

COVID-19 Emergency Response: Update

as of March 1, 2022

Environment, Infrastructure &
Community Services Committee

March 3, 2022

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Our journey...

City of Burlington State of Emergency Declared March 21, 2020

Province of Ontario - Late 2020



Province of Ontario – Mid 2021

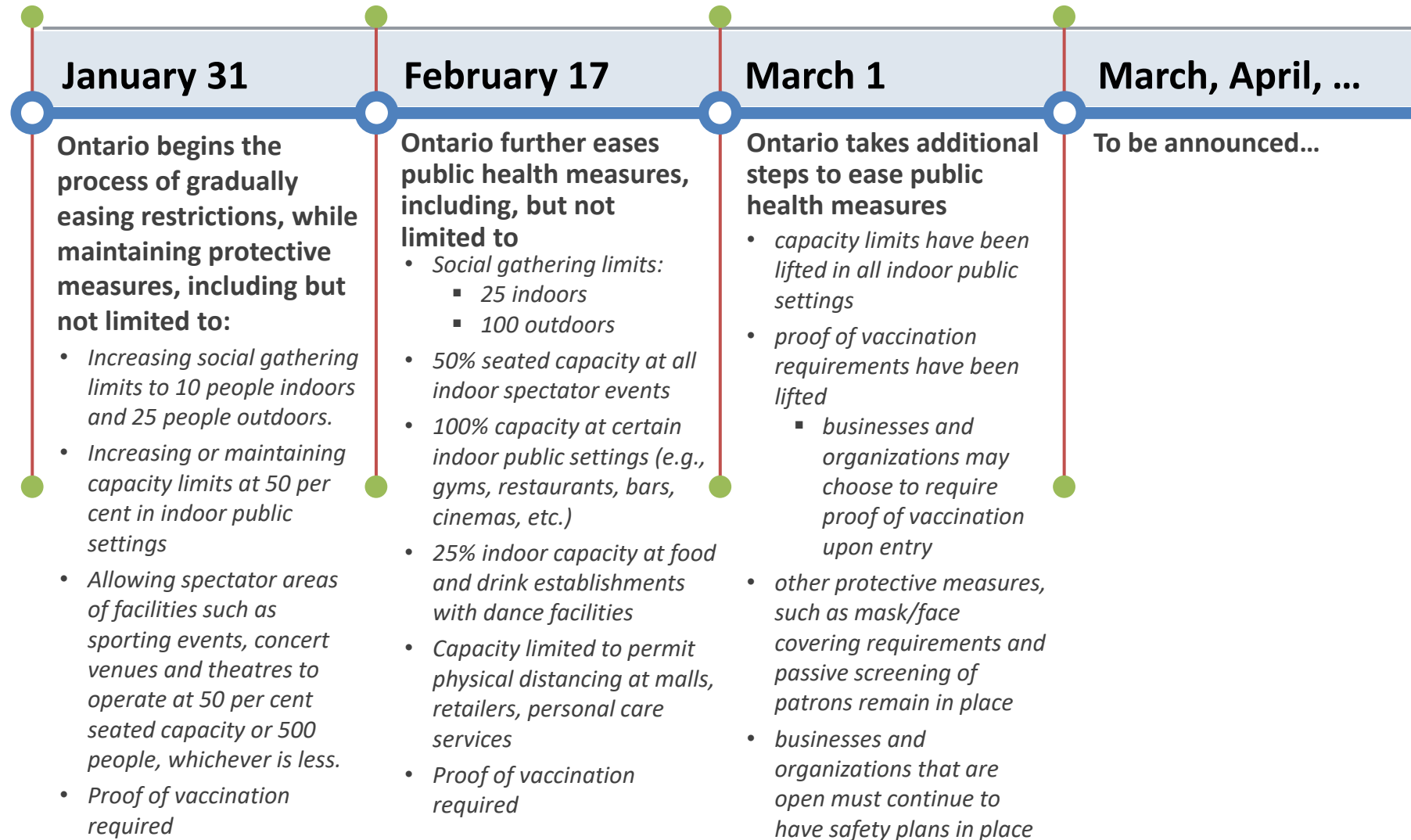
A Plan to Safely Reopen Ontario and Manage COVID-19 for the Long Term

Fall 2021

Winter 2021-2022

Spring 2022

Province of Ontario - Roadmap to Reopen 2022 Waypoints



Governance and Decision-Making

Pending Issues

1. State of Emergency
2. Mask By-law
3. Physical Distancing By-law

Our Emergency Response Goal

Continue to protect the health and safety of our community and staff and do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Governance and Decision-Making

The extent of the re-design in service delivery will direct the decision-making process and ultimately, where the decision is made. The following are guidelines for decisions.

Committee/Council

- Service Level impacts (each stage)
 - Increase and/or decrease of service levels – longer-term
 - Commission and/or decommission of services
- Financial Impacts
 - 2022 operating and capital budget implications
- Corporate policy impacts
- Community Impacts
- Reputation and other risks

How:

Approval of Council based on separate motion tied to specific criteria (as indicated above) for service program changes.

Burlington Leadership Team/ECG/Service Leads

- Tactical and operational impacts on City services delivered within the limits of Council approved service levels and budgets;
- Human resource deployment
- Health & safety issues
- Immediate operational response related to COVID-19 and other emergencies (e.g. weather events)

How:

Endorsement of Council of service modifications decisions made by staff.

1. City of Burlington State of Emergency

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 March 1, 2022

		Yes/No
	The epidemiological link between contact tracing and the rate of community spread % is steadily declining 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) <i>NOTE: given the Provincial changes to testing and Public Health constraints on contact tracing, the relevance of this criterion has been significantly reduced.</i>	N/A
	Has the Region and/or neighboring lower tier and upper tier municipalities terminated declaration of emergency? Source: Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) - Daily Consolidated Situation Report (DCSR) – Annex I for Region of Halton municipalities	No
	Have other like municipalities terminated declaration of emergency? Source: PEOC-DCSR – Annex I	Yes
	Does the decision to terminate the declaration directly impact temporary by-laws in place to protect community and staff? Source: Mask By-law 006-2021 and Physical Distancing By-law 007-2021	No
	Do services remain altered/suspended ? Source: Service re-design	Yes
	Is there affirmation of urgency ? Refer to Ontario Ministry of Health and Region Public Health for Guidance. Source: Regional Medical Officer of Health Advisement	No

2. Mask By-law 006-2021

- Current by-law expires June 30th, or within 5 business days of when the Province of Ontario repeals their mask mandate, whichever comes first, OR unless extended or revoked by Council
- Options to consider
 1. Align with province and repeal when Ontario repeals its mask mandate
 2. Align with Region and sister municipalities regardless of their decision
 3. City of Burlington extends own mask by-law when Ontario repeals its mask mandate OR if Region and sister municipalities align with province
- Recommendation to Council – time depending on provincial announcements:
 - special Council meeting (if needed)
 - OR
 - regular Council meeting on March 22

3. Physical Distancing By-law 007-2021

- Current by-law expires June 30th unless revoked earlier
- Effect of March 1st easing of restrictions includes **NO** physical distancing requirements
- Options to consider
 1. Align with province and repeal physical distancing by-law
 2. Align with Region and sister municipalities regardless of their decision
 3. City of Burlington maintains its own physical distancing by-law until June 30th unless revoked earlier
- Recommendation to Council – at time of bringing forward mask by-law recommendation

Legislative Update Report Projection – April 2022

Legislative Update

Report Projection – April 2022

Community Planning, Regulation & Mobility Committee

Meeting Date – April 5, 2022

Statutory Public Meeting

- PL-26-22 - Statutory Public Meeting - 1860-1900 Appleby

Consent Agenda

- BB-04-22 2021 Annual Building Permit Revenues and Expenses

Regular Agenda

- PL-XX-21 - Recommendation Report - 4063 Upper Middle Road

Corporate Services, Strategy, Risk and Accountability Committee

Meeting Date – April 6, 2022

Consent Agenda

- F-14-22- Treasurer’s Statement for Development Charges
- CM-XX-22- Burlington Lands Partnership Update- Report 2

Regular Agenda

- CM-03-22- Long Term Financial Strategy - Strategic Land Acquisition and Major Community Facility Development
- CL-02-22- Civic Recognition Update
- CM-11-22- Multi-year Strategic Land Opportunities
- HR-03-22- Health, safety and wellness Presentation

Confidential Agenda

- L-12-22– Construction Mobility Management Plan

Report Projection – April 2022 (continued)

Environment, Infrastructure and Community Services Committee

Meeting Date – April 7, 2022

Consent Agenda

- RCC-XX-22- Culture Boards Agreements
- RCC-03-22- Burlington Holiday Market Follow up
- CM-01-22- Halton Digital Access Strategy

Regular Agenda

- EICS-03-22- Skyway Community Centre Update
- BFD-01-22- Burlington Fire Community Risk Assessment
- CM-04-22- Status update- proposed city of Burlington Interest in Hamilton 2030 Commonwealth Games Bid
- RCC-XX-22- Leash Free Park Update
- RCC-XX-22- Update on Events Strategy
- CM-XX-22- Service Re-design Interim modifications and resumptions
- COVID Verbal Update

Council Workshops

Meeting Date – April 11, 2022

Regular Agenda

- CWC-XX-22 Council and Burlington Staff as Change Agents in our Community

Community Planning, Regulation and Mobility Public Committee Meeting

Meeting Date – April 12, 2022

Regular Agenda

- PL-24-22 Recommendation Report for Applications for 2020 Lakeshore Rd
- PL-28-22 Waterfront Hotel Planning Study

Continuity of Operations Update

Service Interruptions/Delays due to COVID Impact on Staffing

■ Burlington Transit Service

- Continues to operate under COVID-emergency schedule since January 9, 2022
- Modified schedule (below) continues to be impacted by staffing constraints resulting in decreased service on several routes
 - Monday to Saturday from 5:50 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. and Sunday from 6:14 a.m. to 9:55 p.m.

COVID 19 Financial Update

Joan Ford
Chief Financial Officer

Property Tax Update

February 22nd Installment: \$110.4 M (City, Region & Education)
Collections to Feb 28th: \$94.6M
Collection Rate: 85.7% (compared to 85% Feb. 2021)

Interim Installment #1 Collections

Year	Properties	Installment #1 Levy	Installment #1 Past Due	% Past Due
2020	65,579	\$105,367,506	\$14,119,246	13.4%
2021	65,781	\$108,054,684	\$16,212,992	15.0%
2022	66,697	\$110,396,157	\$15,820,030	14.3%

Cash Flow Update

Cash Flow Projections (Feb 28/22)

	2022	2021
Feb 28 th *	\$59.9M	\$55.3M
Mar 31 st **	\$16.7M	\$52.4M
April 30 th *	\$29.1M	\$50.6M

*Includes Halton Region requisition payment of approximately \$35M

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

Use of Safe Restart Funding

Summary of Safe Restart Funding Usage	(\$) Millions	
Total Safe Restart Funding Received	\$	19.71
2020 Year End Shortfall	\$	(6.92)
2021 Year End Shortfall	\$	(10.13)
Remaining Balance	\$	2.66

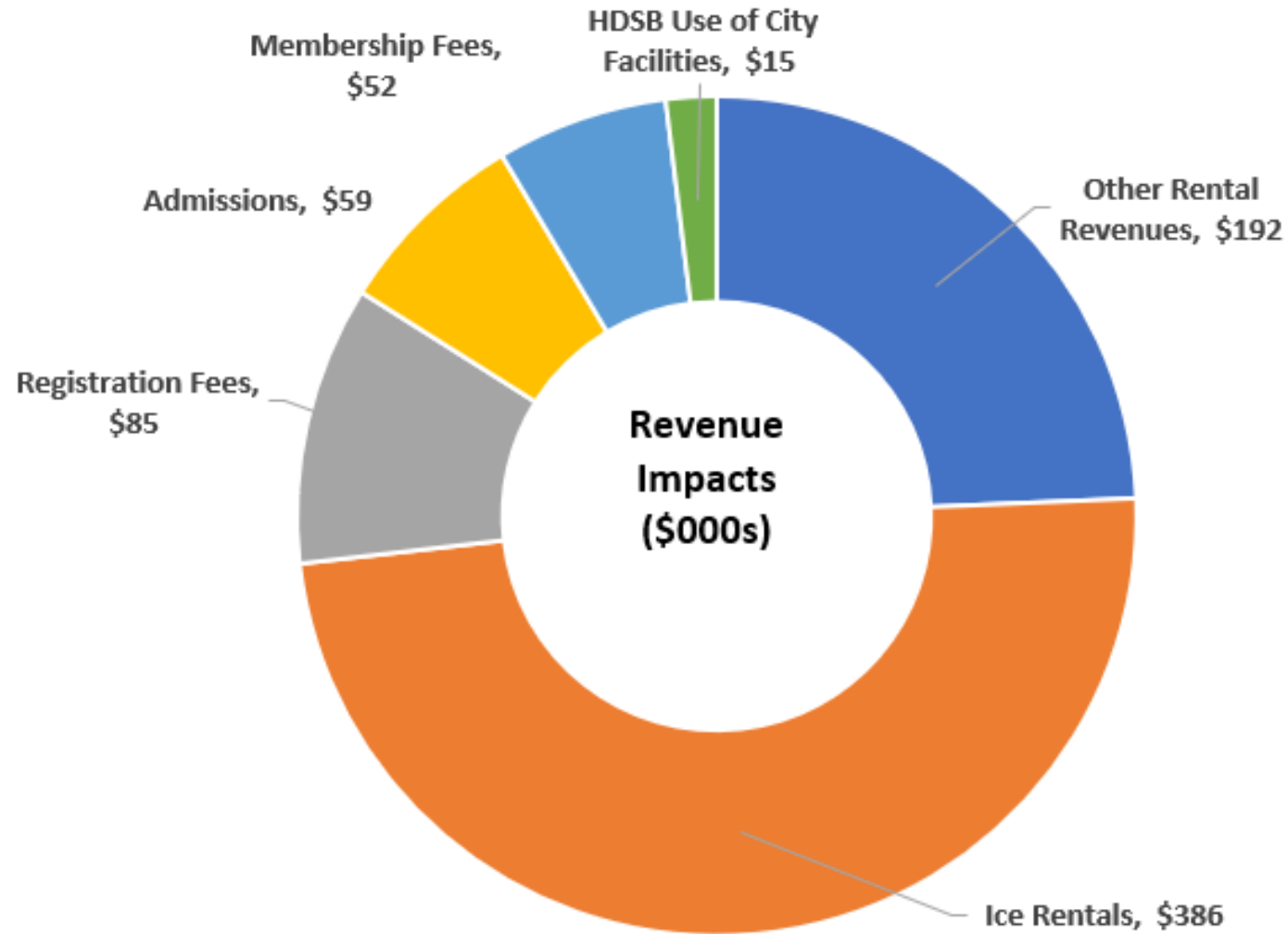
*Numbers may not be exact due to rounding

2022 Year End Projections for COVID-19 pandemic

As at March 3rd 2022

Estimated Year End Net Financial Impact	
Revenue Impact (Recreation, Community and Culture)	\$ 790,542
Total Revenue Impacts	\$ 790,542
Projected Position	\$ 790,542

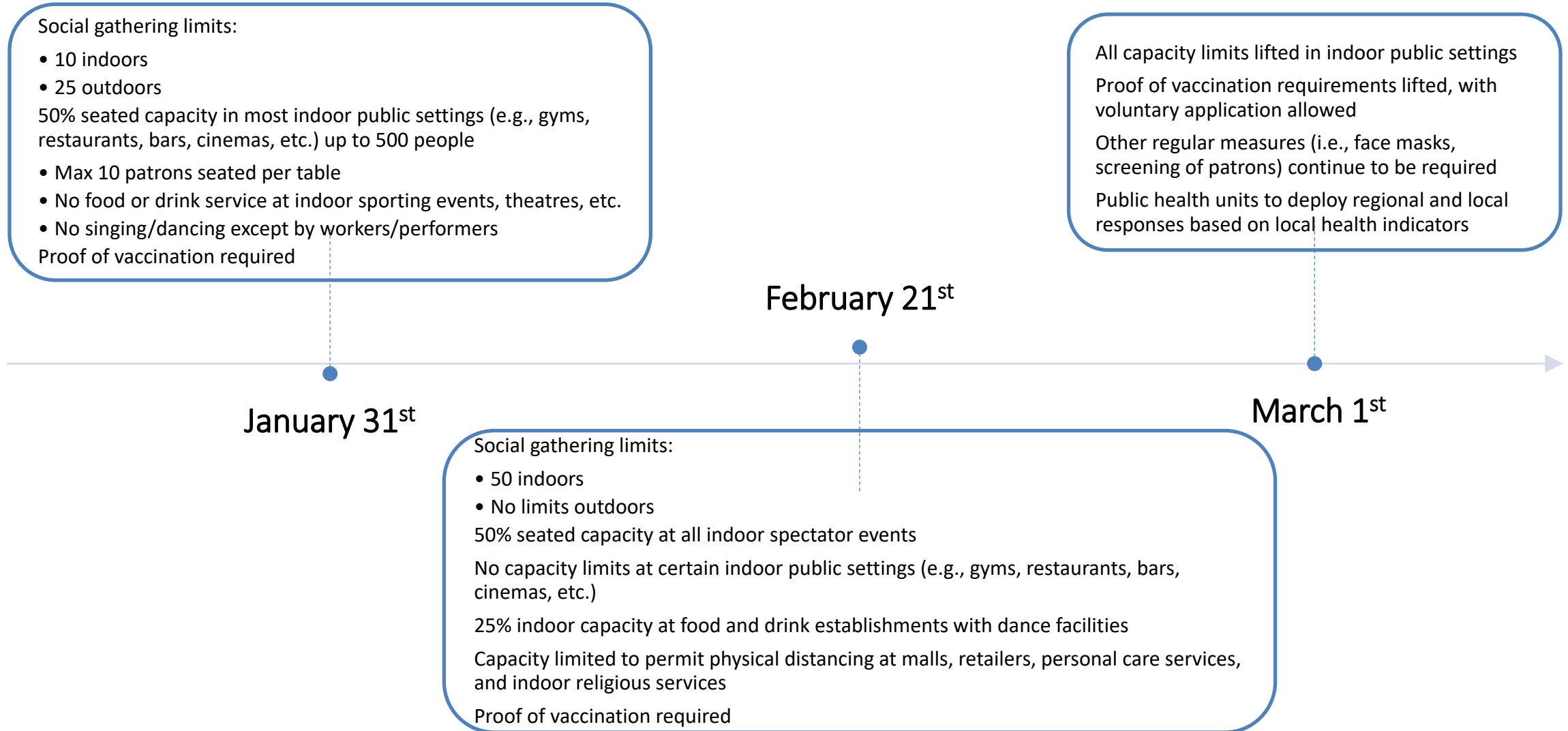
Revenue Losses



Economic Update Briefing

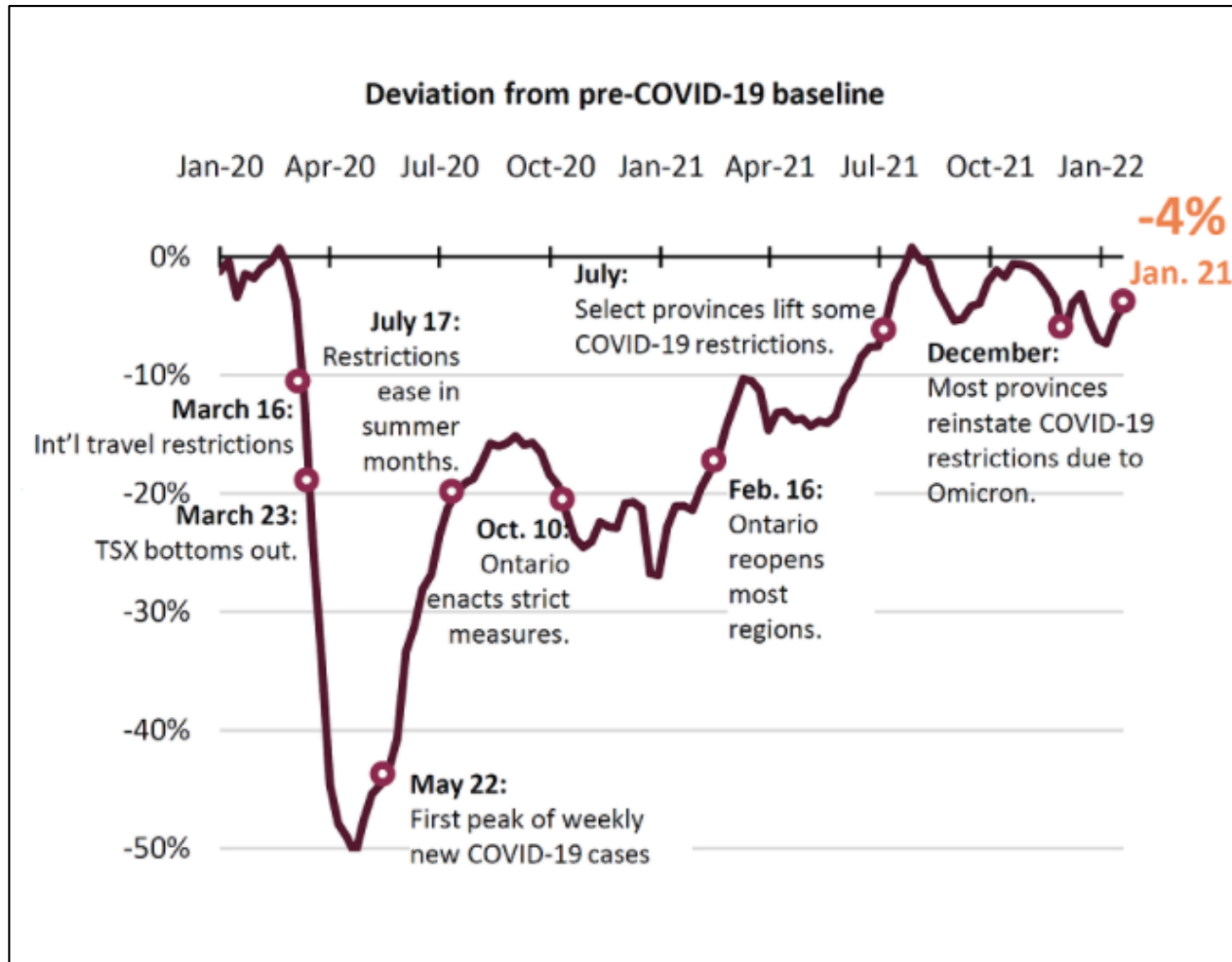
Anita Cassidy, Executive Director
Burlington Economic Development

Ontario's Plan to Safely Reopen



Source: [COVID-19 public health measures and advice](#) | [COVID-19 \(coronavirus\) in Ontario](#)

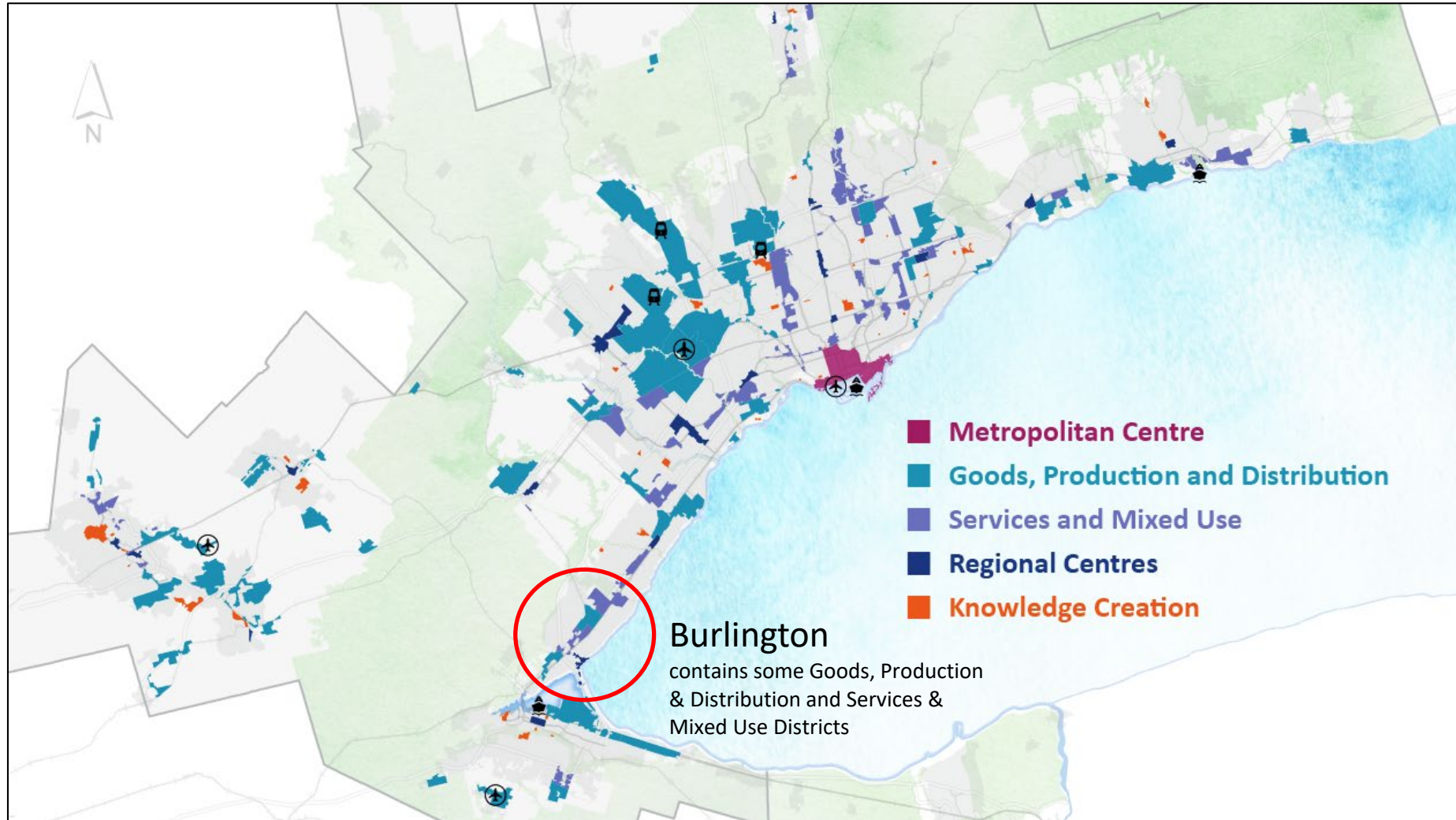
EDC's Canadian Economic Recovery Tracker



Rising cases of the Omicron variant over December and reinstated restrictions reduced the strength of the Canadian economy by 2% from November's release

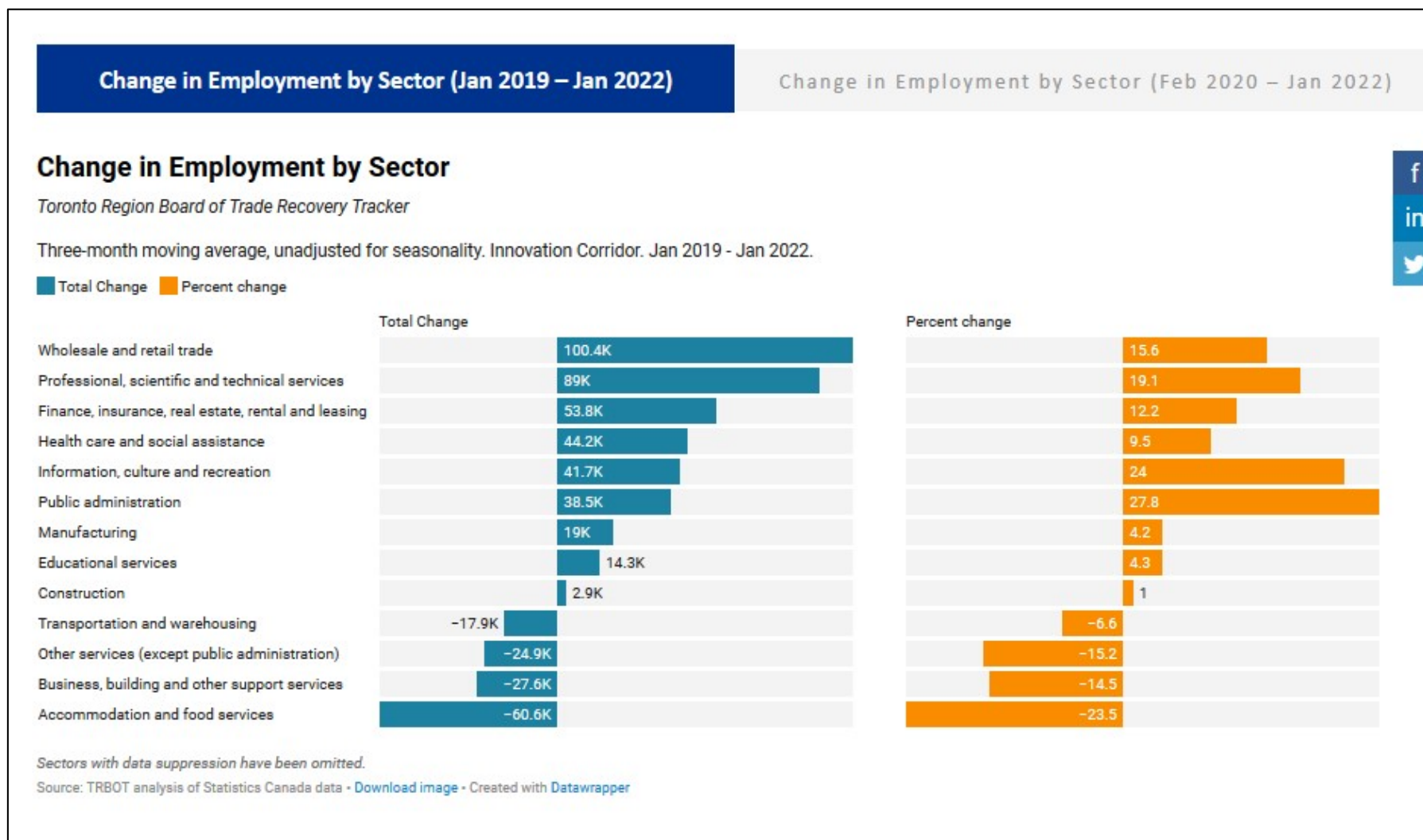
Source: [Tracking Canada's economic recovery from COVID-19 | EDC](#) (accessed Feb 14th)

TRBOT: Innovation Corridor Recovery Tracker



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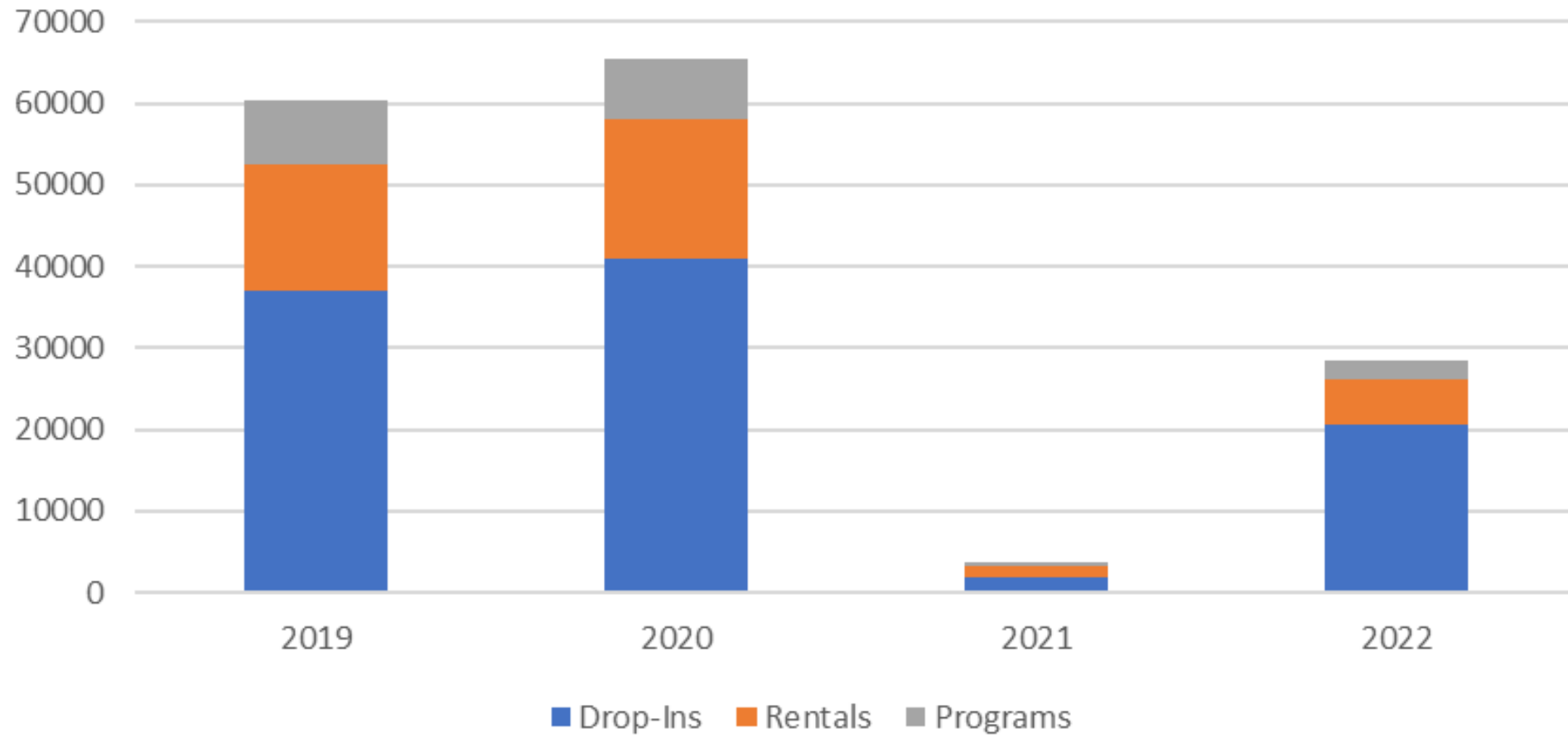


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Recreation, Community & Culture – Impacts of Provincial Easing

Chris Glenn, Director

Overall Recreation Participation Comparison YTD to Feb 20



642 Programs Offered
3748 registered

Virtual Programming
32 courses , 210 registered

RCC also ran its First Ever
Neighbourhood Building
Connections Course

**Winter 2022
Programs Restart**

Drop-In Programs on Family Day:
99% booked; 178 participants

Outdoor Skating Continues:
476 Skaters and 176 Pairs of
Skates lent out on Family Day

Get Outside and Play Challenge
16 Families and 412 Missions

"Thank you so much for a great first session of the leadership course. I really enjoyed it and looking forward to completing the course and organizing my own Love My Neighbourhood event." –

Neighbourhood Connections Course Participant

Ontario Pathway to Reopen – Implications for Recreation as of...

▪ February 17

- Recreation facility rooms and activity spaces able to increase capacity for rentals and programs:
 - 2m physical distancing remains, so not back to full room capacities
 - Spectator areas remain at 50 per cent
 - Staff have increased spots in drop-in programs and courses where possible
 - original class sizes remain in some cases due to requirements for staff/participant ratios, progressive evaluation, or where specific regulations require (e.g., Camp programs)
- Retired use of e-screener for public entering recreation facilities as contact tracing no longer required by public health. Active screening remains in place

▪ March 1

- Proof of vaccination and active screening no longer required
- Physical distancing no longer required by the Province; the City has its own physical distancing by-law in place
- Phasing out use of security as we gauge customer and public reaction – tentative plan is to discontinue March 6th
- Awaiting release of regulations for specifics related to Camp guidelines

Public reaction to COVID safety precautions being lifted is overall positive, with a few sharing their concerns with us as well. It is helpful to note that protocols such as masking and distancing remain in place, and that lifting of the restrictions is occurring gradually.

What's Next

- Monitoring of attendance and customer behaviour and needs to adjust capacity based on trends and staff availability
- Adapting process and programs to serve customers:
 - Adjusting lead times for drop-in program sign up for summer
 - Maintaining virtual programs; adjusting based on demand
- Summer camp launch last weekend saw more than 2000 registrants, 500+ on the waitlist



Questions