

## Sustainable Development Committee Update – for Jan 18th Meeting

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### 1. Climate Action Plan

- a. **Electric Mobility Strategy** – completed in partnership with BurlingtonGreen and presented to EICS in September 2022. City has funding from TAF and NRCan to install 18 additional chargers on city property. Ten of these should be installed this year including a level 3 charger in the downtown core. The City's Green Fleet Strategy is in progress and is expected to be presented to council in the fall 2023.
- b. **Better Homes Burlington** – A business case is included in the budget to support the project for one year as a pilot. Staff are working on all the associated requirements to support the program with a report to council scheduled 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2023.

### 2. Corporate Energy & Emissions Management Plan

- a. **Robert Bateman project** – presentation to EICS committee in December about plans. Good support from council regarding measures to incorporate to achieve a low carbon footprint. Applying to senior levels of government for financial support.
- b. **Skyway arena redevelopment** – underway and has been designed to have a low carbon footprint.

### 3. Climate Resilient Burlington – A plan for adapting to our warmer, wetter and wilder weather

- a. Final plan approved by council in July. Staff are meeting with relevant departments to highlight the priority actions and the responsibilities of departments to implement the plan. There will be an annual report related to CRB similar to the other two climate related plans on mitigation.

### 4. Forestry

- a. The [Urban Forest Master Plan](#) will provide strategic direction to manage the urban forest in response to new challenges related to urban development, climate change and extreme weather, and invasive species. The following are available: Burlington's State of the Urban Forest and Phase 1 Public Engagement Summary.
- b. A [Woodland Management Strategy](#) is also being developed for all City-owned woodlands (one hectare or larger) in response to the challenges and pressures they face.  
A council workshop is planned for April and final plans are anticipated in 2023.  
A new [online guide](#) is available to help navigate tree protection and tree permits in Burlington.

### 5. Halton Climate Collective

- a. **Generation Green** – the annual youth conference is planned for Friday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> in Oakville.
- b. **HCC Reads** – assessing a book on climate change to promote to the community in partnership with the local libraries, culminating in an event with the author.