



## Burlington Inclusivity Advisory Committee Annual Report 2025

### PURPOSE

This report is meant to update City Council on the activities of BIAC during the year of 2025 and highlights the committee's achievements over that time.

### BACKGROUND

The Burlington Inclusivity Advisory Committee is established as an advisory committee to Burlington City Council to provide a monitoring and measuring role to help ensure that the City applies an inclusion lens to its policies, services and programs.

Support the City of Burlington Council to grow and maintain the city's diversity; nurture and sustain an inclusive culture and create an authentic welcoming and safe environment where differences are celebrated, innovation is fostered and where there is zero tolerance for hate, racism or discrimination in all its forms.

### 2025 Highlights

The committee provided input to the representative of the Moose Hide Campaign that is interested in Burlington community Walk to End Violence in the future. The Moose Hide Campaign is an Indigenous-led grassroots movement to end gender-based violence by creating safer communities across Canada. The annual Moose Hide Campaign Day events, including a walk to end violence across the country in May. This year the walk was held on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The committee participated in providing feedback with Recreation, Community and Culture on how to make programming more inclusive, more welcoming and how to engage LGBTQ+ community in Burlington.

One of our members participated on the Civic Recognition Selection Committee

Participated in the Food for Feedback event in September **"How can we make Burlington a more inclusive and welcoming city for all?"**

Each response will be written on a paper link, and together, these links will form a **"Chain of Inclusion"**—a powerful visual representation of our community's voices and collective vision. The activity encourages community participation but also provides an opportunity to gather authentic feedback in an accessible and creative way.

It was a great exercise to spark dialogue, raise awareness, and visually demonstrate the community's commitment to inclusivity.

The committee provided feedback the Burlington Public Library regarding the first draft of the Burlington Public Library Multi Year Accessibility Plan (2026 - 2029) asking the committee to provide comments of the plan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Burlington Inclusivity Advisory Committee



## Purpose

This report is to update City Council on the activities of BAAC during the year of 2025 and to highlight the committee's achievements over that time.

## Background

The AODA requires that the city have an accessibility advisory committee and a majority of members be people with disabilities. Established in 1994, the BAAC provides advice to staff and Council on accessibility issues, not only to help remove existing barriers but also to prevent new barriers from being created.

## 2025 Highlights

The following summarizes the Committee's activities and primary achievements:  
The BAAC was consulted on the following projects in 2025:

- Multi-year Accessibility Plan
- Transit Accessibility Plan
- #RespectTheSpace Campaign update/ongoing promotion
- Burloak Park maintenance and washroom facilities
- Community Trails Strategy
- Accessible Taxi
- New Zoning By-law
- City View Park
- Burlington Library Multi-year Accessibility Plan
- Parking Mobility App

BAAC participated in the Accessible Sport and Art Fair at Tansley Woods Community Centre. Members provided information, giveaways and collected feedback.

BAAC had a booth at the Burlington Centre Farmers' Market to seek input from the community on Accessibility issues. They also distributed Treat Accessible signs for Halloween as a part of their ongoing commitment to public education.



Burlington Accessibility  
Advisory Committee



BAAC also participated in Food for Feedback community engagement opportunity in September 2025. Members were on hand to answer questions from the public and gather input from the community on what accessibility improvements could be made using a dotmocracy board and surveys.

In 2021, BAAC designed and purchased a flag for the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD). The community was invited to the flag raising event in December 2025. BAAC was delighted to welcome many members of Special Olympics Burlington.

A National AccessAbility Week flag was designed by the Rick Hansen Foundation in 2023 for all to use to raise awareness about accessibility. The community was invited to the flag raising at City Hall with the BAAC and elected officials.

Respectfully submitted,  
BAAC



Subject: 2025 Annual Report for the Burlington Cycling Advisory Committee

Date: February 2026

## **Purpose**

This report provides an update to Burlington City Council on the activities and achievements of the Burlington Cycling Advisory Committee during 2025.

## **Background**

The Burlington Cycling Advisory Committee was established by the City in 1990, originally as the Burlington Bikeway Committee. Cycling is an important mode of transportation in the City of Burlington - it is affordable, environmentally sustainable, and efficient. It is encouraged for its long-term social, health, economic and livability benefits.

This committee advises on policies, initiatives, and strategies affecting cycling throughout Burlington and connections to the neighbouring region. The committee provides frequent and structured input to Council and staff, driven by citizen member experiences and community connections. We volunteer at outreach events supporting active transportation, encouraging future generations to see bicycles as a vital transportation strategy.

## **2025 Activities**

The Cycling Advisory Committee sent two committee members to the Ontario Bike Summit in May 2025. We met with citizen volunteers and city planners throughout Ontario, including Kitchener, Guelph and Ottawa. This was an excellent opportunity to share local observations and experiences. Several communities demonstrated use of OpenStreetMap & ArcGIS geographic data to highlight disparities in safe access to infrastructure for different neighbourhoods across their cities – something we can repeat here.

The committee organized and provided the City's first secure Bike Valet Parking service for Moon in June, reducing the automobile traffic burden on the city centre. Many large events (Sound of Music, Ribfest, Appleby Line Open Streets) see bicycle traffic far in excess of baseline storage capacity, which needs to be taken into account during event planning.

While we hope that other organizations will provide similar services following this template for future events, we plan to repeat this valet in 2026.

Community outreach efforts in collaboration with staff cycling giveaways (bells, lights, information, tshirts) were peppered throughout the year, including Central Library (May31), Beachway (June14), Burlington Go (Aug5), Food for Feedback (Sept13), Haber CC (Sept24). We found that adding new locations has fairly low effort & cost, while creating new opportunities for connection in previously-underserved areas.

On July 24th, members met with Scooty, and rode 100% of the Centennial Trail in an afternoon. While the trail was well-traveled by bicycle, use of smaller wheels and lower top speed helped us identify problematic areas with grade and surface quality. This feedback benefits both the for-profit operator and the general public using many types of micromobility devices.

In September, at Food for Feedback, our members engaged in bidirectional information sharing with our neighbours, both promoting safe cycling and gathering feedback on areas we need to improve. We hosted dotmocracy boards based on geographical maps - inviting the public to highlight areas of the city where they had the best (green) and worst (red) cycling experiences. That feedback continues to align with the opinions of staff and committee members – the lack of safe traversal of provincial highways and regional roads continue to be the largest barrier to cycling adoption.

The committee collaborated with the Horizon 2050 team to provide bicycle-centric perspectives on the future of transportation within and between communities.

The committee met with the Community Trails Strategy Update team on 2025-10-28 to provide cycling-specific feedback on potential gaps and links to facilitate broader cycling connectivity. Many trails are used as parts of the complete cycling network, but maintenance is regularly prioritized lower than the automobile network, impairing year-round use. We highlighted some key off-road links, mostly safe routes through parks, which currently see no winter maintenance.

The committee also met with Matt Koevoets, Manager Road Operations, to discuss current winter service standards. Local streets and multi-use paths are generally well-cleared. On-road painted bike lines are to be cleared within 12 hours of snow stopping, but instead are often used as dumping ground when plowing the automobile lanes, leaving significant gaps in the network. There is much room for improvement.

November brought the return of Ward Rides, kicking off in Ward 3 on 2026-11-08 starting from Mountainside Arena. These rides are an opportunity for Councilors and staff to

connect with residents while providing a valuable first-hand experience of riding a bicycle in Burlington. We identified potential routes in other wards and look forward to scheduling them with Councillors from each ward in 2026.

Invited Eleanor McMahon from Share The Road to our November committee meeting to share information about upcoming Bicycle Friendly Communities certification. Staff has taken the lead on recertification, but the Committee members will jump in to assist in 2026.

We ended the year by delivering a formal letter to Council regarding the importance of Vision Zero as a pillar supporting cycling in Burlington. Many residents will not see cycling as a viable transportation option until they're safe from cars. (COW-01-26 8.3)

We stand in memorial of the people who were killed while biking in Burlington and neighbouring municipalities - Samuel Willetts, Dave Niblett, Jean Louis.

Looking forward to the 2026 season, the Cycling Advisory Committee will be collaborating closely with Staff on the active transportation link along Walkers Line, continuing community outreach efforts, and proactively identifying barriers to access across the city.

We are very grateful for the support of the Mayor and City Council and a special thank you to Councillor Nisan, our Council liaison, for his input and guidance to the Committee this year. The Cycling Committee also wants to recognize the excellent, ongoing guidance of the Clerks Department through Suzanne Gillies, Committee Clerk.

The volunteer members of the Cycling Committee are engaged, committed and passionate about carrying out the role Council has given to them. I would like to thank each member for their dedication to the committee.



**TO:** Committee of the Whole

**FROM:** Marsha Paley, Chair, Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee

**SUBJECT:** 2025 Annual Report for the Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee

**DATE:** February 11, 2026

### **Purpose**

This report provides an update to City Council on the activities and achievements of the Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee during 2025 and outlines the Committee's work plan for 2026.

### **Background**

The Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee was established by the City in accordance with legislative requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act* to advise Council on issues related to the preservation of Burlington's cultural heritage, including the designation of individual properties and Heritage Conservation Districts. The Committee also has a mandate to promote all aspects of Burlington's heritage to its residents and visitors alike.

### **2025 Highlights**

During this year, work continued on with the significant scope of work identified in the Bill 23 Adaptation Strategy Report, concentrating on the heritage evaluation of non-designated properties on the Municipal Heritage Register ("the Register"). The deadline for this work is January 1, 2027. Heritage consultants remained retained to complete the phased assessment of 27 individual properties and those properties included in a recommended Heritage Conservation District (HCD) designation. An additional 10 heritage designation candidates have been identified by staff out of the remaining non-designated properties on the Register, to be assessed in subsequent studies for designation in 2026, prior to the 2027 deadline.

Our focus for 2025 also included:

- The identification and protection of heritage properties,
- Continuing support of current and potential designated property owners through education and celebration of Burlington's heritage and culture, and,
- Increasing the knowledge of Heritage Burlington's members.

The following summarizes the Committee's activities and achievements during 2025.

- Continued consultation with regard to the renewal of the Port Nelson Park.
- Reviewed multiple heritage permit applications.
- Reviewed a number of Heritage Grant Program applications.
- Reviewed and recommended the designation of:
  - 451 Nelson Avenue, Thomas Rogers House
  - 518 Hager Avenue, Calvary Baptist Church Manse
  - 562 Maple Avenue, Robert Lindley House
  - 451 Elizabeth Street, Iron Duke Building
  - 458 Elizabeth Street, John Taylor House (Council did not proceed with designation)
  - 461 Elizabeth Street, Knox Presbyterian Church
  - 482 Elizabeth Street, Laing-Speers House
  - 490 Elizabeth Street, Laing Fisher House
  - 390 John Street, Shaver Building
  - 2437 Dundas Street, Nelson United Church
  - 367 Torrance Street (Council did not proceed with designation)
  - 368 Brant Street, Bell-Wiggins Boot and Shoe Store
  - 380 Brant Street, Hotel Raymond
  - 550 Hurd Avenue, Hepton Weeks House
  - 2280 No. 2 Sideroad, Pitcher Homestead
  - 6414 Walker's Line, Donald McGregor Farmhouse
  - 1433 Baldwin Street, Burlington Central High School
  - 1134 Plains Road East, Davis Homestead
  - 242 Plains Road East, Roelfson House
  - 444 Plains Road East, John Horne House
  - 2022 Victoria Avenue, Bell Orchards Farmhouse
  - 1421 Lakeshore Road, Graham House
  - 2003 Lakeshore Road, former Royal Bank (on hold as per Council direction)
  - 3044 Lakeshore Road, Flatt House
  - 472 Locust Street, Paroisse St. Philippe
  - 513 Locust Street, Different Drummer Books (Council did not proceed with designation)
  - 5726 Cedar Springs Road, Dakota School House
  - 2066 Kilbride Street, Kilbride United Church
- Reviewed the Cultural Heritage Evaluation reports of the properties in the Phase 1 - Bill 23 Heritage Designation Shortlist Project carried out by Stantec Ltd.
- Delegated at Committee of the Whole and Council regarding Heritage response to Bill 23 – evaluation of shortlist of designation candidates in April 2025.
- Reviewed the reports on the Burlington Avenue and Ontario Street Heritage Conservation District (HCD) Study and Plan and Guidelines with

recommendation to Council to designate the study area as an HCD, carried out by TRACE Architectures and B+H Master Planning and Urban Design.

- Participated in a number of cultural heritage matters and engagement opportunities, including:
  - City of Burlington's proposed 10-year Culture Plan,
  - June 11<sup>th</sup> Burlington Ave. and Ontario St. Heritage Conservation District Public Open House,
  - Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Horizon 2050 Advisory Committee Strategy meeting,
  - November 4<sup>th</sup> Culture Plan public meeting.
- Organized a successful Heritage Week celebration led by Marsha Paley and the Heritage Week Sub-committee involving 35+ departments, individuals and organizations participating in 20+ events and activities. A 2025 Heritage Week report is attached as Appendix A.
- Participated in the City's Food for Feedback event in September 2025.
- Investigated a citizen request for designation of a stone knee wall on Lakeshore Road at Lakeland Crescent, and a citizen request for designation of 3044 Lakeshore Road.
- Organized and hosted the first online Municipal Heritage Committee forum on November 1<sup>st</sup> with attendance by Council Liaisons and members of MHCs from across Ontario. Input was received from MHCs through a survey.
- Attended two Indigenous Advisory Circle gatherings to speak of possible initiatives.
- The Promotions and Marketing Sub-committee worked to gather information for a refreshed sign program to recognize and provide more information on designated and non-designated properties.
- Participated in the second Burlington Historical Society's headstone cleaning and restoration session at the United Empire Loyalist Cemetery.
- Supported a resident on a potential Honour Roll of Trees nomination.
- Participated in a Cultural Heritage Conservation Orientation facilitated by Bert Duclos Heritage Services.

## **2026 Work Plan**

Heritage Burlington's 2026 Work Plan highlights the Committee's priorities and identified budget to accomplish its goals.

During the course of this year, our Senior Heritage Planner, Chloe Richer undertook a substantial amount of work to move forward the various property designations on the Register under Bill 23. The HCD study, numerous heritage evaluations, designations, Heritage Week and the MHC forum were only possible given her enthusiasm, expertise, committed hard work and time.



We are very grateful for the support of the Mayor and City Council and a special thank you to Councillor Stolte, our Council liaison, for her input and guidance to the Committee this year. Heritage Burlington also wants to recognize the excellent, ongoing guidance of the Clerk's Department through Jo-Anne Rudy, Committee Clerk.

The volunteer members of Heritage Burlington are engaged, committed and passionate about carrying out the role Council has given to them. I would like to thank each member for their dedication to the committee: Andy Lyster (Vice-Chair), Len Collins, Alan Harrington, Jenna Dobson, Steve Allen, Diane Smith, Michael Vollmer, Janet Kasperski, Robin Lloyd, Catherine Robb and Alex Winiarski. All those whose terms were ending in December 2025, with the exception of Janet Kasperski and Diane Smith, have agreed to continue until the end of term in 2026. We appreciate all of the contributions made by Janet and Diane and the rest of the Heritage Burlington members in 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Paley, Chair  
Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee

**TO:** Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Marsha Paley, Chair, Heritage Week Sub-Committee

**SUBJECT:** Heritage Week 2025 Wrap-up Report

**DATE:** February 11, 2026

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### **Purpose**

The following report provides a summary of the highlights of Heritage Week 2025. It is also an opportunity to provide recognition and accolades to the numerous groups and individuals who helped make for another successful week of events and activities to celebrate Burlington's heritage and history.

### **Background**

The City of Burlington's Heritage Week, held the first full week of every August, is a time to celebrate the many aspects of the community's various heritages – agricultural, built, cultural, economic, social etc. To help mark this year's milestones, over 35 representatives from various organizations, departments and individuals joined together to offer residents and visitors, a week of heritage events and activities. These events are typically organized by a sub-committee of the Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee and led by one of its members. Other regular sub-committee members include but are not limited to the following: Burlington Historical Society, Burlington Museums, Burlington Public Library, Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington Halton Black History Awareness Society, Beach Canal Lighthouse and History Pix. Over the last two years, this sub-committee has grown to include Conservation Halton, Art Gallery of Burlington, Burlington Performing Arts Centre, City of Burlington's Community Planning Department, Burlington Chamber of Commerce, Burlington Economic Development and Tourism, Burlington Downtown Business Association, Burlington Fine Arts Association, Arts Burlington, Roseland Park Community, and United Empire Loyalists etc. Many other individuals participated in events. Volunteers from these organizations also came forward on-the-day of events when extra hands were most needed to support the events. To help collaborate, communicate and to meet deadlines for promotions, monthly meetings were held virtually via Zoom to pull together the events calendar.

### **Comments**

As Chair of the Heritage Week Sub-committee since 2023, it was again an honour and a pleasure to have led the Heritage Week 2025 Sub-committee, though we are actively looking for another Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee member to take on this role now that my role has expanded to include being the Chair of the advisory committee. Without the energy, enthusiasm, efforts and sharing of resources by those listed above, the extensive high-quality events and activities could not be offered again to the community at no cost to attendees. In 2025, several events were brought back, while many new ones were added for a total of 19 within the theme of "Living with Our Natural Heritage, Naturally". As mentioned, all events had free admission though some required pre-registration and we always seek donations for the Burlington Food Bank. Events that required registration were open for on-line sign up from July 15<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> or until

capacity was reached. Several activities reached capacity well before the deadline reflecting on the interesting and well-organized activities offered.

Along with events, residents and visitors were encouraged to check out the various displays including the glass cabinet adjacent to the front entrance of City Hall as well as within City Hall (outside the Council Chambers). In the front entrance, the Burlington Historical Society provided a display appearing like being viewed underwater showcasing on fishing lines, a series of fascinating photos, and information of Burlington's heritage along with local beach find items in the base of the cabinet. In the display cabinet next to the Council Chambers, the Museums' Curator set up a display of a number of items from their collections. At the south end of Brant St. in Centennial Square (by Spencer Smith Park), the Burlington Historical Society installed 20+ informative signs including several new signs; always a popular stop-to-read location. Also, David Craig from History Pix ensured that Cogeco's History Minutes continued to offer noteworthy heritage information.

#### **a) Events**

This year's Heritage Week was held from Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Starting on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Art Gallery of Burlington hosted the Opening Ceremony. The Opening Ceremony was a wonderful start with comments by Mayor Meed Ward, Elder White Eagle and other special guests attending. There were presentations of certificates from the Mayor's Office to 10 churches, businesses and community organizations on their long-running anniversaries. Recognition of those long-term organizations and businesses in the community is always a good draw with representatives being in attendance. Notable recognition was given for the Lion's Club and Alexanian Carpet and Flooring's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries, Bush's Men's Wear (since 1921), Pollard Windows (since 1948), Community Living Burlington's 70<sup>th</sup> and the Art Gallery of Burlington's and the Drury Lane Theatrical Productions' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries among others. Following the Opening Ceremony, Alan Harrington hosted the Brock Avenue and Ontario Street Walking Tour with 35 people walking in the area and learning about the 'hidden' railway ticket station, Brock Park, heritage homes, and ending with a certificate presentation at a multi-generation business. The long-running Halton Freedom Celebration Festival, a signature event at the start of Heritage Week was no longer available. A re-visioning of an Emancipation Day activity is being considered for 2026. Burlington Fine Arts Association and Arts Burlington had a pop-up sale in Burlington Centre while the Burlington Historical Society and Burlington Lighthouse Association had displays in a to-be-leased storefront. Our appreciation to the Burlington Centre for the space and their on-going commitment to supporting the community.

Sunday's activities included the inaugural tour of the Burlington Horticultural Society's Maple Park Garden, one of several tours available throughout the week. Heritage Burlington shared its third self-guided driving tour of Burlington. In commemoration of the Doors Open Ontario 2025 theme of "The City is Your Playground: Get Ready to Play", the tour highlighted the city's playful side, winding its way about to cultural and recreational facilities past and present, building sites, many parks and locations from its northern rural communities to its southern urban settlement.

One of the Civic Holiday Monday's highlights was the second of Alan Harrington's tours, who along with 40+ attendees toured Greenwood Cemetery, Burlington's largest municipally owned non-denominational cemetery and final resting spot of some of Burlington's early or prominent citizens.

On Tuesday, the Museums of Burlington presented a film screening of “Meet Me at the Brant Inn” at Joseph Brant Museum. Attendees experienced a little of Burlington’s Golden Age - the Brant Inn was a popular entertainment and dining venue located on the shores of Lake Ontario in downtown Burlington east of the museum. From the 1930s to the 1960s, the biggest names in show business played at the Brant Inn. The film is a 2008 TV documentary that brings the historic entertainment venue to life and the exceptional showman who made it all happen.

On Wednesday, was “Roseland Park’s Homage to its Natural Surroundings: A Combined Architectural and Urban Forestry Walk”. The City’s Heritage Planner Chloe Richer and I led a leisurely walk with 20 participants exploring the various architectural and environmental aspects within Roseland Park. As was noted, builders included natural elements in several of the 1900s building styles. Several of the mature and tagged historic trees were also checked out noting that many of the properties still have their one maple tree per lot planted when the development of Roseland Park began 100 years ago. The evening had the always most popular event of Heritage Week – the evening of trivia with Don Thorpe, Burlington Historical Society and David Craig, History Pix at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. With all new questions, 86 attendees were in for a fun time and possibly learned something about Burlington.

On Wednesday and Thursday, Joseph Brant Museum was the host of the “Centennial and Other Special Quilts Exhibit and Presentations”. Each day quilter, appraiser, author and collector Judy Lyons was available for an hour each morning to showcase and speak about the Burlington Teen Tour Band quilt and the Netherlands D-Day quilt. In the afternoon, for an hour, she gave a second presentation on the Centennial quilts starting with an introduction to her book highlighting her collection of centennial quilts. Afterwards until the site closing, there was a drop-in for quilt consultations at no cost, if interested residents or visitors wanted to bring in a beloved quilt.

On Thursday, the Burlington Public Library held “First Nations Before the Tall Ships”, an immersive and enlightening presentation on the rich history and vibrant culture of Canadian Indigenous peoples before European contact. Coast Ts’mysen First Nation, Pacific Northwest British Columbia – Lax Kw’alaams Band, Royal House of Niis’gumiik, Giluts’aaw Tribe, Gispudwada Clan (Orca), Indigenous educator and Elder Kate Dickson aims to deepen understanding of the profound impact of colonization by exploring the life, traditions, and wisdom of First Nations communities. Through engaging slides and interactive discussions, Elder Dickson delved into the daily lives, spiritual practices and social structures that defined Indigenous existence. The presentation to approximately 55 attendees opened with a smudging by Elder White Eagle included hands-on experiences with animal skins, and the medicine wheel, offering a tangible connection to the past. With a blend of humour and informal storytelling, the session was both educational and thought-provoking.

On Friday, the Heritage Fair welcomed a total of 30+ attendees. Six tables were filled with representatives from the Burlington Public Library, Burlington Historical Society, the City’s Heritage Services and the Heritage District Study, Heritage Burlington and others. Then three special presentations were put on by Burlington’s Heritage Planner Chloe Richer, the Royal Botanical Garden’s Dr. Galbraith and History Pix’s David Craig. The special focus this year was on the importance, preservation and promotion of natural heritage landscapes and objects.

Saturday had a number of events and places to visit with Doors Open sites welcoming visitors to the Burlington Lion’s Club, celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary along with the Lowville School and St. John’s Anglican Church which celebrated its 190th year and other locations. An informative

presentation was put on in the morning by the Kilbride History Group starting at the Kilbride United Church for a talk about the history of Kilbride and its founders Panton and Baker, the hotel, evaporators, woolen mill and more. Following the talk, there was a walk through the village for those interested. Representatives from Heritage Burlington and the Burlington Historical Society also attended a booth at the Lion's Club Farmers Market at the Burlington Centre. Celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Lion's Club was having its 65<sup>th</sup>+ season of the Farmers Market. Heritage Burlington's display of activities and antique items/photographs and more along with perusing to purchase from the many vendors with locally grown fruit and vegetables, foodstuffs and other items. Scott Dynes is to be commended for arranging for a vintage fire truck to be available during the Kilbride walk while at the Farmer's Market, two vintage fire engines including his own Studebaker truck was on display to the enjoyment of youngsters and the young-at-heart.

Heritage Week 2025 ended with the Art Gallery of Burlington's (AGB) activities and tours of exhibits in the Lee-Chin Family Gallery to view the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Permanent Collection Exhibition, "A Curve, Not a Line". The result of a dynamic collaboration between the gallery's curatorial and education teams who worked with staff and community members to select a changing rotation of artworks. Exploring thematic and material connections that speak to slowness, playfulness, resourcefulness, and timeliness which showcased both historical and ancestral traditions and contemporary innovations. At its heart was a fully functioning clay studio offering a unique and immersive experience. Arts Burlington is the committee that represents the six dynamic and independently operated guilds that have studios in the AGB. These artist-led organizations unite creators of all skill levels and backgrounds, each promoting creativity, earning, and collaboration within their respective disciplines. The studios of these guilds were open to the public during the Doors Open event.

## **b) Promotions**

Advertising was done through various methods. The webpage with the full event calendar went live in July. City Communications staff did an amazing job sending out many Heritage Week postings on social media including Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Threads, prior to the event calendar going live and right up until the end of Heritage Week. The postings were certainly recognized by the other organizations who re-shared them as being of significant value to promoting Heritage Week events. Thank you also to the online articles from our community media. Again, this year the sub-committee was limited to five City facility sign locations – these were determined to be at the City's facilities on high visibility roads including Appleby Line, Brant Street, Guelph Line and Walkers Line. The Burlington Historical Society, Kilbride History Group, Burlington Performing Arts Centre and others also provided information to their members via emails, e-newsletters and social media postings. All members of Council were provided information for their on-line newsletters and appreciate those who included the material.

Heritage Week event location lawn signs, made in 2024, were used again at locations to assist in them being found more easily. Without dates, these signs can be used year-after-year. The challenge is pulling them up and moving them to another location. Once again posters of the event calendar were printed and distributed to 50+ locations via hand delivery or in mailboxes for City facilities.



### **c) Recommended Enhancements from 2024/2025**

As identified in our 2024 report, the Heritage Week Sub-Committee put forward a list of suggested enhancements. Several of the requests were met with the most important being additional support for promotion of Heritage Week. A portable wireless voice amplifier microphone for tours was personally purchased. As we have been doing, participating organizations have been self-promoting the events they are hosting. Promotions from the City's Communications staff in 2025 were spectacular for this year's activities.

The current challenge is consideration for Heritage Week to be either moved to another week in the year given the challenges of vacation and long Civic Day weekend, or reduced in length due to the time commitment required, or included in the month of Culture Days. In addition, a succession plan for the next Chair of the sub-committee needs to be considered.

### **Financial**

The City's dedicated Heritage Week budget is \$4,000 to \$5,000. Special anniversary certificates were provided by the Office of the Mayor. Any speaker gifts were donated by members of the Sub-committee including from individuals, organizations (Burlington Historical Society) or businesses. From the perspective of in-kind work put forward by the Sub-committee, a minimum of an estimated 2,000 hours of volunteer time is being given to pull Heritage Week together by Heritage Burlington members who participated. Even at an estimated 2025 average living wage of \$24.50/hour (in the GTA), the Sub-committee donates \$49,000 to the City of Burlington; that amount can double or triple or more based on a competitive professional salary for archivist/historians etc. This also does not account for the hours put forward by staff from City of Burlington, the Burlington Chamber of Commerce, Art Gallery of Burlington, Royal Botanical Gardens and other partners who put in so much of their work and personal time often at no recognized cost to Heritage Week.

### **Summary**

The above report is a summary of the events, outcomes, costs and wrap-up recommendations. Information regarding the events, the promotion undertaken, the showcasing of the commemoration of organizations and businesses, and the awareness building of Burlington's history and heritage are specifically highlighted. The report is recommended to be attached to the Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee's annual report to Council.

Should you have any questions on the report, please contact the undersigned through Jo-Anne Rudy, Committee Clerk, Heritage Burlington Advisory Committee. Thank you to Council for your continued support of Burlington's heritage and history and the hard work of Jo-Anne, Chloe, other City staff and all participating organizations and volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marsha L. Paley*

Marsha L. Paley  
Chair, Heritage Week Sub-Committee

2025 Workplan			Accomplishments
Objective	Action	Budget	
Provide advice to staff and council on issues impacting Seniors in Burlington.	<p>BSAC will receive information about city and regional planning, policies, services, projects and initiatives pertaining to Seniors and will provide advice to ensure issues affecting Seniors are considered.</p> <p>Provide feedback on the City of Burlington dedicated website for Seniors and Older Adults</p>		BSAC supported BIAC letter to Council regarding New zoning by-law update
<p>Increase communication to Burlington Seniors and enhance awareness of BSAC.</p> <p>Enhance active representation for a higher proportion of Burlington Seniors.</p>	<p>Connect with each councilor to request inclusion in their newsletter to ward members on committee initiatives, senior resources and feedback opportunities.</p> <p>Develop a social media communication strategy to increase awareness of BSAC, how to access information relevant to seniors and how to provide feedback.</p> <p>Assemble tool kit/resource documents/reference sheet/FAQ document for update- to- date resources for seniors.</p> <p>Develop feedback strategy and tools (ex. feedback card, paper survey etc.) to document feedback received from citizens during community events.</p> <p>BSAC members to do outreach in different areas of the city at Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities to increase information to and feedback from Burlington Seniors.</p> <p>Attend events for Seniors and feedback issues important to seniors to staff and councilors: Breakfast at Bistro, Farmer's Market, Food for Feedback, Active Living Fair, High Volume NORC's.</p>	<p>\$1500.00</p> <p>Circulation of material to locations across the municipality</p> <p>Printing and promotional material</p> <p>Travel expenses, register fees for events within the city.</p> <p>Supplies for Lunch and learn events. Creating survey material.</p> <p>Cost of creating a tool kit, with resources for seniors in the community.</p>	<p>Seniors Centre Expo Feb, 2026 (four members)</p> <p>Attended Living Well Expo – April, 2025</p> <p>Four members of BSAC visited the 2055 Upper Middle Road NORC to share information and obtain feedback on September 15, 2025 from 2:00 to 4:00pm</p> <p>32 residents attended and 28 completed the survey.</p> <p>Distributed Recreation booklets, 31 Medical Emergency Infor vials.</p> <p>The results of the survey were presented at the BSAC in October 2025.</p>



<p>Celebrate Seniors in Burlington-Senior's Month (June) and Senior's Day (October)</p>	<p>Provide advice to the Recreation, Community and Culture Department on social media and general promotion of June as Seniors Months</p> <p>Promote senior's month by offering weekly lunch and learn events at a wide range of locations in the city.</p> <p>Register for Mayor's proclamation, National Seniors Day flag raising and Brant St. Pier lights dedication.</p> <p>Identify the National Seniors Day theme.</p> <p>Provide feedback to the Recreation, Community and Culture Department on social media and general promotion of October 1st as Seniors Day.</p>		<p>Representatives of BSAC attended Seniors Day in October 2025.</p> <p>Representatives of BSAC attended a celebration at the City Hall ceremony in honor of Age-Friendly Communities Ontario in January, 2026</p>
<p>Establish partnerships to improve effectiveness and efficiency of committee objectives.</p>	<p>Explore and expand connections with local service clubs that also share interest in supporting our senior population Ex. Probus, Kinsmen, Rotary, Lion's Club, CARP.</p> <p>Explore meet and greet with other City of Burlington Advisory Groups to build capacity and to support common advocacy opportunities.</p> <p>Work with Burlington Public Library to identify opportunities to provide access to library services for Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities</p>	<p>\$ 200.00 (delivery of service and networking)</p>	<p>Established connections with Burlington Men's Shed and Partnering Aldershot Senior Committee</p>

Total: \$1,700.00



## Integrated Transportation Advisory Committee

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### 2025 Annual Report

#### **Purpose:**

This report is to update Burlington City Council on the activities of the Integrated Transportation Advisory Committee (ITAC) for the year 2025.

#### **Background:**

ITAC was established in 2015 as an advisory committee to Burlington City Council. The membership consists of six citizens representing the community-at-large plus representatives from the following Advisory Committees: Burlington Cycling Committee (Cycling), Sustainable Development Committee (SDC), Burlington Senior Advisory Committee (BSAC), and Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee (BAAC).

This umbrella advisory committee advises on policies, initiatives, and strategies affecting all forms of transportation, including cycling, pedestrian, transit, and driving. The committee provides comprehensive and coordinated input to Council and staff on these matters and provides comments on the City of Burlington's master plans pertaining to transportation/transit issues and strategic input on key projects. Transportation involves a wide variety of topics and issues that the committee regularly discusses and considers.

Continuing their community outreach and educational work from 2024, ITAC continued its efforts in 2025 by participating in the City's Food.for.Feedback event, and specifically sought to refine the committee's focus areas.

#### **2025 Activities:**

This past year was an active one for ITAC, including the influx of several new members. We were able to discuss new ideas and focus areas for the committee through our teamwork at meetings as well as in our outreach efforts. Monthly meetings included regular updates from City staff seeking input from the committee. Highlights included numerous presentations and discussions from:

**Transportation Planning and Active Transportation:** Downtown Parking Master Plan; Micromobility & E-Scooter policies and programs; overall congestion management in the City; and future policy guidance for sidewalk design.

**Traffic Operations and Signals:** Automated Speed Enforcement; School Safety Committee; Transit Signal Priority Project; pedestrian crossovers; and traffic calming.

**Transit:** refined transit routes and schedules; customer service hub relocation; the upcoming 5-year strategic transit plan; and fare policies and studies.

Our four liaison members from the other citizen Advisory Committees: Cycling, BSAC, BAAC, and SDC gave regular monthly updates on their activities relevant to ITAC.

Monthly meetings were also an opportunity for members to learn more about related issues from both City staff as well as community organizations concerned with a variety of transportation issues. Specifically, Lynn Robichaud (COB Manager of Environmental Sustainability) and her team presented on the Climate Action Plan update in February, seeking ITAC feedback for transportation-related policies and actions.

Two **key themes** that ITAC discussed throughout 2025 are highlighted below:

**Micromobility (E-Scooters and E-Bikes):** The use of e-bikes, e-scooters, and other micromobility devices was of particular interest to the committee, especially in terms of their popularity and at the same time, lack of legislation concerning their use.

The City initiated a pilot program with SCOOTY this summer along the Centennial Trail, where the use of e-scooters is carefully managed, monitored, and restricted. Many discussions at ITAC meetings have centered on the use of private e-scooters, which are not permitted to be used in the city (at all), and how can the City help to message this, or work with Halton Region Police Services to enforce this. The committee recognizes the potential benefits of increased use of micromobility devices, but is concerned around the clarity of where and how these devices can be used. There is need from other levels of government (federal and provincial) to provide enhanced direction on how and where these devices are managed, imported, or sold.

**Automated Speed Enforcement:** This year, the Province cancelled the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program that municipalities across the province had begun to roll out (with immediate positive results). ITAC is aware of the proven benefits of ASE in communities, and will continue to support the reactivation of this program so that the City of Burlington roads can be made safer.

Community outreach continued to be an important focus for our volunteer committee, both in terms of receiving feedback from the community, but also informing them about ITAC's work. In September, at Food for Feedback, four of our members participated in helping citizens with three "dotmocracy" boards (voting with dots). For all our outreach events our swag reflective arm bands with the ITAC logo were well received by the public.

Our committee's work concluded this year with a healthy discussion on work programs and priorities for 2026, and we look forward to having a refined and focused program to follow.

A very special thank you needs to be given to all the Transportation staff who have attended our monthly meetings for the past year. They have given freely of their time and done an excellent job of keeping committee members informed about all aspects of transportation matters, problems, projects, updates, and plans. For ITAC it has been a positive and productive exchange of ideas. We are also sincerely grateful to our new Clerk, Shelby Clements for her guidance and efforts to help make this committee as productive as possible.

In conclusion, the committee has formed a strong team spirit through healthy discussions. A thank you needs to be given to those new committee members who have joined ITAC with enthusiasm, and a thank you to those that have finished their term. We look forward to resuming our work in 2026 and are excited to continue learning and contributing to many aspects of transportation and transit issues in Burlington.

Respectfully submitted,

Lachlan Fraser  
Chair  
Integrated Transportation Advisory Committee

# **Burlington Mundialization Committee**

## **Apeldoorn Sub-committee**

### **2025 Annual Report**

In 2025, members of the Apeldoorn Sub-committee included Council appointed members of the Mundialization Committee and community volunteers.

Anne Koopman, Chair  
Barb Krukowski  
Bill Stafford  
Miles Ross

Allan Dykstra  
Johanna Haan  
Charlie Minken

Arnold Koopman  
Shirley Stafford  
Larry Krukowski

The friendship between Burlington and Apeldoorn continues to flourish. This exemplifies the goals of the Mundialization committee to promote Burlington as part of the world community through twin city relationships that include art and cultural exhibits, citizen exchanges and official delegations' visits. All meetings were held in person during the year.

#### **Highlights of 2025:**

- Elementary school pen pals, grades 5/6
- Elementary school grades 7/8
- Canada Netherlands Friendship Day
- Burlington Apeldoorn citizen exchange.
- Creation of the Apeldoorn and Burlington newsletter
- Civic Recognition Award

#### **Elementary school programs**

31 pieces of art from two Burlington schools were sent to Apeldoorn for display at Apeldoorn City Hall from April to May for public viewing. The art was returned to Burlington and displayed at the Canada Netherlands Friendship Day event on May 24.

#### **Burlington Citizen Exchange/80<sup>th</sup> Liberation Celebrations**

A group of 14 Burlington residents travelled to Apeldoorn from April 27 - May 10 to participate in the 80th Liberation celebrations in Apeldoorn and surroundings.

An official City of Burlington delegation — including representatives from the Mundialization Committee, Mayor Meed Ward, Councillor Nisan and senior city staff participated in commemorative events and ceremonies marking the liberation of the Netherlands and the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. The delegation joined a remembrance ceremony at the Holten Canadian War Cemetery and took part in a silent walk of remembrance to Oranjepark in Apeldoorn on May 4, followed by a Freedom Parade on May 5.

## **Canada Netherlands Friendship Day**

The event was celebrated on Sat., May 11 at LaSalle Park Pavilion. The theme for this year was Paint the Town Oranje as orange is the colour of the Dutch Royal family. The house of Orange-Nassau.

The well attended event included welcome messages from Mayor Marianne Meed Ward, Mr. Harman Idema, Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Elizabeth Witmer, former Deputy Premier and Past Chair, WSIB.

The event included performances by the Burlington Teen Tour Band and Enchorus Children's Choir, and a special exhibit of artwork created by Burlington and Apeldoorn elementary school students.

## **Twin city newsletter**

The Burlington and Apeldoorn volunteer committees met on several occasions to develop a newsletter to be shared with the respective communities to enhance understanding of the twin city relationship and each other's communities. Lots of planning has been on going regarding design, items of interest, layouts, pictures, content. The first issue is due out in January 2026.

## **Civic Recognition Award**

On October 21, 2025, Anne and Arnold Koopman, longtime members of the Mundialization Committee, were presented with a Civic Recognition Award by Mayor Marianne Meed Ward.

## **2026 Work Plan**

- Canada Netherlands Friendship Day - advertising, refreshments, food, AV, honorariums, printing, advertisement and rental equipment (chairs).
- Burlington schools pen pal exchange program and art exchange, with grades 3-4, 4/5 and 7/9.
- Apeldoorn/Burlington Newsletter - distribution, production, creative, advertising to communicate and inform traditional and digital media from each city to continuation of the Twinning relationship.
- Recognition event for Jan Koorenhof from Apeldoorn for his lifetime dedication to Netherlands/Canada veterans, on April 23rd at the Albany Club. Mundialization members to attend the event.
- FIFA World Cup local activation celebrating our diversity and twin cities through the city and local business partners for game viewing, and community gathering.

# **Burlington Mundialization Committee**

## **Itabashi Sub-committee**

### **2025 Annual Report**

In 2025, members of the Itabashi sub-committee included council appointed members of the Mundialization Committee and citizen volunteers:

- Marybeth Curtin, Chair
- Rob Lyng
- Diana Tello
- Leanne Cecil
- Dan McNeill
- Adham Kandil

#### **2025 Annual Report Highlights**

- Sakura Matsuri (Cherry Blossom Festival)
- Library Events
- Elementary Student Art Exchange
- High School Pen Pal Program

#### **Sakura Matsuri (Cherry Blossom Festival)**

The thirteenth annual Sakura Matsuri (Cherry Blossom festival) was held Saturday, May 10 in the lobby of the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. This free, public event included live performances of Japanese instruments taiko, shamisen, traditional Japanese and yosakoi dance, and karate, iaido, and aikido demonstrations. Students from Frontenac Public School opened the event by singing O Canada and a Japanese cherry blossom song. Mayor Marianne Meed Ward and Takeshi Matsunaga, Consul General of Japan in Toronto, delivered welcoming remarks. The festival was quite popular with approximately 250 people attending.

#### **Library Events**

One library event was held in conjunction with the Burlington Public Library:

- Sword Appreciation Talk on Sept 27 with Sante Tonello (22 participants)

#### **Student Art Exchange**

In May and June, artwork by students of Burlington's Frontenac Public School and Itabashi's Fujimidai Public School was displayed in the Burlington Performing Arts Centre during the Sakura Festival and then at City Hall. In July, the Burlington art was sent to Itabashi for display. Participating Burlington students received a certificate signed by Mayor Meed-Ward.

## High School Pen Pal Program

A Pen Pal Program between students of M.M. Robinson High School and Tokyo Kasei Junior & High School was conducted.

## Other

February 21, 2024, on the invitation of the Consul General of Japan in Toronto, Marybeth Curtin, Dan McNeill and Leanne Cecil represented the Itabashi sub-committee at an event marking the birthday of the Emperor of Japan at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (Toronto).

## 2026 Work Plan

The Itabashi Sub-Committee will continue organizing events including the following:

- Sakura Matsuri (Cherry Blossom Festival) Saturday, May 9
- Library Events
- Community Engagement – March 7, 2026 – Tansley Woods
- Elementary School Pen Pal Program
- Elementary School Art Exchange
- **New:** Community events to raise awareness of our twin city relationship with Itabashi, featuring family-friendly activities

Marybeth Curtin, Chair

On behalf of the Itabashi Sub-Committee

# **Burlington Mundialization Committee**

## **UN Sub-committee**

### **2025 Annual Report**

One of the Mundialization Committee's objectives is to celebrate the importance and achievements of the United Nations (UN) and its mandate. For this purpose, a UN Sub-Committee was formed. Members of the UN Sub-Committee include council appointed members (A) of the Mundialization Committee, community volunteers and student volunteers:

- Agamya Khurana (Co-chair)
- Armaan Moom
- Christine Greco (A)
- Sagar Garg
- Wadih El Khalil
- Annalisa Lochan (A)
- Chris VanDooren (A)
- Dasnoor Sidhu (Co-chair)
- Uday Khanna

#### **2025 Annual Report Highlights**

- Presented third annual Shadi Salehian Memorial Model UN Leadership Awards.
- 10 meetings supporting committee events and local Model UN groups.
- Organized and delivered a UN themed event for high school students at City Hall on October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Organized and hosted a UN flag raising event on Oct. 24 in Civic Square.
- Established outreach and awareness campaign with high schools in Burlington.

#### **Shadi Salehian Memorial Model UN Leadership Award**

This award was given to Ryan Hogeon and Duncan Laing in memory of Shadi Salehian. A ceremony was held at our MUND meeting in June 11<sup>th</sup>. Family members for the award winners were in attendance as was Shadi's family. The award is an annual event chosen through a competitive process.

#### **UN Day Event**

Dr. Alistair Edgar, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Executive Director Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) Wilfrid Laurier University, presented to 55 students on October 24, 2025. Dr. Alistair spoke on the



origins and importance of the United Nations system in our changing world today.



## **UN Day Flag Raising**

Sub-committee members planned and hosted the event at City Hall. Local dignitaries presented including representatives from both Burlington MPs and MPPs.

## **2026 Work Plan**

The UN Sub-Committee will continue organizing events to support student MUN clubs and create opportunities to build community engagement in UN initiatives, as well as enhance youth engagement in local government. This could include the following:

- MUN conference, February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Event involving raising the flag at City Hall on October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- MUN conference in or around October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Connecting students with other MUN clubs for mentorship.
- Delivering on an annual MUN Leadership Award.
- Supporting students in other UN inspired initiatives that they bring forward.
- Exploring other opportunities to promote Burlington as a world community.



**TO:** Chair and Members of the Committee of the Whole

**FROM:** Vincent Sowa, Chair, Burlington Agricultural & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee

**SUBJECT:** 2025 Annual Report for the Burlington Agricultural & Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (BARAAC)

**DATE:** March 18, 2025

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### **Purpose**

This report is to update City Council on the activities of BARAAC during the year of 2025 and to highlight the committee's achievements over that time.

### **Background**

Burlington's geography is unique and rural Burlington, located on the edge of a major urban area, faces significant pressures and challenges as a community, but also significant opportunities. The protection and strengthening of the rural community is the city's overarching goal in planning for the rural area. As the economic viability of farming is central to the future of rural Burlington, the health and prosperity of the agricultural system is integral to these efforts.

### **2025 Highlights**

The following summarizes the Committee's activities and primary achievements:

- Provided feedback to Environment staff regarding the Climate Action Plan.
- Provided feedback to Forestry staff regarding the City's pilot project for pollinator habitat (meadow) in hydro corridors.
- Provided written and in-person delegation at March 3, 2025 Committee of the Whole and March 18 Council meetings, respectively, regarding the urgent need for resourcing and strategic planning for Burlington's rural area.
- Raised concerns regarding illegal dumping, water quality and private well testing, trespassing on private lands, hydro reliability, and lack of high-speed internet service in the rural area.
- Provided feedback on road closure notification options/preferences.

- Provided feedback to Burlington Economic Development and Tourism staff on rural economic development needs and opportunities.
- Participated in Halton Region Federation of Agriculture's breakfast on June 10.
- Prioritized actions for the proposed Agricultural Action Plan.
- Delegated at July 7, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting regarding the (now approved) Agricultural Action Plan recommendation report.
- Participated in 3<sup>rd</sup> Burlington Rural Forum on September 11, 2025.
- Participated in Food for Feedback event on September 13, 2025.
- Provided feedback to Community Development Halton regarding Community Data Watch report "Rural Halton: A Closer Look at the People, Places, and Changing Landscape".

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Sowa, Chair  
BARAAC

**TO:** Committee of the Whole

**FROM:** Amy Collard, Chair, Burlington School Traffic Safety & Mobility Advisory Committee

**SUBJECT:** 2025 Annual Report for the Burlington School Traffic Safety & Mobility Advisory Committee

**DATE:** March 5, 2026

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### **Purpose**

This report is meant to update City Council on the activities of the Burlington School Traffic Safety and Mobility Committee during the year of 2025 and highlight the committee's achievements over that time.

### **Background**

The Burlington School Traffic Safety and Mobility Advisory Committee was established as an advisory committee to Burlington City Council in 2025 to identify, assess, and provide recommendations to staff on school traffic and mobility-related risks, with the goal of implementing measures that improve safety in and around school areas.

### **2025 Highlights**

- The committee held its first meeting on September 4, 2025.
  - Voting membership includes:
    - Four community members;
    - One Trustee from the Halton District School Board (HDSB); and
    - One Trustee from the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB).
  - Non-voting supporting staff/agencies includes:
    - City of Burlington staff (Transportation, Transit, By-law, Parking Services)
    - Halton Regional Police Service (HRPS)
    - Halton Student Transportation Services (HaltonBus)
    - School Board staff representatives (Planning, Facilities, etc.)
    - One member of City Council.
  
- In response to concerns received by staff, members of the Committee and City staff conducted nine (9) site visits between September and December to observe and evaluate traffic and mobility conditions at various school locations. The resulting assessments and preliminary recommendations were compiled by staff and presented at the monthly Committee meetings for discussion. Through this

process, the Committee identified and approved recommendations requiring further review or follow-up action by City staff or external partner agencies, including the Halton Regional Police Service, local school boards, and Halton Student Transportation Services (HaltonBus).

- In December, interviews were conducted by staff, committee chair and council liaison, resulting in five community members being recommended to City Council for membership on the Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Collard, Chair  
Burlington School Traffic Safety and Mobility Advisory Committee



## **Purpose**

This report is to update City Council on the activities of SDC during the year 2025 and to highlight the committee's achievements over that time.

## **Background**

The Burlington Sustainable Development Committee is a citizen advisory committee, reporting to City Council through the Committee of the Whole. A group of interested citizens initially gathered in 1990 and Council approved six principles and the following objectives of sustainable development in November 1994:

- Protection of Natural Resources Reforestation of the City
- Full Public Participation in Development Decisions Best Use of Land
- Actively Promote Sustainable Development Balanced Development
- Protection and Enhancement of Natural Features Natural Storm Water Management
- Efficient Urban Design Accessible Community Development
- Responsible Use of natural Resources Energy Conservation
- Integration of Natural Features and Green Space Ecosystem Auditing
- Balanced Transportation System Evaluation of Development
- Minimal Discharge of Toxic Pesticides and Other Toxic Chemicals

## **2025 Highlights**

The following summarizes the Committee's activities and primary achievements:

The SDC was consulted and/or informed on the following projects in 2025:

- Climate Action Plan update
- Bronte Creek Meadows

SDC received a presentation from the Bay Area Climate Change Council regarding current programs and initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

SDC