



Local Journal Initiative Freelance Journalists for Local-news.ca (Burlington, ON)

“Diverse Perspectives in Burlington”

Freelance, fixed term (until March 2025).

Weekends/evenings as needed.

Pay: \$27.60/hour

Hours: 10 to 20 hours/week

Work location: remote

Number of positions: 1 (to write 2 short-form or 1 long-form stories/week)

Local-news.ca is looking for freelance reporters to write and shoot photographs for a fixed-term position, with a particular focus on providing diverse perspectives on Burlington news. You might be a recent journalism grad or someone more seasoned, but you will be able to write high-quality news stories, while gathering information from Burlington residents.

Freelance reporters will cover all types of news, including politics, education, culture, and municipal institutions, with an emphasis on civic journalism in the City of Burlington. Some travel within Halton may be required. The ideal candidate will have strong writing skills, with experience covering community news and/or civic journalism stories. Knowledge of Burlington is preferred, with understanding of the concerns of Burlingtonians and the pride they take in their city.

Requirements:

- Excellent writing and research skills
- Excellent interview and communication skills
- Strong people skills (including active listening)
- Critical thinking and the ability to analyze issues and remain impartial
- Education or experience working in journalism/media an asset
- Ability to work to tight deadlines
- Knowledge of Burlington and resident concerns or news an asset
- Understanding of diversity, different perspectives, and sensitive/complex issues
- Desire to drive news and increase awareness of and interest in community stories and experiences

Local-news.ca began in late 2020 to fill in gaps in local news coverage in the City of Burlington. Our readers are diverse, and we believe the people covering the news should reflect that; as such, we particularly encourage women, Black, Indigenous, Asian, those who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+ reporters, and reporters who belong to any other poorly-represented groups of people to apply. We strive to cover diverse stories, arts and culture, local success stories, amplify underrepresented voices, and more, all with accuracy, transparency, and with the aim of building trust with the community at large.



We are looking for individuals who care about our community and represent the beautiful diversity found in Burlington, people who have the drive and skills to create engaging local civic journalism. Successful candidates will gain valuable on-the-job experience.

The freelance reporter positions are funded by the Government of Canada's Local Journalism Initiative.

Please send your resume, cover letter, and writing samples (2-4) via email to Local-news.ca via articles@local-news.ca with the subject line "LJI Application." The deadline to apply is Friday, Aug. 30, 2024, at midnight.

We thank all applicants for their interest in the LJI program.