



Minutes

Community Recovery Task Force

Meeting Date: November 4, 2020

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 9:04 a.m. with Councillor Peter Bordignon and Councillor Rob Sampson present.

Advisory participants present were Gillian Fairley, Cathy Innes, Andrew Siegwart, Sarah Filion, Tony Poole, Diane Anderson, Reverend Dr. Grayhame Bowcott, Paul Pinchbeck, Melissa Twist, Rob Cederberg, and Melissa Goldmintz-Shah.

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 November 4, 2020 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 Protocols/Adaptive Operations for Winter Season – All Task Force members, and Svetislav Milanopulus, B.A.Sc., CPHI(C), Public Health Inspector, Grey Bruce Health Unit

A) Input from Grey Bruce Health Unit

NOTE: The following questions were provided to Mr. Milanopulus in advance of the meeting:

- 1) Can you comment on the effectiveness of face shields rather than masks? Particularly for waitstaff.
 - Face shields are not a like-for-like substitute for a mask, as they do not filter out respiratory droplets
 - Face shields are, however, better than nothing
 - Mr. Milanopulus noted some individuals are unable to wear even a face shield due to an underlying medical condition, such as anxiety
- 2) Our region is one of the primary winter destinations in Ontario for outdoor activities & attractions. What support & flexibility on current provincial restrictions can we expect to see from the province for winter tourism? More importantly, what role will Grey Bruce Public Health play to advocate for winter tourism businesses to open their full experience despite these restrictions. Specifically, advocating for businesses that have already invested in safe operations and strict health protocols as they manage significantly reduced capacity levels, staff employment and revenue potential.
 - Administrative and engineering controls are in place to allow for safe operations however, Grey Bruce Public Health is not actively promoting tourism or visitors within the region; safe operations do not equate to promotion of tourism
 - Mr. Milanopulus noted the recent advice from the Province to discourage visitors from high traffic to low traffic areas
 - Noted saunas/steam rooms are to remain closed, per Provincial direction

B) Line/Capacity Management

- 1) Best practice for managing line ups in an outdoor environment when there's snow on the ground?
 - Public Health Grey Bruce will source best practices and follow-up
 - Discussed that any solution must adhere to fire route restrictions, etc.
- 2) Blue Mountain Village capacity management for ski hills?
 - Andrew Siegwart noted plans are still being finalized, but include: pass sales will be promoted over day ticket sales, plan ahead, purchase in

advance, promotion of off-peak visitation, full use of public spaces with outdoor warming areas

3) Town of The Blue Mountains Recreational Spaces

- Mayor Soever noted he has contacted Ministry of Environment, Conservation, and Parks to confirm if access is possible to Craighleith Provincial Park for winter recreational purposes

4) Provision of capacity management throughout the municipality

- Requested continued weekly calls between trading areas and business associations to discuss capacity expectations, which includes an initial planning session, similar to the coordination throughout summer 2020
- Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons noted Grey County is initiating discussion with large public land owners to confirm if applicable properties can be opened for recreational potential

C) Glove Wearing Health and Safety Protocols

- 1) Wait staff do not need to be gloved
- 2) Encourage patrons wearing mittens/gloves in retail environments during the colder months to keep the gloves on their person to avoid cross-contamination

D) Town Scenarios Should the Government of Ontario go into Further Lockdown

- **Emergency Controls Group**
 - Haven't had any crisis issues at the Emergency Control Group level
- **LE Shore Memorial Library Winter Plans**
- **Municipal Facilities**
 - Re-opening of municipal facilities and review scenarios as it happens
 - Fall 2020 focus has been recreational programming at community centres

C.2 Mandatory Mask By-law Update

NOTE: Included for information is the November 2, 2020 direction from Council

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.176 entitled "Mandatory Face Covering By-law" for information;

AND THAT Council refers the draft by-law to staff, in consultation with the Communications Advisory Committee, for further consideration and report back to Council with a full communication and implementation plan, including public consultation to a Special Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for the week of November 23, 2020, for consideration for adoption at the November 30 Council Meeting, CARRIED.

- Hoping to have the by-law in place in December 2020, subject to amendments or further consultation with the public
- If passed, a strong communications plan will be integral to by-law roll-out and enforcement

C.3 Virtual Remembrance Day Service Update – Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons

- Remembrance Day signage in place throughout the community
- Planning a modified, but respectful virtual celebration

C.4 Christmas Dinner Sub-Committee Update – Councillor Rob Sampson

- 2 themes: Christmas dinner planning and virtual holiday celebration

C.5 Holiday “Shop Local” Campaign – Manager of Communications and Economic Development Tim Hendry

- Stakeholders meeting November 4, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.
- Theme: “Give the Gift of Blue” – contest for prizes to support local businesses

C.6 Halloween 2020 Update – Tim Hendry

- Road signs focused in high-traffic areas, no issues reported
- Great example of collaboration between the Town, Ontario Provincial Police, and the Grey Bruce Health Unit

C.7 Updates from Task Force Advisory Participants

Gillian Fairley

- Regional Relief and Recovery Fund being released
 - Currently a waitlist
 - Businesses that did not qualify for Canada Emergency Business Account funding may be eligible for the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund
 - Contact info@centreforbusiness.ca to get added to the waitlist

D. Correspondence

None

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Additions to the Agenda

E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

- Grey County Recreational Spaces Update – Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons
- Holiday “Shop Local” Campaign – Manager of Communications and Economic Development Tim Hendry
- Christmas Dinner/Event Sub-Committee Update

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

November 18, 2020*
Will be rescheduled

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Rob Sampson

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Community Recovery Task Force does now adjourn at 10:13 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.