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BURLINGTON WARD 6 · THE FULL PLATFORM

Leadership that puts our neighbourhoods first

Four planks, every commitment, and what each one costs — the same figures published at frankdomenic.ca/platform.

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Parks & Recreation for Ward 6 Families

Park dates you can track, more north programs now, and an open site study for a rink and seniors hub — with real numbers.

At a glance

01 **What I'm asking for —** The request in plain terms, and the seven things I'll actually do about it.

02 **Why it holds up —** Other cities already do this — and what it means for families, seniors, jobs, and the non-tax revenue worth testing.

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How it rolls out

Right away — parks with real dates

- Millcroft, Ireland, Norton, Palladium, Crosstown Trail, and smaller renewals
- Quick wins: shade, benches, crossings, washrooms, trail links
- No new capital ask — this is follow-through on work already in the plan

This term — programs closer to home

- School-gym recreation: use the Halton Reciprocal Agreement and Community Use rates
- Licensed care: name the eligible operator, seats, staffing ratios, hours, fees, and Halton subsidy
- Authorized skill-building: confirm the legal model and operator separately from licensed care
- Pilot a Milton-style school-gym season in the north — modeled for fee recovery, not assumed
- Publish who pays what each year: gym time, program staff, user fees, grants
- Seniors satellites: pursue SALC if an intake opens (up to ~$55K per approved program; at least 20% other contribution)
- Aging in place: map Burlington's naturally occurring retirement communities and pilot OASIS-style programming in three buildings
- Escarpment Loop: bundle the rural cycling and walking segments already in the City's mobility plan into one named program, phased with road resurfacing

Next — study the land and the options

- Ask Council for $200K–$500K over 18–24 months; motion in the first 100 days
- Land is the hard part. Open scorecard. Roughly 6–10 acres to test for a twin-pad or hub
- Demand, drive times, gaps, site constraints, sponsorship potential, and an access fund
- Aquatics demand in scope: the City's own recreation plan projects a fifth indoor pool location by 2051 and logged 3,500+ swim-program waitlist spots in 2023 — north Burlington has no City pool today

Later — only if the numbers work

- Twin-pad about $55M–$65M · seniors centre $15M–$35M · shared hub $75M–$110M
- Those are 2026 construction benchmarks — not opening-year or all-in prices
- Show gross operations, exclusive revenues, net subsidy, debt, and lifecycle reserve separately
- A west-end event centre ($150M–$300M) is a different project — not this plan
- If the full business case fails, redesign or stop — no blank cheque

What it costs

Costs are stated as they are on the website — no totals are implied.

WHAT	RANGE	HOW IT'S PAID FOR
Parks watchlist & updates	No new capital	Councillor office + website — $0 new capital (ledger A)
Park renewals already in the City plan	~$12M	Existing OpenBook capital (~$11.9M–$12M listed) — track delivery, not campaign capital
School-gym recreation pilot	Staff-costed; fee-recovery target	Council operating ask if approved; Halton Reciprocal Agreement space + fee-recovery target (Milton-style model)
Licensed care / authorized skill-building	Staff-costed after operator, seats, hours & fees	Council operating ask after operator/seats/hours/fees named; staff-costed — not a blank subsidy
Combined access, feasibility & site study	$200K–$500K over 18–24 months	Council motion — tax-supported study envelope ($200K–$500K; Brantford/Hamilton comps)
Aging-in-place pilot (3 NORC sites)	~$130K/site/yr peer; net ~$225K–$400K/yr projection after provincial share	Municipal net after Ontario SALC (up to $55K/program/yr @ 80% if awarded); peer ~$130K/site/yr
Escarpment Loop (~25 km, phased)	~$5M–$8M standalone planning band; less bundled with resurfacing	Bundle IMP segments with road resurfacing; wayfinding ~$60K–$110K; federal active-transportation share if awarded

Twin-pad construction benchmark (2026 dollars)	**$55M–$65M**	2026 construction benchmark only — not a funding commitment; build only if full business case passes
Seniors-centre construction benchmark (2026 dollars)	**$15M–$35M**	2026 construction benchmark only — not a funding commitment; build only if full business case passes
Shared-hub construction benchmark (2026 dollars)	**$75M–$110M**	2026 construction benchmark only — not a funding commitment; build only if full business case passes
Opening-year capital	**Staff-costed with site, land, soft costs, equipment & escalation**	Staff business case after site chosen — land, soft costs, equipment, escalation (excluded from construction benchmarks)
Annual tax-supported cost	**Gross operations − exclusive revenues + debt + lifecycle reserve**	Formula only: gross ops − exclusive revenues + debt + lifecycle reserve — priced after study

What I won't promise

- A City recreation booking-site overhaul or a paid “program navigator” budget line
- A preferred rink address before the open site study is done
- A ribbon-cutting date before land, funding, and operations are proven
- A build if the full business case — including debt and lifecycle renewal — fails

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Services You Can Count On

Ward 6 Service Scorecard for snow, sweeping, park ops, and bylaw — plus a who-to-call guide and street safety follow-through.

At a glance

01 **The scorecard —** The transparency promise: what gets published, how often, and for which streets.

02 **On the ground in Ward 6 —** Where the plan meets specific places — safe streets, quiet nights, and the rural end of the ward.

03 **How it rolls out —** The sequence, from day one through the first hundred days and the rest of the term.

04 **Paying for it —** What it costs, and the money already on the table before anyone asks for more.

05 **Straight talk —** The limits of what I can promise — and how to hold me to the rest.

How it rolls out

Day one

- Start the quarterly Ward 6 Service Scorecard
- Publish the who-to-call card
- Publish a sweeping calendar with completion dates
- Publish park maintenance results for the major parks
- Host a core services town hall
- Ask staff for Ward 6 snow, sweeping, parks, and bylaw numbers we can publish

This term

- A Core Services Report every quarter
- Move to publish service-request open data — park maintenance, litter and garbage-can pickup in parks, tree work — on the City's existing open data portal, like Kitchener and Ottawa already do
- Champion the stormwater user-fee study the City has already funded — so flood fixes stop cannibalizing road repair
- Make sure dig permits on our corridors leave roads finished — deposits enforced
- Publish a Core Services revenue annex: ROW fees, dig deposits, tree cash-in-lieu on Ward 6 corridors
- School-route safety push each fall and after major storms
- Bus stop lighting and shelter gap list
- Report noise and truck traffic around Appleby, the 407, and Palladium
- Options scan on vehicle noise — then a data-only camera trial only if Council funds it

Working with Council

- Windrow user-pay expansion — only with a clear business case against the $240K / 1,000-driveway program
- Dark-stretch priorities inside the City's street-lighting renewal program (~$200K budgeted in 2026)
- More plows or ops budget — only if Ward 6 performance shows a gap and staff costs the options
- Driver-feedback signs where they actually help

What it costs

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WHAT	COST	HOW IT'S PAID FOR
Ward 6 Service Scorecard (quarterly)	**No new budget line proposed**	Use funded City dashboards; staff scopes public and ward filtering
Who-to-call card	**Within office resources**	PDF for doors and the site
Sweeping calendar + park maintenance tracking	**No new budget line proposed**	Use existing City data; staff scopes unavailable extracts
Core services town hall	**$0–$2K**	Venue and promotion
More plows / Ward 6 ops (if approved)	**Staff-costed after seating**	Peer tandem capital alone is ~$410K–$500K per unit — plus operators, salt, depot
Windrow program (citywide today)	**~$240K / year**	Max 1,000 driveways; 429 enrolled 2025–26; City projects ~47% fee recovery under the new model
Windrow expansion (if approved)	**User-pay business case**	Fee heading to ~$150/driveway with 50% subsidy for seniors, disability, low-income
Street lighting renewal (citywide)	**$200K in 2026**	OpenBook RD-ST-156 — ~$2M left in the program; Ward 6 dark list is the ask
Noise-camera data pilot (if Council funds)	**~$50K–$200K**	Peer band for 1–2 data-only units — no tickets until the Province allows them
Stormwater utility (championing)	**$0 — study already in the 2026 City budget**	Oakville charges $60–$273/yr residential; Burlington potential ~$12M–$22M/yr is a projection pending the City study
Service-request open data (parks & ops)	**Staff-scoped**	Portal already exists; publishes park and facility inventories but no work-order data today — peer cities publish 311-style requests

What I won't promise

- Promise Ward 6-only plow crews without a Council budget vote
- Pretend I run Halton Region waste collection from City Council
- Put out a separate report after every storm — snow belongs in the quarterly scorecard
- Sell automated noise tickets before the Province allows them
- Promise free citywide windrow clearing — the program is capped and partly user-pay for a reason

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A City Hall That Answers

Read Before You Vote briefs, replies within two business days, clear tax-dollar reporting, and Strong Mayor reform for Ward 6.

At a glance

01 **The promise** — What you can expect from this office, starting with the brief I publish before every vote.

02 **Follow the money and the data** — Where your taxes actually land, and the records you should be able to check yourself.

03 **How Council should work** — Who decides what, and the meeting rhythm that keeps decisions in the open.

04 **How it rolls out and what it costs** — The sequence and the price tag — through the first hundred days and the rest of the term.

05 **Straight talk** — How I intend to compete for the job, what I won't claim, and how to hold me to it afterwards.

How it rolls out

Day one

- Read Before You Vote briefs
- 48-hour response standard
- Delegate how-to guide
- Monthly digest starts

This term

- Every vote posted with my reasoning
- Four hybrid town halls a year
- Monthly office hours across the ward
- Quarterly deep dive on capital and open files

Over the term

- Clear reporting on how Ward 6 benefits from citywide spending
- Push open data residents can actually use
- Make existing eSCRIBE vote records easier to search and export
- Better access for people who want to speak at Council

What it costs

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WHAT	COST	HOW IT'S PAID FOR
Read Before You Vote briefs	**Within office resources**	Councillor time + existing website
48-hour replies + monthly casework summary	**Within office resources**	How the office runs
Delegate how-to + registration help	**Within office resources**	How the office runs
Monthly digest	**Within office resources**	Email and social
Printed quarterly deep dives	**Actual cost published**	Digital first; limited printing within the office budget
Four hybrid town halls	**Within approved office resources**	Use City/community rooms and existing technology; publish actual cost
Searchable/exportable existing vote records	**Staff-scoped**	Use eSCRIBE first; no duplicate database

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Growth That Fits — With Roads That Keep Up

Growth-with-Services Checklist, honest housing mix, made-whole development charges, and clear status on key Ward 6 roads.

At a glance

01 **Why this matters here —** The pressure Ward 6 is under, and the checklist every project should have to clear.

02 **The housing we actually need —** Not just more units — the mix that fits the people already here.

03 **Who pays for growth —** Development charges and infrastructure funding, with the full deal on the table.

04 **The places this affects —** Evergreen, Millcroft, and the corridors — named, with honest status on each.

05 **How it rolls out and what it costs —** The sequence and the price tag, through the first hundred days and the term.

06 **Straight talk —** What I won't do — and how to hold me to the rest.

How it rolls out

Day one

- Publish the Growth-with-Services Checklist
- Publish a Ward 6 development watchlist
- Publish a one-pager on who decides what in planning
- Start a Ward 6 development-charges ledger
- Publish where Walkers Line and Appleby work actually stands
- Host a growth and Millcroft town hall

This term

- Checklist write-ups on major Ward 6 applications
- An annual growth-charges ledger residents can follow
- Track the temporary Housing CIP: funding limits, recipients, units, and expiry
- Any DC-reduction agreement: publish forgone revenue, eligible project funding, and the City share
- Evergreen Phase 2 under the checklist, not a blank cheque
- Convene the Evergreen community-energy table before servicing design locks in gas — Berczy Glen model
- Honest talk on Millcroft remaining land and what OLT approval means

Working with Council

- Help push Supply Acceleration / eCheck for missing-middle building types
- A clear in-effect date for the new Zoning Bylaw
- Ask for basement-suite funding support
- Ask Halton to match limited DC relief where rental is truly affordable
- Track community benefits and parkland cash-in-lieu on high-rise files
- Disclose any BCSF Direct Delivery or Local Impact applications and Ward 6 benefit
- Move Regional criteria for converting the Dundas transit lanes to bus rapid transit

What it costs

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WHAT	COST	HOW IT'S PAID FOR
Growth-with-Services Checklist	Within office resources	Councillor time + this website
Development watchlist + who-decides one-pager	Within office resources	Public records; staff scopes unavailable data
DC / growth ledger	No new budget line proposed	City, Region, and school-board charges shown separately
Growth / Millcroft town hall	$0–$2K	Venue and promotion
Temporary Housing CIP reporting	Existing HAF-funded programs	Track limits, awards, units, and expiry — no recurring $5M claim
Evergreen community-energy feasibility study	Staff-costed; federal GMF grant covers 50% up to $200K	System capital privately financed in the Berczy Glen model — no City utility
Dundas corridor land-use study	Staff-costed	Metrolinx 50/50 cost-share precedent from Mississauga

What I won't promise

- Call a home affordable because it falls inside a temporary HST rebate band
- Cheer growth that skips parks, stormwater, traffic, or recreation timing
- Let “affordable” marketing slide when the prices and unit mix don’t match
- Support blanket DC cuts with no backfill — growth should pay for growth
- Pretend the City can mandate a green Evergreen — provincial law says no; the play is convening, federal money, and the developer’s own brand
- Propose a City-owned energy utility — Edmonton tried and is carrying the losses

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