



Memorandum

Date: June 12, 2020

To: Kawartha Lakes Economic Recovery Taskforce

From: Andy Letham, Mayor

Re: Taskforce Community Appointments

Recommendation

That Dr. Tom Phillips be appointed to the Economic Recovery Taskforce.

Rationale

At the May 26, 2020, Council meeting resolution CR2020-124 was carried. The resolution delegated authority to the Economic Recovery Taskforce to appoint up to four community members to the Taskforce in keeping with the Terms of Reference;

Moved by Councillor Veale, Seconded by Councillor Dunn

That Report ED2020-016, Economic Recovery Taskforce Terms of Reference, be received;

That the Economic Recovery Terms of Reference as outlined in Appendix A to report ED2020-016, be approved;

That Mayor Letham, Deputy Mayor Councillor O'Reilly, Councillor Seymour-Fagan, and Councillor Veale, and the Directors of Development Services and Engineering and Corporate Assets be appointed to the Economic Recovery Taskforce; and

That the appointed Task Force members be delegated the authority to appoint the community representatives to the Task Force from the sectors as identified in the Terms of Reference. Carried

The Taskforce Terms of Reference detail criteria for community appointments;



One (1) person with direct experience in infrastructure stimulus projects;

One (1) person with direct experience in development projects in Kawartha Lakes;

One (1) person with a direct knowledge of the impact of COVID-19 on local business and the economy;

One (1) person at large.

I am recommending the following three community members be appointed at this time:

One (1) person with direct experience in infrastructure stimulus projects based on the broad definition of infrastructure encompassing economic growth;

Dr. Tom Phillips, an economist, is currently the Chief COVID-19 Recovery Officer at Fleming College. At Fleming, he has had roles ranging from being a member of the faculty to being Vice-President Academic Experience. He is also an Adjunct Professor in Business Administration and the Masters in Sustainability Studies programs at Trent University. Dr. Phillips has also been a member of the Workforce Development Board (and Local Employment Planning Council) for Peterborough, Northumberland, Kawartha Lakes, and Haliburton, the Boards of Trent University, Greater Peterborough Area Economic Development Corporation, Learning Disabilities Association of Peterborough, Art Gallery of Peterborough, Peterborough Community Access Centre, Peterborough Police Services, and the Jr. 'A' Lakers Lacrosse Club. Currently he is a member, and a past Chair, of the Board of the YMCA of Central East Ontario (Peterborough, Belleville, and Quinte West). Dr. Phillips conducts economic research related to economic growth including the implications of growth for the labour force – local and national.