OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE OFFICIAL PLAN OF THE BURLINGTON PLANNING AREA

CONSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT

The Amendment contained in Part "B" of this document constitutes Amendment No. 3 to the Official Plan of the City of Burlington, 2020.

PART A - PREAMBLE

1. PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this Official Plan Amendment is to revise certain elements of the text of the Burlington Official Plan, 2020 to implement the findings of Phases 1 and 2 of the Official Plan Amendment to Increase Housing Options project, including expanding permissions to allow up to four units on residential lots within the urban area in order to implement elements of Motion Memorandum ADM-17-23 and the Housing Strategy.

The effect of the proposed Amendment is to amend policies from the *Burlington Official Plan*, 2020 to:

- Support ground-oriented intensification that considers the context and character of Burlington's Established Neighbourhoods while providing opportunities to increase the diversity of housing options to meet the needs of all residents at all stages of life and at all income levels.
- Establish built form as a metric used to describe the degree of development within the Residential Neighbourhood Areas;
- Update the policies relating to the Residential Neighbourhood Areas designations;
- Expand permissions to allow for more low-rise ground-oriented housing options including duplex, triplex and fourplexes within the Residential Neighbourhood Areas designations; and,
- Update the policies for Additional Residential Units in order to permit three Additional Residential Units per urban lot, for a total of four units permitted per urban lot as of right.

SITE AND LOCATION

The proposed amendment applies to Residential Neighbourhood Areas Policies within the City of Burlington subject to the Burlington Official Plan, 2020.

2. BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

a) At the October 17, 2023, Meeting of Council, City Council declared its intention to allow four units as-of-right and to implement the other actions identified in the Housing Strategy and unanimously approved motion Memorandum ADM-17-23.

- b) Section 17 (24.1) of the <u>Planning Act</u> limits appeal rights for policies that permit additional residential units up to two additional residential units. As such subsection 8.7.2 "Additional Residential Units" of the <u>Burlington Official Plan</u>, 2020 are currently in effect and therefore may be amended.
- c) On April 2, 2024, the Ontario Land Tribunal issued a Decision granting the City's motion for Partial Approval of the *Burlington Official Plan, 2020*, which included the Residential Neighbourhood Area policies, amongst other policies. As such, Section 8.3 "Residential Neighbourhood Areas" of the *Burlington Official Plan, 2020* are currently in effect and therefore may be amended.
- d) The Statutory Public Meeting about the Official Plan Amendment will be held on December 3, 2024, with a final recommendation report on January 13, 2025.

PART B – THE AMENDMENT

1. DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

1.1 Text Change:

The amendment includes the changes to the text of the Burlington Official Plan, 2020 as described in the following table:

In the "Description of Change" column, text that is <u>underlined</u> is new text to be inserted into the Burlington Official Plan, 2020 by way of changes to the in-effect policies. Text that is crossed out ("strikethrough") is to be deleted from the Plan.

Item No.	Section	Description of Change
1	1.8 Site Level Metrics: Density and Intensity	Modify Section 1.8 Site Level Metrics: Density, and Intensity and Built Form This Plan uses a number of metrics to describe the degree of development envisioned or required at a site level, within the various land use policies of this Plan. This is described as either density, built form or intensity. In each case, this Plan identifies the intensity, or built form density metric. There are two general categories:
		 In the case of both the Mixed Use Intensification Area and employment

		lands a measure of intensity is employed. Intensity is described as the floor area ratio, the relationship between the building(s) and the net area of the site on which they are located. In the case of the Residential Neighbourhood Areas, a measure of density and built form is employed. Density is described as the number of units over the net area of the site which the development is located. Built form is described as either low-rise, mid-rise or high-rise and is used to describe the
		scale of the residential building within the Residential Neighbourhood Areas.
2	Table of Contents: Land Use Policies – Urban Area	Modify the Table of Contents: Land Use Policies – Urban Area as follows: 8.3.3 Residential Low Density Low-Rise Neighbourhoods I 8.3.4 Residential – Medium Density Low-Rise Neighbourhoods II 8.3.5 Residential – High Density High-Rise Neighbourhoods
3	8.1.1(4.7) Uptown Residential – Medium Density Designation Low-Rise Neighbourhoods	Modify Section 8.1.1(4.7) by renaming the designation as follows: Uptown Residential – Medium Density Low-Rise Neighbourhoods II Designation
4	8.1.1(4.7.2) Policies	Modify Section 8.1.1(4.7.2) a) as follows: The policies contained in Subsection 8.3.4, Subsections 8.3.7 through 8.3.10, and Subsection 8.7.2 of this Plan, shall apply to lands designated Uptown Residential-Medium Density-Low-Rise Neighbourhoods II.
5	8.1.1(4.7.2) Policies	Modify Section 8.1.1(4.7.2) b) as follows: Notwithstanding Subsection 8.1.1(4.7.2) a) of this Plan, single-detached <i>dwellings shall</i> not be permitted on lands designated Uptown Residential - Medium Density Low-Rise Neighbourhoods II.

6 8.3 Residential Modify Section 8.3 as follows: **Neighbourhood Areas** The lands designated as "Residential Neighbourhood Areas" on Schedule B: Urban Structure, within the Urban Area, are intended to provide for housing for a full range of residential uses, and other residential supportive land uses that are part of an urban residential environment and contribute to the overall well-being of its residents. While not recognized as an area where significant growth and development will take place, the *physical character* of the Residential Neighbourhood Areas will continue to evolve over time in a way that is *compatible* with the existing surrounding neighbourhood. All neighbourhoods change over time: through additions and renovations, people moving in and out of the neighbourhood. Residential intensification within neighbourhoods is a part of this evolution and through compatible infill development that may not necessarily be the same as or similar to existing or planned development in the area but can co-exist without causing adverse impacts to the surrounding neighbourhood. Housing may take many forms ranging from single detached homes to tall buildings, and will occur primarily in the form of intensification within existing areas. All strictly residential based land uses are compatible with one another as the use provides the same housing function: a place to live and call home. Policies within the Neighbourhood Residential Areas will focus on ensuring the built form is compatible and context-sensitive to the surrounding neighbourhood. The city's Residential Neighbourhood Area is comprised of three land use designations

based on density and building types built form:
Low-Rise Neighbourhoods I, Low-Rise
Neighbourhoods II, and High-Rise
Neighbourhoods identified on Schedule C:
Land Use – Urban Area of this Plan, are based on built form, density and building types.
Residential – Low Density, Residential –
Medium Density and Residential – High
Density identified on Schedule C: Land Use –
Urban Area, of this Plan-Each designation is further details on the function, location, built form density and scale of development permitted.

New residential housing within the Residential Neighbourhood Area will be accommodated primarily through the intensification of existing areas, where *compatible*. The *City* will address new housing demands, through the best use of existing *infrastructure* and *public service facilities* within the Urban Area.

8.3.1 General Objectives Modify Section 8.3.1 as follows: a) To encourage new residential development and residential intensification within the Residential Neighbourhood Area in accordance with Provincial, Regional and City growth management objectives, while recognizing that the density and form of new development must be balanced with other planning considerations, such as the availability of *infrastructure* and *public* service facilities, and also ensuring that new development achieves compatibility and integration within existing residential neighbourhoods. b) To recognize that the Residential Neighbourhood Areas will evolve over time to accommodate population growth and changing demographics to respond to the changing needs of those who call these neighbourhoods home. b) c) To provide housing in a form and location that supports the existing, and the expansion of, the city's transportation network, with emphasis on public transit and active transportation. e) d) To encourage the accommodation of a diverse range of household sizes and incomes. d) e) To encourage a strong live/work relationship within the city by providing housing that reflects the existing and future socio-economic, employment and demographic characteristics of local residents. e) f) To provide, where compatible, housing opportunities in proximity to *Employment* Areas and other land uses that support residential neighbourhoods, such as commercial and recreational activities, in order to improve access to places of work and

neighbourhood amenities with a reduced dependence on private automobiles.

f) g) To provide opportunities for limited small-scale commercial uses within medium and high density residential neighbourhood areas Low-Rise Neighbourhoods II and High-Rise Neighbourhoods, where compatible, which serve the day-to-day needs of residents without the need for a private automobile.

g) h) To encourage the integration of a wide range of housing types and tenures within Residential Neighbourhood Areas, including assisted and special additional needs housing, affordable housing and rental housing in order to contribute towards meeting the needs of current and future residents at all stages of life and that are attainable at all income levels, and move the city towards the vision for housing in Burlington.

h) i) To ensure that *development* within the Residential Neighbourhood Area is *compatible* with <u>and considers</u> the <u>surrounding properties</u> the <u>existing physical character</u>.

j) To encourage innovative housing design that are designed to accommodate additional residential units to support the creation of new rental units and multi-generational housing that can create flexibility to respond to the changing needs of a household, at all stages of life.

k) Healthy mature *trees* contribute to *physical* character. Development shall be consistent with the policies of Section 4.3, Urban Forestry of this Plan.

8	8.3.2 a)	Modify Section 8.3.2 a)(i) as follows:
		assisted and special additional needs housing such as group homes group homes, retirement homes retirement homes and long term care facilities long-term care facilities, provided compatibility with the surrounding neighbourhood is achieved;
9	8.3.2 b)	Modify Section 8.3.2 b) as follows: Multi-unit residential <i>developments</i> in Residential Neighbourhood Areas <i>should</i> incorporate a mix of unit sizes, <u>including units</u> that contain more than one bedroom, to accommodate a diverse range of household sizes and incomes.
10	8.3.3 Residential Low- Density Low-Rise Neighbourhoods I	Modify Section 8.3.3 by renaming the Section as follows: Residential – Low Density Low-Rise Neighbourhoods I
11	8.3.3 Residential Low- Density Low-Rise Neighbourhoods I	Insert a new preamble as follows: The Low-Rise Neighbourhoods I designation is comprised of residential areas that consist of low-rise, ground-oriented residential dwellings. The Low-Rise Neighbourhoods I designation is intended to allow for gradual and compatible change in the form of infill development that respects the existing low-rise character of the city's Neighbourhoods, and allows for more housing options to exist.

12	8.3.3(1) Policies	Modify Section 8.3.3(1) as follows:
		a) On lands designated Residential – Low Density, Low-Rise Neighbourhoods I, single-detached and semi-detached dwellings, and duplexes <i>may</i> be permitted.
		b) c) Notwithstanding Subsection 8.3.3(1) a) of this Plan, townhouses <i>may</i> be considered by the <i>City</i> on lands designated Residential Low Density, Low-Rise Neighbourhoods I, through a site-specific Zoning By-law Amendment application subject to the fulfillment of the following criteria:
		(i) the development does not exceed the density established in Subsection 8.3.3(1) c) of this Plan; the development shall include up to a maximum of 4 principal dwelling units;
		(ii) the <i>development</i> form is <i>compatible</i> with the surrounding area;
		(iii) the <i>development</i> form is respectful of the <i>physical character</i> of the neighbourhood <u>by incorporating built</u> form and landscape qualities that are prevalent in the surrounding area; and
		(iv) the <i>development</i> includes the provision of a functional <i>amenity area</i> , at grade;
		(v) the development may be permitted to a maximum height of two (2) storeys; and
		(vi) Healthy mature trees contribute to physical character. Development shall be consistent with the policies of Section 4.3, Urban Forestry of this Plan.
		b) Notwithstanding Subsection 8.3.3(1) a) of this Plan, triplexes and fourplexes may be considered by the City on lands designated

Low-Rise Neighbourhoods I, where they satisfy Zoning standards for those built form types. The Zoning regulations shall be established and shall be based on the following:

- (i)-the development of triplexes and fourplexes shall be permitted at the peripheries of neighbourhoods.
- (ii) sufficient lot area and frontage;
- (iii) appropriate lot coverage; and
- (iv) development may be permitted to the maximum height of 2 storeys;
- c) On lands designated Residential Low Density, development shall be permitted to a maximum density of twenty-five (25) units per net hectare.
- d) On lands designated Residential Low Density, Low-Rise Neighbourhoods I, the maximum height *shall* be established through the implementing Zoning By-law.
- e) On lands designated Residential Low Density Low-Rise Neighbourhoods I, in addition to the criteria contained in Subsection 12.1.7(2) of this Plan, the following criterion shall be considered when evaluating minor variance applications for increased height: (i) the maximum building height should be comparable to the average height of the highest points of the rooflines of existing residential buildings on the immediately adjoining properties sharing lot lines with the lands under application

13	8.3.4 Residential – Medium	Modify the Section by renaming the Section as
	Density Low-Rise	follows:
	Neighbourhoods II	
		Low-Rise Neighbourhoods II
14	8.3.4 Residential - Medium	Insert a new preamble as follows:
	Density Low-Rise	·
	Neighbourhoods II	The Low-Rise Neighbourhoods II designation
		is comprised of mainly low-rise ground-
		oriented dwellings with opportunity for low-rise
		non-ground-oriented dwellings at the
		peripheries of the neighbourhoods. The intent
		of the Low-Rise Neighbourhoods II
		designation is to maintain a low-rise built form
		and character while allowing more housing
		options by permitting compatible infill
		development. The neighbourhoods in the
		Low-Rise Neighbourhoods II designation will
		evolve over time to include non-ground
		oriented dwellings along the peripheries of the
		neighbourhood and provide an appropriate
		built form transition in scale between the
		ground-oriented dwellings and non-ground-
		<u>oriented dwellings.</u>

15	8.3.4(1) Policies	Modify Section 8.3.4(1) as follows:
		a) On lands designated Residential — Medium Density Low-Rise Neighbourhoods II, ground and non-ground-oriented dwellings including single detached and semi-detached dwellings, duplex, triplex and fourplex dwellings, multiplexes, townhouses, street townhouses, stacked townhouses, back-to-back townhouses, and low-rise non ground-oriented residential buildings may be permitted.
		b) On lands designated Residential – Medium Density, ground and non-ground oriented dwellings, as specified in Subsection 8.3.4(1) a) of this Plan, may be permitted at a density of twenty-six (26) to seventy-five (75) units per net hectare, subject to Subsection 8.3.4(1) c) of this Plan.
		b) Existing single-detached dwellings on lands designated Low-Rise Neighbourhoods II are deemed to conform to the Low-Rise Neighbourhoods II designation and policies of this Plan.
		c) On lands designated Residential Medium Density Low-Rise Neighbourhoods II, development may be permitted to a maximum height of:
		 (i) three (3) storeys for ground-oriented dwellings (not including rooftop amenity / outdoor areas); or (ii) four (4) storeys for non-ground-oriented dwellings dwellings.
16	8.3.5 Residential - High Density High-Rise Neighbourhoods	Modify Section 8.3.5 as follows: Residential High Density High-Rise Neighbourhoods
17	8.3.5 Residential – High Density-High-Rise Neighbourhoods	Insert new preamble as follows: The High-Rise Neighbourhoods designation is intended to accommodate limited infill development that fits into and is sensitive to

		the existing <i>physical character</i> of the surrounding neighbourhoods.
		Intensification in the High-Rise Neighbourhoods designation is not limited to mid-rise and tall buildings and can take the form of ground and non-ground oriented housing. Infill development will be expected to enhance the street-level experience for pedestrians.
18	8.3.5(1) Policies	Modify Section 8.3.5(1) as follows:



- a) On lands designated Residential High Density High-Rise Neighbourhoods, ground and non-ground-oriented dwellings including triplex and fourplex dwellings, multiplexes, townhouses, street townhouses, stacked townhouses, back-to-back townhouses, stacked back-to-back townhouses, attached housing and apartments, but excluding single-detached and semi-detached dwellings, may be permitted.
- b) On lands designated Residential High Density, ground and non-ground-oriented dwellings, as specified in Subsection 8.3.5(1) a) of this Plan, may be permitted, with a density ranging between seventy six (76) and one hundred and eighty five (185) units per net hectare. On lands designated Residential High Density High-Rise Neighbourhoods, the maximum height of development shall be established through the implementing Zoning By-Law.
- c) Notwithstanding density range identified in Subsection 8.3.5(1) b) of this Plan, development with a proposed-height-density in excess of the established maximum height in the implementing Zoning By-law, one hundred and eighty-five units per net hectare, may be considered by the City through a site-specific Zoning By-law Amendment, without the need for an amendment to this Plan, subject to the fulfillment of the following criteria:
 - (i) a significant reduction of parking at grade;
 - (ii)-the development should be located within four hundred (400) m of a frequent transit corridor;-and
 - (iii) the development shall conform with all applicable minimum and maximum height requirements as stated in the Zoning By-law. the development should provide a functional outdoor common

amenity area at grade level for use by residents. d) On lands designated Residential - High Density High-Rise Neighbourhoods, the maximum height of development shall be established through the implementing Zoning By-Law. e) d) Development, except triplex and fourplex dwellings on lands designated Residential High Density High-Rise Neighbourhoods should provide a functional outdoor common amenity area at grade level for use by residents.

19	8.3.9 Retail and Service	Modify Section 8.3.9(2) a) as follows:
	Commercial Uses	Retail and/or service commercial uses may be permitted within proposed residential development in Residential — Medium Density Low-Rise Neighbourhoods II and Residential — High Density High-Rise Neighbourhoods designations subject to the following criteria: (i) on lands designated Residential —
		Medium Density, the proposed development shall achieve a minimum density of fifty-one (51) units per net hectare;
		(ii)-(i) the property shall be adjacent to a Major Arterial or Multi-Purpose Arterial Street, Urban Avenue, or Main Street, as identified on Schedule O-1: Classification of Transportation Facilities-Urban Area, of this Plan;
		(iii) (iii) the retail and/or service commercial use shall be primarily intended to serve on-site residents and those located within immediate walking distance of the property;
		(iv) (iii) the retail and/or service commercial use shall be compatible with the surrounding area and respectful of the physical character of the neighbourhood; and
		(v) (iv) the retail and/or service commercial uses shall be located at grade level within a building containing residential uses.
20	8.3.10 Day Care Centres	Modify Section 8.3.10 a) (ii) a. as follows:
		Within Residential — Low Density Low-Rise Neighbourhoods I, the day care centre shall be small in scale. The Zoning By-law shall establish a maximum floor area for day care centres in this designation

21 8.7.2 Additional Modify Section 8.7.2(2) as follows: Residential Units a) Where one single-detached dwelling, semi-8.7.2(2) Policies detached dwelling, townhouse unit or street townhouse unit is permitted on a parcel of urban residential land, additional residential units may be permitted in accordance with the following: (i) A maximum of two three additional residential units may be permitted in addition to the principal unit, for a total of three-four residential units. (ii) In all cases a maximum of one (1) additional residential unit may be located within a building or structure accessory to the principal unit. (iii) Where a parcel of urban residential land has an existing garden suite, a maximum of one two additional residential units may be permitted, only within the principal building. b) The maximum density provisions of this Plan and those contained in the implementing Zoning By-Law, shall not apply to the development of additional residential units. e) b) Additional residential units shall not be permitted within a hazardous site or hazardous lands and shall have flood-free access. d)-c) Additional residential units shall be subject to regulations under The Planning Act and regulations in the implementing Zoning By-law which shall be based on good land use planning principles, including health and safety and environmental considerations. d) The Zoning By-law shall contain parking standards for Additional Residential Units that consider alternative parking standards when appropriate.

		e) Additional Residential Units shall have
		adequate servicing.
22	Chapter 13 – Definitions	Delete definition as follows:
		Neighbourhood Character: Neighbourhood
		Character – The collective physical character
		which is prevalent in a Neighbourhood
		Character Area that contributes to its distinct
		identity
23	Chapter 13 - Definitions	Add definition as follows:
		Additional Needs Housing - means any
		housing, including dedicated facilities, in whole
		or in part, that is used by people who have
		specific needs beyond economic needs,
		including but not limited to, needs such as
		mobility requirements or support functions
		required for daily living. Examples of additional
		needs housing may include, but are not limited
		to long-term care homes, adaptable and
		accessible housing, and housing for persons
		with disabilities such as physical, sensory or
		mental health disabilities, and housing for
		older persons.