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# Legislative & Process Changes

Affecting Planning & Development Services



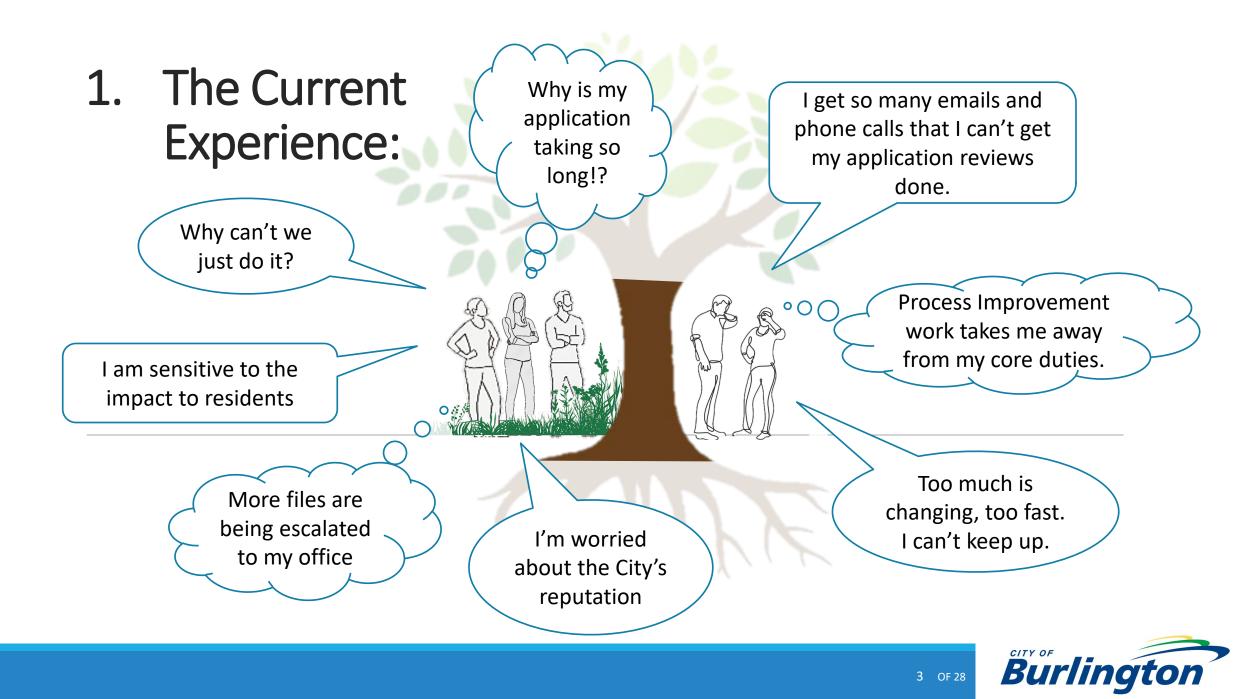
#### Legislative & Process Changes

Affecting Planning & Development Services

- 1. The Current Experience
- 2. Impacting Factors
- 3. Experiential Session
- 4. What Staff are Doing About It
- 5. What Staff Need from Council







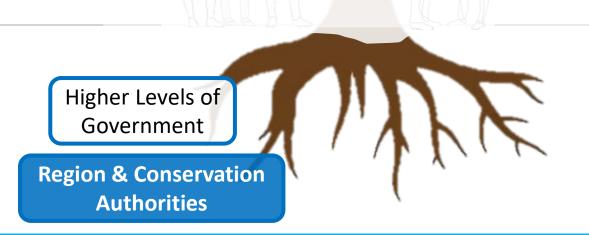
- Sheer pace of provincial legislative change
  Bill 13, 23, 108, 109
- Ontario & National Building Code Harmonization
- ROPA 48 & 49
- Consolidated PPS & Growth Plan
- Unclear OLT mandate
- Slow speed of OLT process
- Financial impacts & risks
- Reduced Development Charges & Parkland Dedication
- Applicant Fee Refund Penalties

- New funding tools
  - SDAF
  - CBC
  - Housing Accelerator Funds
- Previously unplanned development
- Additional Residential Units
- New Designated Greenfield Areas
- Removal of Regional Employment
   Designations
- Confusion regarding green standards
- Discussion of broader standardization
- Uncertainty regarding further legislation changes

Higher Levels of Government



- Regional Official Plan Amendments
  - ROPA 48
  - ROPA 49
- Conservation Halton's Spills Policy and East Burlington Creeks Study
- Waiting to learn how our partners will adjust to Provincial legislation
- Conservation Halton's regulation downstream of the Hager/Rambo diversion channel
- Uncertainty around future changes to the role of our partner agencies
- Local absorption of the Regional Official Plan and Regional planning responsibilities





- Complexity of infill development
- Complex development review due to appealed OP
- Significant volume of appeals
- Complex Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review due to appealed OP
- Transition to adjusted Urban Growth Centre
- Implementation of two Official Plans through development review
- Official Plan 2020 modifications to respond to ongoing legislation changes
- Public & Private Tree By-laws
- DEOO

**Higher Levels of** 

Government

**Region & Conservation** 

Authorities

• New By-law Compliance Department

City

Initiated

**Factors** 

Direct

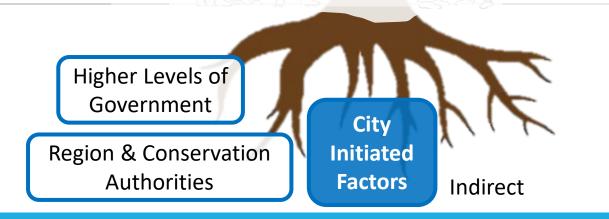
• Evolution of CX Manager and SBAC Roles

- Continuous Improvement initiatives
- PBP Permit Process
- Pre-consultation redesign
- Applicable Law status
- Development Charges
- Building Permit timing of acceptance
- One Window for Development Services
- My Files portal
- Land Management Database Platform Review
- Human Centered Design
- Red Tape Red Carpet renewal
- Committee of Adjustment
- Customer Experience Education

- Updated Customer Service Standards
- New website at Burlington.ca

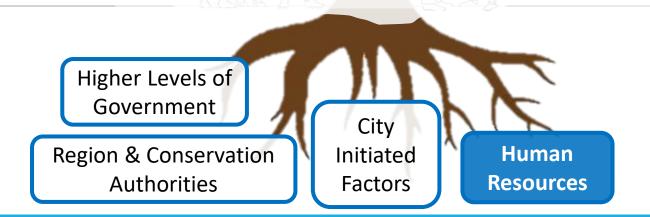


- Burlington Lands Partnership
- Housing Strategy
- Patio Program
- Local Election
- City Hall Renovation and Renewal
- Tree preservation and canopy enhancement policies
- Launch of guide for tree preservation
- Training and adjustment to digital transformation and new technologies such as ERP, EAMS and CRM



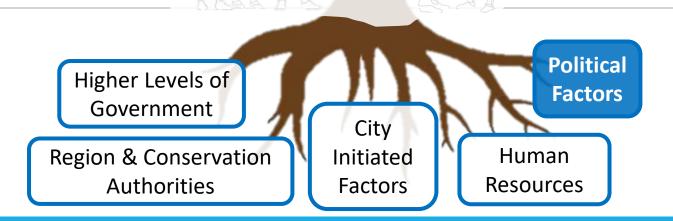


- Vacancies
  - Retirements as well as other voluntary turnover
  - Loss of institutional knowledge
  - Work passed to remaining staff until vacancy is filled
  - Challenge attracting and securing qualified candidates
- Retention efforts for current employees
- Learning to work with a hybrid team
- Learning to build workplace culture in a hybrid team



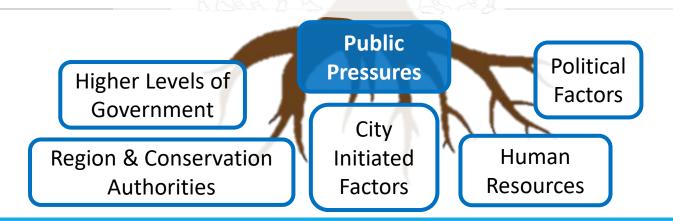


- Increase in interaction between developer, Council and senior management
- Interest in converting employment lands for sensitive uses such as retirement and long-term care
- Prioritization of applications of various types and magnitudes
- Staff directions and motion memos



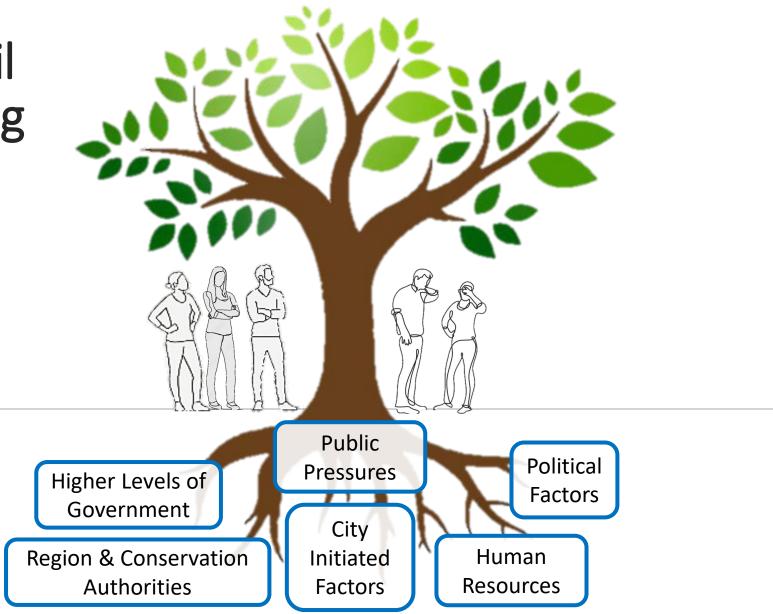


- Public discourse and sentiment portrayed in the media about the need for housing being focused almost exclusively on municipal role.
- Backlog of applications of all types leading to frustration and escalation, increased pressure on municipal staff.





3. Council Training





- 4. What are Staff doing about it
- 5. What Staff need from Council





- ROPA 49 & Bill 23 primers and OP modifications
- Heritage Register strategy in response to Bill 23
- 'As available' Zoning By-law Review strategy
- Bill 109 response and preparations
- Seek settlements of OLT matters where appropriate
- Building Permit timing strategy
- Housing Strategy implementation plan
- Embed continuous improvement into work cycles
- Prioritization of City initiatives
- Prioritization of policy and guideline development
- File tracking prioritization criteria
- Application Fee Review
- Expanding the use of delegated authority
- Roster of external consultants to assist with development review and manage backlog

**Tactical** 

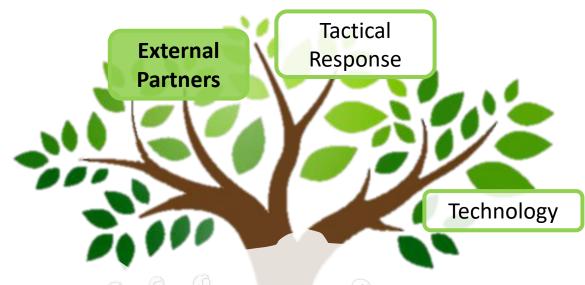
Response





- AMANDA improvement
- LMDPR project
- APS system for enforcement penalties
- Workday for HR & Finance
- "My Files" visibility tool through SDAF





- Government relations to anticipate and respond to change, and maintain a strong relationship with MMAH
- Participate in provincial working groups
- Collaboration with Halton Region on Joint Best Planning Estimates
- Collaborate with Halton Region, Conservation Authorities and Local Municipalities on Bill 23 transition plan





- Clear definition of the evolving CX Manager role
- In-person and virtual customer service with Service Burlington
   and Development Services partnership
- Setting service level expectations
- Collaboration with Burlington Economic Development
- Engaging customers in Continuous Improvement initiatives
- New CX strategy
- New Customer-Centric Architecture and Digital Business Strategy
- Ongoing internal audits of the details of processing, beyond SDAF
- Providing process FAQ
- Customer timelines and up-front expectation setting



4. What Staff are Doing about it: External Partners Communication and Engagement Customer Supports Tactical Response

- Communication & Engagement strategies:
  - New Official Plan and modifications
  - Housing strategy
  - Patio program
  - New Zoning By-law
  - Private Tree By-law
- Communication and transparency regarding OLT activity
- Internal and external communication and engagement for SDAF
- Refresh of Red Tape Red Carpet stakeholders



Tactical External What Staff Response 4. Partners are Doing Communication Customer about it: and Supports Engagement Technology Approach to Service

- Mindset that embraces change
- Safe to fail/experiment friendly principles of continuous improvement
- Strong collaboration across service areas
- Human Centered Design and Customer Experience
- My Files visibility portal
- Improved inter-departmental coordination and 'synergies'
- Agile project management
- Triaging of applications
- Overlapping building permit reviews where appropriate
- Updating DC / CBC / Parkland studies, processes and by-laws



Tactical External Response What Staff 4. Partners are Doing **HR &** Communication Customer Culture about it: and Supports Engagement Technology Approach

- LEAN Six-sigma process design training
- Culture of 'enabler' vs 'enforcer'
- Adapted recruitment strategies
- Redesign of roles and corporate structure through DEOO to address retention challenges, gaps and inefficiencies
- Bi-annual culture survey and staff capacity analysis
- Offering staff Temporary Additional Duties compensation to incentivize vacancy coverages

to Service

- Increase in frontline staffing levels and supervisory/coordinator positions
- Supported hybrid working environment
- Strong sponsorship of continuous improvement initiatives
- Enhanced employee engagement



