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## Community Recovery Task Force

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**Meeting Date:** October 25, 2021  
**Meeting Time:** 2:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Microsoft Teams Meeting  
**Prepared by** Kyra Dunlop, Administrative Assistant Committees of Council

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### A. Call to Order

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- **Task Force Member Attendance**

Mayor Soever called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. with Councillor Bordignon present. Councillor Sampson joined the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

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

- **Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Councillor Bordignon

Seconded by: Mayor Soever

THAT the Agenda of October 25, 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 2021-76, 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 (September 15, 2021)**

Moved by: Councillor Bordignon

Seconded by: Mayor Soever

THAT the Community Recovery Task Force Minutes of September 15, 2021 be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made, CARRIED.

## **B. Matters for Discussion**

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### **B.1 Items identified for discussion arising from Large Group Meeting, if any**

#### **Meeting Frequency**

Councillor Bordignon noted that the October 20, 2021 Large Group meeting had produced discussion regarding the positive feelings people had about the vaccine passports and roll-out, the meeting frequency of the Task Force and the discussion of turning the Task Force into a sub-committee or task force through the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

Mayor Soever noted that the change for the Task Force to fall under the purview of the Economic Development Advisory Committee would be a good idea. Mayor Soever noted that Task Force participants such as Pamela McDermid or Reverend Dr. Grayhame Bowcott provided excellent insight and feedback on what was happening with the community, and that their feedback was very valuable. Mayor Soever asked if there was a way to invite members of the community who were not sitting on a Committee of Council to be part of a sub-committee or task force. CAO Everitt noted that an idea for discussion could be that the Task Force move to bi-monthly meetings with a final report being provided to Council in June 2022 on the Task Force's activities. CAO Everitt noted that a task force operating within the Economic Development Advisory Committee could have a 2 year mandate to operate and report on post-pandemic progress in the community. CAO Everitt confirmed that individuals who were not members of the Committee could sit on sub-committees or Committee task forces. Councillor Bordignon noted that Manager of Communications and Economic Development Tim Hendry was very capable of adapting the ExploreBlue website and that the site could have a Community Corner or Seniors Corner to ensure messaging was still getting out to the residents about the community progress.

CAO Everitt noted he would bring a draft revised Terms of Reference for the Task Force to review and consider. Councillor Sampson asked if the Task Force could be absorbed by Economic Development Advisory Committee right away rather than waiting until June 2022. Councillor Bordignon noted that a report and recommendation should be taken to Committee of the Whole and then Council first to ensure a clean transition. Mayor Soever noted that the Large Group Task Force members would also appreciate receiving an explanation of the transition. CAO Everitt noted that the Large Group could receive an update post-holiday season before transitioning to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

#### **Flu Vaccination Supply**

Councillor Sampson noted that the Large Group meeting had identified that last year there was not enough flu vaccine supply due to the growth experienced in the Town. Councillor Sampson noted that it had been identified that Mayor Soever could connect with Dr. Arra to ensure adequate supply was ordered of the high dose flu vaccine for fall 2021. Mayor Soever noted he would look into that.

## **C. Correspondence**

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None

## **D. New and Unfinished Business**

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

#### **D.1.1. Grey Bruce Freedom Fighters – Mayor Soever**

Mayor Soever noted that he had been informed during the Town's Emergency Control Group Exercise by Constable Kevin Cornell that a group called the Grey Bruce Freedom Fighters had held several rallies in towns throughout Ontario and that the group was largely based on anti-vaccine and anti-vaccine passport sentiment. Mayor Soever noted that Constable Cornell noted that the group may hold a rally in Collingwood or the Town. Mayor Soever noted that people were required to show proof of vaccination at Town Facilities. CAO Everitt noted he had reached out to Owen Sound to receive their feedback on the rally that had been held in their municipality and that he was advised there were no significant complaints arising from the rally. CAO Everitt noted that By-Law officer's would be checking proof of vaccination for attendees at the upcoming hybrid Council meetings. Councillor Sampson asked if the Verify Ontario app would be used by Town staff to verify proof of vaccination. CAO Everitt advised that he would investigate whether the Verify Ontario app would be used by Town staff.

Mayor Soever noted the Town would be holding a test hybrid Council meeting the following day. CAO Everitt noted that the purpose of the exercise would be to ensure Council understood the audio and visual components required during hybrid meetings and would follow-up with the Town Clerk to confirm what arrangements had been made for Council members to attend.

### **D.2 Items Identified for Discussion at Next Meeting**

- Matters arising from Large Group meeting, if required
- Revised Draft Terms of Reference

## **E. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

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November 17, 2021

The Task Force members noted that a date to meet in December would be beneficial.

## **F. Adjournment**

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Moved by: Councillor Bordignon

Seconded by: Councillor Sampson

THAT the Community Recovery Task Force does adjourn at 2:28 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, CARRIED.