

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 22 – 28, 2023

High Level News

- **Ontario Investing in Life-Saving Training for Firefighters** – [Provincial Government News Release](#)
 - The Ontario government announced on May 15 it is investing \$700,000 to support four innovative and free training projects designed for 203 professional and volunteer firefighters around the province.
 - Training will focus on fighting fires in hazardous (Mayday) situations for small and rural services for ground rescue and wildfire scenarios.
 - In March 2023, Ontario also announced plans to expand cancer coverage for firefighters to access compensation and supports for thyroid and pancreatic cancers from the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB).
- **Ontario Announces Intent to Dissolve Peel Region** – [Provincial Government News Release](#)
 - On May 18, the Ontario government introduced the *Hazel McCallion Act* that would, if passed, begin the process to dissolve the Regional Municipality of Peel and make the municipalities of Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon independent. The proposed legislation honours the legacy of Peel Region's longest-serving mayor, the late Hazel McCallion, who was central to the region's remarkable growth during her 36 years as Mayor of Mississauga and a long-time advocate for greater autonomy for her city.
 - The Mayor's Office will be watching how things proceed carefully as this could be a template for other regions, as the Province of Ontario is currently undergoing a review of regional governments.
- **Burlington Council Unanimously Approves Resolution Outlining Expectations for Provincial Review of Regional Governments** – [Mayor's Website for more details](#)
 - Council felt it was important to land, as a whole, a set of principles to convey to facilitators regarding regional review. Burlington Council certainly does not want a "City of Halton." If the Province is proposing any changes, Council wants to ensure they are an improvement and there is no loss of services being provided. The intent behind regional review is for Council to be unanimous in encouraging the facilitators to consider, throughout the process, how this improves things for the city and community.

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

- **Noise Complaints:**
 - The Mayor's Office has recently been receiving concerns from the community over noise issues, both in residential areas and construction zones. Those who reach out are connected with the City's Bylaw Department so their concerns can be reviewed and next steps determined by the appropriate staff.
- **Burlington Beachway Parking:**

- Following recent communications from the City of Burlington reminding residents and visitors that parking at the Beachway will be paid on weekends and holidays from May 22-Sept. 29, members of the community have reached out to the Mayor's Office expressing concerns over having to pay to park and the lack of free parking available to visit the beach. Those who reach out are reminded that parking fees are only applicable on weekends and holidays during May 22-Sept. 29 and that residents of Halton Region are eligible for 10 free parking passes per year at the Beachway. The fee exemption does not guarantee a parking spot, but it does give local residents free parking for the day. For more information, please visit mariannemeedward.ca

Monday May 22

- NOTE: Victoria Day – City Hall Closed – [LINK](#) to City News Release

Tuesday May 23

- NOTE: Paramedic Services Week (May 21-27)
- 1:1 with City Manager
- Update Meeting with Burlington MPP
- Mayor's Office Team Meeting
- YourTV Halton News Weekly Mayor's Update
- Constituent Meeting
- Burlington Chamber of Commerce 2023 Business Excellence Awards Gala – [LINK](#) to event detail

Wednesday May 24

- Hosting Guest Student Shadowing Mayor for the Day Through YWIL (Pam Damoff's thing)
- Burlington Hydro Inc. Board Meeting
- Halton Regional Council Meeting – [LINK](#) to agenda
- Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) Hearing for 700 and 800 Burloak Dr. (Official Plan Amendment & Zoning Bylaw Amendment)
- Aldershot Community Honour Roll Awards' Ceremony – [LINK](#) to event details

Thursday May 25

- NOTE: National Missing Children's Day
- NOTE: Shavuot (May 25-27)
- INCLUDE info about Rotary event – HvN will supply
Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference & Trade Show in Toronto (May 25-28)

Friday May 26

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- Mayor's June 2023 Monthly Newsletter Goes Out

Saturday May 27 / Sunday May 28

- **Saturday, May 27**
 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference & Trade Show in Toronto (May 25-28)

- Halton Region's 2023 Paramedic Day at Woodlands Operation Centre (10 a.m.-3 p.m.) – [LINK](#) to Halton Region News Release
- **Sunday, May 28**
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Coming Up Soon

- Indigenous Talking Circle Inaugural Meeting (May 29)
- By-Election Day for HDSB School Trustee (May 29)
 - Four locations: Burlington Seniors' Centre, La Salle Park Pavilion, Salvation Army Community Church, Tyandaga Golf Clubhouse (10 a.m.-8 p.m.) – [LINK](#) for more details
- June 2023 Burlington Standing Committee Week (May 30-June 1)
- Burlington Sports Hall of Fame 2023 Induction Ceremony – [LINK](#) to event details (May 30)
- Burlington Performing Arts Centre 2023/2024 Season Launch – [LINK](#) to event details (May 31)
- Flag-Raising at Burlington City Hall for Pride Month (May 31)
- Flag-Raising at Burlington City Hall for Black Music Month (June 1)
- NOTE: June is National Indigenous History Month; Pride Month; Senior's Month; Italian Heritage Month; and Bike Month
- Conservation Halton Foundation 'OMNIA' Annual Fundraising Gala – [LINK](#) to event details (June 1)
- Full Moon Ceremony (June 2)
- 100in1Day Burlington – [LINK](#) to event details (June 3)
- Burlington Central School 100th Anniversary Reunion (June 3)
- Halton Community & Cultural Association's Uttarayan – Kite Festival at Brant Hills Park (11 a.m.-5 p.m.) – [LINK](#) to event details (June 11)
- Deputy Mayor for Ceremonial & Emergency Duties for May-August 2023
 - Ward 4 Councillor Shawna Stolte (alternate: Ward 6 Councillor Angelo Bentivegna)