



Minutes

Community Recovery Task Force

Meeting Date: August 5, 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 9:01 a.m. with Councillor Peter Bordignon and Councillor Rob Sampson present.

Advisory participants present were Dr. Sabrina Saunders, Gillian Fairley, Shawn McKinlay, Cathy Innes, Andrew Siegwart, Sarah Fillion, Tony Poole, Diane Anderson, Derek Hammond, Reverend Dr. Grayhame Bowcott, 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 Community Services Ryan Gibbons, and Manager of Communications and Economic Development Tim Hendry.

Regrets were sent by advisory participants Tim Newton, Lisa Burechails, Tom Kennedy, Carolyn Letourneau, Steve Simon, Paul Pinchbeck, and Mark Woodburn.

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

Moved by: Rob Sampson

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Agenda of August 5, 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.3 Staff Reports, if any

None

C. Matters for Discussion

C.1 What's New / Town Updates

- **Lobsterfest Event Update** – Councillor Sampson and Councillor Bordignon
 - Excellent community and volunteer participation with funds raised between \$22,000 and \$23,000 for distribution between Beaver Valley Outreach, Marsh Street Centre, and the Town's Grants and Donations Committee
 - Legion hosted the bar and received the proceeds
 - Grey County Warden, Member of Provincial Parliament Lisa MacLeod, and Member of Parliament Terry Dowdall present
 - Legion location was excellent for dine-in portion, with Rotary tents used
- **Library Re-opening Update** – Dr. Sabrina Saunders
 - Library re-opening being pushed back one week from August 11, 2020 to allow for floors to be refinished
 - Library will be open to the public 5 days/week
 - Masks to be worn inside the building, directional arrows installed, offering face shields for anyone unable to wear a mask
 - Approximately ½ the building will be available for browsing
 - Quarantining protocols are in place for all materials
 - Blue Mountain Creator Space available by appointment
 - Wireless internet available inside and outside the building
- **Paid Parking Pilot Project** – Director of Community Services Ryan Gibbons
 - "soft launch" of paid parking initiative August 1, 2020 – not currently being enforced
 - Residents passes to be distributed to households by mid-August
 - Enforcement staff are being trained on the "Honk Mobile" platform
 - Honk Mobile includes the following options for payment: tap or QR code, app, call/text
 - Press Release will be issued
 - \$5/hour to a maximum of 4 hours, parking fine is \$30
 - Parking available at Craigeith Provincial Park for \$15.50/day
 - Staff to review if it is possible to "redeem" parking fees to encourage spending at local businesses

- **Leisure Activities Plan** – Ryan Gibbons
 - Councillor Bordignon is the Council-lead for the Steering Committee
 - Intention to update the 2016 Leisure Activities Plan
 - Survey is being launched, and information gathering sessions are planned for members of the public and stakeholders
 - Comprehensive in scope: seeking information from residents in the east, west, rural, urban, full-time and part-time
- **Residency Study** – Mayor Soever
 - Arising from comments by Steve Simon and discussions with part-time residents, the Town has developed a Residency Study that will be released to gauge intentionality of Town residents
 - Focus on whether residents who are typically seasonal/part-time will be spending more time in The Blue Mountains, or moving here permanently, and whether the schoolboard should expect an influx of registrants for Fall 2020
 - When survey is released, it will be shared with Task Force participants to forward and promote within their respective networks

C.2 Updates from Task Force Advisory Participants

Reverend Dr. Grayhame Bowcott

- Senior's and Village Meal Programs have temporarily concluded to give volunteers a break and re-assess the community's needs
- Jean Louis Oliver will be concluding her work with the meal programs
- Senior's and Village Meal Programs will re-launch September 11, 2020 to continue to December 2020
 - Senior's Meal Program: weekly subscription service, cost of \$10 with subsidy available as needed
 - Village Meal Program: \$10,000 grant received from Grey County for this work, 20 families from the school will receive meals each Friday
- Churches are re-opening in September 2020

Shawn McKinlay

- Noted his appreciation on behalf of the Legion for being included in Lobsterfest
- Proceeds from the bar provided the Legion with much-needed funds

Councillor Sampson left the meeting from 9:38 a.m. to 9:41 a.m.

Diane Anderson

- Rotary is launching two (2) initiatives:
 - "Take a Break" recognizes community service during COVID-19, particularly to the staff of Errinrung, Foodland, and specific individuals in the community
 - Back to school supplies for families
- Noted that if funding is required, Rotary should consider putting a request in to the Grants and Donations Committee

Cathy Innes

- Beaver Valley Outreach Treasure Shop soft launch is August 5, 2020

Andrew Siegwart

- Requested that the Executive Director for The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation be invited to the next meeting of the Community Recovery Task Force to provide an update on the Corporation's activities with respect to attainable housing
- Mayor noted the Corporation and the Town are currently moving forward with a discussion with the community regarding whether an Official Plan Amendment would be considered to allow the proposed attainable housing development at the former Foodland property to go higher than three (3) stories
- Existing building is being demolished for site reparation
- Community discussion has been mixed, with some opposed and reluctant, and others voicing their support for the attainable housing efforts
- Councillor Sampson noted the proposed housing is not social housing, but allows for more reasonably priced units for people who work in the area, but cannot afford to live here
- Noted no decisions have been made at this point regarding use of the site, and emphasized this is the beginning of the process

D. Correspondence

None

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Additions to the Agenda

E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

- Executive Director of the Attainable Housing Corporation re: Attainable Housing Corporation Initiatives
- Rural Access to Broadband Internet Technology (RABIT) Task Force Overview – Deputy Mayor Rob Potter

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

August 26, 2020
Town Hall, Council Chambers

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Rob Sampson

Seconded by: Peter Bordignon

THAT the Community Recovery Task Force does now adjourn at 10:00 a.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair, Carried.