

GREATER TORONTO CHAPTER

CANADA GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL (CaGBC)

MUNICIPAL LEADERS FORUM WORKING GROUP

TEMPLATE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF BEST PRACTICES TOOLKIT FOR THE GTA CONTEXT

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES for SUSTAINABLE BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT*



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1. MUNICIPALITY

Burlington

2. PROJECT / POLICY DESCRIPTION:

Green Buildings / Sustainable Architecture

3. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CATEGORY (more than one may apply):

✓ Green Buildings

Reports are in the works and will be before committee this spring: It is proposed that all capital projects be LEED certified or better. Proposed that incentives be made for private development to be LEED certified or better.

✓ Energy Conservation

City has hired an energy coordinator and sustainability coordinator to promote energy conservation in city owned facilities.

✓ Green Infrastructure

The city is working on a comprehensive natural heritage systems plan

✓ Smart Growth / Sustainable Urban Design

The city has used Section 37 [of the Planning Act] bonusing to promote sustainable architectural features in new buildings. Official Plan includes many smart growth oriented policies.

✓ Water Conservation

The city addresses water conservation in some new developments and has OP policies to support this. As a corporation the city utilizes the sustainability coordinator to promote water conservation at city facilities.



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4. POLICY/ PROJECT OBJECTIVE OR GOAL

Burlington's vision is for sustainable development.

5. INSTRUMENTS OF IMPLEMENTATION

The Official Plan contains many policies requiring and encouraging sustainable development considerations in new development

6. INCENTIVES (if any)

Incentives are proposed to be used however it is too early to say what the incentives may be (likely following Caledon's example of Development Charges reductions or rebates)

7. RESULTS / MEASURES OF SUCCESS

Burlington has not established measures of success however on a four year cycle the city's sustainable development committee prepares a State of the Environment Report that includes various indicators applicable to this

8. CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

Interest and knowledge of green buildings has risen very quickly over the last 5 years. Right now the private sector seems to be leading the charge in terms of expertise and interest as most green buildings are private in the city.

9. LESSONS LEARNED

The greatest challenges to the municipality can often be internal. There are many challenges relating to the limitations of the planning act and the tools available to require and encourage green buildings.

*private development only – does not include municipal or other public projects and developments