

# SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE & A RESILIENT ENVIRONMENT

- Values & Vision
- Approach & Opportunities
- Risks & Solutions
- Action Recommendations



“The pandemic shows that if we act together for the collective good, we can flatten the curve of crises and improve resilience for all.”

(David Suzuki Foundation)

**Burlington**  **Green**

Together we make a difference

# VALUES AND VISION

- Expand Values
- Refocus Vision (including BEDC)

**Build Back Better**  
A Green (low-carbon), Just Economy

“...our recovery from this pandemic will be stronger if we correct course away from activities that cause climate disruption, biodiversity loss, environmental devastation and increasing disease spread - and exacerbate inequality.”

(Green Strings Report - DSF)

## Our Organization's Values

At the City of Burlington, trust, respect, honesty and integrity are considered foundational values of our organization. All employees will not only promote and live these values, they will also receive them in return.

Our organizational values express what is important to us and will guide our behaviour and how we work together.

We care for our shared environment



# A GREEN & JUST RECOVERY

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- Protect & Restore Nature
- Act on Climate
- Transform the Economy



# APPROACH & OPPORTUNITIES

- Ecosystem Approach
- Power of Municipalities
- Inclusive Community Action
- Integrate Biodiversity Goal
- Accelerate & Integrate Climate Adaptation Plan
- Mirror/Adapt C40 City Actions

**"With all this pressure on us and despite inadequate resources, local elected officials are using our most important tool – our power to convene."**

Lisa Helps, Mayor, Victoria, BC

To position Burlington for success in a changing climate, environmental sustainability should be embedded in values and all aspects of planning, policy, funding & decision-making.



# RISKS & SOLUTIONS

- Impacts
- Measuring Risks Financially
- Prevention & Risk Reduction
- Vulnerability Assessments
- Supporting a Resilient Recovery Through Climate Action



## Asset Management: Integrating Sustainability & Resiliency

**“Resilience is the strength of the community we build around us.”**

(Carole James, BC Finance Minister)

**Often, investments providing non-financial socio-cultural, economic or environmental benefits to communities are not accounted for in capital planning and prioritization in a structured way. The result is that these benefits don't feature reliably in municipal capital plans.**

(Federation of Canadian Municipalities)

# RECOMMENDATIONS

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Solutions lie in building a healthier, resilient and just Burlington fuelled by a green and sustainable economy.

Integrate policies and prioritize investments in 3 overarching areas:

1. Accelerate the Creation of Complete Communities
2. De-Carbonize Transportation Systems
3. Embrace & Prioritize Sustainability in our Built **and** Natural Environments

