



## Organizational Policy

### Office of the Mayor

### Guidelines for the use of Strong Mayor Powers

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### Scope:

This is a non-binding policy meant to guide the Mayor of the City of Burlington when exercising their powers under Part VI.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2002*, commonly referred to as Strong Mayor Powers.

The use of Strong Mayor Powers are at the sole discretion of the Mayor except with respect to the adoption of the City's annual budget. This policy aims to support and guide the Mayor when making decisions using Strong Mayor Powers, however compliance with its provisions is not necessary for a Strong Mayor Power decision to be of full force and effect.

### Principles:

When considering the use of Strong Mayor Powers, the Mayor should have regard to the following;

- Any previous decisions made by Council on the matter in question.
- Advice from City Staff on the matter in question.
- If the timelines or situation allow for Council to form a position on the matter.
- Whether there are other, more inclusive, avenues for decision-making available.

### References:

Bill 3, the Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022, received Royal Assent on Sept. 8, 2022, and came into force on Nov. 23, 2022. This bill created what is commonly referred to as Strong Mayor Powers in the province of Ontario.

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O. Reg. 180/23 came into force and effect on July 23, 2023 and provided the Mayor of the City of Burlington with the powers identified in Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act, 2002.