

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Minutes
Economic Recovery Task Force

ERTF2020-07
Tuesday, September 22, 2020
10:00 A.M.
Economic Development Boardroom
Economic Development
180 Kent Street West, Lindsay, Ontario

Members:
Mayor Andy Letham
Deputy Mayor Patrick O'Reilly
Councillor Kathleen Seymour-Fagan
Councillor Andrew Veale
Bjorn Alfredsson
Tom Phillips
Jill Quast
Mark Wilson
Director Chris Marshall
Director Juan Rojas

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Letham called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. with the following members present:

Deputy Mayor P. O'Reilly, B. Alfredsson, T. Phillips, J. Quast, M. Wilson, Director C. Marshall, Director J. Rojas

Staff Present: R. Mustard, R. Holy, C. Sisson, R. Cowieson, J. Johnston

Regrets: Councillor K. Seymour-Fagan, Councillor A. Veale

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved By J. Quast

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Reilly

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest disclosed.

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 ERTF2020-07.4.1

Draft minutes from the September 1, 2020 Economic Recovery Task Force meeting

Moved By Dr. T. Phillips

Seconded By Deputy Mayor O'Reilly

That the minutes of the Economic Recovery Task Force meeting held on September 1, 2020, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

6. Deputation

6.1 ERTF2020-07.6.1

Update on residents' work to develop concrete measures for the "new normal" that are better than the free market model.

Dennis Geelan

Joli Benns

The deputants were not in attendance; the deputation will be completed at a future meeting.

7. Focus Area 1: Infrastructure Stimulus

7.1 ERTF2020-07.7.1

Early Start Approval

Update from Mayor Letham on the previous Council meeting which included a memo on behalf of the Task Force recommending that the Lindsay downtown phase 3 and Fenelon downtown reconstruction projects be considered for 2021. Council approved an early start for the Lindsay downtown phase 3 project.

7.2 ERTF2020-07.7.2

Update from Director J. Rojas on potential infrastructure projects coming forward for council consideration in 2021

Director J. Rojas indicated that most of these projects are still confidential so not able to share until they have gone to council for approval.

8. Focus Area 2: Development Approvals

8.1 ERTF2020-07.8.1

B. Alfredsson update on spreadsheet and concierge concepts

B. Alfredsson provided an update on the planning application spreadsheet as well as the concierge program. The concierge program is about to begin with Emily Turner as the lead. She will work with the applicants as they go through the development process. The concierge program is a nine month pilot project.

Discussion took place regarding possibly providing a monthly update at the Planning Advisory Committee. There will be additional information added to the spreadsheet document (Policy Work, Zoning By-law Update, Cannabis, Tribunal

Work) for tracking purposes. These would be updated quarterly instead of monthly.

A complete spreadsheet is to be brought to the next task force meeting and can be taken to council in November.

9. Focus Area 3: Business Recovery

9.1 ERFT2020-07.9.1

Summary of final ideas and recommendations for discussion

The summary report from the working groups was reviewed and discussion followed.

Rural transportation needs to be looked at not only from a consumer perspective but also look at the employment side of it. Perhaps a more creative system with partnerships formed and hub routes created. This may be something that could be included in the rural transit study, transit master plan. Mayor Letham will take it to the next council meeting.

Broadband is a top priority. We need to provide supportive messaging for the Arts and Culture.

Discussion took place regarding patios and if fees will be waived again in 2021 as well as allowing for expansion again. Public Works would need to provide input if patios were to continue operating during the winter months.

In the recommendations, the bylaw expiry date of 2022 for the DC exemption charges needs to be added.

The recommendations by the mayor were reviewed. These recommendations will come as a report to the next task force meeting and then to Committee of the Whole in November.

Mayor Letham and Rebecca to work together to summarize the working group's information and bring to the next task force meeting.

10. Round Table Discussion

11. Correspondence

12. Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for October 13, 2020

Moved By M. Wilson

Seconded By Dr. T. Phillips

That the Economic Recovery Task Force Meeting adjourn at 11:19 a.m.

Carried