

# **Minutes**

# Community Recovery Task Force

Meeting Date: March 17, 2021 Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting

Prepared by Sarah Merrifield, Executive Assistant Committees of Council

#### A. Call to Order

NOTE: This meeting began prior to 10:00 a.m. as all confirmed attendees were present in advance of the meeting start time.

Mayor Alar Soever called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. with Councillor Peter Bordignon and Councillor Rob Sampson present.

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

Regrets were sent by Director of Operations Shawn Carey.

#### Task Force Member Attendance

#### Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Councillor Sampson Seconded by: Councillor Bordignon

THAT the Agenda of March 17, 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

#### Previous Minutes (March 3, 2021)

Moved by: Councillor Sampson

Seconded by: Councillor Bordignon

THAT the Community Recovery Task Force Minutes of March 3, 2021 (large and small group) be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made, Carried.

#### B. Matters for Discussion

#### B.1 Matters arising from March 17, 2021 Large Task Force (if needed)

#### **Vaccinations**

- Appears Grey Bruce Public Health Unit is working with individual doctors to facilitate vaccination clinics in the individual communities
- Town is aware of Thornbury clinics held by doctors on March 21, 2021 and March 23, 2021

#### **B.2** Follow-up resolutions from Council

1. THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the January 20, 2021 Community Recovery Task Force recommendation as follows:

THAT the Community Recovery Task Force requests Council to direct staff to develop a report that provides management tools necessary for a safe reopening of the area for Spring and Summer 2021, including consideration of speed control on Highway 26 during the busy summer season;

AND THAT the Community Recovery Task Force requests Council to direct staff to consider the potential impacts and modifications to traditional annual events which may be necessary due to COVID-19, CARRIED.

AND THAT, in accordance with the recommendation provided, Council directs staff as follows:

- to develop a report that provides management tools necessary for a safe reopening of the area for Spring and Summer 2021, including consideration of speed control on Highway 26 during the busy summer season;
- to consider the potential impacts and modifications to traditional annual events which may be necessary due to COVID-19, CARRIED.
- 2. THAT, in accordance with the January 20, 2021 Community Recovery Task Force recommendation, Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains provides a reserve of \$50,000 for the purposes of supporting the activities identified by the Recovery Task Force with respect to management tools necessary for a safe re-opening and to be funded by working capital pending future grant applications, CARRIED.

- \$50,000 still available and remains unspent
- Report coming forward to Council regarding \$650,000 currently funded from working capital
- Report coming forward to Council regarding summer/reopening plans

## C. Correspondence

None

#### D. New and Unfinished Business

- D.1 Additions to the Agenda
- D.2 Items Identified for Discussion at Next Meeting
- **E.** Upcoming Meeting Dates

March 31, 2021, bi-weekly moving forward

### F. Adjournment

Moved by: Councillor Bordignon

Seconded by: Councillor Sampson

THAT the Community Recovery Task Force does adjourn at 9:49 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.