

Council Information Package

July 5, 2024

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SUBJECT: Climate Action Plan Progress Report

TO: Council Information Package – July 5, 2024

FROM: Environment and Energy

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide a progress update on the implementation of the Climate Action Plan, providing a pathway to reduce community-based greenhouse gas emissions to meet the target for Burlington to be net carbon neutral by 2050.

The City also has two other climate plans where annual progress reports are presented to Council:

- Climate Resilient Burlington – a Plan for Adapting to Warmer, Wetter and Wilder Weather ([EICS-05-24](#))
 - Corporate Energy and Emissions Management Plan (EICS-08-24) – Note: an updated plan is being presented for approval at the July 8th Committee of the Whole meeting.
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Background and Discussion:

On April 23rd, 2019 council declared a [climate emergency](#) and one year later approved the Burlington [Climate Action Plan](#) (CAP). This report provides an update on the progress made to date to implement the CAP. The seven program areas identified in the CAP were based on modelling and actions that are needed for Burlington to meet the 2050 target to be a net carbon neutral community. Many of the actions in the plan focused on program development. The next version of the CAP will need to focus on scaling up actions to meet emission reduction targets, such as Better Homes Burlington and the Integrated Mobility Plan.

Program 1: Burlington Low Carbon New Building Guideline		
Action	Status	Comments
Update Sustainable Building and Development Guidelines	Complete	Reviewed and updated in 2021. However, no financial incentives are in

Lead: Community Planning		place to increase uptake of sustainable building measures. Note: The Bay Area Climate Change Council is working with BurlingtonGreen and Environment Hamilton to review best practices in municipal sustainable building and development standards with funding from The Atmospheric Fund. Reference: PL-07-21
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Program 2: Burlington Deep Energy Retrofit Program

Action	Status	Comments
Assess options, collaborate with stakeholders and implement a deep energy retrofit program. Lead: Environment and Energy, EICS	Complete 	The Better Homes Burlington pilot program was launched in 2023 with zero-percent interest loans and a concierge program for homeowners. The program has been extended into 2024 with funding support from the Housing Accelerator Fund with links to the Housing Connections Centre. Reference: EICS-10-24

Program 3: Renewable Energy Cooperative

Action	Status	Comments
Support renewable energy through a cooperative in partnership with local stakeholders with financing options Lead: Environment and Energy, EICS	Partially Complete 	As previously reported, renewable energy cooperatives are usually community lead. However, the City is progressing on initiatives to support residential renewable energy measures. Council approved a pilot program in 2024 to incentivize the installation of solar panels on homes through a grant to cover the cost of building permits. Staff are also in the process of developing a solar map to help homeowners assess the feasibility of implementing solar panels. A template is also under development to assist homeowners with obtaining contractor quotes. Reference: EICS-02-24

Program 4: Integrated Mobility Plan		
Action	Status	Comments
Develop an Integrated Mobility Plan (IMP) that support future mobility with an emphasis on people movement. Lead: Transportation	Complete 	The IMP was approved by Council in November 2023. Key network elements include: prioritizing active and sustainable transportation measures; supporting multi-modal corridors; developing transit infrastructure; investing in cycling infrastructure; and improving walkability. Reference: TS-07-23
Program 5: Electric Mobility and Equipment		
Action	Status	Comments
Establish a technical working group with stakeholders to support infrastructure investments, engagement and municipal policies. Lead: Environment and Energy, EICS	Complete 	The Electric Mobility Strategy was completed in 2022 in partnership with BurlingtonGreen. Free charging is provided at 59 charging stations¹ on City property. Two level three fast chargers will be implemented in 2024. Funding from The Atmospheric Fund and Natural Resources Canada helped support the expansion of EV charging stations on city property. Burlington Transit is also planning to add electric buses to its fleet. Reference: EICS-08-23
Program 6: Waste Reduction		
Action	Status	Comments
The City will support Halton Region to engage the community to reduce and divert waste.	Ongoing 	Council approved the City's updated Zero Waste Policy and guide for City operations in 2024. Related blog posts published on TakeActionBurlington.ca. Council approved a fee for services arrangement with BurlingtonGreen who deliver a number of programs to engage the community on waste reduction, community clean-ups, E-waste drop-offs, and waste diversion services for special events. References: EICS-09-24 and EICS-02-24

¹ 14 more charging heads are in progress for 2024 and 12 planned for 2024/2025.

Program 7: Industry Innovation		
Action	Status	Comments
Support organizations that work with local businesses to improve energy efficiency in their operations.	Ongoing 	City staff collaborate through the Bay Area Climate Change Council , the City of Hamilton and Mohawk College , where local businesses are engaged on low carbon and energy efficiency solutions. A new BACCC Implementation Team has been proposed to focus on reducing emissions from industry. Reference: EICS-04-24

Strategy/process/risk:

Energy (electricity and natural gas) consumption data is collected from [Burlington Hydro](#) and [Enbridge Gas](#) Inc. to calculate greenhouse gas emissions across the community. Transportation emissions are more challenging to calculate – historically the City has relied on fuel sales data in Burlington for gasoline and diesel consumption. However, this method is imperfect as it does not capture fuel purchased in other municipalities by Burlington residents and, therefore, is considered as an indicator of emissions from the transportation sector.

Provincial policy decisions can impact our ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the local level. For example, decisions to shift the production of electricity to natural gas fired generating stations to replace the loss of generation from decommissioned nuclear power plants will impact our rate of reducing emissions.

Secondly, the provincial government regulates local distribution companies through the [Ontario Energy Board](#) and decisions do not always support local climate action initiatives.

Third, many of the climate actions related to mitigating greenhouse gas emissions relies on increasing demand for electrical power. Burlington Hydro also has an important role to play in ensuring that the local distribution grid has the capacity to meet growing demand during the electrification transition for electric vehicles, thermal energy (air source heat pumps), renewable energy, energy storage (batteries) and bi-directional charging, etc. A Burlington Hydro report is also on the Committee of the Whole agenda (EICS-12-24) as they consider climate implications in future plans (electrification as well as climate resilience).

Lastly, there is a change management risk where community climate actions rely on residents, businesses, institutions and government to change behavior and choose measures that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as: air source heat pumps, active and sustainable transportation options, electric vehicles, solar panels and/or

battery storage. Community engagement initiatives and incentive programs from all levels of government and key stakeholders are necessary to continue momentum.

As part of the risk management process, an audit was also completed of the three climate plans in 2023 with recommendations related to improving work plans, key performance indicators (KPIs) and financial resources. Staff are working through the recommendations and provide quarterly progress updates to the City's auditor.

Options Considered:

The Climate Action Plan provides a pathway to meet the Burlington target to become a net carbon zero community by 2050. Although many of the CAP measures identified in the plan are noted as complete, or partially complete, the next version of the CAP will need to focus on scaling up actions and programs to achieve the 2050 target.

Financial Matters:

The Climate Action Plan is due to be updated in 2025 as per a five-year cycle. Building on the momentum of the past five years, the plan will be updated with in-house staff resources. It will include an inventory of current actions with recommended next steps to scale up programs.

Climate Implications:

The City has set a target for the community to be net carbon neutral by 2050. Emissions have increased slightly as the economy is returning to business as usual and commuting has increased. Approximately half a million tonnes needs to be reduced between now and 2030 to work towards the overall target for 2050. Climate data for Burlington is provided in Appendix A.

Engagement Matters:

In 2023, the Burlington Climate Stakeholder Action Team (BCAST) updated its terms of reference and includes stakeholders from across the community. See Appendix B for a list of stakeholders and an update from the Region of Halton. The Team provides guidance and feedback on the implementation of the City's three climate plans: the Climate Action Plan; Climate Resilient Burlington: A Plan for Adapting to Warmer, Wetter and Wilder Weather; and the Corporate Energy and Emissions Management Plan.

In 2023 Council approved funding support for [BurlingtonGreen](#) ([EICS-02-24](#)) and its coordination of volunteers to engage residents and businesses across from community

on climate action and environmental sustainability initiatives. A summary of BurlingtonGreen's work in 2023/24 is provided in Appendix C.

Council also re-iterated its commitment to providing funding support to the [Bay Area Climate Change Council](#) ([EICS-04-24](#)), a collective of stakeholders across Burlington and Hamilton, focused on research, advocacy and community engagement.

Other collaboratives staff participate in to support climate action includes the [Clean Air Partnership and Council](#), the [Global Covenant of Mayors](#) (Canada), [ICLEI](#) – Local Governments for Sustainability (Canada), the [Carbon Disclosure Project](#), and [Partners for Climate Protection](#) (Federation of Canadian Municipalities). Community engagement is ongoing through the [TakeActionBurlington.ca](#) blog and [GetInvolvedBurlington.ca](#).

Conclusion:

Meeting the community target for Burlington to be net carbon neutral by 2050 requires commitment and action from all levels of government, non-government organizations, businesses, community groups and individuals. Implementation of the Climate Action Plan and associated initiatives will take continued investment by the City, its partners and community at large to be successful at our transition to be a low carbon community.

Respectfully submitted,



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Appendices:

- A. Burlington Climate Data Summary
- B. Climate Action Stakeholder Team Members and Region of Halton Update
- C. BurlingtonGreen Report 2023/24

Appendix A – Burlington Climate Data Summary

The City has set a target for the community to be net carbon neutral by 2050. Figure 1 shows total community greenhouse gas emissions by year. Emissions have increased slightly as the economy is returning to business as usual and commuting has increased. Approximately half a million tonnes needs to be reduced between now and 2030 to work towards the overall target for 2050.

Figure 1 – Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Year Showing 2050 Target

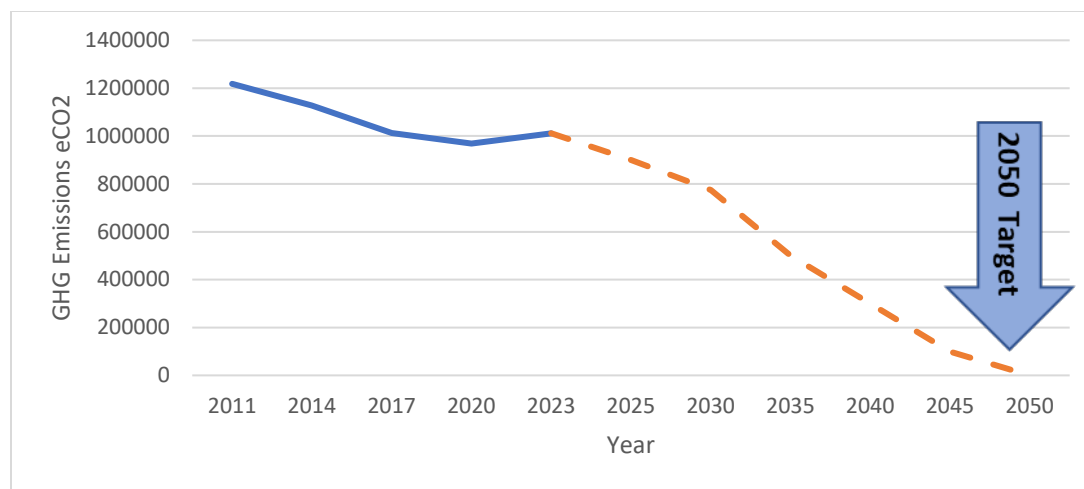


Figure 2 shows annual community emissions broken down by year and by source (natural gas, electricity and transportation). Emissions from natural gas consumption are down from 2022 but slightly higher than 2023. Natural gas emissions peaked in 2015 at just under 600,000 equivalent tonnes of carbon dioxide (eCO₂) compared to 2023 at just under 500,000 tonnes. Consumption of natural gas is weather dependent but can be decreased by energy efficiency measures and switching to electric air source heat pumps, among other actions.

Transportation emissions have been increasing since 2020 as business as usual occurs with commuting, however, emissions are still lower than the peak in 2019. Electricity emissions increased slightly from 2022 which could be attributed to an increased reliance on natural gas fired electricity peaking stations as nuclear plants are upgraded.

Figure 2 – Community Annual Emissions by Source

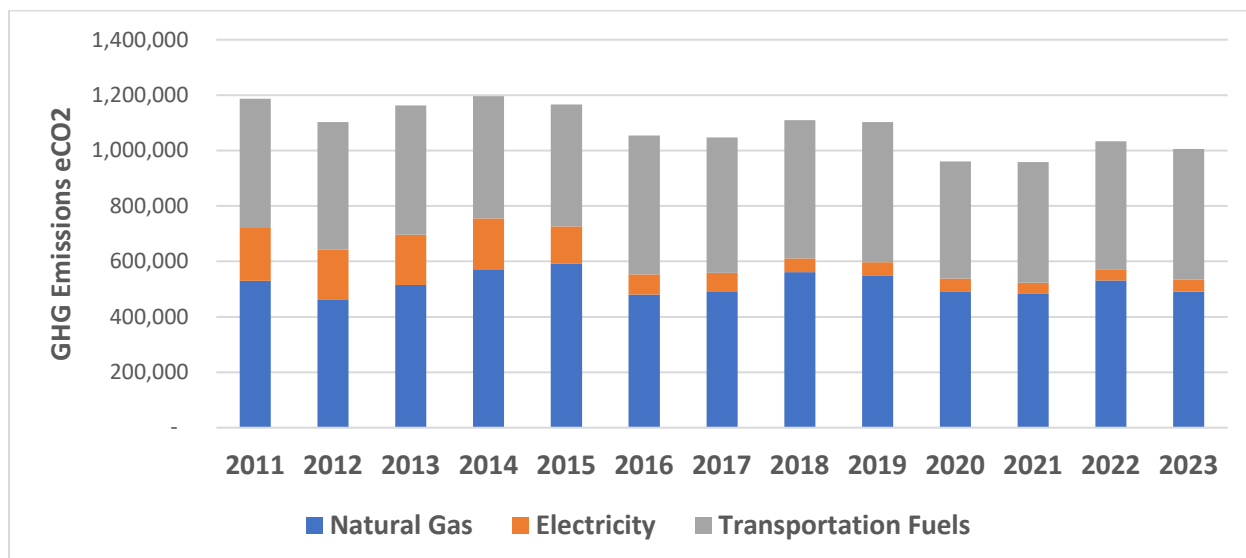


Figure 3 shows a breakdown of 2023 community emissions by source (transportation, electricity and natural gas) as a percentage. The percentage breakdown did not change from 2022. As illustrated, the consumption of natural gas and transportation fuels are the main source of emissions in the community.

Figure 3 – Community Emissions by Source (Percentage)

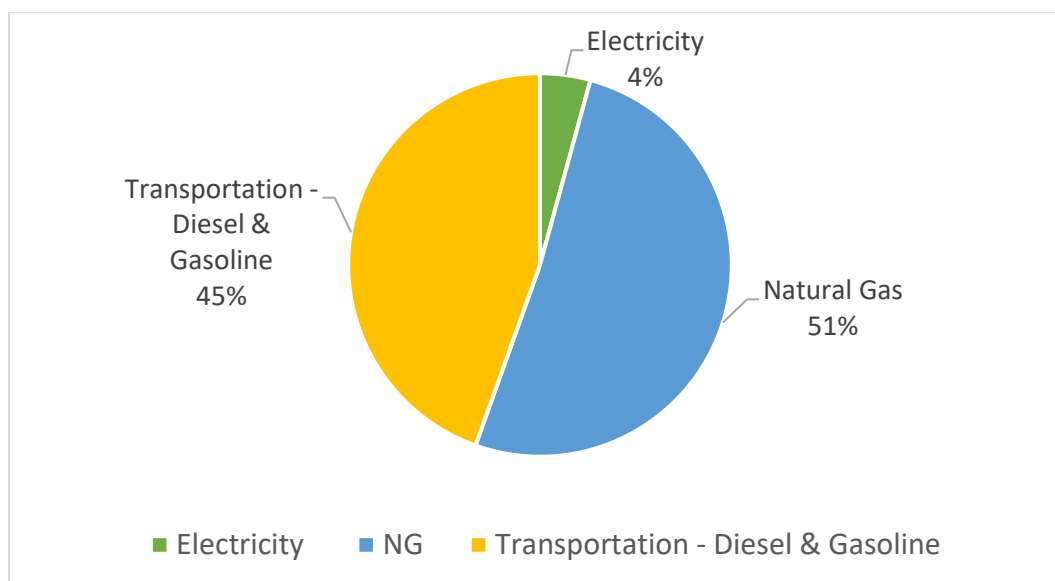


Figure 4 shows annual community emissions by sector (residential; commercial and institutional, industrial and transportation). This chart shows the impact of phasing out coal fired electricity generating stations in Ontario between 2000 and 2011. Since 2011, there has been a fairly steady reduction in emissions with some exceptions.

Figure 4 – Annual Community Emissions by Sector (eCO2)

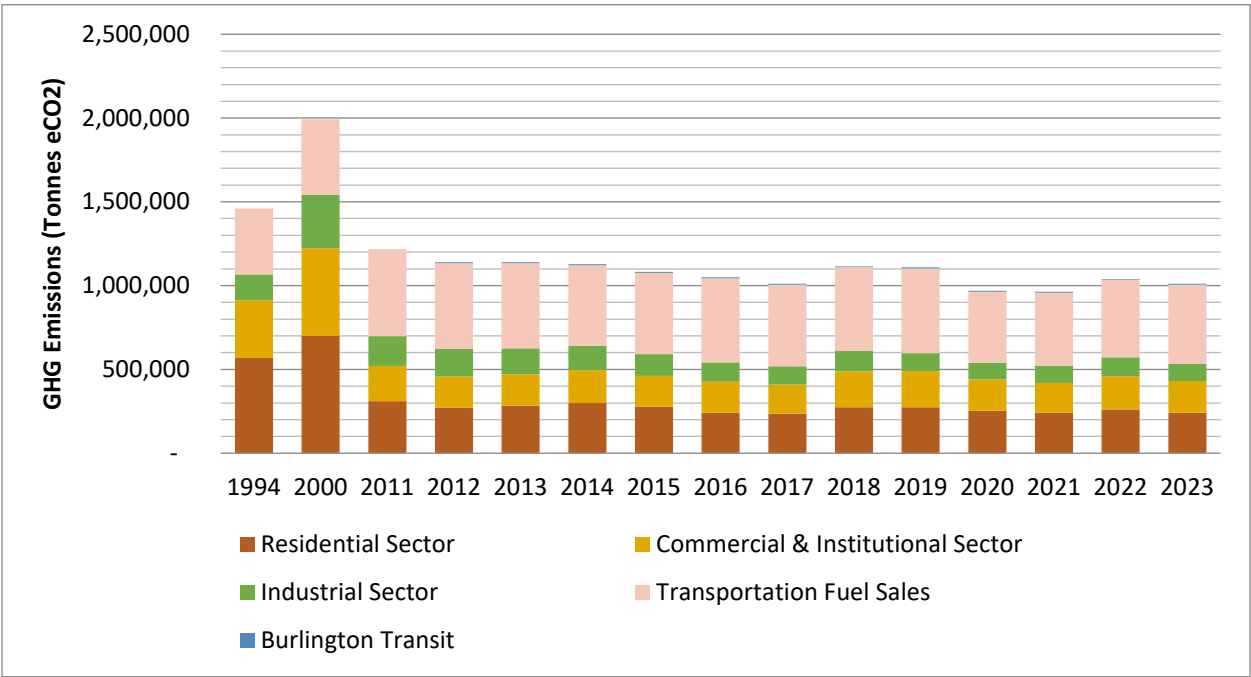
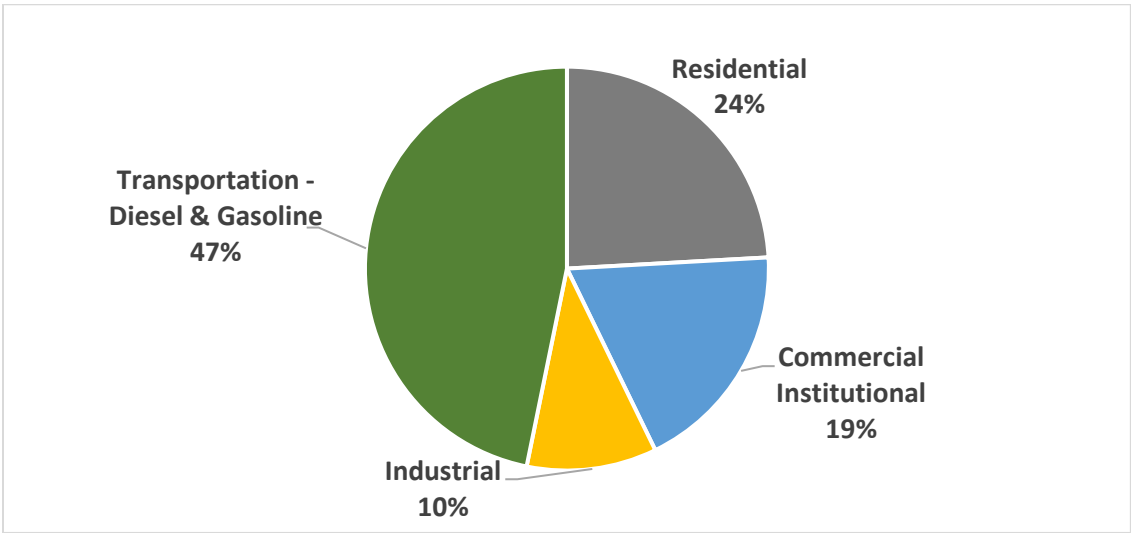


Figure 5 shows a breakdown of 2021 community emissions by sector (transportation, residential, commercial and institutional, and industrial) as a percentage.

Figure 5 - 2021 Emissions by Sector (Percentage)



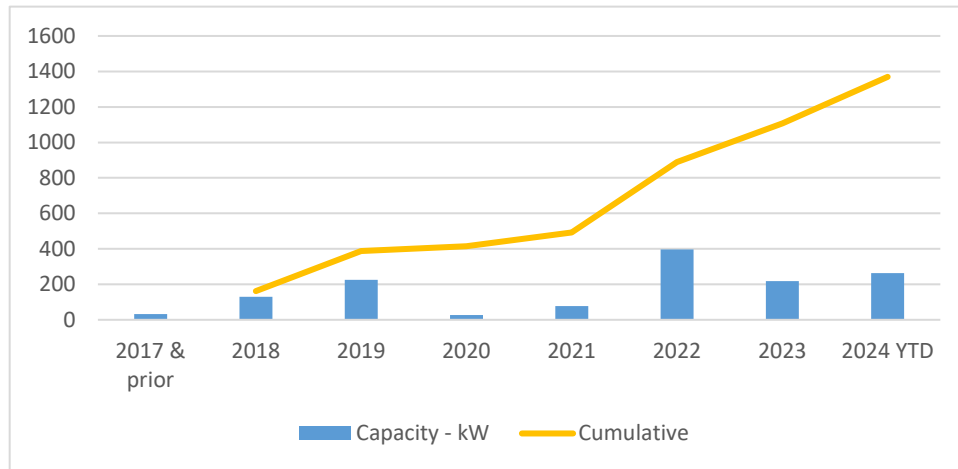
The following chart summarizes distributed energy generation installed in the City based on numbers and generating capacity. With the exception of 290 kilowatts generated through four combined heat and power systems, there is just under 9,000 kilowatts installed capacity of renewable energy, the majority being solar.

Figure 5: Installed Distributed Energy Capacity

Project Type	Source	Total Capacity (kW)	Total Connected
CHP	Natural Gas	290	4
MicroFIT	Solar Rooftop	1,542.275	197
FIT	Solar Rooftop	6,018	27
Total Connected without Net Metering		7,850	228
Net Metering	Wind	3.6	1
Net Metering	Solar	1,369.83	82
Total Connected Net Metering		1,373.43	83
Total Connected Distributed Generation Projects		9,223.71	311

The graph below illustrates net metered solar installations since before 2017 up until the time of report writing. The graph does not include solar installed under the provincial Feed-in Tariff (FIT) programs. Net metering allows customers to send electricity generated from renewable energy to Burlington Hydro's distribution system for a credit towards electricity costs. There are 76 net metered solar installations each less than 10 kilowatts in capacity and six net metered installations which are each greater than 10 kilowatts. The most recent large rooftop installation (250 kilowatts) was completed by Emshih Developments at 901 Guelph Line.

Figure 6: Burlington Net Metered Solar
Annual and Cumulative Installations 2017 – 2024 (year-to-date)



APPENDIX B - Climate Action Stakeholder Team and Updates

In 2024 the Terms of Reference was updated for the community Stakeholder Advisory Committee and was re-branded as the Burlington Climate Action Stakeholder Team (BCAST). The committee's mandate broadened from just providing guidance and feedback on the Climate Action Plan, to also including the Corporate Energy and Emissions Management Plan as well as Climate Resilient Burlington – a Plan for Adapting to Warmer, Wetter and Wilder Weather. Many of the stakeholders have been involved since 2012 when the City was developing the original Community Energy Plan, the pre-cursor to the Climate Action Plan. Membership includes:

- Andrew Pride Consulting
- BOMA (Building Owners & Management Association)
- BurlingtonGreen
- Burlington Economic Development
- Burlington Hydro
- Centre for Climate Change Management @ Mohawk College
- Enbridge Gas Inc.
- Halton Catholic District School Board
- Halton District School Board
- Halton Environmental Network
- Halton Region
- McMaster University - Institute for Energy
- Real Estate Association of Hamilton Burlington
- Royal Botanical Gardens
- Burlington Sustainable Development Committee
- Sustainable Hamilton Burlington
- West End Homebuilders Association
- Councillor Rory Nisan (ex-officio member – attending in place of Mayor Meed-Ward)
- Mayor Marianne Meed-Ward (ex-officio member)

Committee members are asked if they wish to provide progress reports. The Region of Halton provided the following update and BurlingtonGreen's update is found in Appendix C to report EICS-11-24.

Halton Region

1) Funding to Environmental Groups through the Halton Region Community Investment Fund (HRCIF):

The HRCIF enhances the health, safety and well-being of Halton residents through funding to non-profit human service programs and initiatives. The HRCIF supports a holistic response to

human service needs and is part of Halton's approach to Community Safety and Well-Being (CSWB) planning. The listed projects were approved because of the impact on Halton residents that are vulnerable to negative health or social outcomes. While listed organizations are active in Halton's Environmental sector, the HRCIF grants do not have a direct climate or environment focus.

2024

[The Halton Region Conservation Foundation](#) \$43,891 over two years to maintain and create new healing gardens to empower residents of Halton Community Housing Corporation communities who are Black and racialized. Residents will connect, learn and build social relationships through the program.

2) Initiatives implemented in 2023

Council Report	Item	Details
PW-12-23/FN-19-23	Advanced metering infrastructure project	Update on the Region's automated metering system for reading water meters to replace the existing manual meters which require staff to drive to water users' locations to capture data. Mass deployment of the system is expected in 2024. The new system is more efficient, provides better service to customers and will remove vehicles off the road, resulting in GHG reductions.
CA-16-23	Corporate Climate Action Plan and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction Target	In November 2023, Halton Regional Council unanimously endorsed the Corporate Climate Action Plan and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions target of Net Zero by 2045 in fulfillment of the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program, Milestones 1 and 2. The Plan and target apply to Halton Region's corporate services and operations.
LPS-27-23	Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System – Parks Canada Ecological Corridor Pilot Program	The Cootes to Escarpment EcoPark System (the "EcoPark System") is a collaboration among nine government and not-for-profit agencies established in 2007 to collectively protect, restore and connect more than 3,900 hectares (9,600 acres) of natural lands in the City. As part of a pilot project for this initiative, Halton Region approved the ecological restoration of the closed Burlington landfill site located at 367 North Service Road.
PW-20-23	Active Transportation Initiatives	In 2023, there are several capital projects underway in either detailed design or construction that include new active transportation facilities, largely being

Council Report	Item	Details
		implemented as part of Halton Region's Capital Program. Based on the current 10-year Capital Program as outlined in the 2023 Budget and Business Plan, Halton Region plans to implement over \$60 million in active transportation facilities and road safety improvements as part of road widenings, reconstructions and resurfacing projects over the next 10 years. This includes the implementation of the following additional active transportation infrastructure: • 305 km of on-road bike lanes • 45 km of on-road paved shoulders • 255 km of off-road multi use paths • 45 km of sidewalks
CA-05-23	Halton Region 2023-2026 Strategic Business Plan	A new Strategic Business Plan was approved by Regional Council in 2023. One of four key themes in the Plan is Climate Change and the Environment: Take action to achieve a corporate target of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions prior to 2050. • Partner with the Local Municipalities and other Halton stakeholders to advance a collective community climate change response. • Maximize residential waste diversion in Halton. • Partner with Conservation Halton, the Local Municipalities and other stakeholders to protect the environment.
Notice of Motion	Food System and Potential Impacts on Climate Change – notice of motion (Burton/Adams)	A Resolution was approved by Regional Council to address the impacts of the current food system due to its impacts as recognized by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).
PW-43-23	Climate Change Initiatives in Wastewater Treatment	A Renewable Energy Technology Study is ongoing to determine the best long term renewable energy technology solutions at Halton Region's two largest wastewater treatment plants, Skyway and Mid-Halton. The results will be presented in late 2024.
PW-44-23	Randle Reef support	Regional Council approved support in the amount of \$151,188 to support the Randle Reef Sediment Remediation Project.

Council Report	Item	Details
<u>CS-09-23/CA-09-23</u>	Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park Update	Updates on the implementation of the Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park Master Plan, including addressing the susceptibility of Beachway Park, a rare ecosystem, to increasing flooding and erosion.
<u>CS-10-23/CA-10-23</u>	Burloak Regional Waterfront Park 2023 Update	Updates for the ongoing reconstruction of the Burlington Regional Waterfront Park, including Regional funding to support this initiative.
<u>PW-22-23</u>	2022 Year End Waste Management Report	Halton Region provides an annual report on its waste management activities.
<u>PW-09-24</u>	Halton Region Tree By-Law and Woodlands Stewardship Program – 2023 Annual Report	Halton Region provides an annual report on its enforcement of Halton Region Tree By-Law No. 121-05 (the “Tree By-Law”) as well as the administration of the Woodlands Stewardship Program. In addition, this report provides updates on other Forestry initiatives including management of the Halton Regional Forest.

3) Other Initiatives

- Basement flooding <https://www.halton.ca/For-Residents/Roads-Construction/Construction-Projects/Basement-Flooding-Program>
- Free compost, community education on waste and recycling and special waste drop off days are provided by [Halton Waste Management Services](#)
- Lead partner in [Halton Children’s Water Festival](#)
- A series of climate risk and health vulnerability assessments were conducted, resulting in a series of papers available on the Region’s website (see attached documents)
 - Climate change: [Beliefs](#)
 - Climate change: [Attitudes towards actions](#)
 - Climate change: [Perceived risks to health](#)
 - Climate change: [Experience and impact on health](#)



Services Summary Report

April 1, 2023- March 31, 2024



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Burlington and BurlingtonGreen activated a fees-for-services Agreement March, 2023 to advance various strategic priorities of the City. \$70,000 was provided from the City's Community Development Fund to be utilized throughout the year for BurlingtonGreen's provision of extensive programming activities and environmental services across 5 subject areas :

1. Sustainable Transportation
2. Complete Communities
3. Urban Nature
4. Zero Waste
5. Community Engagement at the Eco Hub

With an impact outcomes focus, service agreement deliverables with associated KPIs were established and agreed upon, with impressive results presented in the following summary report. The far-reaching work accomplished has resulted in restored habitat, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, strengthened local biodiversity, cleaner creeks, parks and neighbourhoods, the diversion of tonnes of waste from the landfill and a more engaged and empowered community. This work has further advanced the goals of various city plans (Climate Action Plan, Climate Resilient Burlington, Urban Forest Management Plan, Integrated Mobility Plan, Get Involved Burlington).

All Agreement deliverables were completed with additional 'value added' initiatives contributed by BurlingtonGreen during the year such as the provision of extensive volunteer opportunities for the community and the implementation of various educational demonstration features at/by the BurlingtonGreen Eco Hub.

Strategic Priorities

BurlingtonGreen addressed climate mitigation, adaptation and environmental health priorities through educational programming, outreach engagement, events, partnerships, consultation, and direct environmental services. These services directly supported the City's Vision 2040 strategic directions:

- A City that Grows
- A City that Moves
- A Healthy and Greener City
- An Engaging City



Service Agreement Deliverables

All service agreement deliverables (below) were completed, with various added value programming, events and services, contributed. Please see the corresponding KPI's further in the report

- ✓ City-wide Community Clean Up (March thru October) including April Earth Day Kick Off Celebration, supply depot services and provision of clean up supply bundles to vulnerable community members via the Burlington Food Bank
- ✓ Climate Action Events (1 Transportation & 1 Home Energy) plus web resources and social media campaigns
- ✓ Take Action Burlington year-round social media promotions
- ✓ Green Up Tree Planting & Care Events (1 Spring & 1 Fall)
- ✓ Urban Forest Education & Appreciation Events (Ask An Arborist Webinar and Annual Tree Photo Contest)
- ✓ Zero and Eco-Waste Community Collection events (1 Spring & 1 Fall) plus Terracycle Community Collection Hub services
- ✓ Healthy Habitat Invasive Removal Stewardship workshops (2-4 workshops Spring & Fall)
- ✓ Green Up at Home tips, resources and registration of home stewardship tree planting/care, invasive removals, pollinator projects, plus native plant see giveaways
- ✓ Community volunteer hub and youth drop in centre for eco-action activities (Year-round) community events
- ✓ Nature Friendly Burlington – across ages – nature note cards and resources for vulnerable/isolated aging adults in Burlington



Service Agreement Deliverables Continued

Outreach & Resources

- ✓ Visitor services, educational environmental programming and community engagement at the Burlington Beach and other locations in Burlington
- ✓ Provision of informative displays about the Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park Master Plan and Lake Ontario protection
- ✓ Extensive year-round web and social media tips, resources and promotions pertaining to a variety of locally-focused environmental issues including Get Involved Burlington engagement opportunities



Environmental Services

- ✓ Regular waterfront litter retrieval including sorting to optimize waste diversion
- ✓ Collaboration with Zuzek Inc. staff (contracted by Halton Region) to execute habitat restoration activities at the beach dune environment
- ✓ Lakefront monitoring for pollutants/hazards



✓ Out of Scope -value added demonstration features/community education

- Air-Source Heat pump
- Bike Racks/ Repair unit
- Pollinator Teaching Garden
- Bird Friendly Features
- Rainbarrel - water conservation/climate resiliency



Service Agreement KPIs



Community Clean Up

City-wide Community Clean Up (March thru October) including April Earth Day Kick Off Celebration, supply depot services and provision of clean up supply bundles to vulnerable community members via the Burlington Food Bank

Community Clean Up:

- Burlington locations cleaned of litter: 126
- # participants per sector (residents (42 registrants for 186 participants), schools (33 @ 11141), businesses, (34 @ 495), and organizations (31@685)
- 25172 community volunteer hours / \$value: \$377,580 (@ \$15/hr - 2 hrs each volunteer)
- # of clean up supply kits distributed to Burlington participants + Food Bank: 461
- avg 1 km shoreline monitor distance x 75 times
- 75 beach clean ups and volume of litter collected: 25 bags
(by "walk in" participants, not registered Clean Up participants)
- # of event newsletter promos/reach: 21 / reach 3009
- # event page web traffic: 4239
- social media posts via each of 5 platforms for clean up: 129
- # social media reach via each of 5 platforms for clean up: 19153
- total # of reels posted re: clean up: 2
- total # of views posted re: clean up: 1817



Climate Action Events (1 Transportation & 1 Home Energy) plus web resources and social media campaigns

Make The Switch:

- # educational climate action event(s) participants (Earth day + fall Climate Action Day & June Bike outreach campaign): 882
- # climate action pledges made / est. GHG reduction - no pledge activity in 2023
- 57 community volunteer hours / \$value: \$1425
- # of event newsletter promos/reach: 16 / reach 3009
- # event page web traffic: 946
- # social media posts via each of 5 platforms for MTS: 75
- # social media reach via each of 5 platforms for MTS: 10449
- total # of reels posted re: Make The Switch : 1
- total # of views posted re: Make The Switch: 359
- city climate action brochures distributed: 77
- # Actions (My EV Story Responses): 1



Participation



Volunteer \$



Eco-Benefits



Feedback



GHG Impact



Posts



Engagements

Service Agreement KPIs continued



Green Up Tree Planting & Care Events (1 Spring & 1 Fall)

Green Up at Home tips, resources and registration of home stewardship tree planting/care, invasive removals, pollinator projects, plus native plant see giveaways

Green Up:

- # trees planted and projected carbon sequestration values: 510 trees /approx 4080kg of CO2 per year
- # tree species planted (to support canopy diversity): 37
- # Green Up event participants : 168
- # TLC (Tree Loving Care) stewardship project participants: 26
- 403 community volunteer hours / \$value: \$6045
- # of event newsletter promos/reach: 21/3009
- # event(s) page web traffic: 5680
- # social media posts via each of 5 platforms for Green Up: 134
- # social media reach via each of 5 platforms for Green Up : 16385
- total # of reels posted re: Green Up: 6
- total # of views posted re: Green Up: 5210



Trees Planted



Biodiversity



Video Views



Community volunteer hub and youth drop in centre for eco-action activities (Year-round) community events

Provision of informative displays about the Burlington Beach Regional Waterfront Park Master Plan and Lake Ontario protection

Eco Hub Programming:

- # Eco Hub outreach days: 92
- # Eco-Hub outreach direct engagement: 1649
- # of Eco -Hub eco-activity participants: 941
- est area traffic exposure: 34250
- 200 community volunteer hours / \$value: \$5000
- # Eco-Hub page web traffic: 7480
- # social media posts via each of 5 platforms for hub/beach outreach/activities: 187
- # social media reach via each of 5 platforms for hub/beach outreach/activities: 21,120
- # reels for hub/beach outreach/activities: 11
- # reels view for hub/beach outreach/activities: 8709
- 3 displays created/displayed regularly including Discover Pollinators



Hub Visitors



Surveys



Newsletters

Service Agreement KPIs continued



Nature Friendly Burlington – across ages – nature note cards and resources for vulnerable/isolated aging adults in Burlington

Healthy Habitat Invasive Removal Stewardship workshops (2-4 workshops Spring & Fall)

Regular waterfront litter retrieval including sorting to optimize waste diversion

Lakefront monitoring for pollutants/hazards

Nature-Friendly Burlington

- # BG & partner hosted stewardship events: 7
- # habitat locations(unique): 4 (Millcroft Park, General Brock, RBG Arboretum, Burlington Beach)
- # plants/grasses: 1700
- # types of species planted(each event/activity): 1
- # invasives removed (full bags): 32
- 58 community volunteer hours / \$value: \$1450
- # native plant species seed packets distributed: 540
- # of Ask An Arborist webinar participants: 18, and 338 post-webinar views
- # of print and online resources distributed/shared: 70
- # of Burlington Tree Photo Contest Participants 11 & Voters: 152
- # of event newsletter promos/reach: 22 /3009
- # event page web traffic: 7480
- # social media posts via each of 5 platforms for Nature-Friendly Burlington: 205
- # social media reach via each of 5 platforms for Nature-Friendly Burlington: 23,506
- # reels for hub/beach outreach/activities: for Nature-Friendly Burlington: 11
- # reels view for hub/beach outreach/activities for Nature-Friendly Burlington: 8709



Web Traffic



Pollinator Packets



Beach Clean Ups



E-WASTE Collected



Accounts Reached



Reel views

Service Agreement KPIs continued



Zero and Eco-Waste Community Collection events (1 Spring & 1 Fall) plus Terracycle Community Collection Hub services

Low Waste Living

- volume (kg) of e-waste diverted from the landfill: 7885.47 kgs
- quantity and variety of Terracycle items collected: 25 lbs, 25+ different items
- # Zero waste & Repair Cafe event participants: 800+ Zero Waste, 63 Repair Cafe
- 176.5 community volunteer hours / \$value: \$4412
- # of event newsletter promos/reach: 19/3009
- # event page web traffic: 5224
- # social media posts via each of 5 platforms for Zero Waste: 80
- # social media reach via each of 5 platforms for Zero Waste: 21706
- # of reels posted re: Zero Waste: 6
- # of views on Reels posted re: Zero Waste: 4144

Other:

- # of Take Action Burlington blogs promotions across platforms: 78
- # of Get Involved Burlington posts promoted across platforms: 15
- # of presentations, workshops, tours, speaking engagements, youth meetings: 63 / attendance: 1563
- # Youth meetings, presentations, eco-action initiatives: 18 / attendance: 410
- est # direct community engagement: 16739
- est # outreach engagement (not Including Eco Hub) : 66784

Take Action Burlington year-round social media promotions

Visitor services, educational environmental programming and community engagement at the Burlington Beach and other locations in Burlington.

Extensive year-round web and social media tips, resources and promotions pertaining to a variety of locally-focused environmental issues including Get Involved Burlington engagement opportunities.



Web Traffic



Pollinator Packets



Beach Clean Ups



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Accounts Reached



Reel views

“Incorporating community member and stakeholder engagement builds on our Climate Emergency Declaration....” ~ City of Burlington Climate Action Plan

As the leading ‘go to’ environmental organization in Burlington, we are pleased and proud to provide our community engagement expertise to benefit the City in advancing its goals. A sampling of feedback from community volunteers, Youth Network participants and event attendees in 2023 is highlighted here:

“Burlington Green has showed me that living sustainably is actually an achievable goal if I just put some effort towards it.”

More activities like this!

“..the BGYN (Youth Network) has given me the opportunity to start somewhere and makes me feel like I’m contributing to something greater, especially with all of these other individuals who attend it feels like a big community.”

Doing clean ups at the beach has taught me to take care of environment.

“Each day, I am reminded of the importance of giving back to our community and the power of collective action....Thank you once again for believing in me and for all that you do to support our community and our environment! :)”

"Being a part of the BGYN has been a motivating and engaging learning experience for me as well as a great opportunity for personal development and collaborating with youth!"

“I have learned so much about the environment and about climate change since I first joined BGYN, and the guest speakers always bring an expert perspective.”

“Your support and encouragement have played a significant role in my journey as a volunteer, and I am incredibly grateful for the confidence you have placed in me. Working with BurlingtonGreen has been an absolute pleasure, and I am continually inspired by the impact we make together.”

I’ve only had good experiences with Burlington Green.

“It has taught me the importance of keeping our planet green and that has inspired me to do more research on green alternatives “

Fantastic. I learned a lot!

The ripple effect of impact we achieved together with all sectors of the community in 2023 was tremendous!

Discover more collective impact results



Fees Summary

As per initial Agreement discussions, a costing breakdown **per subject matter** area would be inefficient and a challenge to produce given the extensive crossover of subjects shared during community engagement and program delivery. Instead, the following table summarizes the financial breakdown of various deliverables across the contracted **timeline**.

Staff hours (including MERC costs) for the program/service coordination, research, promotions, execution and evaluation, plus materials and supplies comprise the costs. Note: standard admin costs (portion of insurance, bookkeeping, rent) of 15% were not charged to the City during this pilot services agreement period.

April -June 2023	• Community Clean Up Coordination, Promotions, Registration, Launch • April 1 Community Clean Up Launch Event/Beach Clean Up • Green Up Community Tree Planting Coordination, Promotions, Registration, Execution (Millcroft Park) • Earth Day Community Event at the Eco Hub • Various presentations, youth engagement activities and promotions (as reflected in KPI table) • Spring Zero Waste Electronics Community Collection event with Terracycle and Repair Cafe services • June -National cycling month engagement, activities, giveaways • Weekends/Holidays : community outreach, eco education/activities/community inquiries	\$22372
July/August 2023	• DAILY: community outreach, eco education/activities/community inquiries • Continued City wide Clean Up program execution, promotions, registrations, supplies organization/distribution, mapping • Research & production of informative displays • Shoreline Clean Ups • Various presentations, youth engagement activities and promotions as reflected in KPI table • Fall program/event planning	\$19653

Fees Summary Continued

September/ October 2023	• Action on Climate Event with Plug N Drive & City Heat pump loans program outreach • Weekends/holidays to Thanksgiving community outreach, eco education/activities/community inquiries • Fall Zero Waste Electronics Community Collection event with Terracycle and Repair Cafe services • Ask An Arborist Webinar : coordination, promotions, execution, post-event video promotions • Burlington Tree Photo Contest: coordination, promotions, registrations, voting platform, prize delivery • Community Tree Loving Care Workshop (Millcroft Park): coordination, promotions, registration, facilitation , activity supplies/execution • Continued City wide Clean Up program execution, promotions, registrations, supplies organization/distribution, mapping • Various presentations, youth engagement activities and promotions as reflected in KPI table	\$19455
November/ December 2023	• Habitat dune restoration project • Post Community Clean Up program tasks (data, gather supplies, evaluation, award prizes) • Various presentations, youth engagement activities and promotions as reflected in KPI table • Community engagement including coordination of volunteer appreciation/Santa Claus parade walking/cycling float to provide a positive, friendly environmental presence to a large, diverse Burlington audience.	\$8520
	City Fees Total:	\$70,000
Jan 1 - March 31,2024	• Community Clean Up Coordination, Promotions, Registration, Launch • Solar Eclipse event coordination, glasses recycling /reuse coordination • Green Up Community Tree Planting Coordination, Promotions, Registration • Various presentations, youth engagement activities and promotions • Coordination and promotions of Native Plant Sale and various spring community programming offerings	\$14924 <i>Funded by BurlingtonGreen</i>



June 28, 2024

Colin Best
President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)

Sent via email: amopresident@amo.on.ca

Dear Colin Best:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held June 25, 2024 adopted the following:

12.2.7 Support for the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

WHEREAS residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief; and
WHEREAS natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills over the long term compared to gas heating; and

WHEREAS natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government; and

WHEREAS the OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans; and

WHEREAS the construction of new methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to get off fossil fuel heating, and a continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS the City of Brantford declared a climate emergency in 2019; and

WHEREAS transforming buildings by supporting actions that improve their energy efficiency aligns with the goals outlined in Brantford's Climate Change Action Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the City of Brantford EXPRESS its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS that the Ontario Government allow the decision to stand; and
- B. THAT this resolution BE CIRCULATED to the President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Colin Best; Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy all Ontario Municipalities, The Honourable Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition, and The Honourable Bonnie Crombie, Leader of Ontario Liberal Party.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier
City Clerk, cgauthier@brantford.ca

cc Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
 Honourable Todd Smith, Minister of Energy
 Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
 Honourable Marit Stiles, Leader of the Official Opposition
 Honourable Bonnie Crombie, Leader of Ontario Liberal Party
 All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

June 28, 2024

Via Email: david.piccinico@pc.ola.org

Hon. David Piccini M.P.P.
Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
117 Peter Street
Port Hope, ON
L1A 1C5

Dear Minister Piccini:

Re: Regulations for the Importation and Safe Use of Lithium-ion Batteries

I am writing today to bring to your attention a matter of significant importance to the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, regarding the importation and safe use of lithium-ion batteries.

At the June 17, 2024 Council Meeting the Fire Chief of the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan made a presentation to Council on the dangers presented by lithium-ion batteries. The Fire Chief was reporting back from attending the Charged For Life Symposium presented by the Office of the Fire Marshal.

During the presentation, the Fire Chief stressed that the increased importation and use of non-Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) aftermarket batteries is presenting a significant increase in fire and explosion, putting citizens and responding personnel in danger. These after market batteries are not Underwriter Laboratories of Canada (ULC) certified but can be imported into Canada without any associated regulations.

Unlicensed persons and locations can store and modify lithium-ion batteries in our communities without regulations, providing dangerous conditions within a community. Charging these batteries within the home or multi-unit dwellings can result in larger fires with grave results.

Email: info@osmtownship.ca Telephone: 705.295.6852 Facsimile 705.295.6405
P.O. Box 70 20 Third St Keene, ON K0L 2G0
Visit our website at www.osmtownship.ca or follow us on Twitter @OSMTownship

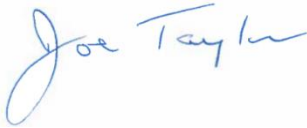
As Canada becomes more aware of Green Energy solutions, these batteries are used more often, increasing the danger to our communities. We support the Ontario Fire Marshal's program to educate citizens on the danger associated with lithium-ion batteries and encourage every municipality to actively promote safe practices for the use of lithium-ion batteries.

We also call upon all levels of government to enact regulations for the importation, sale, storage, and use of non-OEM or ULC certified lithium-ion batteries.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this very critical issue, and I look forward to your prompt consideration and support.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or our Fire Chief if you require any additional information.

Yours truly,
Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joe Taylor, Mayor

Cc: MP, Philip Lawrence
All Ontario Municipalities



2069 Battersea Rd.
Glenburnie, ON K0H 1S0

F: 613.548.8460

2 July 2024

Re: Frontenac County Council Meeting – June 19, 2024 – Support for the Implementation of Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities

Motions, Notice of Which has Been Given

Be It Resolved That the correspondence from Hastings County and the Township of Stirling-Rawdon calling on the Provincial and Federal Governments to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities be received;

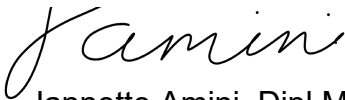
And Further That Council of the County of Frontenac supports the establishment of an intergovernmental working group which would include a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma facing small rural municipalities;

And Further That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister, the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing Infrastructure and Communities, Romy Bowers, President and CEO of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Scott Reid, MP, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, Mark Gerretsen, MP, Kingston and the Islands, John Jordan, MPP, Lanark-Frontenac-Kingston, Ted Hsu, MPP, Kingston and the Islands, AMO, ROMA, EOWC and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 613-548-9400, ext. 302 or via email at jamini@frontenacounty.ca.

Yours Truly,



Jannette Amini, Dipl.M.M., M.A. CMO
Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk

Copy: File

Sent by Email

July 3, 2024

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health
College Park, 5th Floor,
777 Bay St
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
sylvia.jones@ontario.ca

Subject: Corr. 18-24
Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Town of Amaranth
Re: Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on June 24, 2024 and adopted the following resolution:

1. That Corr. 18-24 from Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Town of Amaranth, dated May 16, 2024, regarding Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water, be received and endorsed; and,
2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Pickering-Uxbridge, Durham Region Public Health, and all Ontario municipalities.

A copy of the original correspondence is attached for your reference.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly,



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

Encl.

SC:am

Copy: The Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks;
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P. Pickering-Uxbridge;
Durham Region Public Health
All Ontario Municipalities

Chief Administrative Officer



374028 6TH LINE • AMARANTH ON • L9W 0M6

May 16, 2024

Sent Via Email

Re: Resolution on Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water

At its regular meeting of Council held on May 15, 2024, the Township of Amaranth Council passed the following resolution concerning Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water.

Resolution #: 5

Moved by: G. Little

Seconded by: A. Stirk

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Whereas the Ontario Auditor General's annual report on public health from December 2023 indicates that Public Health Ontario is proposing the phasing-out of free provincial water testing services for private drinking water; and

Whereas free private drinking water testing services has played a pivotal role in safeguarding public health, particularly in rural communities, including the entire Township of Amaranth, that rely predominantly on private drinking water; and

Whereas the removal of free private drinking water testing could lead to a reduction in testing, potentially increasing the risk of waterborne diseases in these vulnerable populations; and

Whereas the tragic events in Walkerton, Ontario underscored the critical importance of safe drinking water.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that The Township of Amaranth hereby requests that the Province reconsider and ultimately decide against the proposed phasing-out of free private drinking water testing services.

Further Be It Resolved that this resolution be sent to all Ontario municipalities, Minister of Environment Conservation and Parks, Minister of Health, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health Unit, and MPP Sylvia Jones.

CARRIED

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information on this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Martin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicole Martin, Dipl. M.A.
CAO/Clerk

CC:
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Minister of Health
Wellington Dufferin Public Health Unit
MPP Sylvia Jones
All Ontario Municipalities



July 3, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford,

RE: Support of Resolution – Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native (“exotic”) Wild Animals

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, June 25, 2024 enacted the following resolution:

No. C-138-24

That Council for the Municipality of Leamington support the resolution from St. Catharines regarding the need for provincial regulations to restrict the keeping of Non-native wild animals.

Yours Truly,

Abbie Marchildon

Abbie Marchildon, Council and Committee Coordinator

Attached: St. Catharines Resolution

cc: The Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Hon. Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Dave Epp, MP
Trevor Jones, MPP
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario (MLEAO)
All Municipalities of Ontario

April 23, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
1 Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

**Re: Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-native ("exotic") Wild Animals
Our File 35.11.2**

Dear Premier Ford,

At its meeting held on April 8, 2024, St. Catharines City Council approved the following motion:

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native ("exotic") wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals in captivity; and

WHEREAS non-native ("exotic") wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and

WHEREAS owners of non-native ("exotic") wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with non-native ("exotic") wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support, the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP Jennie Stevens, MPP Sam Oosterhoff, MPP Jeff Burch, AMO, AMCTO, and MLEAO.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



Kristen Sullivan, City Clerk
Legal and Clerks Services, Office of the City Clerk
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cc: The Honourable Michael S. Kerzner, Solicitor General
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
Local MPPs
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association of Ontario (MLEAO)
All Municipalities of Ontario



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

July 4, 2024

Jennifer Tracey, Senior Director
Strategic Communications & Guest Experience

VIA EMAIL ONLY: jtracey@torontozoo.ca

To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls passed the following resolution at their June 17th, 2024 Council meeting:

Provincial Regulations Needed to Restrict Keeping of Non-Native (“exotic”) Wild Animals

WHEREAS Ontario has more private non-native (“exotic”) wild animal keepers, roadside zoos, mobile zoos, wildlife exhibits and other captive wildlife operations than any other province; and,

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has of yet not developed regulations to prohibit or restrict animal possession, breeding, or use of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals in captivity; and,

WHEREAS non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can pose very serious human health and safety risks, and attacks causing human injury and death have occurred in the province; and,

WHEREAS the keeping of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can cause poor animal welfare and suffering, and poses risks to local environments and wildlife; and,

WHEREAS owners of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals can move from one community to another even after their operations have been shut down due to animal welfare or public health and safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS municipalities have struggled, often for months or years, to deal with nonnative (“exotic”) wild animal issues and have experienced substantive regulatory, administrative, enforcement and financial challenges; and,

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) and the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (MLEOA) have indicated their support for World Animal Protection's campaign for provincial regulations of non-native (“exotic”) wild animals and roadside zoos in letters to the Ontario Solicitor General and Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry;



SMITHS FALLS

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Smiths Falls hereby petitions the provincial government to implement provincial regulations to restrict the possession, breeding, and use of non-native ("exotic") wild animals and license zoos in order to guarantee the fair and consistent application of policy throughout Ontario for the safety of Ontario's citizens and the non-native ("exotic") wild animal population;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ontario Solicitor General, Ontario Minister for Natural Resources and Forestry, local M.P.P., AMO, AMCTO, and MLEAO.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.

Yours truly,

Kerry Costello
Town Clerk

Enbridge Gas Inc. has applied to dispose of the balances of certain deferral and variance accounts.

If the application is approved as filed, then a typical residential customer and a typical general service customer of Enbridge Gas Inc. would see the following one-time billing adjustments, effective January 1, 2025:

EGD Rate Zone (former Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. customers)

- **Residential Rate 1 Sales Service and Direct Purchase** customers will see a one-time billing credit of \$5.12, effective January 1, 2025.

Union Rate Zone (former Union Gas Limited customers)

- **Union South Residential Rate M1 Sales Service** customers will see a one-time billing charge of \$9.51, effective January 1, 2025.
- **Union South Residential Rate M1 Direct Purchase** customers will see a one-time billing charge of \$1.60, effective January 1, 2025.
- **Union North-West Residential Rate 01 Sales Service and Direct Purchase** customers will receive a one-time billing charge of \$0.13, effective January 1, 2025.
- **Union North-East Residential Rate 01 Sales Service and Direct Purchase** customers will see a one-time billing charge of \$0.47, effective January 1, 2025.

Other customers, including businesses, may also be affected. It is important to review the application carefully to determine whether you may be affected by the proposed changes.

Under the OEB-approved Earnings Sharing Mechanism, Enbridge Gas Inc. is required to share with customers any earnings that are 150 basis points over the OEB-approved return on equity. Enbridge Gas Inc. says that its 2023 earnings were below the 150 basis point threshold and as a result it is not proposing to share any earnings with customers.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

There are three types of OEB hearings: oral, electronic and written. The applicant has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think a different hearing type is needed, you can write to us to explain why.

During this hearing, we will hear questions and arguments from participants about this case. We will also hear questions and arguments from participants that have registered as Intervenor. After the hearing, we will decide whether to approve the application.

HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information about this application and to participate in the process. Visit www.oeb.ca/notice and use file number **EB-2024-0125** to:

- Review the application
- File a letter with your comments
- Apply to become an intervenor

IMPORTANT DATES

You must engage with the OEB on or before **July 15, 2024** to:

- Provide input on the hearing type (oral, electronic or written)
- Apply to be an intervenor

If you do not, the hearing will move forward without you, and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. If you are a business or if you apply to become an intervenor, all the information you file will be on the OEB website.

COST AWARDS

The OEB intends to consider cost awards in this proceeding that are in accordance with the Practice Direction on Cost Awards and only in relation to the following:

1) The review of the following deferral and variance accounts:

Enbridge Gas Inc. Accounts

- Tax Variance - Accelerated Capital Cost Allowance – Enbridge Gas Inc.
- Integrated Resource Planning Operating Costs Deferral Account
- Getting Ontario Connected Act Variance Account
- Accounting Policy Changes Deferral Account (2019-2023)

EGD Rate Zone (former Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.) Accounts

- Storage and Transportation Deferral Account
- Transactional Services Deferral Account
- Unaccounted for Gas Variance Account
- Average Use True-Up Variance Account
- Deferred Rebate Account
- OEB Cost Assessment Variance Account
- Incremental Capital Module Deferral Account (2020-2023)
- RNG Injection Service Variance Account (2022-2023)

Union Rate Zones (former Union Gas Limited) Accounts

- Upstream Transportation Optimization Deferral Account
- Unabsorbed Demand Costs Variance Account
- Short-Term Storage and Other Balancing Services
- Normalized Average Consumption Deferral Account
- Deferral Clearing Variance Account
- OEB Cost Assessment Variance Account
- Parkway West Project Costs Deferral Account
- Lobo D/Bright C/Dawn H Compressor Project Costs Deferral Account
- Panhandle Reinforcement Project Costs Deferral Account
- Incremental Capital Module Deferral Account (2019-2023)
- Unaccounted for Gas Price Variance Account

- 2) The review of Enbridge Gas Inc.'s 2023 earnings, earnings sharing calculations and the 2023 Performance Scorecard.
- 3) The review of the methodology for disposing and allocating the deferral and variance account balances.

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Ontario Energy Board

 1 877-632-2727 TTY: 1-877-632-2727

 Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

 oeb.ca/notice

Enbridge Gas Inc.

 1-866-763-5427

 Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM

 enbridgegas.com



Hon. Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources
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Association of Municipal
Clerk and Treasurers of
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Township of Puslinch
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July 4, 2024

Association
of Municipalities Ontario (AMO)
VIA EMAIL:
amo@amo.on.ca

RE: Township of Lake of Bays Resolutions regarding Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on June 12, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-209:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda items 6.11 listed for June 12, 2024 Council meeting be received; and

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,



Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities

May 14, 2024

Via email: minister.mah@ontario.ca

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Attention: Paul Calandra
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Mr. Calandra:

RE: Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in the Ontario Building Code Act.

The Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) is an enforcement tool approved by the Provincial Government in August of 2009 and was originally used for parking offences to free up court time and cost.

A large number of municipalities have adopted an AMPS program and have applied AMPS to other Municipal enforcement by-laws as a replacement to the standard Part 1 Provincial Offences Act (POA) ticket system, as it provides the alleged offender with a flexible appeal system and the municipality the ability to apply unpaid penalties on to the property taxes. AMPS frees up valuable Provincial Offences Court time saving the province and the municipalities valuable resources and funds.

AMPS was written into the Building Code Act in December of 2017 however it has not received Royal Assent. AMPS has proven to be a valuable tool for education and enforcement of other Municipal by-laws. On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Lake of Bays, we ask that AMPS receive Royal Assent. In doing so this would free up time for Building Officials to conduct their primary job (building inspections) instead of having to attend court normally a full day to hear an appeal to Part 1 ticket, at the same time providing the offender a more streamlined appeal system.

Sincerely,



Carrie Sykes, *Dipl. M.A., CMO, AOMC*,
Director of Corporate Services/Clerk.

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July 4, 2024

RE: 6.13 Township of Alnwick Haldimand resolution regarding MFIPPA Modernization

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on June 12, 2024 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2024-210:

Moved by Councillor Sepulis and
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

That the Consent Agenda item 6.13 listed for June 12, 2024 Council meeting be received; and

That Council direct staff to send a support resolution accordingly.

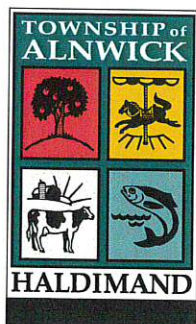
CARRIED

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justine Brotherston
Municipal Clerk

CC: All Ontario Municipalities



May 13, 2024

Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and
Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)
AMCTO Advocacy Team
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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: MFIPPA Modernization

This is to advise that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand at their Special Council Meeting on January 25th, 2024, passed the following resolution:

RES:20240125-11

Moved by Deputy Mayor Joan Stover, seconded by Councillor Greg Booth;

"Whereas the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990 (MFIPPA) has not been comprehensively reviewed in over 30 years; and

Whereas municipalities consider transparency an important tool for building and maintaining public trust and recognize the importance of continuously improving; and

Whereas municipal administrators need legislation that supports effective local program delivery, is responsive to current technology and reflects its original intent of open and accountable government; and

Whereas MFFIPA presents a number of challenges for municipal staff which can hinder its effectiveness and efficiency when it comes to serving the public; and

Whereas municipalities should have updated legislation that ensures municipal resources are best allocated; increases trust in public institutions through strengthening

accountability, transparency and responsiveness; and addresses the needs of the digital era; and

Whereas the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) has comprehensively reviewed MFIPPA and put forward recommendations in their submission "Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act";

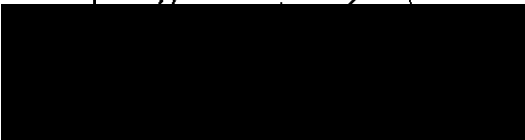
Be it resolved that the Ministry of Public Business and Service Delivery be requested to review MFIPPA and consider recommendations as outlined by AMCTO within their submission, "Looking Ahead: A Proactive Submission to Modernize the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act"; and

Further be it resolved that Council direct the Deputy Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to AMCTO's Advocacy Team, the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and all Ontario municipalities."

CARRIED

We respectfully submit the resolution supporting the review and reform of MFIPPA.

Yours truly,



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Cc: Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery
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