## **Burlington Telecom Timeline of Events**

Event	Date
Unauthorized use of \$17 million of public funds becomes known	October 2009
City Creates seven-member Blue Ribbon Burlington Telecom committee to evaluate financing and viability of Burlington Telecom	December 2009
Moody's Investors Service downgrades City's obligation debt rating from Aa3 to A2 with a negative outlook	July 2010
Moody's Investors Service downgrades City's obligation debt rating from A2 to A3 with a negative outlook	January 2011
Citibank sues City of Burlington for \$33.5+ million	August 2011
Miro Weinberger, candidate for Mayor, holds press conference to announce his priorities will be, first and foremost, to resolve the Burlington Telecom crisis by protecting public resources and ensuring competition and internet choice for	
Burlingtonians	Fall 2011
Citibank issues letter to the City of Burlington demanding "deinstallation and return" of Burlington Telecom fiber and assets	October 2011
Moody's Investors Service downgrades City's obligation debt rating from A3 to Baa3, the final rung above junk bond status, with a negative outlook	June 2012
City Council converts the Blue Ribbon Committee to the Burlington Telecom Advisory Board, charged with reviewing and advising Burlington Telecom management, the Mayor, and the City Council on operational matters, potential partners, and issues	
related to pending litigation	October 2012
In second round of mediation, Mayor Weinberger negotiates settlement agreement in the Burlington Telecom lawsuit which settles the \$33.5+ million lawsuit for \$10.5 million, plus a share of BT's future value	Fohruary 2, 2014
	February 3, 2014
City Council unanimously approves BT Settlement  Moody's Investors Service published an Issuer Comment, indicating that the City's	February 18, 2014
continued progress with its BT challenges will have a positive impact on future evaluations as the City moves through the steps required to close the deal agreed to in the settlement agreement	February 21, 2014
The City agrees to terms with Blue Water LLC and Merchants Bank, regarding \$6 million of bridge financing for BT. After comparison with competing offer from out-of-state	residuly 21, 2011
financier, City Council votes unanimously to accept the terms proposed in the Blue Water/Merchants Bank bridge financing agreement	March 2014
Moody's Investors Service improves Burlington's credit rating outlook to stable, revising the City's rating to Baa3 stable from Baa3 negative	April 2014
Public Service Board approves settlement agreement, authorizes City to take action to implement settlement agreement, and approves transfer of BT assets to Blue Water	
LLC	November 2014
Transfer of assets to Blue Water LLC closes	January 2, 2015
Burlington Telecom reintroduces itself to the community, unveiling new logo, launching new and improved website, and renewing its commitment to unbeatable	
customer service	January 2015

Fiscal Year 2014 Audit documents major improvements in the City's financial position	
including first positive general fund unassigned fund balance since 2009, finding that	- 1
the City's internal controls and financial practices had dramatically improved	February 2015
Moody's Investors Service upgrades Burlington's Credit rating from Baaa3 to Baa2	March 2015
City Council adopts resolution approving the process recommended by the BTAB for determining the criteria by which the City can choose an appropriate sale transaction	September 2015
Moody's Investors Service reaffirms Burlington's credit rating outlook as positive and maintains the City's credit rating as Baa2	October 2015
City invites public input on criteria for sale of Burlington Telecom, including holding public meetings and asking respondents to rate the relative importance of different	
community goals in connection with Burlington Telecom	December 2015
Moody's Investors Service upgrades the City's credit rating two full steps to A3 with stable outlook	March 2016
BTAB releases survey results that prioritize the outcomes and qualities that are most important in the sale of Burlington Telecom, including local ownership, continued affordability of services, commitment to net neutrality, continued local presence, commitment to continuing to support local affordable public access currently available,	
and continued emphasis on customer service.	April 2016
Moody's Investors Service revised the City of Burlington outlook to positive and affirmed the City's A3 credit rating	March 2017
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City publicly releases letters of intent and details regarding Burlington Telecom finalists	September 2017
City Council selects Schurz Communications as the finalist bidder in the Burlington Telecom sale	November 2017
Moody's Investors Service upgrades Burlington's credit rating to A2	November 2017
Schurz Communications submits final letter of intent that includes a purchase price of \$30.8 million, an agreement to not increase prices on broadband for 60 months, and an agreement to an anti-monopoly future sales restriction	December 2017
City Council approves, with a 10-2 vote, the Asset Purchase Agreement with Schurz	2 00000. 2027
Communications to buy Burlington Telecom	December 27, 2017
City of Burlington receives its first clean audit in 15 years, with zero findings and no "Material" or "Significant" weaknesses. Fiscal Health Report details \$12.6 million in	
savings thanks to credit rating upgrades	January 2018
Public Utility Commission approves the sale of Burlington Telecom to Schurz Communications and issues two Certificates of Public Good to Champlain Broadband	February 2019
City Council authorizes, with an 11-1 vote, the execution of closing documents for the sale of Burlington Telecom to Champlain Broadband LLC	March 10, 2019
City delivers on promise to resolve Burlington Telecom crisis by closing on the transfer of Burlington Telecom to Schurz Communications, thereby achieving full and final resolution of \$33.5+ million lawsuit with Citibank, recovering nearly \$7 million of lost	
taxpayer funds, and ensuring high-speed broadband choice for Burlingtonians in perpetuity.	March 13, 2019