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## Community Recovery Task Force

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**Meeting Date:** March 3, 2021  
**Meeting Time:** 10:00 a.m.  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting  
**Prepared by** Sarah Merrifield, Executive Assistant Committees of Council

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### A. Call to Order

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Mayor Soever called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with Councillor Bordignon and Councillor Sampson present.

Town staff present were Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Operations Shawn Carey, Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons, and Manager of Communications and Economic Development Tim Hendry.

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

Moved by: Councillor Bordignon

Seconded by: Councillor Sampson

THAT the Agenda of March 3, 2021 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda, being Item D.1.1 Community Funding Opportunities.

#### **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

▪ **Previous Minutes (February 19, 2021)**

Moved by: Councillor Bordignon

Seconded by: Councillor Sampson

THAT the Community Recovery Task Force Minutes of February 19, 2021 (large and small group) be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

**B. Matters for Discussion**

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**B.1 Matters arising from March 3, 2021 Large Task Force (if needed)**

**Vaccinations**

- Public Health has designated facility rentals for vaccinations to Grey County for coordination – Town staff will reach out to County staff to advise that the Beaver Valley Community Centre is available as a vaccination hub
- Agreed that once vaccination messaging is released from the Health Unit (particularly with regard to the 1-800 sign up number), the Town will also circulate the messaging to residents

**B.2 Range of Spring 2021 re-opening COVID-19 Measures being Considered**

- Report to Business Improvement Area Board outlining the range of 2021 re-opening COVID-19 measures being considered, however, the Business Improvement Area did not achieve quorum
  - Meeting has been rescheduled to March 10 to consider the recommendations within the report
  - Generally, it seems the report has been well-received by the Board of Directors, and the Business Improvement Area is appreciative of the approach of early engagement
- There are other staff reports for a Special Meeting of Council in March 2021 that outline reopening items including: additional staff for community services to provide a level of service that allows for reopening of the Community Centre, paid parking enforcement and by-law considerations, winter trail grooming, events, Arthur Street Parking Lot update, Highway 26 Speed Limit Options which may be jointly presented with Ministry of Transportation staff

**B.3 Provincial Re-opening Strategy**

- Mayor's messaging will be to continue to exercise caution to ensure the COVID-19 numbers stay manageable
- Mayor Soever pointed to a recent article in Collingwood Today, "Pandemic Zones Highlight Problematic County Borders"

**B.4 "Give a Smile" Campaign Update – Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons**

- Confirming potential number of recipients of the seniors-focused "Give a Smile" campaign prior to determining what the actual program looks like

## **C. Correspondence**

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None

## **D. New and Unfinished Business**

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### **D.1 Additions to the Agenda**

#### **D.1.1 Community Funding Opportunities**

- Councillor Sampson pointed to recent Provincial grant funding for cultural centres and arts and noted that there were no local recipients – do Town organizations know about grant funding opportunities, and if not, should the Town be promoting grant opportunities more heavily?
  - Town's Economic Development Division regularly shares grant opportunities through the various business associations
  - It was noted that tight application deadlines might be a deterrent for community groups
  - Recent grant opportunities do not follow similar formats, so a unique application is required by organizations each time they apply
  - Discussed that a grant writing workshop might be helpful for Town businesses and organizations

### **D.2 Items Identified for Discussion at Next Meeting**

- Large Task Force Survey Follow-up
- Vaccine Update

## **E. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

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March 17, 2021

## **F. Adjournment**

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Moved by: Councillor Sampson

Seconded by: Councillor Bordignon

THAT the Community Recovery Task Force does adjourn at 10:56 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.