

Staff presentation to EICS-01-22



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Better Homes Burlington

A Home Energy Retrofit Program for Burlington Residents

Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services Committee

March 3, 2022



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Recommendations Report for
City of Burlington Home Retrofit
Program

January 2022

Prepared by the Centre for Climate Change Management



Home Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program

- Start small scale – city delivered program in 2023
- Local improvement charge (LIC) loans – capped at \$10,000
- Air Source Heat Pumps & leak sealing – decarbonize energy
- Target 20 homes (2023/24)
- Launch Better Homes Burlington website as a resource for residents
- Community engagement – webinars, blog, etc.
- Experience & lessons learned will help staff to assess and potentially scale up program in future

Next Steps



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- Present business case for 2023 budget to support implementation of program
 - 1 FTE – project coordinator
 - Small operating budget for communications, etc.
 - Capital budget - \$200,000 (20 LIC loans)
- Develop necessary program elements (sustainability staff)
 - by-law, loan application, review & approval process, loan agreement, communications, and tracking & monitoring

Next Steps (subject to budget approval)



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- Report to Council after 2023 budget approval with program elements required to implement plan
- Hire FTE – program coordinator to administer program
- Launch program mid 2023
- Assess & monitor – report in 2024 with options to scale up
- Potential regional approach with other municipalities?
- Determine interest of NGO delivery partner
- Work with financial institutions to support homeowner loans
- Ultimate future goal – Retrofit Delivery Centre

Variables and Factors:

- Competing priorities to be assessed during the 2023 budget process and final outcome;
- Demand by residents for a city loan to finance their energy retrofit;
- The level of interest and commitment of other municipalities to partner with Burlington on a regional program;
- Changes in senior governments which can impact the type and range of energy efficiency programs offered at a federal and/or provincial level; and
- Interest by local contractor businesses to participate in and support the program.

Thank you. Questions?



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