



Mayor & City Communications Weekly Internal Update



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August 1 – 7, 2022

High Level News

- Halton Region expanded their COVID-19 vaccination booking eligibility on July 28 to include children aged six months to under 5 years old for their first dose, and immunocompromised youth aged 12 to 17 years can book their second booster dose. [LINK](#) to Halton Region News Release.
- Nomination period for Burlington's 2022 Municipal Election is now open and runs until 2 p.m. on Aug. 19, 2022. Nomination papers can be filed by appointment only with the Clerks Department at 905-335-7777, ext. 7805 or clerks@burlington.ca. Voting for the election takes place between Oct. 11-24, 2022.

Prior Week Overview of Community Feedback/Mayor's Inbox:

- **Building Permits**
 - We're continuing to see emails come in from residents and businesses concerning wait times for various permits. There are complaints regarding the overall wait times and lack of communication. We are apologizing to residents for the wait times they're experiencing and let them know there has been a significant increase in applications recently and that this, coupled with staff shortages, have resulted in lengthy wait times for applications to be processed. The good news is that the City is actively working towards rectifying the issue, including hiring more staff. We also try to circle back with staff on this application for the applicant to hear back directly from the correct department with any relevant updates.
- **Parking**
 - Residents have emailed regarding a variety of parking issues they're experiencing in the city. One resident is asking for parking enforcement to be relaxed on their street because her and her family are constantly getting ticketed. Another resident has asked that the city limit parking options for construction workers working on developments in the city as it is impacting residents abilities to park near their homes and access businesses.
- **Traffic issues**
 - A few emails have come in regarding noisy vehicles and speeding. One suggestion has come in for noise barriers in certain areas, but the suggested areas would require help from MTO as the areas of concern are near provincial highways. We are connecting with the Ward Councillor and relevant staff on these issues to see what the next steps are.

August 1 - 7

- NOTE: Civic Holiday – City Hall Closed (Aug. 1)
- NOTE: City of Burlington Heritage Week (Aug. 1-7) – [LINK](#) to events' details
- NOTE: Emancipation Month (August 2022) + Emancipation Day (Aug. 1)
- NOTE: Black, African & Caribbean-Canadian Appreciation Month (Aug. 2022)
- Heritage Week Kick-off Event at Centennial Square (Aug. 1 at 11 a.m.)
- Mayor's Office Team Meeting

- YourTV Halton News Weekly Mayor's Update
- Development Application Review Bi-Weekly Meeting
- Special Council Meeting (Aug. 4 at 9:30 a.m.)
- Speaking at Equal Voice National Campaign school event – [LINK](#) for details on campaign

Coming Up Soon

- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference in the City of Ottawa – Aug. 13-17, 2022
- Burlington VegFest – Aug. 20, 2022 – [LINK](#) to event details
- Committee + Council Meetings Resume – Sept. 13, 2022