



July 4, 2025

To: Mayor Meed Ward and Members of Council

Re: BurlingtonGreen input regarding **Electric Vehicle Charging Policy and fee options - Report Number: PWS-02-25** , **Burlington Agricultural Action Plan - Report DGM-47-25 report**

BurlingtonGreen is pleased to provide input regarding two items on the Committee of the Whole Agenda for July 7, 2025:

1. Electric Vehicle Charging Policy and fee options - Report Number: PWS-02-25

Since BurlingtonGreen's co-authoring of [Burlington's Electric Mobility Strategy](#) in the fall of 2022, community ownership of electric vehicles in Burlington has grown significantly. The City is to be commended for its continual investment in local charging infrastructure that has supported this growth while contributing to the reduction of emissions from the transportation sector; the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Burlington.

BurlingtonGreen has been pleased to continue to actively contribute to extensive community engagement and the organization of events to showcase the multitude of benefits of E-mobility. The 2024 addition of an EV charging station by the BurlingtonGreen Eco-Hub by the beach also serves as a profile feature for our ongoing promotions of sustainable, integrated mobility opportunities.

We support the staff report recommendation of Option 2 to implement a \$2.00/hour fee for city owned Level 2 electric vehicle chargers for the first four hours of charging, increasing to \$5.00/hour for subsequent charging time, and a fee of \$10.00/hour for city owned Level 3 (fast) electric vehicle chargers, as we believe this to be a balanced approach that would help to recover operating costs, thus better sustain the City's long term continued investment in this essential climate-friendly infrastructure.

Recommendation: as stated in the report, an associated communications campaign informing the broader community of the potential introduction of fees will be key. **Leverage BurlingtonGreen's extensive online and outreach engagement via our popular [Make the Switch](#) campaign to help spread the word.**

Recommendation: as previously proposed for various environment-benefiting initiatives (such as bike racks, bus shelters, etc..) brand EV charging stations across the city with 'Take Action Burlington' sticker symbols to help the community 'connect the dots' to how these opportunities advance local action on climate change.

Note: at the time of preparing this submission, the E-Mobility Strategy update report was not available in a Council Information package on the City website. BurlingtonGreen looks forward to learning of the progress made for the 35 action items across the 4 theme areas that we developed together.

2. Burlington Agricultural Action Plan - Report DGM-47-25

BurlingtonGreen congratulates City of Burlington project staff and the Burlington Agricultural and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee for their collective efforts to produce the Burlington Agricultural Action Plan. We are pleased to see the inclusion of climate resiliency considerations, and references to the protection and enhancement of the natural environment.

Recommendation: BurlingtonGreen believes it to be imperative that advocacy be a key priority of the Burlington Agricultural Action Plan. While the staff report references **aligning** with updated provincial policies, particularly given this Provincial government's continued advancement of destructive policies and projects that threaten the future of farmland and a healthy environment, it will be essential that the City speak up for policies that support the vision and objectives of the Burlington Agricultural Action Plan. Example: Highway 413 will pave 400 acres of the Greenbelt and 2000 acres of high-quality farmland.

Recommendation: in addition to the staff report recommendation of a representative from Burlington Economic Development & Tourism to be part of the committee's composition, if not already the case, a representative from the City's Sustainability and/or Forestry staff would be beneficial to support the Burlington Agricultural Action Plan goals pertaining to natural heritage protection and climate resiliency. Additionally, as cited in Burlington's Woodland Management Strategy Vision, "Trees and woodlands will be maintained and enhanced for the long term, in recognition of the valued environmental, social and economic services they provide. The city will work with its partners and the community in the urban and **rural areas** to ensure that this essential resource is managed effectively to maximize tree cover and health, increase native biodiversity, minimize risks to public and property and contribute to the environmental sustainability and quality of life in Burlington".

Recommendation: Leverage BurlingtonGreen's extensive online and community outreach to advance the Plan's action for increased local awareness about the various benefits of local agriculture.

Thank you for considering the above input.

Respectfully,



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