

## Promoting on-farm diversification – Cutting the Red Tape in Burlington





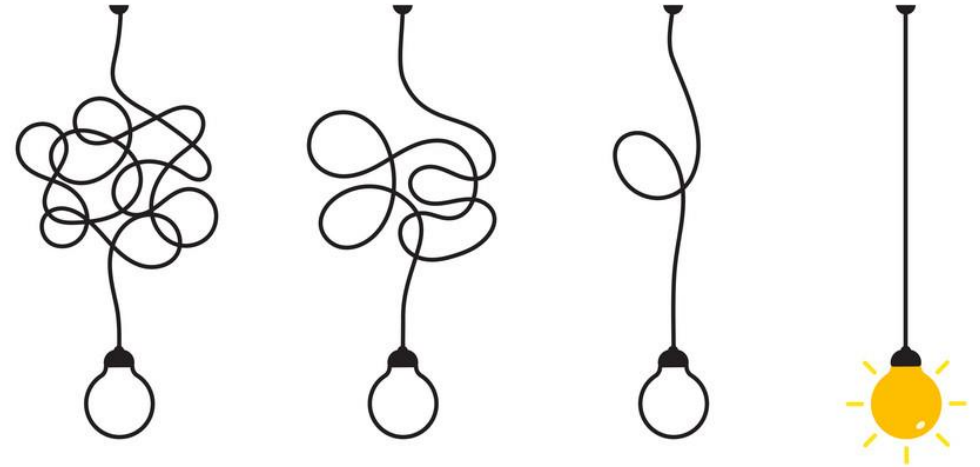
## Burlington Red Tape Red Carpet Initiative

- Launched in Jan 2019
- Goal is to identify and eliminate barriers to new business attraction and existing business growth
- Consulted across business sectors, including rural
- Approved 22 final recommendations in Sept 2019



## Feedback from Rural & Agri-Business

- Onerous regulations favour large business
- Everything seems to be a no by default
- Prolonged timelines are an issue with multiple agencies
- Joint agency pre-consultation should be considered as an option





Red Tape Red Carpet Task Force Recommendations	What's been done
Develop and implement targets and Key Performance Indicators, including timelines for processing business applications, for all staff in planning, building & development teams (RT2)	Performance Concepts and Dillon consulting are currently undertaking a review of the pre-building permit development approval processes; the review is scheduled to be completed by December 2019.
Review the agribusiness rules, zoning, and definitions to encourage diversified use and help support economic sustainability for our rural/farming businesses (RT8)	Agribusiness Guide being developed by Burlington Economic Development to support rural business.
Establish a rural-point-of-contact person who can navigate agriculture requests (business or otherwise) with other agencies (RT9)	A City planner has been assigned as an interim key point of contact for rural business support.



## Burlington Agricultural & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (BARAAC) 2022 Work Plan Actions

- Map out the various approvals processes for agri-business to identify opportunities for improvement
- Report back to the Red Tape Red Carpet Task Force and Burlington Council with recommendations





## Burlington Case Studies – Backed by Bees

H/C/2019-2020/96 (6214 Appleby Line)



## **Our Requests:**

Consider opportunities to partner with willing municipalities to leverage local capacity to assist with coordinating planning approvals for on-farm diversified uses.

Consider opportunities for active outreach with municipal partners to enhance understanding of NEC approvals processes.





# Thank you

