

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.

February 27 – March 5, 2023

High Level News

- **Ontario Provides More Funding for Municipal Public Transit** – [Provincial Government News Release](#) / [Backgrounder](#)
 - The Ontario government is providing more than \$379.5 million to help 107 municipalities operate and improve local transit. The funding is being delivered through the gas tax program and can be used to extend service hours, buy transit vehicles, add routes, improve accessibility or upgrade infrastructure.
 - Funding for the gas tax program is determined by the number of litres of gasoline sold in the province during the previous year. Municipalities that support public transit services in their community receive two cents per litre of provincial gas tax revenue collected.
 - To make up for reduced gas sales due to ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's gas tax program includes one-time additional funding of \$80 million to help ensure municipalities can continue to support their transit systems.
 - Burlington's allocation: \$2,396,267.

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

- **On-Street Parking:**
 - The Mayor's Office has been receiving residential parking related inquiries with most relating to vehicles being parked on their street for a prolonged period of time. The concerns include this causing line of sight problems and snow-clearing issues as the road is not cleared properly. The Mayor's Office has alerted Parking Enforcement staff on these matters for further investigation as needed. It is important to note that enforcement does not always translate into immediate or permanent compliance, but Parking Enforcement staff are conducting their duties in a consistent manner and will continue to do so.
- **Snow-clearing:**
 - Following the most recent snow event in Burlington this week, residents have reached out to the Mayor's Office to voice concerns about road- and sidewalk-clearing efforts. Some concerns included damage to trees and lawns, and how soon their roads and sidewalks were being cleared. The concerns and feedback have been shared with staff and so that any necessary lawn repairs can be completed, where needed.
 - The most recent [Mayor's Monday Mailbag covered Burlington's service levels for snow-clearing and use of salt/sand](#). A link to that post on the Mayor's website is shared with all those who reached out and we encourage the greater public to also go through the information to help answer some of their questions and address some of their concerns.

Monday February 27

- Special Olympics Week in Burlington (Feb. 27-March 6, 2023) Flag-Raising & Proclamation at City Hall
- Council Workshop on Procedure Bylaw – [LINK](#) to agenda
- 1:1 with Executive Director of Strategy, Risk & Accountability

Tuesday February 28

- NOTE: Rare Disease Awareness Day
- 1:1 with City Manager
- Community Planning, Regulation & Mobility (CPRM) Committee Meeting – [LINK](#) to agenda
- Ontario Land Tribunal Hearing for 971 Filmandale Rd. (Minor Variance)
- Grand-opening Ribbon-cutting Ceremony for new Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS) Rehabilitation Clinic Shield Performance & Therapy, at 5065 Benson Dr., in Burlington -- a joint initiative by The Angel Project, Hamilton Health Sciences and Shield Performance & Therapy.

Wednesday March 1

- NOTE: Orthodox, Coptic & Eastern Christian Ash Wednesday (Start to Eastern Christian Season of Lent)
- Burlington Chamber of Commerce Women Leaders & Allies Conference (formerly the Wonder Women Conference) – [LINK](#) to event details
- Corporate Services, Strategy, Risk & Accountability (CSSRA) Committee Meeting – [LINK](#) to agenda
- InHalton.com Monthly Mayor's Update
- YourTV Halton News Weekly Mayor's Update

Thursday March 2

- Introductory Meeting with Port Hope Mayor & Team
- Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services (EICS) Committee Meeting – [LINK](#) to agenda
- Special Council Meeting – [LINK](#) to agenda
- YWCA Hamilton's Women of Distinction Awards for Hamilton & Halton – [LINK](#) to event details

Friday March 3

- NOTE: Employee Appreciation Day
- Mayor's Office Team Meeting
- Interview with the Small Talk Podcast – [LINK](#) to media page

Saturday March 4 / Sunday March 5

- **Saturday, March 4**
 - TBD
- **Sunday, March 5**
 - Chilly Half Marathon – [LINK](#) to event details

Coming Up Soon

- Virtual Pre-Application Community Meeting Hosted by Evans Planning for Proposed Mixed-use, Mid-rise Development at 141-153 Plains Rd. W. – March 6 (7-8:30 p.m.) – [LINK](#) to meeting details / [LINK](#) to City's webpage
- Mayor Meed Ward Hosts Halton Elected Women Coffee & Conversation for International Women's Day – March 7
- NOTE: International Women's Day – March 8
- Women of Halton Action Movement's (WHAM) The "un" Dinner Party online event with Keynote Speaker Lisa LaFlamme – March 8 – [LINK](#) to event details
- HERhalton International Women's Day Breakfast – March 9 – [LINK](#) to event details
- Deputy Mayor for Ceremonial & Emergency Duties for January-April 2023
 - Ward 2 Councillor Lisa Kearns (alternate: Ward 3 Councillor Rory Nisan)