

2023-24 Provincial Pre-Budget City of Burlington recommendations:**Working together to Build Stronger Communities**

1. Additional Safe Restart Agreement Funding
2. Increasing attainable housing options
3. A second round of Streamlined Development Application funding (SDAF) so we can continue to target streamlining processes for housing approvals.
4. A commitment from the Province of Ontario to work together with municipalities and other key stakeholders on implementation of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMAH) Housing Supply Action Plans - starting with Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act.
5. The Province strike a task force, with participation from all stakeholders, to consider options for streamlining and making the Ontario Lands Tribunal more efficient.
6. The City of Burlington is “made whole”, by the Province for the revenue reductions associated with the implementation of Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.
7. Predictable, stable, long-term infrastructure funding
8. Carry out province-wide property assessments in the 2025 taxation year based on a valuation base year of January 1, 2023
9. Provincial Gas Tax is maintained at the pre-pandemic levels
10. Additional Judicial resources to respond to the backlog in Provincial Offences Courts

Creating a Low Carbon Future

1. Community tax incentives/grants for deep home energy retrofit programs
2. Funding to support alternative fueling infrastructure for municipal fleets (EV/Hydrogen)
3. Community tax incentives/grants to support EV vehicle purchase and charging infrastructure
4. Implementation of an ultra-low overnight electricity rate

Supporting Local Economies

1. Continue targeted support for sectors hardest hit by the pandemic including the tourism and hospitality sector, small local retail businesses and recreation
2. Continue taking steps to recognize foreign credentials, enhance online training, fast-track in-school credentials, and develop financial support for underemployed populations to access training opportunities
3. Work with post-secondary institutions to expand enrolment and introduce new programs and micro-credentials to foster lifelong learning and secure the talent pipeline
4. Commit to undertaking thorough consultations prior to introducing regulations or legislation that significantly impact the business community and create mechanisms to protect and/or compensate parties from the cancellation or revisions of contracts with provincial government
5. Modernize regulations and ensure timelines and consultations are transparent and give sufficient time for businesses to plan for the future
6. Ensure proposed changes are focused on outcomes and supported by cost-benefit analysis

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11. Additional Safe Restart Agreement Funding
12. Increasing attainable housing options
13. Predictable, stable, long-term infrastructure funding
14. Permanent doubling of the Canada-Community Building Fund

Creating a Low Carbon Future

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Supporting Local Economies

7. Continue targeted support for sectors hardest hit by the pandemic including the tourism and hospitality sector, small local retail businesses and recreation
8. Additional funding for the expansion of successful programs like The CaféTO Property Improvement Program. This program, funded by the Government of Canada through the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario), matched 50 per cent of the costs of eligible patio space improvements up to a maximum of \$7,500. This is successful program model can be expanded and replicated in other municipalities in Ontario