



Minutes

Community Recovery Task Force

Meeting Date: December 2, 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 9:02 a.m. with Councillor Peter Bordignon and Councillor Rob Sampson present.

Advisory participants present were Dr. Sabrina Saunders, Cathy Innes, Andrew Siegwart, Sarah Fillion, Diane Anderson, Derek Hammond, Reverend Dr. Grayhame Bowcott, Melissa Twist, Paul Pinchbeck, and Rob Cederberg.

Town staff present were Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt, Director of Operations Shawn Carey, Director of Finance and IT Services Ruth Prince, Director of Legal Services Will Thomson, and Communications and Economic Development Coordinator Carling Fee. Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Regrets were sent by advisory participants Tim Newton, Gillian Fairley, Lisa Burechails, Shawn McKinlay, Tom Kennedy, Carolyn Letourneau, Steve Simon, Tony Poole, Mark Woodburn, and Melissa Goldmintz-Shah.

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

Moved by: Peter Bordignon

Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT the Agenda of December 2, 2020 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda, being Item E.1.1 Correspondence regarding Ski Resorts, 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 Red Zone Classification and How it Impacts the Town and Businesses, if the region ever moves to Red Zone Classification

As requested at the November 23, 2020 Task Force meeting

Note: Included for reference is a link to the guidelines associated with category RED, as found on the Government of Ontario website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open#red>

- Mayor Soever shared COVID-19 trending and noted the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit is current in the “Yellow” Zone and pointed to the recent increase in cases which is largely attributed to individuals attending private gatherings
- Reviewed the “Red” Zone category, as found at the link above
- Key message: all stakeholders and residents must do everything possible to ensure the Health Unit and Province are not required to put the region into the “Red” Zone
- Noted that Council is considering adoption of a Mask By-law which is a protective measure

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- Councillor Bordignon noted there are several international ski resorts that may close temporarily due to COVID-19; it was noted that local community stakeholders are aware of the situation but local ski resorts are in a different position than those international ski resorts

C.2 Capacity and Line Management Operating Procedures for Winter 2021, and Stakeholder Messaging when Businesses/Attractions are at Capacity – Full Task Force

- Blue Mountain will work to manage its capacity by measuring sales and advertising mid-week/evening/off-peak hours
- Noted the main timeframe where capacity management will be important is during winter long weekends and holidays
- The Town is grooming the Georgian Trail and trails at Tomahawk for increased winter recreation opportunities
- Discussed that “wind shelters” such as planters, structures, potted evergreen trees, etc. can be useful for designating outside line-up areas while breaking the wind in the winter season

C.3 Christmas Dinner/Video Event Sub-Committee Update – Councillor Rob Sampson

- 500 meals (turkey, ham, sides, and dessert)
 - 250 meals through Community Cares and Caring Seniors meal program
 - 250 meals on a by donation/minimum contribution basis for the larger community
- Video work underway, significant progress made November 30, which continues to mid-week
 - Reverend Dr. Grayhame Bowcott noted there will be additional choral filming done at the cenotaph

C.4 Updates from Task Force Advisory Participants

Reverend Dr. Grayhame Bowcott

- Caring Seniors and Community Cares meal delivery programs ending mid-December 2020 and restarting the 3rd week of January 2021
 - Community has indicated interest in volunteering and funds for groceries for the 2021 winter program is secured

Sarah Fillion

- Clarksburg lights tour has joined with L.E. Shore Memorial Library’s similar initiative to make the event community-wide
- Lots of interest generated by residents in Clarksburg

D. Correspondence

None

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Additions to the Agenda

E.1.1 Correspondence regarding Ski Resorts

- Mayor Soever referenced a letter regarding potential ski lift capacity restrictions that may make winter operations for ski resorts more difficult
- Andrew Siegwart noted Blue Mountain has worked with Ontario Ski Resort Association regarding lift capacity and line management at the base of the hill to develop operating procedures
- Mayor Soever may submit letter to the Premier on the matter if needed

Director of Operations Shawn Carey left the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

December 16, 2020*

It was agreed that January 2021 the Task Force will continue to meet every two (2) weeks

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Rob Sampson

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Community Recovery Task Force does now adjourn at 9:45 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.