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## Community Recovery Task Force

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**Meeting Date:** May 26, 2021  
**Meeting Time:** 9:00 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 9:00 a.m. with Councillor Bordignon and Councillor Sampson present.

Advisory participants present were Dr. Sabrina Saunders, Cathy Innes, Pamela McDermid, Andrew Siegwart, Sarah Fillion, and Melissa Twist. Revered Dr. Grayhame Bowcott and Derek Hammond joined the meeting following the call to order.

Town staff present were Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Operations Shawn Carey, and Administrative Assistant Committees of Council Kyra Dunlop.

Regrets were sent by advisory participants Tim Newton, Gillian Fairley, Shawn McKinlay, Tom Kennedy, Carolyn Letourneau, Tony Poole, Diane Anderson, Paul Pinchbeck, and Rob Cederberg. Town staff unable to attend were Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, 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 May 26, 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**

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### **B.1 Deputations, if any**

None

### **B.2 Staff Reports, if any**

None

## **C. Matters for Discussion**

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### **C.1 COVID-19 Update and Grey Bruce Vaccination Update – Mayor Alar Soever**

- Reopening Ontario Guidelines <https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario>
- Grey/Bruce Vaccination Update
- Progress
- Seniors' Experience and Feedback
- Mayor Soever noted case numbers, hospitalizations, ICU cases, and death rates are all reducing in the Province of Ontario
- The Blue Mountains has 1 active case currently
- Over 50% of eligible people in Grey Bruce have been vaccinated (those individuals aged 12 and up)
- Dr. Arra is advocating for the reopening of schools in Grey Bruce, pending Provincial consideration
- Mayor Soever reviewed the Province's reopening guidelines and the respective phases identified therein, and noted that the current Stay at Home Order remains in effect until June 2, 2021
- Pamela McDermid noted that the preference indicated by seniors who participate in the Seniors Centre Without Walls is to be able to attend a drive through vaccination clinic in The Blue Mountains, similar to when they received their first dose of the vaccines
  - Mayor Soever confirmed that the Public Health Unit is anticipating to be able to hold similar drive through vaccination clinics at the end of June

- Andrew Siegwart noted the staged approach in the re-opening plan is helpful for businesses – it was noted that there are several gaps in information at this time that will be further clarified by the regulations associated with the re-opening plan
- Pamela McDermid advised that Grey County has established a sub-committee to develop a Grey County Age Friendly Community Strategy and Action Plan, of which she is participating in

## **C.2 Updates from Task Force Advisory Participants**

### **Reverend Dr. Grayhame Bowcott**

- 130-135 meals being provided per week, by more than 70 volunteers
- Meal programs will continue to end of July, and then restart at the beginning of the school year
- During the break, families in need can still contact the Community Cares program to receive a monetary value to be put towards food
- Recently received an outreach fridge to suit the needs of the meal program

### **Andrew Siegwart**

- On behalf of 50 businesses and 2,500 home and property owners at Blue Mountain Village area, Andrew thanked Mayor Soever for the letter sent to the Premier regarding the need for a re-opening plan

### **Cathy Innes**

- Beaver Valley Outreach is accepting donations by appointment for drop off of items, and is evaluating the Treasure Shop floor layout to allow for enhanced physical distancing and increased capacity

## **C.3 Follow-up Direction from Council**

Mayor Soever read the motion noted below.

The following Direction provided by Council May 17, 2021

THAT, in accordance with the May 11, 2021 Community Recovery Task Force recommendation, Council of The Town of The Blue Mountains directs staff to provide a report on options for patio extensions on private property and considerations for use of Town property for review at the May 31, 2021 Council meeting, CARRIED.

## **D. Correspondence**

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None

## **E. New and Unfinished Business**

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

### **E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting**

## **F. Notice of Meeting Dates**

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It was requested that a meeting be scheduled for June 16, 2021 to allow for a 3 week meeting rotation.

## **G. Adjournment**

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Moved by: Councillor Bordignon

Seconded by: Councillor Sampson

THAT the Community Recovery Task Force does now adjourn at 9:26 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.