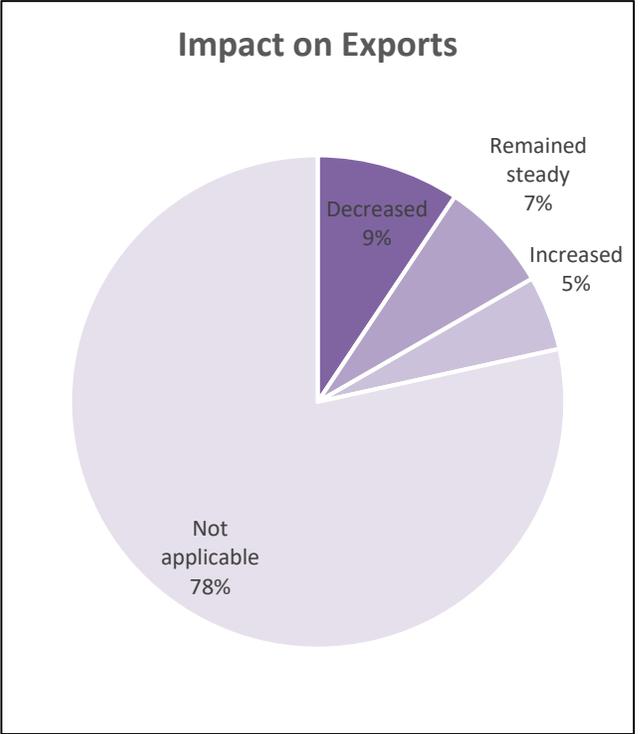
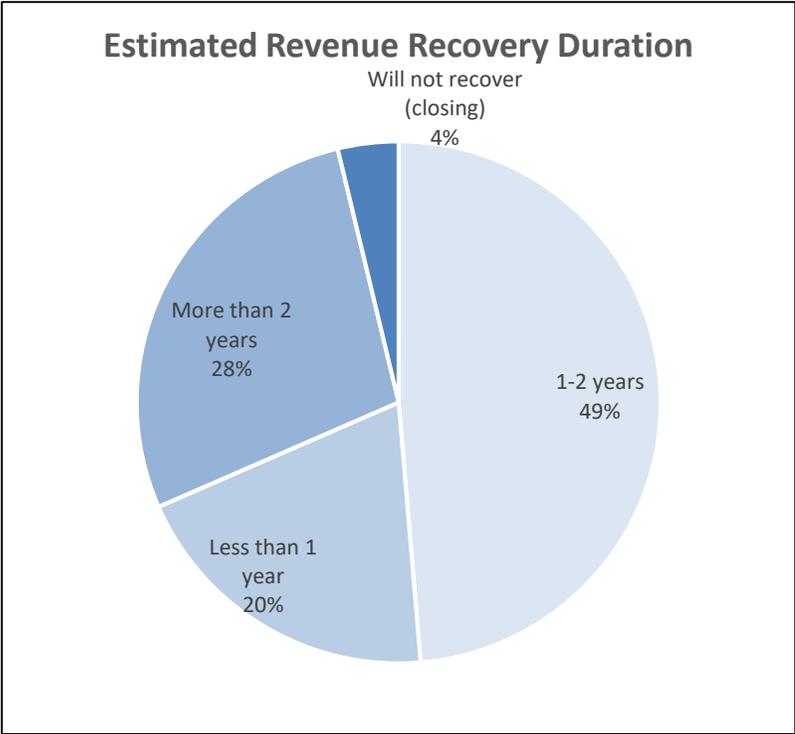
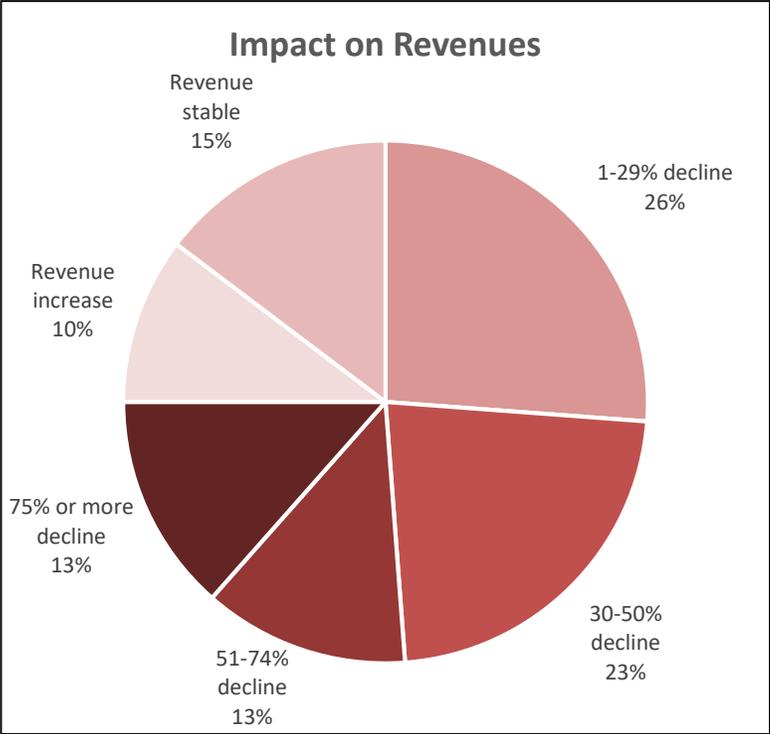


## COVID-19 Impact on Business Operations:

- Nearly 2/3 of respondents deemed essential businesses during lockdowns
- Of those businesses that had to make staffing/space changes, more had to decrease capacity than increase it
- In the next 12 months, many expect to increase staffing capacity. However, of those expecting to make space changes, more are expecting to reduce space needs

Survey Source:: Halton Region (December, 2021)

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**Revenue impact:**

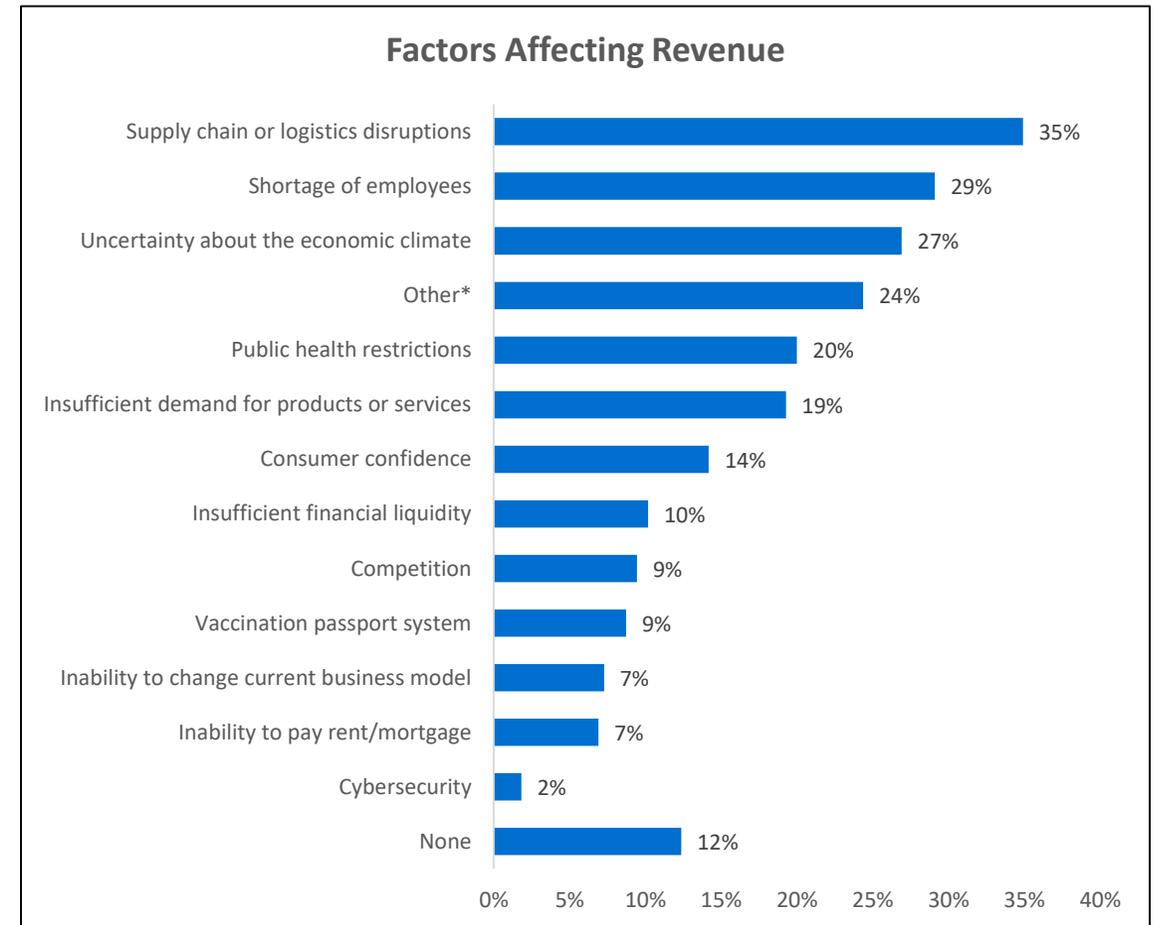
- 1 in 4 businesses saw >50% decline in revenue/sales over the last year
- Nearly 80% of businesses need more than a year without further closures to return to pre-pandemic revenue levels

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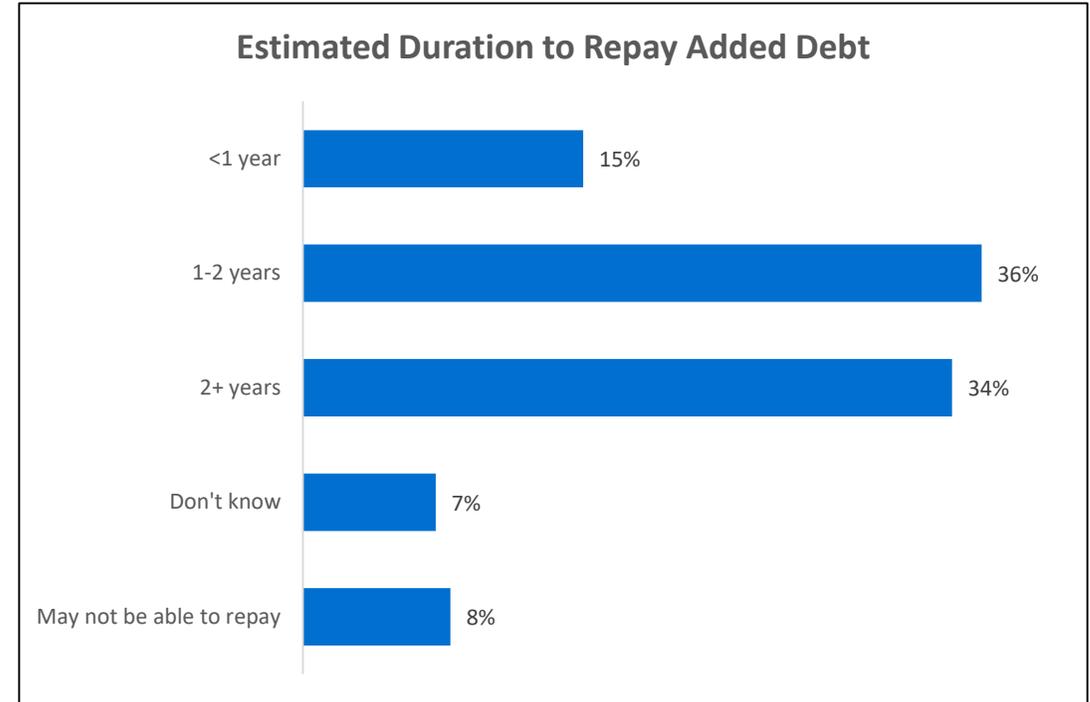
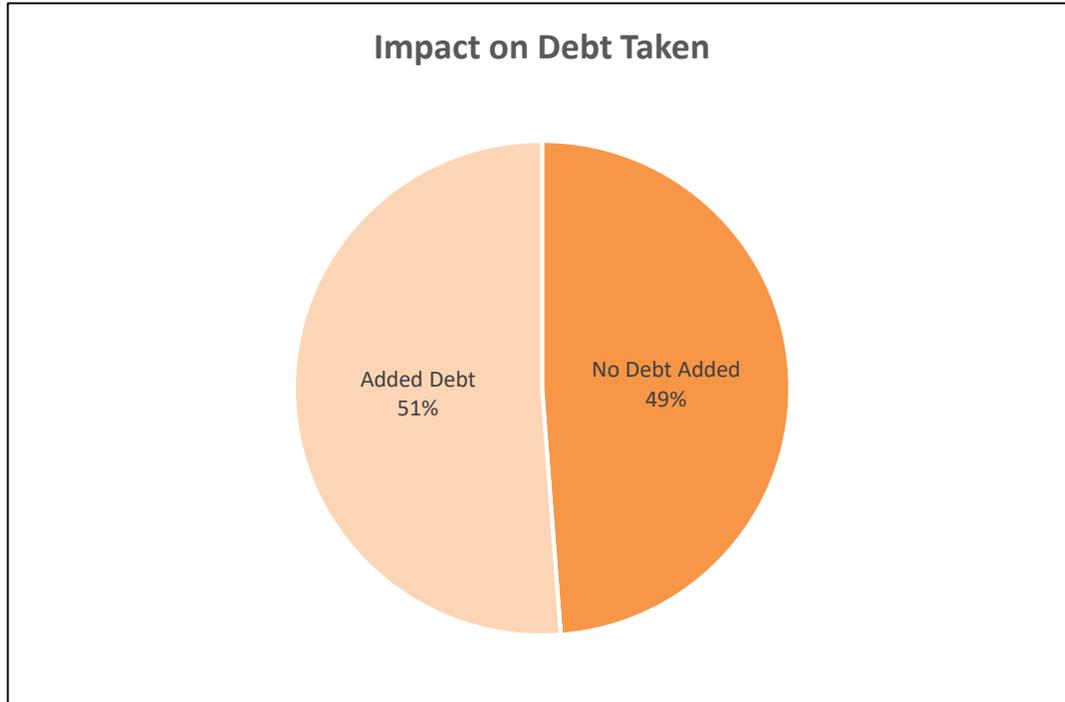
## Factors Affecting Revenue Generation:

- With reduced public health measures in place, most businesses are now citing supply chain disruptions and employee shortage as the biggest factors impacting revenue generation
- Some businesses are still struggling with reduced demand and problems with financial liquidity



Survey Source:: Halton Region (December, 2021)

# Halton COVID-19 Business Impact Survey Results: Burlington



## Debt impact:

- Half of all businesses took on more debt due to COVID-19
- Of those who took on added debt, the majority need more than one year without further mandatory closures to repay accumulated debt

Survey Source:: Halton Region (December, 2021)

# New Team Burlington Initiatives



- Downtown Burlington Gift Vouchers funded by Chamber of Commerce Shop Local Fund
- My Main Street Funding Approval
  - 4 Full Time Main Street Ambassadors for 2021
  - \$400,000 in grants for businesses

# Roads, Parks & Forestry

Enrico Scalera

Director

# Winter Services – Parks Washrooms

## Back to 'Normal'

The following locations will be open from 8am to 8pm, seven days per week, until the end of March:

- Beachway Park – North
- Central Park
- Maple Park
- Hidden Valley Park – Upper
- LaSalle Park – Upper\*
- Lowville Park – South\*
- Paletta Park
- Sherwood Forest Park – West (open until 11 p.m. for permitted use)\*

**Last Year only the 3 locations highlighted with \* were open throughout the winter.**

# Winter Services – Parks Waste Collection

## Parks Waste Collection – Establishing a new Standard for Winter Servicing

- Pre-Pandemic:
  - Mid-October to Mid-April: No weekend coverage.
  - Minimal waste bin overflow occurrences
- Pandemic Impact:
  - Increase in active lifestyle, use of parks and public spaces, leading to an increase in waste bin usage and overflow occurrences
- Winter 2020/21:
  - Implemented weekend coverage through a reallocation of existing resources
- It is anticipated the high utilization of waste bins will continue with continued active lifestyle patterns and businesses continuing with hybrid work options.
- Therefore, moving forward our waste collection service will be permanently modified to allow for waste collection seven days per week.

# Recreation, Community and Culture

Chris Glenn

Director

## Fall Stats

4,506 registrations

37,095 drop-ins

42,492 Rental Hours

173 User Groups

10 Events on City Property



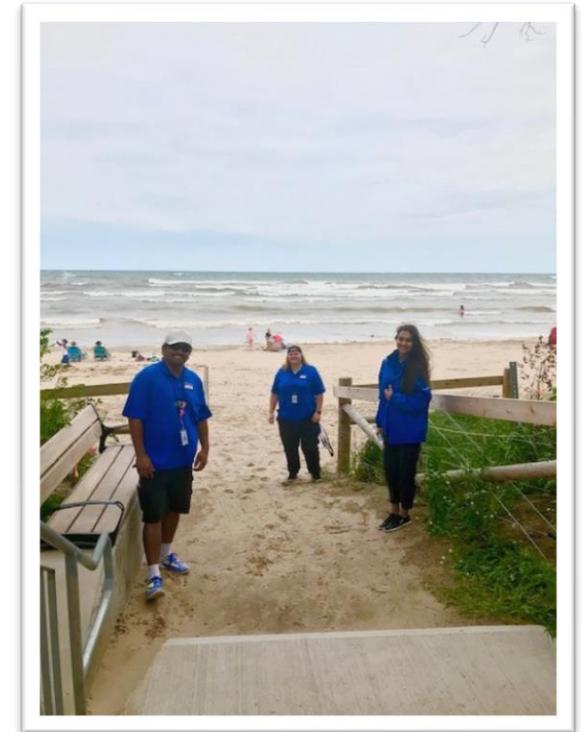
*“Thank you for how much you care about the kids at the theatre. Thank you for leading by example. The fact that our daughter feels understood means more than I could even tell you. We are so proud to be a Student Theatre family.”*

# EVC And Screening Update

- **Since proof of vaccination requirement introduced Sept 22, and EVC including QR code Oct 22:**
  - Contracted security continues approx. 90 shifts weekly at 14 locations. Recreation staff also doing checks in addition during busier periods and when direct delivered programs running.
  - Compliance and response has generally been positive.
  - Planning for EVC and Active Screening requirement to continue through March.
- **Halton Medical Officer of Health directive Nov 26**
  - Removal of previous exemptions for youth organized sport ages 12-17 years, and for coaches, officials, volunteers, instructors.
  - Grace period of 12 weeks for 12-year olds following birthdate.
  - Rental groups and impacted program registrants notified; refunds offered when needed.
  - This change resulted in some additional security shifts to cover youth sport rental times

# Park Experience Program

- Connected **People** with **People**
- 17 staff
- Over 7000 conversations
- Final program cost \$335,000
- Program has come to an end



Supported community engagement, redirected behaviours, and developed neighbourhood profiles

# Community Support Fund

The Community Support Fund is an umbrella program joining 4 different community support funds into one fund during COVID-19.

Its goal was to support innovative ideas to connect and enhance the community during the challenge of the pandemic – to “strengthen and nourish the community soul”.



In 2021:

- Supported 31 Projects
- Investment of \$110,000
- Program ends Dec 31, 2021; model returns to the 4 individual support funds



# Holiday Events & Winter Programs

## Events

- Santa's Holiday Magic Trail (this past weekend - December 4 & 5)
- Robbie Burns Run
- Chili Half Marathon

## Winter Break High Lights

- Tim Hortons Swimming and Skating
- Return of the Golden Horseshoe Tournament - December 27-30

## Winter Programs

- December 11 Registration Launch for Programs Starting January 3, 2022

# Get Outside and Play! Winter Edition

- Casual drop-in, passive screening, and a return to typical capacity limit for outdoor skating at Burlington Rotary Pond. Skate lending resumes.
- Outdoor artificial ice rink open for passive use at Sherwood Forest Park
- Neighbourhood Outdoor Rinks - 16 rinks approved for this season
- Tobogganing - 6 approved park locations ready
- Disc golf open at Tyandaga Golf Course
- Play Lending Library continues

# City of Burlington – State of Emergency Situation Monitoring

Amber Rushton

Community Emergency Management Coordinator

# City of Burlington By-law 046-2019 Amendment 076-2020

## Annex 8 – Termination of Declaration of Emergency Criteria

### 1.1 Definition and Authority

An emergency is defined under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act as

“a situation, or an impending situation that constitutes a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to persons or substantial damage to property and that is caused by the forces of nature, a disease or other health risk, an accident or an act whether intentional or otherwise” [Section 1, definition of an emergency].

Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, only the head of council of a municipality (or his or her designate) and the Lieutenant Governor in Council or the Premier have the authority to declare an emergency. The Premier, the head of council, as well as a municipal council, have the authority to terminate an emergency declaration [Sections 4 (1), (2), (4)].

### Criteria

- established to assist the Mayor/Council in determining if/when our existing state of emergency should be terminated.

When considering whether to terminate a declaration of emergency, a positive response to one or more of the following criteria may indicate that a situation, warrants the termination of declaration of emergency.

- #2 and #8 are excluded from pandemic situations.

# Monitoring Termination of Declaration of Emergency Criteria as of December 6, 2021

		Yes/No
	The epidemiological link between contact tracing and the rate of community spread % is <b>steadily declining</b> over a sustained period of 14 days. Source: Halton Region Dashboard Trends – Moving Weekly Incidence Rate per 100,000; New cases 7-day average; New cases reached within one day (a sign of contact management keeping up with new cases)	<input type="text" value="No"/>
	Has the Region and/or neighboring lower tier and upper tier municipalities <b>terminated declaration</b> of emergency? Source: Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) - Daily Consolidated Situation Report (DCSR) – Annex I for Region of Halton municipalities	<input type="text" value="No"/>
	Have other like municipalities <b>terminated declaration</b> of emergency? Source: PEOC-DCSR – Annex I for Ontario Big City Mayor’s Municipalities	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
	Does the decision to terminate the declaration <b>directly impact temporary by-laws</b> in place to protect community and staff? Source: Mask By-law 006-2021 and Physical Distancing By-law 007-2021	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
	Do <b>services remain altered/suspended</b> ? Source: Service re-design	<input type="text" value="No"/>
	Is there <b>affirmation of urgency</b> ? Refer to Ontario Ministry of Health and Region Public Health for Guidance. Source: Regional Medical Officer of Health Advisement	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>

# Questions