

The Corporation of the City of Burlington

City of Burlington By-law 07-2026

A by-law to amend By-law 59-2024 as amended to provide for changes to speaking times in Sections 49.12 and 49.3
(LLS-07-26)

Whereas section 238(2), of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25* requires that every municipality and local board shall pass a procedure by-law for governing the calling, place and proceeding of meetings; and

Whereas The Corporation of the City of Burlington (the “City of Burlington”) has enacted Procedure By-law No. 59-2024; and

Whereas clarity is required for speaking time limits for members of committee and council to ensure meeting efficiency.

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the City of Burlington hereby enacts as follows:

1. Sections 49.12 and 49.3 of By-law No. 59-2024 are deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following new sections 49.12 and 49.3:
 - 49.12 that each member will have a limit of three minutes to speak on a motion and will be given the option of an additional three minutes after every member has been allowed to speak. Any unused speaking time cannot be reclaimed. An additional three minutes will only be provided to members through the passing of a two-thirds vote.
 - 49.3 that each member will have a limit of one minute to ask a question. Any unused time cannot be reclaimed. A member may ask a question only for the purpose of obtaining facts relevant to the matter under discussion and necessary for a clear understanding. All questions will be stated succinctly and will not be used as a means of making statements, or assertions.
2. Subject to the amendments made in this By-law, in all other respects, By-law No. 59-2024, is hereby confirmed unchanged.
3. This By-law comes into force on the date of its passing.

Passed this 17th day of February, 2026

Mayor Marianne Meed Ward _____

City Clerk Mike de Rond _____