

Minutes

Community Recovery Task Force

Meeting Date: October 8, 2020

Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Prepared by Sarah Merrifield, Executive Assistant Committees of Council

A. Call to Order

Mayor Soever called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. with Councillor Sampson and Councillor Bordignon 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: Rob Sampson Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Agenda of October 8, 2020 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda, being Item D.1.1. Holiday "Shop Local" Initiative, and Item D.1.2. New Provincial Orders and Enforcement, 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

Previous Minutes (September 23, 2020 and October 7, 2020)

Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT the Community Recovery Task Force Minutes of September 23, 2020 (large group and small group), and October 7, 2020 (large group) be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

B. Matters for Discussion

B.1 Halloween and Christmas 2020 Discussion

Grey Bruce Public Health Unit's COVID-19 Considerations for Halloween: https://www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca/Portals/0/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/COVID1 9/Considerations%20for%20Halloween.pdf#page=1

*Include discussion regarding Christmas 2020 Pick Up/Delivery Dinner

- Press release, postcards and road signs regarding safe practices for Halloween
 2020 are being readied for distribution the week of October 12, 2020
- The sub-committee being struck to develop a Christmas Dinner is meeting Tuesday, October 13 to initiate planning

B.2 Town offer to Assist BIA re: Olde Fashioned Christmas Event

- Thornbury BIA voted to cancel Olde Fashioned Christmas event at its October 7, 2020 meeting
- In lieu of this traditional event, a Holiday "Shop Local" campaign is being considered

B.3 Remembrance Day Services 2020 and Poppy Campaign

- Community Services staff coordinating with Legion
- Event will be livestreamed
- Discussion forthcoming about how best to promote the event
- Legion has requested hall space be made available to offer hot food to those participating in the event on-site – a Plan is being developed by Shawn McKinlay for the Health Unit's review

B.4 Matters arising from October 7, 2020 Large Task Force (if needed)

Mask Wearing By-law

- Large Task Force members seemed generally supportive of a mask-wearing bylaw for the Town of The Blue Mountains
- CAO Shawn Everitt confirmed by-law officers will be providing assistance to Blue Mountain Village over the Thanksgiving Weekend to help with education re: mask wearing, crowd and parking management

C. Correspondence

None

D. New and Unfinished Business

D.1 Additions to the Agenda

D.1.1. Holiday "Shop Local" Initiative

- Town staff working with Chamber of Commerce and Thornbury BIA to discuss a "Shop Local" Holiday Campaign in conjunction with Grey County
 - Details regarding marketing costs, advertising, etc., and event specifics will be provided as they are known
- Suggestion: "Blue" Friday holiday shopping event

D.1.2. New Provincial Orders and Enforcement

- Noted the consolidated orders for mask wearing and social gatherings have been released by the Province
- Some of the language around enforcement is unclear
- Director of Legal Services Will Thomson to review orders and provide an opinion
- It was noted that some citizens have contacted members of Council to advise of local businesses that appear to not be following protocol

D.2 Items Identified for Discussion at Next Meeting

- Holiday "Shop Local" Event/ "Blue" Friday
- By-law Power in relation to New Provincial Order

E. Upcoming Meeting Dates

October 21, 2020

F. Adjournment

Moved by: Rob Sampson

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Community Recovery Task Force does adjourn at 1:26 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.