

2022-23 Provincial Pre-Budget City of Burlington recommendations:**Building Stronger Communities Together**

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2. Predictable, Stable, Long-term Funding for Infrastructure Renewal, Transit and Active Transportation
3. Conduct province-wide property assessments in the 2024 taxation year based on a valuation base year of January 1, 2023, to be phased-in over a four-year period of 2024 to 2027
4. Provincial Gas Tax is Maintained at the Pre-Pandemic Levels
5. Work together on innovative solutions and partnerships to increase attainable housing options for residents at every stage of life.
6. Additional Judicial Resources to Respond to the Backlog in Provincial Offences Courts
7. Support Broadband and High-Speed Internet Services
8. Increase the "Heads and Beds" Levy
9. Increasing Funding for Health Care and Hospitals Beds

Building a More Resilient Environment

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Supporting Local Economies

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2. Work with financial institutions and the Federal government to forgive loans for businesses most severely impacted by public health restrictions.
3. Alternative rebate program to the optional small business subclass. This legislative change would provide an option to lower tier municipalities in a two-tier system to consider a program where the upper tier does not implement the optional small business subclass.
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2022-23 Federal Pre-Budget City of Burlington recommendations:

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