Minutes
Community Recovery Task Force

Meeting Date: July 8, 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 9:03 a.m. with Councillor Peter Bordignon and Councillor Rob Sampson present.

Advisory participants present were Gillian Fairley, Shawn McKinlay, Carolyn Letourneau, Cathy Innes, Andrew Siegwart, Sarah Filion, Steve Simon, Tony Poole, Derek Hammond, 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 Community Services Ryan Gibbons, and Manager of Communications and Economic Development Tim Hendry.

Regrets were sent by advisory participants Dr. Sabrina Saunders, Tim Newton, Lisa Burechails, Tom Kennedy, Diane Anderson, and Mark Woodburn.

- Task Force Member Attendance
- Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Peter Bordignon Seconded by: Rob Sampson

THAT the Agenda of July 8, 2020 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda, being Item E.1.1 Update on July 8, 2020 Business Improvement Area Board Meeting, 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 **Task Force Strategic Initiatives – Mayor Alar Soever**

NOTE: Included for information is the Task Force Strategic Initiatives presentation received and endorsed by Council on June 29, 2020

Mayor Alar Soever and Manager of Communications and Economic Development Tim Hendry provided an overview of the Task Force’s Strategic Initiatives.

- Beaches page being developed for [www.exploreblue.ca](http://www.exploreblue.ca) with beach capacity identified
- Beautification of jersey barriers in Downtown Thornbury being considered
- Signage that includes a “Personal Responsibility Code” being ordered
- Lobsterfest event scheduled for July 25, 2020
- Tax bill insert to include reference for local school board and how to register children for school
- Grants and Donations Committee provided $3,500 to Beaver Valley Outreach and $3,500 to St. George’s Anglican Church for continuation of their food programs

C.2 **Updates from Task Force Advisory Participants**

**Reverend Dr. Grayhame Bowcott**

- Seniors Meal Program has 45-50 recipients, Village Meals Program has 18 families receiving meals
- Noted thanks to The Blue Mountains for $3,500 contribution and advised the Church is financially positioned to continue both programs to the end of summery 2020
- Churches in The Blue Mountains will reopen in September 2020 with consultation from the Grey Bruce Health Unit

C.3 **2020 Graduate Acknowledgement**

- Town to issue certificate to grade 8 graduates
- Grants and Donations Committee working with School Board to provide graduate acknowledgement
C.4 BMVA/TBM Ambassador Program – Chief Administrative Officer Shawn Everitt

- Ambassador program being explored jointly by BMVA and The Blue Mountains, with additional information provided when available

D. Correspondence

D.1 Public Health Grey Bruce
Re: Media Release- Grey Bruce Top Doctor Giving Notice of Intent to Mandate Face Covering Order in Grey Bruce

The Committee reviewed the press release by Public Health Grey Bruce.

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Additions to the Agenda

E.1.1 Update on July 8, 2020 Business Improvement Area Board Meeting

- Meeting went well, the BIA membership expressed disappointment with lack of communication regarding the jersey barriers in downtown Thornbury
- Beautification of the jersey barriers being considered

E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting

F. Notice of Meeting Dates

July 22, 2020

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.