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## Community Recovery Task Force

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**Meeting Date:** March 17, 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 Alar Soever called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. with Councillor Rob Sampson and Councillor Pete Bordignon present.

Advisory participants present were Dr. Sabrina Saunders, Gillian Fairley, Carolyn Letourneau, Pamela McDermid, Cathy Innes, Diane Anderson, Derek Hammond, 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, and Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons.

Regrets were sent by Advisory participants Tim Newton, Lisa Burechails, Shawn McKinlay, Tom Kennedy, Andrew Siegwart, Sarah Fillion, Tony Poole, Reverend Dr. Grayhame Bowcott, Paul Pinchbeck, Mark Woodburn, Melissa Twist, and Melissa Goldmintz-Shah.

- **Task Force Member Attendance**

- **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Councillor Bordignon

Seconded by: Councilor Sampson

THAT the Agenda of March 17, 2021 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda, Carried.

Mayor Soever welcomed new advisory participant Pamela McDermid, Beaver Valley Outreach Seniors Centre Without Walls, and thanked her for her work with seniors in the community.

**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 Grey Bruce Vaccination Update – Mayor Alar Soever**

- March 15, 2021 Province of Ontario released the registration portals (online and telephone) for the COVID-19 vaccination program for qualifying individuals
- The Blue Mountains is seeking clarity from Grey Bruce Health Unit regarding the vaccine clinics that are planned for The Blue Mountains
- LE Shore Library has been assisting qualifying individuals through the registration process
- Seniors Centre Without Walls participants are expressing confusion regarding the vaccination clinics, and are not able to “get up and go” when they receive a call

**C.2 COVID-19 Update – Mayor Soever**

- Reviewed data regarding Ontario and Grey Bruce case numbers per 100,000 people
- Concern over the variants currently being seen throughout Ontario, of which Grey Bruce has seen ten (10) variant cases to date
- Emphasized need to maintain vigilance and adhere to public health guidelines

**C.3 Collingwoodtoday.ca Article**

<https://www.collingwoodtoday.ca/the-blue-mountains-and-grey-highlands/tbm-mayor-cries-foul-over-third-round-of-covid-funding-3527115>

- Province released new round of funding based on number of households and those areas with lower case numbers receive less funding
- The Blue Mountains has incurred significant costs to date related to community safety measures

#### **C.4 Survey Responses from Task Force Participants**

- Is a 2-week meeting frequency appropriate, or should it be reduced to once/month?
  - Task Force will proceed with bi-weekly meetings until COVID-19 situation has lessened
- Do you find the Task Force meetings helpful?
  - Generally comments were complimentary and participants are finding the Task Force meetings helpful and collaborative
- Are there any other topics you would like to see regularly on the agenda?
- Do you have any additional comments?

#### **C.4 Updates from Task Force Advisory Participants**

##### **Councillor Sampson**

- Tourism Recovery Task Force established by Province of Ontario, Councillor Sampson participating
- Goal is to assist sectors across the province to recover from COVID-19 and emerge post-COVID
- If Community Recovery Task Force members have ideas and suggestions or feedback for the Tourism Recovery Task Force, the comments can be referred through Councillor Sampson
- Executive Assistant Committees of Council Sarah Merrifield will circulate the initiative to all Recovery Task Force members, along with the draft meeting minutes
- Province is prioritizing 2021 as the “Year of the Staycation”

##### **Carolyn Letourneau**

- Treasure Shop reopened on Wednesdays and Saturdays moving forward
- Assisting with Community Cares Meal Delivery Program with St. George’s Anglican Church
- Tuesday afternoons the Beaver Valley Outreach offers a Canadian Mental Health drop in clinic – Sarah to distribute information to the Recovery Task Force members

#### **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**

- **Grey Bruce Vaccination Update**
- **COVID-19 Update**
- **Tourism Recovery Task Force Update**

**F. Notice of Meeting Dates**

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March 31, 2021, and bi-weekly thereafter until otherwise confirmed

**G. Adjournment**

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Moved by: Councillor Sampson

Seconded by: Councillor Bordignon

THAT the Community Recovery Task Force does now adjourn at 9:34 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.