

Mayor Meed Ward's Weekly Public Update



This update contains key events, media engagements and communications taking place in the Office of the Mayor of Burlington for the week ahead and a recap of key activities that took place in the prior week. While not representative of the Mayor's full schedule, this update is meant to provide a high-level overview for public awareness. Dates & details for future items are subject to change as needed.

January 23 – 29, 2023

High Level News

- **Zellers is rolling out nine Ontario locations including a store at Burlington Centre mall –**
[News article](#)
 - The discount retailer will return with 25 “store experiences” across Canada within the confines of the Hudson Bay (HBC).
 - The retail space will be between 8,000 and 10,000 sq.-ft., depending on the location, selling “design-led” products, including home décor, toys, baby apparel and pet supplies.
 - The Zellers brand relaunched as a pop-up shop at the Hudson's Bay in Burlington Centre in August 2022.
 - The 2023 openings will be accompanied by the launch of the first-ever Zellers e-commerce site, Zellers.ca
- **Mayor's 2023 State of the City Address**
 - Presented by the Burlington Chamber of Commerce and Cogeco at the Burlington Convention Centre this Thursday (Jan. 26) starting at 8 a.m. with MC Tim Caddigan, Senior Director at Cogeco
 - Hear what Burlington City Council's goals are for this year – highlighting important issues facing the city and how they will be addressed in 2023.
 - Event to include Mayor's Address, followed by a Q-and-A session with Tim Caddigan.
 - This is a ticketed event. For more details, please [click here](#).

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

- **2023 Budget:**
 - The Mayor's Office has been receiving feedback from the community regarding the proposed 2023 Budget – some positive related to the investments laid out and some with concerns over the proposed, staff-recommended tax increase.
 - All feedback is acknowledged and shared with staff. In addition, those who reached out were told of opportunities to share their input and ask questions, including the recent Virtual/Telephone Budget Town Hall (held on Jan. 19) and delegating to committee Feb. 6, 7 and 9 when budget discussions will be held and any changes to the budget will take place at those times.
- **All Electric Buildings:**
 - Members of the public have been reaching out to the Mayor's Office with petition emails asking that natural gas used in heating or cooking be banned from buildings in Burlington.
 - Staff from the Sustainability department provided a thorough response to be shared with the community that included details on a number of initiatives the City is undertaking to decrease our carbon footprint. As construction of new buildings is regulated by the Ontario

Building Code, residents are also encouraged to get in touch with their local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPP) – Burlington has 3 representing our city – to share their advocacy to the Province.

Monday January 23

- 2023 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Annual Conference (Jan. 22-24)
- Meeting with Staff about Committee of Adjustment Processes
- Meeting with Staff on Procedural Bylaw
- 100 Women Who Care Meeting – [LINK](#) for more details

Tuesday January 24

- Burlington City Council Meeting (9:30 a.m.) – [LINK](#) to agenda

Wednesday January 25

- NOTE: Bell Let's Talk Day
- 1:1 with City Manager
- Halton Regional Council Meeting – [LINK](#) to agenda
- YourTV Halton News Weekly Mayor's Update
- Mayor's Office Team Meeting
- Hybrid Pre-Application Meeting for 4279 Palladium Way – Rykka Care Centres (7-8 p.m.) – [LINK](#) to event details

Thursday January 26

- Mayor's 2023 State of the City Address at the Burlington Convention Centre (8 a.m.) – [LINK](#) to event details (Transcript of Address will be shared after event at mariannemeedward.ca)
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Committee of the Whole Meeting

Friday January 27

- NOTE: International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board of Directors Meeting
- Mayor's February 2023 Newsletter Goes Out

Saturday Jan. 28 / Sunday Jan. 29

- **Saturday, Jan. 28**
 - TBD
- **Sunday, Jan. 29**
 - NOTE: National Day of Remembrance & Action Against Islamophobia

Coming Up Soon

- February 2023 Committee Week – Jan. 31-Feb. 2 – [LINK](#) to agendas when published
- Proposed 2023 Budget Deliberations at Committee – Feb. 6, 7 and 9
- Proposed 2023 Budget to Burlington City Council for Approval – Feb. 14

- Deputy Mayor for Ceremonial & Emergency Duties for January-April 2023
 - Ward 2 Councillor Lisa Kearns (alternate: Ward 3 Councillor Rory Nisan)