



Minutes

Community Recovery Task Force

Meeting Date: January 20, 2021
Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting
Prepared by: Sarah Merrifield, Executive Assistant Committees of Council

A. Call to Order

Mayor Alar Soever called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with Councillor Rob Sampson and Councillor Peter Bordignon present.

Task Force advisory participants present were Dr. Sabrina Saunders, Gillian Fairley, Carolyn Letourneau, Andrew Siegart, Sarah Fillion, Diane Anderson, Derek Hammond, Reverend Dr. Grayhame Bowcott, Paul Pinchbeck, and Rob Cederberg.

Town staff present were Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Operations Shawn Carey, and Director of Community Service Ryan Gibbons.

Regrets were sent by advisory participants Tim Newton, Lisa Burechails, Shawn McKinlay, Tom Kennedy, Cathy Innes, Tony Poole, Mark Woodburn, Melissa Twist, and Melissa Goldmintz-Shah. The Town's Manager of Communications and Economic Development Tim Hendry also sent his regrets.

- **Task Force Member Attendance**
- **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT the Agenda of January 20, 2021 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda, Carried.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2019-56, Community Recovery Task Force members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

B. Staff Reports and Deputations

B.1 Deputations, if any

None

B.2 Staff Reports, if any

None

C. Matters for Discussion

C.1 COVID-19 Update – Mayor Soever

Mayor Soever reviewed the number of COVID-19 cases in Grey/Bruce and Province-wide and noted it appears the Province and the Counties are over the worst of the Christmas-related peak. Mayor Soever advised that, according to the Health Unit, approximately 50% of the cases in Grey Bruce were traced directly back to holiday gatherings. Mayor Soever noted the U.K./South African COVID-variant may influence the number of cases seen throughout the Province in the coming weeks.

C.2 Provincial State of Emergency and Operations – All Participants

It was noted that there are Stay at Home Orders in effect throughout the Province of Ontario. Mayor Soever urged individuals to get outside for exercise and fresh air and emphasized the importance of social distancing and wearing a mask in accordance with legislation. The Mayor confirmed that by-law staff is available for education purposes and further noted vaccination distribution is ongoing.

C.3 Potential Enhancement of Annual Events (Fall 2021) – CAO Shawn Everitt

Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt reported that later in 2021 when some normalcy returns, the Town would like to consider enhancement of events like the Fall Fair, Olde Fashioned Christmas, Apple Harvest Festival, etc. with a theme of “Flipping Off COVID”. The Task Force enquired about Canada Day celebrations, which Shawn advised would likely be a limited celebration as it is anticipated that Fall 2021 will be the earliest opportunity for larger events. Shawn emphasized that the Town will be looking to partner with community stakeholders.

Mayor Soever enquired with Andrew Siegart whether there has been any discussion with the Province with respect to Blue Mountain reopening. Andrew noted it is expected that once the Stay at Home Order is lifted, the Province will go back to colour zone designations, but is unknown when this will be. Andrew advised this information was shared by the Ministry of Tourism.

Mayor Soever noted The Blue Mountains is not seeing significant case load due to visitors or retail environments. Mayor Soever did note however that the Grey Bruce Health Unit had released a notice that some Health Units in the province are not keeping up on contact tracing due to case load which reinforces the importance of not having contact with individuals outside of one's health unit.

Sarah Filion noted the Clarksburg Village Association raises its funds by events, and as there have been no events, a request will be coming forward to Town staff, the Grants and Donations Committee, and Council for consideration.

C.4 Updates from Task Force Advisory Participants

Reverend Dr. Grayhame Bowcott

- Community Cares Meal Program relaunching January 23, 2021
- The program has seen increased need in the New Year (90 school meal recipients and 50 senior meal recipients on a weekly basis)
- Public Health has reviewed the program's new operating procedures
- Funding for the Community Cares program is in place until the end of June 2021

Andrew Siegart

- Blue Mountain Village Foundation currently accepting grant applications
- Fifteen, \$1,000 grants are being distributed for services that respond to COVID-19 needs
- Applications are due by January 22, 2021
- Applications will be reviewed and funds distributed within 2 weeks of the application closing

Carolyn Letourneau

- Treasure Shop currently closed
- Open for emergency services at Beaver Valley Outreach with major needs being: gift cards for food, housing
- Preschool and Seniors Centre Without Walls being operated

D. Correspondence

None

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Additions to the Agenda

E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

February 3, 2021

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Rob Sampson

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Community Recovery Task Force does now adjourn at 9:35 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.