



More than 150 people gathered outside of Burlington City Hall to take part in Canada Netherlands Friendship Day festivities hosted in part by the Burlington Mundialization Committee and the Canada Netherlands Friendship Association. Burlington signed an official twinning agreement with Apeldoorn on May 6, 2005.

From left to right: Councillor Jack Dennison; Councillor Paul Sharman; Councillor Rick Craven; Apeldoorn sub-committee member Charles Minken; Burlington MP Mike Wallace; MPP Joyce Savoline; Chair of Apeldoorn Sub-Committee Arnold Koopman; Councillor Blair Lancaster, council representative on the Mundialization Committee; Councillor John Taylor; Mayor Rick Goldring; the Netherlands Deputy Consul General Arie Plieger; Kitchener –Waterloo MPP Elizabeth Witmer; and President of the Canada Netherlands Friendship Association, Jack Van der Laan.

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City Council wants your input in the city’s new strategic plan

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An important part of good local government is having a strong strategic plan. A strategic plan lays out the big picture. It determines where a city is going, how it will get there, and how to recognize success. This strategic plan will assist council in making decisions on what work to focus on during its term and how to allocate the city’s resources among competing interests. It’s an essential guide for municipal government decision-making.

In Burlington, the strategic planning process takes place at the start of every new term of council. The planning process involves a review of the city’s mission, vision and values, and setting priorities and goals. Most of all, it involves and depends upon input from the community.

The process to develop the 2011 to 2014 strategic plan for Burlington is designed to encourage more public input than ever before. In the past, public input involved gauging reaction when the planning process was nearly complete. This year, residents have more opportunities to weigh in right from the start of the process. City council and city staff are encouraging everyone in Burlington to take part and have their say in “Burlington, Our Future”.

Residents and businesses were asked to share their thoughts and visions for the future of Burlington. There have already been a number of opportunities

for the community to submit comments on the future of Burlington through both an individual- and a group-discussion process. Using a group discussion workbook, residents and businesses were encouraged to discuss their views on the future of Burlington and share those thoughts with the city. Residents were also able to provide input through online surveys, as well as participate in the community survey (a telephone survey of randomly selected Burlington residents).

The community has demonstrated how important the future of our city is. There were more than 600 online surveys completed, with 752 residents participating in the community survey, 56 groups completing the workbook and 20 groups making presentations to council.

As we move through the process, there will be additional opportunities for more public input once the mission, vision, values and strategic priorities are drafted.

Public input into the strategic planning process is your opportunity to get involved and voice an opinion on what’s important. That’s vital information in times when cities have to make challenging decisions on how to set priorities and allocate limited resources. Take the time to visit www.burlington.ca/ourfuture and look for the next opportunity to play a part in “Burlington, Our Future”.

Launched in January, Burlington’s strategic planning process is divided into six stages:

Stage 1 (January – February) Strategic plan development got underway by setting out a process and timelines.

Stage 2 (March – April) Gathered information from the community to assist in the development of the mission, vision and values, and setting of strategic priorities and goals.

Stage 3 (mid-April – May) Working from the public input, council is developing the mission, vision and values and strategic goals and priorities.

Stage 4 (May – June) Develop SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timely) objectives that will help guide Burlington toward the future residents desire.

Stage 5 (June – September) Prepare a draft of the strategic plan, public feedback on the draft plan and final draft of the plan will be prepared.

Stage 6 (September) Burlington’s new strategic plan will go to committee and council for final approval.

Financial News

2011 City budget features lowest tax increase in 11 years

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Budgeting for a growing city like Burlington involves balancing priorities, preparing for the city’s future needs, and a lot of hard work. This year was no different as Burlington City Council passed the 2011 budget – a financial blueprint for the next year that maintains service levels and addresses infrastructure needs. The result is a budget that achieves the lowest city tax increase in the last 11 years. The overall tax increase, including the Region of Halton and education taxes, is 0.9 per cent.

City council, executive budget committee and city staff worked extremely hard to make that happen. After months of staff preparation, the budget and corporate services committee took an unprecedented three full days to complete a thorough review of the current budget before council gave its stamp of approval. Growing cities like Burlington face the challenge each year of paying for expanding services and infrastructure to ensure residents across the city enjoy similar levels of service. To do this, the city is always looking for ways to improve efficiency and ensure taxpayers get value for their tax dollars.

Through aggressive monitoring of operating costs and external factors beyond the city’s control, a considerable surplus of \$9.3 million was generated. Those funds were primarily used to offset one-time expenditures, provide additional funding to the city’s commitment to the revitalization of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, and to strengthen the city’s balance sheet by adding to reserve funds.

The city’s new budget also sets aside capital funds for expanding and improving infrastructure in Burlington, including funds for road improvements and development of parks. The 2011 capital

budget and forecast contains a balanced approach of renewing Burlington’s existing infrastructure and undertaking new construction or expansion. Capital renewal will continue to be a major focus of the capital budget as the city addresses the aging infrastructure.

In total, the 2011 capital budget and forecast was approved at about \$494 million, and does not make any major funding changes from last year, in part to help limit city tax rate increases. However, a number of major capital projects are going ahead this year including design work for the renewal of the Mountainside facility; the resurfacing of Fairview Street; King Road reconstruction; and, construction of Doug Wright and Norton Community Parks.

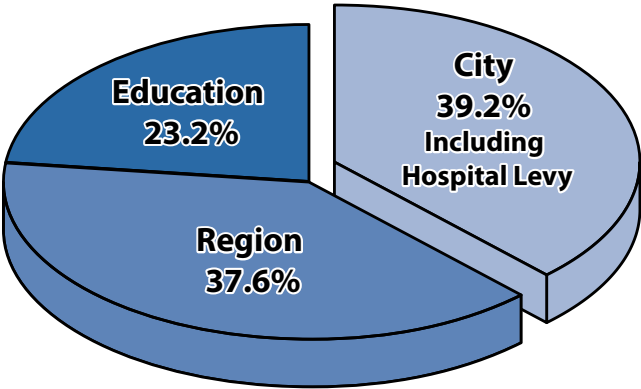
Burlington’s strategic planning process will consider some of the capital budget priorities such as the construction of new buildings, the closure and consolidation of existing centres and a review of maintenance standards for capital projects. Similar to the value and efficiency exercise the city has followed with its operating budget, this approach will help Burlington manage priorities and ensure taxpayer dollars are well spent on city infrastructure projects.

The economic climate in the past several years has been challenging but the city’s careful planning and history of fiscal responsibility puts Burlington in a good position to continue to meet the current needs of the community, while ensuring the city has the ability to adequately plan for the future.

2010 and 2011 Urban Residential Property taxes		
	Property Taxes (per \$100,000 CVA)	
	2010	2011
City - General	\$382.78	\$386.36
City - Hospital	\$4.05	\$3.99
Subtotal City Purposes	\$386.83	\$390.35
Region - General (Including Waste Management)	\$244.41	\$244.69
Region - Police	\$124.64	\$130.10
Subtotal Region of Halton Purposes	\$369.05	\$374.79
Education Purposes	\$231.00	\$231.00
Total	\$986.88	\$996.14

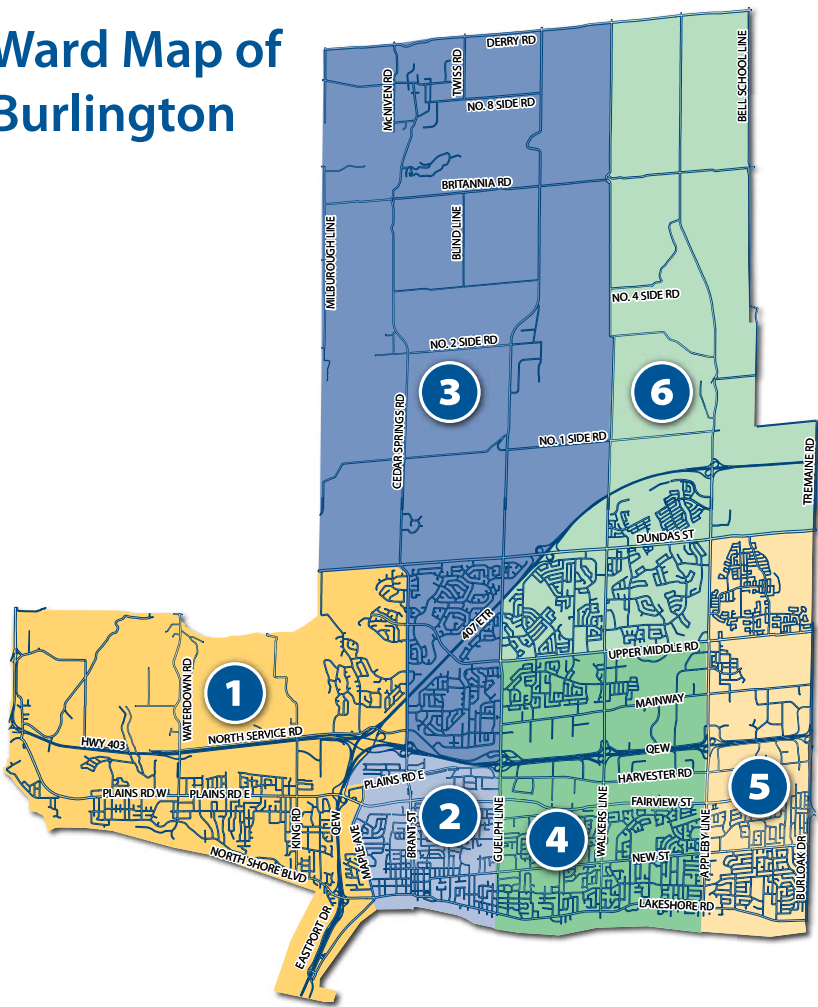
City and regional councils set the tax rates for their respective levels of government. The province sets the tax rates for education.

The pie chart below shows the breakdown of urban residential tax dollars.



Burlington has a 2011 annual operating budget of \$189.5 million (including a \$1.2 million contribution to the revitalization of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital) with a capital budget of \$40.5 million.

Ward Map of Burlington



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We're making progress

My first few months in office have been challenging but fulfilling. There are three key objectives in the early part of a new term of council: Approve the budget, become a functioning team at council and complete a strategic plan.

With the approval of the 2011 budget on April 11 – with an increase of 0.9 per cent and no change in service to the community – council achieved the first objective. I believe that we also made great progress in becoming a functioning team as we learned to work together through the budget process. I believe we had more debate, more dialogue and more viewpoints expressed than ever before – but in the end there was compromise, which resulted in what I believe is a positive budget.

In delivering a 0.9 per cent increase, council has not resolved all issues. We have hit the pause button and are now focused on the strategic plan. We expect that for 2012 the budget will prioritize better and be focused on delivering services based on those priorities. There are many needs in the community. We also continue to have, as do virtually all communities in Ontario, a gap in our infrastructure spending. With \$1.5 billion in roads, parks, storm sewers and facilities to maintain, the city should be spending more than we are to maintain these assets.

Council has to address some key issues as we move forward. The first will be identifying the expectations of our community with regard to identifying the level of services needed and wanted and the priority of these services. In the end, the community will tell us whether or not it wants fiscal restraint, moderate measures that maintain services or perhaps selective spending on key areas. We may well end up with a mix of strategies. Council is expecting to receive significant community input and feedback to these questions through the strategic plan.

Council will be working on a number of important planning issues which impact how our city will evolve in coming years. Our need to intensify, which brings both benefits and change, our need to attract and maintain strong employment opportunities, and our need to create a community with public transit, services, and affordable housing will be addressed through our strategic plan, official plan and our employment land study.

Those outside Burlington continue to see us as living in one of the very best places in Canada. As we continue to work to build an even better place to live, let's remember to appreciate what a wonderful city we have today.

Investing in Burlington

Addressing the budget in a more aggressive manner in 2011 should not signal to the community that we do not have to continue to invest in our city. To maintain our high quality of life we will have to continue to provide the services and amenities the community needs and expects. Here are some of the very important areas where we plan to focus:

Transportation

We will be completing a review of the Transit Master Plan this year. Our bus system is an important part of the city's service infrastructure, and we continue to strive to increase ridership. To achieve this, we have to ensure that we are delivering the right level of service.

We are also completing a parking study and will be revisiting our parking policies this summer. We conducted an Internet survey on parking, and received four times as many responses as we did for the strategic plan, so we know we have to address this.

Housing affordability and intensification

As we plan the continued growth of our city, we will be doing so within the existing city limits. There is no planned expansion north of the Dundas Street/ Highway 407 corridor, and there is very little greenfield development area left in the city. Based on our current projection, we will have about 65 condo/apartment/townhouse development projects within the city over the next 10 years. There are many positives about this projection: we can make use of existing infrastructure; we can provide the community with more affordable housing; and we can help to improve or create some more livable and vibrant streets.

This type of development is not just about our downtown. There is great progress being made on Plains Road as the streetscape changes and a village re-emerges. Our streets have to become destinations. I am optimistic that we can change our streets and create more villages and neighbourhoods in a number of areas of the city.

One of the features of Burlington is access to rural, suburban and urban lifestyles. The long-range plan does not take away the rural and suburban options. We will protect the tradition of existing neighbourhoods, but we will also be improving the urban options and providing additional affordable solutions. We want everyone to feel welcome and to have a place in the third best city in Canada.

Complete communities

With the completion of the Alton community centre, New City Park and Norton Park over the next 18 months, and with the completion of The Burlington Performing Arts Centre this year, much of the planned recreation and culture infrastructure will be in place. There are still some gaps and community wants, but we are in pretty good shape in this area. Our key activity is to maintain these facilities. Since we have not fully planned for this spending, we still have work to do.

Meet with Mayor Rick Goldring

Join me for INSPIRE Burlington when Gil Penalosa, executive director of 8-80 Cities will discuss "Creating 8-80 Cities: Moving from talking to doing".

June 15, 2011, 7 p.m.,
DeGroote School of Business,
Ron Joyce Centre

Register at www.burlington.ca/mayor

Our waterfront remains the jewel of the city. There is no comparable waterfront site in the GTA or in Ontario. The waterfront includes the Beachway Park, and we have an opportunity and obligation to both preserve and use this unique asset. Working with Halton Region, a review of Beachway Park will be conducted in 2011. We are continuing with our own Waterfront Advisory Committee and expect a report in 2011 from this citizen group.

Funding was provided to bring post-secondary education to Burlington. We are setting aside funds to support the planned Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital expansion and we are prepared to partner in a small way with Hamilton, Halton Region and the provincial and federal governments to finally clean up Randle Reef in Hamilton Harbour, one of the worst environmental sites in North America. These, strictly speaking, are not municipal responsibilities but they are items clearly required to improve important aspects of our community.

I have touched on some of the areas where we have to continue to build our city. We must continue to strive to have an economically, social and environmentally sustainable community with a cultural vitality.

Token of friendship

Mayor Rick Goldring joined Ward 6 Councillor Blair Lancaster, council representative on the city's Mundialization committee, in presenting a cheque on behalf of Taroo Enomoto, a citizen of Itabashi, Japan, in the amount of 100,000 Yen to Halton Women's Place.

Despite the tragic circumstances in Japan this year, Enomoto wanted to carry on the tradition he began in 1989 when Burlington twinned with Itabashi. Mayor Goldring contacted Itabashi Mayor Takeshi Sakamoto following the earthquake and tsunami, offering condolences on behalf of council and the people of Burlington.

Mayor Sakamoto encourages people in Burlington to give to charities such as the Red Cross to ensure everyone in Japan has uncontaminated food and water.



Left to right are, Carm Bozzo, development manager, Halton Women's Place; Ward 6 Councillor Blair Lancaster; Mayor Rick Goldring; and Ed Dorr, chair, City of Burlington's Mundialization Committee.



Ward 1 News

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Eagle Heights

The city now has a complete application for the proposed Eagle Heights development in North Aldershot. This includes the area west of Waterdown Road and north and south of Flatt Road. The application was first received in 2005 and ended up at the Ontario Municipal Board where it still awaits a decision. Since then, the city has been engaged in discussions with the developer and final technical studies have been completed.

The revised application calls for the construction of 870 new homes including 202 detached houses, 20 detached condominiums, 310 townhouses and 338 apartments. This is an increase over the original vision for the area as set out in the North Aldershot Interagency Review of the 1990s. Before making any decisions, the city will be consulting with the public.

Esso

I have always believed that the combination of new apartment buildings and the opening of the new Highway 403 interchange would stimulate economic development in Aldershot's west end. The proposal by Esso to construct a new \$2 million gas station is an early sign that we are moving in the right direction.

The gas station will be located at the site of the former Mac's Milk store at Plains and LaSalle Park Roads. The enterprise will include an On-the-Run retail store with two fully accessible public washrooms. During the recent election many residents told me that they want to see a gas station in the west end. The project will also include extensive landscaping, consistent with the Plains Road Village Vision.



City Park in Tyandaga

Now that the province has approved the Niagara Escarpment Commission's permit allowing construction of New City Park, work can resume on the site. Construction of this phase of the park was put on hold last summer after a

resident objected to the use of artificial turf on two playfields. Following a provincial hearing and extended delay, the Ministry of Natural Resources finally gave the okay in early April 2011. Construction will now resume on two formal playfields, an entrance-way, roads and initial parking facilities. In the long-run (perhaps over a 10-year period) this will become the city's largest park, offering a stunning view of the Niagara Escarpment and a variety of active and passive recreational areas. It will include sports fields, playgrounds, trails, a pond/wetland, a pavilion, open space areas and supporting amenities.

Kerns Road

By the time you read this, construction should have started on the conversion of the north end of Kerns Road to a one-way northbound route. The southbound lane is being closed north of Bonfield in an effort to reduce the high number of vehicles cutting through Tyandaga. Normally a road will experience about a 30 per cent cut-through rate, but on Kerns the number is already past 60 per cent. Cut-through drivers are not coming to Tyandaga but going through Tyandaga.

For years, local residents have complained that these drivers create unsafe situations on Kerns Road. The feeling was that the problem would only get worse with more cut-through traffic from major urban expansion in Waterdown. Closure of the southbound lane is expected to reduce the traffic flow and improve the quality of the neighbourhood. This plan has been controversial, because of the inconvenience it will cause some drivers, but most seem to see the move as a reasonable measure to protect the neighbourhood. Construction should be completed by early June 2011.

Waterdown Road EA

I am frequently asked about the long-term plans to widen Waterdown Road and when this work will begin. The fact is that we may still be many years away from construction. My guess is at least five more years. Here's why. The City of Hamilton still needs to complete a species-at-risk assessment for the Ministry of Natural Resources. This may be done soon.

The next step is for Hamilton to sign the final legal agreements concerning their financial commitment to the project. Then, the City of Burlington must file its design plan with the province. This is expected in the fall. This filing of the plan could

Meet with Rick Craven

Aldershot drop-in

Monday, June 27, 2011
6:30 to 8 p.m.
Fortinos, Café area
1059 Plains Rd. East

Meet one-on-one
 No appointment necessary

trigger an appeal or bump-up, which would involve more time.

Following provincial approval, we enter into a period of detailed design and land acquisition. Then, the actual construction may depend on how much money is available at the time, since we require the City of Hamilton to provide most of the funding.

As you can see, there are many prospects for delay. I will keep you fully advised as we move through each of these steps.

Beachway Master Plan

The long-awaited review of the 17-year-old Beachway Master Plan is about to begin. Council has endorsed a report which will begin a year of public consultation. In my view, this is long overdue. The beach is a fabulous asset to our city, with huge potential for environmental stewardship and recreation. It is, however, also the home of many families who want to remain. Current policy, which will no doubt be debated during the review, calls for public ownership of the entire beach, meaning government could eventually buy up the remaining homes. Obviously, this is controversial. The other policy issue is that the Region of Halton will not allow the extension of sanitary sewers to the existing homes, further impeding the hopes of residents.

The Master Plan review will involve a consultant, city and regional staff, the Halton Region Conservation Authority and, of course, residents. The first formal public meeting will probably be in the fall of 2011.



Shadeland and Gallagher

As we enter another construction season I can confirm that the city plans to proceed with the long awaited resurfacing of Shadeland Avenue from Plains Road to Townsend and the resurfacing of Gallagher Road. This work will include new sidewalks on the east side of both roads. Most of the work will take place when the children are out of Holy Rosary School in the summer.



Ward 2 News

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At a council meeting last month to discuss a controversial development in the Queensway/Glenwood School Drive neighbourhood, I watched a woman muster the courage to approach the podium to speak about what matters most – her home – to a group of strangers sitting 15 paces off behind a horseshoe-shaped table on a raised platform.

Welcome to city hall. Or rather, “unwelcome.”

I remember approaching that podium many times as a resident and it's never easy. It's particularly difficult when you're following an “expert” – in this case a professional planner hired by the developer defending the project. The situation reminded me of the caution in Neil Postman's book *Technopoly*: In our technological age sometimes common sense and listening to the people most affected by an issue take a back seat to statistics, studies and “the cult of the expert.” Professional advice and research are important, but they must be balanced with the view from the street.

My goal as your elected representative is to make city hall more “welcoming” and ensure your voice is heard and heeded alongside the valuable input from the professionals.

Below you'll read about some of what's happening in Ward 2 and how you can provide feedback. Got a comment, or wonder about something not listed here? Please get in touch!

Development

Evian on Elizabeth: Proposal for 15 townhomes – a compatible project for this site.

Branthaven on Plains: Proposal for retail/residential units facing Plains Road West of Brant, and townhouses (standard and back-to-back) in behind. I'm working with residents to address drainage, privacy and traffic concerns, but overall this is a welcome redevelopment of these vacant lands.

AMR homes on Queensway/Glenwood School Drive: Council voted 6 – 1 to allow 58 units – a high-density project – on land currently zoned for low and medium density. I was able to secure pedestrian-only access onto Glenwood School Drive, and public input in the site planning.

Molinaro on Brock: Council voted 6 – 1 (I was the opposing vote) to allow a 14-storey building on land currently zoned seven-storey. To paraphrase Pirates of the Caribbean, this proposal makes the Official Plan seem “more like guidelines” than rules. It also creates a concentration of apartments on one block with little greenspace.

Trigianni Retirement Home on Ghent: Proposal for a four-storey retirement home. Current zoning

permits this type of use. However it abuts single-family homes, and residents expressed concerns about the size and density of the project, along with traffic and parking impacts. I am working with staff to lessen these impacts.

Mayrose-Tycon, Waterfront East: The lands between Old Lakeshore Road and the Waterfront Hotel were approved in 2006 for three highrise buildings with residential, hotel, ground-floor retail and a public courtyard. To date, the builder has not taken the next steps to proceed with those approvals.

Revitalizing downtown

After a period of growth and vitality, downtown is once again struggling with shops closing, customers leaving and retailers barely hanging on. There are a number of contributing factors. Property tax assessments have soared because land values have been driven up by extensive highrise developments – which haven't delivered the expected feet on the street. Parking is inconvenient and inadequate, plus there's aggressive ticketing. And there's not enough office uses to bring people downtown year-round on weekdays. To tackle some of these issues, Mayor Goldring and I have asked staff to revisit our downtown vision, develop ideas for a downtown symposium, and strike a task force to co-ordinate efforts to ensure a healthy downtown for our future.

Nightclubs in condos

Residents living in a downtown condo have suffered through noise, vandalism, and late-night false fire alarms after a restaurant on the ground floor of their building was converted into a late-night lounge. Current by-laws don't distinguish between restaurants and nightclubs, nor do they prevent a restaurant converting to a nightclub. I have asked staff to review our by-law and make recommendations about the proximity of nightclubs to residences, including whether they should be located in residential buildings. Staff will report back to council with recommendations this fall and the public will have an opportunity to comment.

Brant Street Pier update

Recently, the city received a proposal to complete the Brant Street Pier from the bonding company for the contractor, Harm Schilthuis and Sons Ltd.

I thought it was worth reviewing. Council is expected to make a decision soon. Meanwhile, the retendering is proceeding. The retender package won't go out to market until July, with proposals received by September.

Meet with Marianne Meed Ward

Ward 2 Citizen's Advisory Committee
Thursday, June 16 at 7 p.m.
City Hall, 426 Brant St., Room 247

Open to anyone that can attend.
Presentation on a specific topic followed by roundtable discussion, questions and ward updates.

I continue to be concerned about costs and delays on this project, and was successful in getting regular updates to every Community Services Committee to stay on top of this.

Citizen engagement

Ward 2 Citizen's Advisory Committee: As promised during the campaign, I've opened up participation in the Ward 2 Citizen's Advisory Committee. Everyone is welcome to attend our open-door public meetings to discuss issues in our ward and city. Join us the third Thursday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. at city hall.

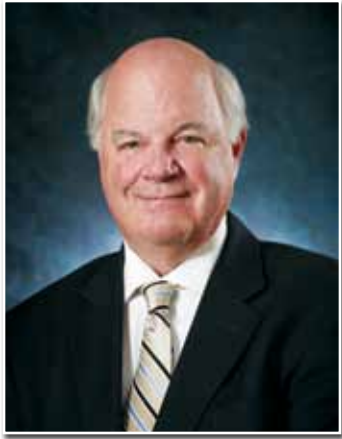
Monthly newsletter and website: E-mail or call to sign up for my free monthly newsletter, or sign up online at my community website www.ward2news.ca. Post comments and read what your neighbours have to say. You can also follow me on Facebook (MarianneMeedWard) and Twitter (@marianneeedward)



Listening to feedback at the January 20, 2011 Ward 2 Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting.

Saving Freeman Station

The community has stepped up to save historic Freeman Station, forming a volunteer-led board in March (incorporated through the Ontario Historical Society), raising over \$20,000 in donations, and scouting three preferred locations: the north end of Beachway Park, a stone's throw from where the station originally sat, Central Park and Maple Park. Community consultation on these sites is underway. Next steps are to seek charitable status, move the station to a new location, and seek heritage designation. These steps will allow Friends of Freemans Station Inc. (FOFS) to apply for cultural and heritage grants to fund restoration and operations. Councillor Blair Lancaster and I serve as liaisons to FOFS. We need your help, too! Take out a \$10 annual membership, make a donation or join one of our volunteer committees. Visit www.freemanstation.ca or call my assistant Georgie Gartside. The city has set up a trust account and can issue tax receipts for donations.



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communities west of
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Niagara to GTA environmental assessment

As I enter my 11th year on the issue of a 400-series highway cutting through the rural area of Burlington, I am amazed by the level of outstanding civic engagement achieved since December 13. About 800 people attended an information meeting hosted by Councillor Blair Lancaster and I after it was revealed that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing was insisting that the Regional Official Plan be amended to include a transportation corridor through the northern part of rural Burlington. This was being asked for before the environmental assessment (EA) Phase One was completed – completely against the legal principle established in 2003 that a complete EA is required.

The outcome is now history – the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing removed that request and the Ministry of Transportation is now insisting that an expanded options list needs to be studied over the next five years before Phase One of the EA can be completed.

Councillor Lancaster and I would like to thank the eight separate environmental groups that formed the Stop the Escarpment Highway Coalition and worked so effectively with us and city and regional staff to achieve the positive outcome. More work remains to be done as the city and region respond to the revised Ministry of Transportation report by the June 6, 2011 deadline. Everyone in Burlington should be concerned about this issue. The preservation of an identifiable rural area makes us unique in the GTA area west of Toronto. The addition of a 400-series highway would lead to eventual urban development and the end of our unique natural heritage. I urge you to get involved.



Lowville Park update

Following a very successful community meeting, a decision was made to proceed with surface-treating the parking lot at Lowville Park in June of this year, as well as marking the parking spaces. This will help with the parking capacity problems experienced in the park last summer on weekends and in particular during holiday weekends when parking overflowed onto the surrounding roads.

As part of this project, the capacity of the lot and overflow parking issues will be reviewed. The review will include information about where park users are from and the size of groups that use the park, both through the formal permit process and through casual assembly.

All this information will be used as part of the Lowville Park Master Plan process which will begin in 2012. Finally, Trout Unlimited has received the necessary permits to make creek bank and stream improvements to Bronte Creek and improve the cold water habitat. The work was completed in early May.

On behalf of Trout Unlimited, everyone is invited to come to an educational Family Fun Day at Lowville Park on Saturday, June 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to view the improvements and learn more about the biology of Bronte Creek.

Mountainside Park update

Work has begun again on the park and playground improvements for Mountainside Park, as well as the pool deck. Work was stopped in the early winter when the federal and provincial governments extended the required completion dates for the Recreational Infrastructure Canada program from March 31 to October 31. Work on these two projects will be completed by late June 2011.



Funds were approved in the 2011 capital budget to proceed to working drawings for phase three of the renewal. This phase involves major improvements to the arena and pool building as well as the construction of three connecting community rooms to form a community centre within the current building footprint. Council also directed staff to consider advancing construction to 2012 from 2013 when preparing the 2012 capital budget and forecast.

2011 City budget

The city portion of the 2011 property tax bill has come in at a 0.9 per cent increase, significantly below the 2.5 per cent direction to staff from the last council. This was primarily achieved through more aggressively addressing human resource issues and using the 2010 surplus to address one-time pension costs. In addition, this was achieved without any substantive service cuts.

The surplus and budget were also used to match last year's \$2.4 million contribution toward the city's \$60 million contribution to the renewal of Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital – our number one infrastructure need. In my view the next step towards a more sustainable budget development process will be to undertake several focused service reviews. The first of these dealing with transit will be getting underway shortly. Hopefully, this will mean that we will do better than the suggested 10 per cent tax increase over the four years of this council term. With the 2011 budget, we are well on our way to success.



Ward 4 News

Councillor Jack Dennison

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Meet with Jack Dennison

Attend a drop-in session on:

Wednesday, June 15, 2011
Wednesday, September 7, 2011
Wednesday, October 19, 2011

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Place: Cedar Springs Health, Racquet and Sportsclub, 960 Cumberland Avenue

Message from Jack

Welcome to your Ward 4 section in City Talk. May I begin by thanking you for your support; it is again a privilege to serve as your Ward 4 Councillor. I will keep you updated on city and regional matters through City Talk, my Ward 4 web page and regular e-mail communication. To receive e-mail updates, send your contact information to dennisonj@burlington.ca. We are now communicating with almost 4,000 Ward 4 residents.

As always, I'm available 24/7 to listen to your ideas and follow through with your concerns. Call me at 905-632-4800, ext. 211 or e-mail dennisonj@burlington.ca

Budget 2011

Council recently wrapped up the 2011 budget resulting in a city tax increase of less than 1 per cent (0.9 per cent), including an additional \$1.5 million for road infrastructure. Having heard from many residents who have concerns about the state of their roads, the issue of road infrastructure was a priority for me and I regularly fought to keep this in the forefront during budget deliberations. Overall, I was excited to have participated in a much-improved budget process this year and I am comfortable with the result. Was it perfect? No, but it certainly sets us up for a successful council term.

Pauline Johnson School visit

Thank you to the wonderful group of Grade 5 and 6 students from Pauline Johnson Public School who invited me to speak on municipal government and local issues. I really enjoyed the great questions from the students which ranged from "what does a councillor do?", "what does the Region do for us?" and "why did you decide to run for councillor?"

I'm always keen to share my knowledge of local and regional governments with groups and organizations. Give me a call.



Road Improvements in Ward 4

Belvenia Road – Improvements between Lakeshore Road and New Street include curbs, sidewalks and pavement rehabilitation. Surveying is currently underway.

Harvester Road and South Service Road – New sidewalks will be constructed on the north side of Harvester Road from Cumberland Avenue to Walker's Line and on the west side of the South Service Road (west of Appleby Line) from Harvester Road to McMaster campus. This project will be completed by the end of the summer and will make the walk from McMaster to Harvester Road bus stops much safer.

Longmoor Drive – Improvements to Longmoor Drive from New Street to Bennett Road are scheduled to begin this fall. The project includes improvements to water mains and sidewalks as well as road curbing and pavement.

Regal Road – Surveying of the road and bridge will be done this year with work to commence in June 2012.

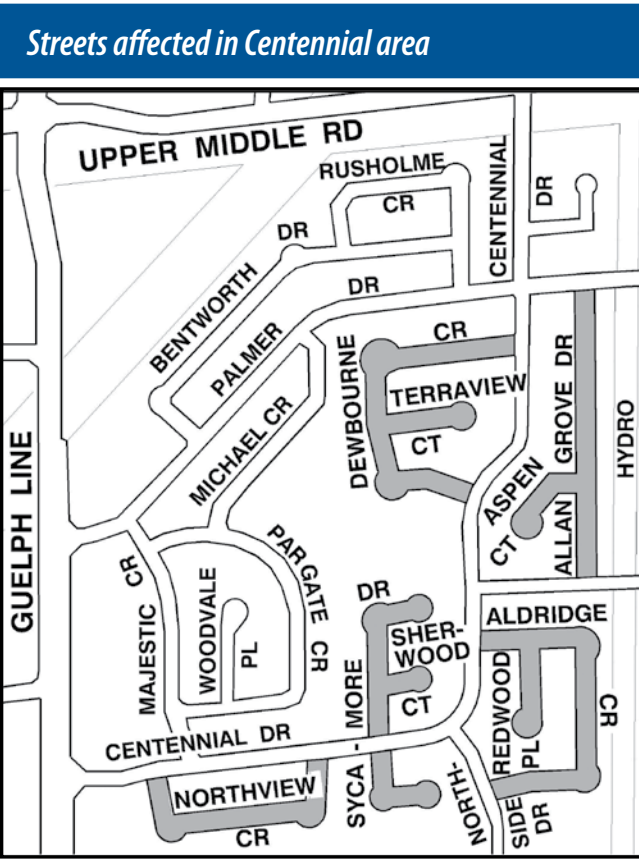
Spruce Avenue – Improvements between Appleby Line and Goodram Drive include upgrades to the roads, sidewalks, sewers and water mains as well as road narrowing for traffic calming at Goodram Drive and Juniper Avenue.

Walker's Line/Harvester intersection widening – Three very busy intersections on Harvester Road (Walker's Line, Guelph Line, Appleby Line) are all in need of widening. The Walker's Line/Harvester intersection final design is underway with road construction to commence in 2012.

Fairview Street – Surveying has commenced for work to replace the existing water main and wastewater main on Fairview Street from Woodview Road to east of Walker's Line.

Centennial area – Work is currently underway in the Centennial area for improvements to include water main work, roadway, curbs and sidewalks. Streets affected include:

- Northview Crescent
- Sycamore Drive (north and south)
- Sherwood Court
- Dewbourne Crescent
- Terraview Court
- Aldridge Crescent
- Allangrove Drive
- Redwood Place
- Aspen Court



IKEA proposal to move to Ward 4

In March 2011, the city received applications from IKEA to relocate IKEA's Canadian head office and large retail space from its current Plains Road location to another Burlington property located in Ward 4 at the northwest corner of Walker's Line and North Service Road.

The proposed facility would be about 70 per cent larger than the current building, about an additional 100,000 sq. ft. (9,290 square metres) of warehouse, show room and retail space. The new facility would include a retail store, warehouse, restaurant and IKEA's Canadian corporate head office.

As you can imagine, IKEA's relocation and

expansion will be a great economic development opportunity for our city and for Ward 4 in particular.

The city's planning department is hard at work processing IKEA's development applications, keeping in mind the planning process which must be followed in a way that is consistent with legislation and provincial plans.

The city also hosted a public meeting seeking community feedback. A report containing staff recommendations related to the IKEA development applications is expected to be submitted in the summer of 2011.



Ward 5 News

Councillor Paul Sharman

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As one of three new Burlington councillors, it is a great delight to offer my first City Talk briefing. At the time of writing, the new council has completed its first four months. It seems like only yesterday that we attended the inauguration on December 1, 2010. The life of a councillor is busy, attending meetings of two councils (city and region); eight

committees of council; three corporation boards and at least seven other committees.

A lot of time is spent preparing for meetings by reading reports and obtaining input from other councillors, staff and community members. All in all, it is proving to be an interesting and worthwhile role and responsibility. I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to serve our community.

Meet with Paul Sharman

Drop-in session
Thursday, September 15
7 to 9 p.m.
William's Coffee Pub, 2050 Appleby Line

Age Friendly Community Round Table for Seniors
(watch my web page for more details)
Monday, September 19
1 to 3 p.m.
Appleby Ice Centre 'B', 1201 Appleby Line

In preparing this brief article it seems practical to describe what I had hoped to accomplish as a councillor as well as the actions council has taken toward achieving our goals.

My Goals	Council Action and Status
Control Taxes after having increased by 57 per cent in the last 10 years and 27 per cent in the last four years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In the 2011 tax year, council has successfully directed staff to find ways to cut spending growth. The result is that taxes will increase by less than 1 per cent and instead of increasing the hospital levy by an additional 1 per cent council applied some of the 2010 surplus to contribute \$1.2 million to the hospital reserve fund.Most councillors accept the Mayor's goal of no more than 10 per cent increase in taxes over the four- year term.
Manage Spending by implementing cost containment actions and prioritizing capital spending	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In the 2011 budget, council directed staff to implement a total cap on the number of staff for the next four years. We also asked for a complete review of staff pay practices and implementation of a new process and performance improvement program.Council has examined the professional road and facility/vehicle management software tools that evaluate conditions in order to get a good understanding of our maintenance and new capital funding requirements. We are in the process of understanding our reserve and debt financing requirements. It is my conclusion that we are in pretty good shape but will need to set aside more funds in future years for maintaining roads.
Represent the People	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Council approved plans to implement both the "Shape Burlington" and the Burlington Inclusivity Advisory Committee recommendations.Within a few weeks of starting the term of our new council, we had examined all aspects of the halted construction of the Brant Street Pier. We met with staff and lawyers, read reports from engineers and toured the site. Eventually we decided to look for a new construction company to complete the pier. Work proceeds on that and a status report will be published on the city's website every three to four weeks at www.burlington.ca/pier.Already in Ward 5, we have held three drop-in sessions, one town hall meeting and two Ward 5 Advisory Committee meetings – along with a number of community-specific meetings. I have sponsored a number of staff directions to address matters such as better attention to keeping dogs on leash in busy parks as well as more leash-free zones.I have been appointed to serve on a transit service review committee to help improve transit performance. The results of that work will be known in the fall of 2011.In March, I met with all Ward 5 school principals and trustees, the executive director of Creative Burlington and staff. The purpose was to initiate a process to engage parents in student and community programs in order to create opportunities for networking.
Demand Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">We have started with a big step, that of planning a progressive and thoughtful strategic planning process. Already all sorts of Burlington citizens are engaged in filling out surveys and providing their input into the strategic planning process.One primary goal of this term's strategic planning process is to include clear goals and measures. To help us with that I have been appointed to serve on the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. Our first job has been to hire specialists in facilitation and strategic planning. The new consultants have deep experience with both municipal and private sector planning so that Burlington will get a focused and measurable plan.We changed the name of the strategic plan to reflect our new approach. It will be called Burlington, Our Future.Our strategic plan will be linked to future budgets because it will include a set of financial forecasts. It will also include a set of measures and goals for all major services delivered by the city. Those in turn will be assigned to staff members at every level and we expect that their annual performance will give significant consideration to how well they did against these measures and goals.
Improve our Quality of Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recently, council approved a staff direction that explores reasons for certain roads in our ward being so busy. It also explores ways to control speeding and congestion. Plans are being drawn up to relieve expected congestion at the new Orchard school at Sutton Drive and Dundas Street.In the budget, we directed a process by which a volunteer-led organization may hold a design competition for our downtown / Old Lakeshore, hopefully as a pedestrian zone. We also set aside funds to buy surplus school lands as necessary.We set aside \$1.2 million for the hospital out of the 2010 surplus rather than adding another 1 per cent to the tax levy.

All Burlington councillors also serve on Region of Halton Council. This means that Burlington Council acts as advocates for the city and our citizens at both levels of government, which, in my view, makes for much better informed and effective representation.

My goal in four years' time is for Burlington citizens to be able to say that this council has made a difference and has made Burlington an even better place to live. This is our home and we have a lot to be proud of. All in all, we are off to a great start. I look forward to representing your interests as your Ward 5 councillor.

Please feel free to contact me on any matter.
Best wishes for the summer.

Regards,
Paul Sharman



Ward 6 News

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Meet with Blair Lancaster

Look for the Alton community project groundbreaking coming soon.

Ward 6 updates
Sign-up for Ward 6 monthly newsletters/
Webminder at www.burlington.ca.

I am happy to be representing you as your Ward 6 City and Regional Councillor. Since the election it has been a pleasure responding to your inquiries on everything from roads, snow removal, sign by-laws and parks and recreation. This issue of City Talk will focus on a number of concerns important to Ward 6 residents, including the building of the parks in Alton, the Niagara/ GTA highway proposal, parking updates and the approval of the city budget.

Budget: In the recently passed budget, council worked hard on your behalf to achieve a 0.9 per cent tax rate. We dug deep to find efficiencies and I can assure you that we will be looking for more over the next few years.

Niagara to GTA highway

On March 7, the Ministry of Transportation released its draft Transportation Development Strategy for the Niagara to GTA study area. Although the report doesn't recommend a new highway across the Niagara Escarpment, it does recommend further study to determine if a new highway is needed and if it is needed, where it should be.

Comments on the draft strategy must be provided to the province by June 6, 2011.

Both Halton Region and the City of Burlington are undertaking detailed reviews of the province's strategy and will be providing comments to the province. Recommended comments from Halton Region staff will be presented to the Region's Planning and Public Works Committee on May 25, 2011 and Regional Council on June 1, 2011.

Copies of the provincial report are available for public review at the clerks office in city hall and at the following Burlington Public Library branches:

- Aldershot Branch (355 Plains Road E.)
- Central Library (2331 New Street)
- Kilbride Branch (6611 Pantton Street)
- New Appleby Branch (676 Appleby Line)
- Tansley Woods Branch (1996 Itabashi Way)



Parking challenges and assistance

Parking issues affect us all. Here is some valuable information to help you find ways to manage parking for your families and guests.

Exemption Program

The city expects from time-to-time, that residents may have short-term parking needs that cannot be fulfilled by their driveways. In order to accommodate these situations, the city has approved the following policy:

Permission may be granted for a vehicle to park in the "3-hour limit" area for a longer period of time, for a maximum of 15 days per vehicle plate per year for the following reasons:

- Driveway sealing/repairs
- Home repairs
- Guests

If you have four vehicles in your family, you may apply the 15 day exemption to each car. This includes guests to your home who do not reside in the City of Burlington.

Have you ever made arrangements for an exemption, only to find a ticket on your car? New technology recently implemented at the city will eliminate this problem. Parking services officers are now equipped with wireless electronic devices that allow them access to the most current exemption status.

Neighbourhood On Street Parking Program (NOSPP)

Recognizing the diverse needs within each community, council has approved a responsive approach to be undertaken for citizens in specific areas of the city expressing the need for extended on-street parking.

Option	Purpose	Required Criteria
Weekends Only Friday at 6 p.m. to Sunday at 11:59 p.m.	Allows visitor parking over the weekend and extends the 3-hour maximum parking limit.	Automatically qualify if the provisions are met.
7 days/week, 24 hours/day	Accommodates residents who are faced with inadequate off-street parking facilities.	Must demonstrate to staff that inadequate off-street parking facilities exist. The definition of "inadequate parking" means one or less spaces designated for off-street parking.
7 days/week 1 a.m. to 6 a.m.	Accommodates residents who are faced with inadequate off-street parking facilities.	Must demonstrate to staff that inadequate off-street parking facilities exist. The definition of "inadequate" means one or less spaces designated for off-street parking.



What's Happening

WOW factor builds as The Burlington Performing Arts Centre nearly ready

Contact: The Burlington Performing Arts Centre, 905-681-6000, or bpac@burlington.ca



There is a sense of excitement in downtown Burlington and beyond as construction crews, staff, volunteers and community groups anticipate the opening of The Burlington Performing Arts Centre this fall.

The construction work is more than 80 per cent complete and the project continues to be on time and on budget.

While construction continues, there are many WOWs to experience in anticipation of opening day:

- Fundraising targets of \$11 million have almost been reached
- Rental activity is gaining momentum as groups from the community and surrounding communities get ready to book space
- Pre-opening activities begin late September with open houses, tours, rental and corporate bookings
- A new website, www.burlingtonpac.ca, will be launched by early summer

In the meantime, mark your calendars. The centre's opening week celebrations are planned for November 27 to December 3 and will include something for everyone.

Watch for monthly WOW updates in the Burlington Post.



From left to right: Denise Walker, Chair Fundraising Committee; Graham Frampton, Manager, Operations and Facility Sales; and Brenda Heatherington, Executive Director are all smiles as they tour The Burlington Performing Arts Centre.

Bike rack video online

You've seen the bike racks on the front of Burlington Transit buses. Now you can watch a quick, informative 'how-to' video of the racks in action. The video, hosted by Bob Mannell – affectionately known by his many riders and colleagues as Burlington Bob – explains the design, safety features and protocol of using the racks. In addition to the racks, the video, produced last fall, features several attractive Burlington locations, including Spencer Smith Park and the waterfront, and celebrates Burlington as a bike-friendly, environmentally minded community.

The racks hold up to two bikes and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To enjoy the video online, visit www.burlington.ca/transit or follow the Burlington Transit link on the city's homepage www.burlington.ca.



City works with citizens to ensure access to city buildings, council meetings

Contact: Judi Lytle, Accessibility Coordinator, 905-335-7600, ext. 7865

Review of site plans for buildings

Did you know that all site plans for new or modified buildings provided to the City of Burlington are reviewed by a team of experts to make sure they include access for people with disabilities?

The Burlington Accessibility Advisory Committee meets with the city's accessibility co-ordinator each month to review site plans and make recommendations for improvements to accessibility before a building is built or modified. Some recent projects include the Burlington Performing Arts Centre, the Alton community campus, New City Park, Norton Park, New Horizon Homes and the Aldershot branch of the Burlington Public Library. These reviews ensure that barriers to accessibility are removed before construction moves forward.

Captioning of city council meetings

The City of Burlington now provides live, closed-captioned broadcasts of city council meetings. Captioning provides benefits to all Burlington residents, especially to those who have a hearing loss. Closed captioning is available on TVCogeco and on archived meeting webcasts online at www.burlington.ca.

Mobility Cup comes to Burlington in August

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The City of Burlington has been working with Tourism Burlington, the Burlington Hotel Association and the Burlington Restaurant Association to prepare for the Mobility Cup that will come to Burlington in August.

The Mobility Cup is Canada's international regatta for sailors with disabilities, and is the largest regatta of its kind in North America. The event attracts sailors from across Canada and the United States, Europe and as far away as New Zealand.

The Mobility Cup will provide an opportunity for Burlington to showcase improvements made to accessibility throughout our community. The city looks forward to working with its community partners to ensure all visitors have a vacation to remember.




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What's Happening

Contact: Sean Kenney, Waste Diversion Coordinator,
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As part of its comprehensive Towards Zero Waste initiative, the City of Burlington has launched two waste reduction programs: “Thirsty? Try the tap,” and “Know where to throw.”

Thirsty? Try the tap

“Thirsty? Try the tap” was launched last fall in city buildings and saw the retrofit or replacement of more than 30 water fountains with bottle fillers for refilling reusable water bottles. This spring and summer the program will expand to include the installation of water-bottle filling stations in five parks. So whether you are visiting one of our arenas, recreation centres or parks, remember your water bottle and look for the “Thirsty? Try the tap” sign.

Know where to throw

The “Know where to throw” centralized waste stations are showing up across the city. The program, which began in February as a pilot project on the second floor at city hall, will be expanded throughout the building this summer and to larger city facilities this fall and winter. The city is working with Region of Halton staff to raise awareness of the importance of waste reduction and diversion: reduction helps conserve valuable resources and saves money; diversion helps maximize the life of Halton’s landfill site.

BigBelly

The city is excited to launch the BigBelly Solar compacting dual trash and recycling units in four outdoor locations. These units have a solar-powered trash compactor, which means they can crush and store five times the waste of a regular can. Easy on the environment, these units are powered by the sun; they’re made from post-consumer recycled materials; and they reduce the frequency of garbage pick-up. The BigBelly program enhances another innovative outdoor public space recycling program, which consists of 63 Molok in-ground waste/recycling stations that are located in 15 parks throughout the city.



Burlington State of the Environment Report 4

The Burlington Sustainable Development Committee recently completed the fourth State of the Environment Report (SOER) for Burlington. The 137-page report was researched and written by members of this volunteer citizen advisory committee to council.

The SOER covers several different topics, including natural heritage, land use, agriculture, water and wastewater, energy, and sustainable buildings. The report authors examine and attempt to measure environmental indicators and provide recommendations for the city (or in a few cases, the region) to consider.

When Sustainable Development Committee Chair Paul Toffelett presented the report to the Community Development Committee

(a committee of council), he highlighted five areas out of the 23 report recommendations that the committee felt were priorities. These included the preservation of green spaces resulting from school closures, increased support for community gardens, planning for the energy needs of our community, increased support for the region’s water conservation program, and development of community green building standards.

Copies of the SOER have been provided to local schools and public libraries as a resource document for the community. The report is also available online at: www.burlington.ca/SOER.

The Sustainable Development Committee was established in 1990 as an advisory body to city council. The role of this committee is to foster dialogue and awareness of sustainable development issues and to develop methods of integrating economic and environmental planning at the local level.



Fire Chief Shayne Mintz, Coordinator of Project Management Jennifer Johnson and Deputy Fire Chief Tony Bavota in front of Burlington’s newest fire station. Station No. 8, located at 1827 Ironstone Dr., is set to open in this fall.



Landmark Buildings Open their Doors for FREE! Saturday, June 11 & Sunday, June 12

Brant Inn (Historical Society Q & A)	Ireland House at Oakridge Farm	Royal Canadian Legion Branch #60 Wartime Museum
Burlington Art Centre*	Joseph Brant Museum	St. John’s Anglican Church
Burlington Central Library & Archives	L’Église Saint Philippe Church	St. Luke’s Anglican Church
Burlington Fire Station #1 HQ	McMaster Ron Joyce Centre	Union Burying Grounds
Burlington Music Centre	Mountain Equipment Co-op	
Gingerbread House	Nelson United Church	
Halton Mosque	Performing Arts Centre Display	
Heritage Burlington Walking Tours		

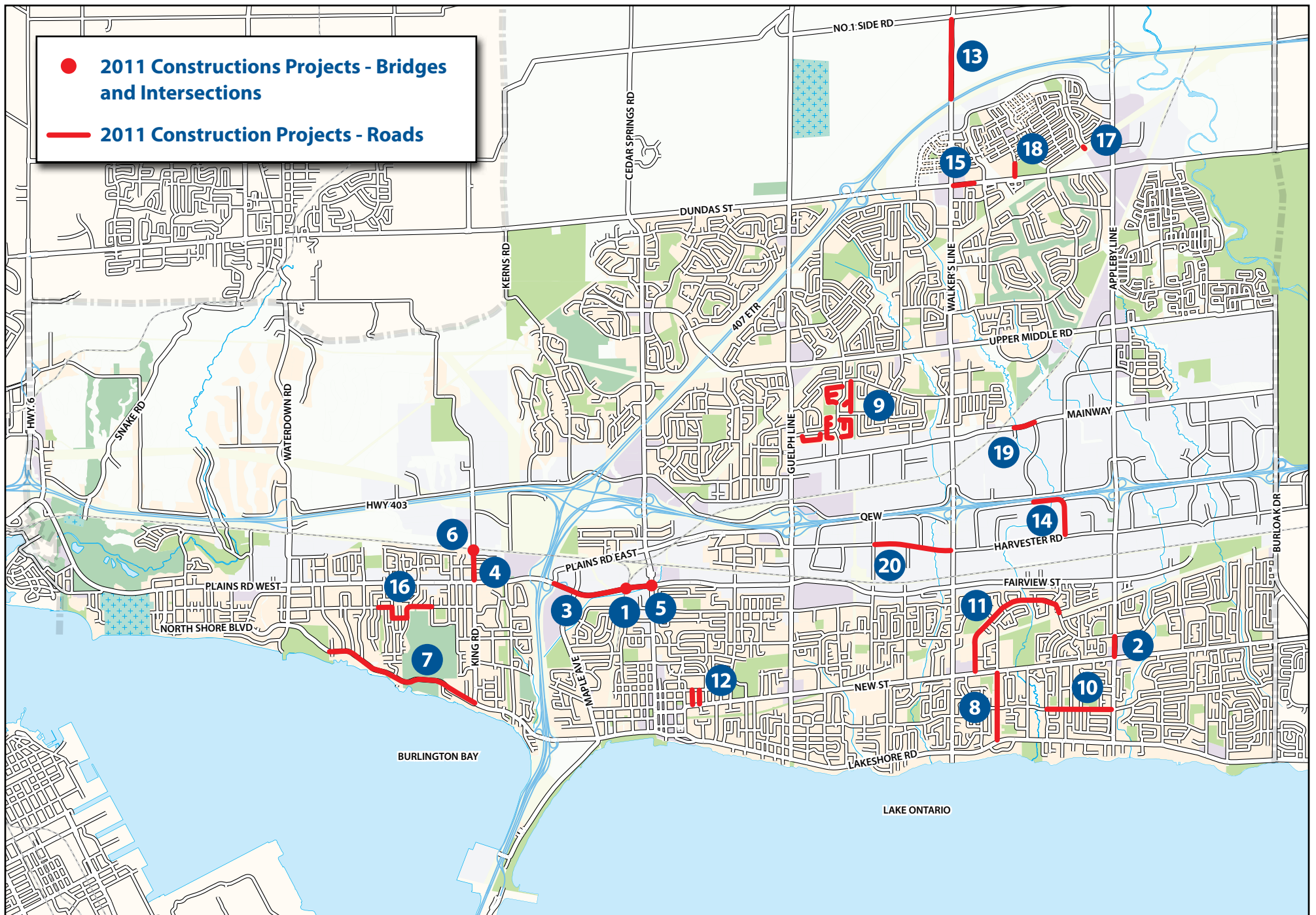
Discover some of the city’s heritage and cultural gems.

Special activities, demonstrations, displays, tours, walks and talks.

www.burlington.ca/doorsopen



Getting Around



In 2011 the road network in Burlington will see major improvements.

The following is a list of 2011 projects approved in the 2011-2020 Capital Budget and forecast. The timing of completion for certain projects may extend to 2012.

Intersection Improvements: Projects that address traffic congestion via intersection modifications.

Minor Reconstruction: Replacement of entire pavement section, and curb/sidewalk replacement as required.

Full Reconstruction: Complete reconstruction of asphalt, curbs, sidewalks and possibly underground utilities.

Toplift Asphalt: Completion of prior year projects with the placement of the final asphalt wearing surface.

Resurfacing: Projects that focus on the replacement of the top asphalt wearing surface. May also involve minor curb and sidewalk repairs.

Widening: Additional vehicle or bike lanes added to the roadway.

- 1. Fairview Street to CNR Overhead Bridge**
Bridge rehabilitation. Summer 2011.
- 2. Appleby Line, New Street to Pinedale Avenue**
Resurfacing. Late summer 2011, possibly deferred to summer 2012.
- 3. Fairview Street, west of Brant Street to west of Maple Avenue**
Road resurfacing. Summer 2011.
- 4. King Road, Plains Road to north of CNR grade separation**
Full reconstruction. Summer 2011.
- 5. Fairview Street at Brant Street**
Intersection improvements. Summer 2011.
- 6. King Road at CNR tracks**
Utility relocation and CNR work, summer 2011. Complete reconstruction, summer 2012.
- 7. North Shore Boulevard, east of LaSalle Park Road to west of King Road**
Road resurfacing. Summer 2011.
- 8. Belvenia Road, Lakeshore Road to Spruce Avenue**
Full reconstruction; Spruce Avenue to New Street, resurfacing. Summer 2011.
- 9. Centennial Area Phase 4**
Minor reconstruction. Summer 2011.
- 10. Spruce Avenue, Goodram Drive to Appleby Line**
Minor reconstruction, phase 2. Summer 2011.
- 11. Longmoor Drive, New Street to Hydro Crossing**
Minor reconstruction. Summer 2011.
- 12. Holtby Avenue and Crosby Avenue**
Full reconstruction. Summer 2011.
- 13. Walker's Line, 407 ETR to No. 1 Side Road**
Construction of paved shoulders. Summer 2011.
- 14. South Service Road to Harvester Road**
Construction of South Service Road sidewalk. Summer 2011.
- 15. Dundas St at Walkers Line area**
Pedestrian path construction. Summer 2011.
- 16. Townsend Avenue, Teal Drive to Nora Drive**
Pathway upgrade. Summer/Fall 2011.
- 17. Alton Hydro Corridor**
Pathway connection. Summer 2011.
- 18. Tim Dobbie Drive, Dundas Street to Velebit Park Boulevard**
Sidewalk work. Fall 2011.
- 19. Mainway, Casey Court to 60 m west of Heritage Road**
Sidewalk construction. Fall 2011.
- 20. Harvester Road**
Construction of sidewalk on north side of Harvester Road. Summer 2011.