

# 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.*

**May 15 – 21, 2023**

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## High Level News

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- **City of Burlington Looking for Feedback on the Types of Recreation Programs Offered** – [City News Release](#) / [Link to Online Survey](#)
  - The City of Burlington is looking for resident feedback on City-run recreation programs. Feedback is welcome from the community as a whole - past and current participants and those that haven't registered in our programs. Feedback from everyone will help to understand the needs of the entire community.
  - The survey will ask questions about what City-run recreation programs you have participated in, what programs you would be interested in and, would like to see offered. This review will help the City understand the recreation needs of our growing community. It will also help align the programs the City offers to serve all residents and visitors for aquatics, skating, inclusion, sport, camps, adults, older adults 55+ and programming in general for years to come.
  - The survey is open until Sept 1, 2023 and the results will be shared in a report to Council in Fall 2023.
- **Burlington Mayor Speaks on Behalf of Ontario's Big City Mayors to the Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy Committee on Bill 97** – [Presentation](#)
  - Burlington Mayor Marianne Meed Ward spoke on behalf of Ontario's Big City Mayor (OBCM), in her role as Vice-Chair, at the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy on May 11, regarding Bill 97.
  - Topics included: Tenant rights and rental units; Provincial land-use planning policy; and Housing supply action plans – consultations and reviews.

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

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- **Secord Lane Neighbourhood:**
  - Residents in the Secord Lane neighbourhood have been reaching out to the Mayor's Office with concerns over the potential fencing off, of an area in Paletta Park in order to protect against further woodlot deterioration. The Mayor's Office and Ward 4 Councillor's Office are connecting with staff on this matter and will be following up with area residents when updates are available.
- **Animal Services Bylaw:**
  - The Mayor's Office has received feedback regarding the City's Animal Services Bylaw and suggested changes from the public, such as: off-leash programs; allowing dogs on buses; and sectioning off a beach-area for dogs. The input is being shared with Animal Control staff and those who reach out are encouraged to participate in the public consultation that will be taking place later in 2023 regarding the Animal Services Bylaw.

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## Monday May 15

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- NOTE: Ontario Police Week / National Police Week (May 14-20)
- NOTE: National Victims & Survivors of Crime Week (May 14-20)
- Burlington Hosts Delegation from Twin-City Apeldoorn, The Netherlands
- Council Workshop – Vision2Focus – Defining the Focus – [LINK](#) to agenda
- Council Workshop – Digital Business Strategy & Roadmap Review – [LINK](#) to agenda

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## Tuesday May 16

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- 1:1 with City Manager
- City Council Meeting – [LINK](#) to agenda
- West-End Home Builders' Association – Halton Chapter Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Council Workshop – Recreation Direct-Delivered Program Review – [LINK](#) to agenda
- Burlington New Millennium Orchestra (BNMO) Presents First Concert Post-Pandemic – [LINK](#) to event details

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## Wednesday May 17

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- NOTE: International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia & Transphobia
- Halton Regional Council Workshop – [LINK](#) to agenda page
- Burlington Chamber of Commerce Business After 5 Event at Joseph Brant Museum
- Sun Life Trillium New Office Ribbon-Cutting, 5420 North Service Rd., Ste. 401

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## Thursday May 18

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- Burlington Economic Development Board Meeting
- *Burlington Post* Mayor's Monthly Guest Column Runs in Print – [LINK](#) to online version
- Mayor's Office Team Meeting
- YourTV Halton News Weekly Mayor's Update
- Constituent Meeting
- Interview with BurlingtonToday.com / Meet and Greet

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## Friday May 19

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- NOTE: Personal Support Worker Day
- Meeting with Juno Beach Association
- Update Meeting with City Manager

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## Saturday May 20 / Sunday May 21

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- **Saturday, May 20**
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- **Sunday, May 21**
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## Coming Up Soon

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- NOTE: Paramedic Services Week (May 21-27, 2023)
- NOTE: Victoria Day (May 22) – City Hall Closed

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference & Trade Show in Toronto (May 25-28)
- Deputy Mayor for Ceremonial & Emergency Duties for May-August 2023
  - Ward 4 Councillor Shawna Stolte (alternate: Ward 6 Councillor Angelo Bentivegna)