

DELEGATION NOTES NOVEMBER 18, 2024

COW RECOMMENDATION TO **NOVEMBER 19, 2024 COUNCIL**

[2025 Budget overview \(F-36-24\)](#)

- Receive the 2025 proposed budget book; and

**Direct the Chief Financial Officer to present the recommendations contained in Appendix A of finance department report F-36-24 to the Budget Committee meetings of November 18 and 21, 2024 for review and approval, taking into consideration committee amendments; and**

That pursuant to Ontario Regulation 284/09, Report F-36-24 serve as the method for communicating the exclusion of the following estimated expenses from the 2025 Budget:

- a) Amortization expense - \$45 million; and
- b) Post-employment benefit expenses - \$1.3 million

**DELEGATE'S POSITION:** It is not possible for the Burlington Chief Financial Officer to present the recommendations of Appendix "A: of finance report F-36-24 to the November 18<sup>th</sup> Budget Committee for review when he cannot get the authorization of Council to do so until the November 19, Council meeting. CoW only makes recommendations to Council. Further, there could well be a delegation objecting to this staff direction on November 19, 2024.

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#### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 4**

Staff and council members are all aware that public parks the size and popularity of Spencer Smith must, at the time the Discovery Landing fully accessible washrooms

were funded by the taxpayers of Burlington be available to the community at large, those with disabilities, the caretakers of those dependent adults due to disability and the parents of babies and children by being open throughout reasonable park hours beginning at 7:00 a.m. and 365 days a year.

The City's actions in removing the availability of these accessible washrooms through the renting out of the facilities that contain them without public engagement was improper and the public needs an explanation as to how it happened.

Amendment No. 4 put forward by Councillor Kearns while at least an effort to make amends for the washrooms being closed on Thanksgiving when the park was crowded with many who would need to use these facilities and expect them to be open is an unacceptable solution.

Amendment 11 if increased to 100% of Love My Hood giveaways would be a better choice to ensure all accessible washrooms are open 7:00 a.m. and on holidays including those at city hall. The city is required to provide such a service to those with disabilities it is not required to provide Love My Hood and \$10,000 community project giveaways.

In accordance with 239 (7) of the Municipal Act our accurate summary of our delegation in the minutes of the November 18, 2024 Budget Meeting would be:

Anne and Dave Marsden, Community Health, Safety and Access Advocates addressed the error in a staff direction to the CAO that required him to take an action with the budget prior to Council approving the CoW recommendation. They also spoke on the need for the funds to be available for Spencer Smith and other public washrooms to serve the public needs from 7:00 a.m., 365 days a year.