

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.

March 13 – 19, 2023

High Level News

- **Chief Medical Office of Health Releases 2022 Annual Report** – [Chief MOH's Statement](#) / [2022 Annual Report](#)
 - Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health, issued the following statement about the release of his 2022 Annual Report titled "[Being Ready: Ensuring Public Health Preparedness for Infectious Outbreaks and Pandemics](#)".
- **Government of Ontario to Ban TikTok from government-issued devices** – [News Article](#)
 - On March 9, the Ontario government announced it will ban the social media app TikTok from all government-issued devices.
- **Burlington to Ban TikTok from City-issued devices**
 - After careful consideration, including research and review done prior to the Federal government's and Provincial government's announcements, the City of Burlington gave notice to staff on March 10 the municipality will be removing and blocking the use of the social media app TikTok on City-issued devices. This decision also follows guidance issued by the [Canadian Centre of Cyber Security](#).
 - As with any social media or downloadable apps, users are encouraged to do their own research and due diligence to determine if particular applications are right for them.

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

- **Parking:**
 - There have been some parking-related issues across the city that have been raised with the Mayor's Office by the community. These issues have included concerns over line-of-sight, overnight street parking, and parking enforcement, to name a few. We thank those who have reached out to share their concerns with the Mayor. Service Burlington has been briefed on these concerns to be also shared with Parking staff for review and potential further investigation.
- **Snow-Clearing:**
 - The Mayor's Office continues to receive feedback from the community regarding windrows at the foot of their driveways, formed after snowplows have passed by to clear the roads – making it difficult to shovel off their driveways.
 - This was the topic for the [March 6 Mayor's Monday Mailbag](#). Please click the link for additional information regarding windrows and the City's snow-clearing operations.
 - Residents with snow-clearing concerns or requests for additional service can contact city@burlington.ca or 905-335-7777. Residents can also sign-up for snow updates and check the progress of City snow-clearing efforts online at burlington.ca/snow

March 13-19

- YourTV Halton News Weekly Mayor's Update
- Mayor's Office Team Meeting
- Brock University Site Visit to Robert Bateman H.S.
- *Burlington Post* Mayor's Guest Column runs in March 16 print edition – [LINK](#) to online version
- NOTE: St. Patrick's Day (March 17)
- 2023 Rural Romp Student-Led Symposium Hosted by University of Guelph's Rural Planning & Development Program – [LINK](#) to event details
- Seniors' Centre Breakfast @ the Bistro Reopening Event (March 18)
- Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi Day – 100 Year Celebration with The Festival of New Beginnings Event (March 18) – [LINK](#) to event details

Coming Up Soon

- NOTE: Nowruz (Iranian/Persian New Year – March 20)
- Statutory Public Meeting for 2023 Patio Program at the Community Planning, Regulation & Mobility (CPRM) Committee Meeting (March 20)
- NOTE: World Down Syndrome Day (March 21)
- NOTE: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21)
- Burlington City Council Meeting (March 21)
- NOTE: Ramadan Begins (March 22-April 20)
- NOTE: Chaitra Navratri (March 22-31)
- Halton Regional Council Meeting (March 22)
- NOTE: School Crossing Guard Appreciation Day (March 23)
- City of Burlington April 2023 Standing Committee Meeting Cycle (March 28-30)
- Deputy Mayor for Ceremonial & Emergency Duties for January-April 2023
 - Ward 2 Councillor Lisa Kearns (alternate: Ward 3 Councillor Rory Nisan)