Economic Recovery Task Force Recommendations Planning Advisory Committee December 2, 2020 Emily Turner, Economic Development Officer, Heritage



Economic Recovery Task Force

Established: May 26, 2020

Mission:

The Economic Recovery Taskforce is established to provide advice and recommendations to Council and Staff on resources and support to stimulate local economic recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic.

This will include a focus on three strategic areas;

- Critical Infrastructure Investments
- Planning and Development Stimulus
- Business Recovery and Support

Task Force Members

- Mayor Letham (Chair)
- Deputy Mayor Councillor O'Reilly (Vice Chair)
- Councillor Seymour-Fagan
- Councillor Veale
- Director of Development Services Chris Marshall
- Director of Engineering and Corporate Assets Juan Rojas
- Bjorn Alfredsson (community member, at large)
- Jill Quast (community member, business)
- Mark Wilson (community member, development)
- Tom Phillips (community member, infrastructure)

Planning Recommendations

- Fast tracking a number of "shovel ready" Planning applications to ensure that these developments could get started as quickly as possible.
- The creation of a planning application spreadsheet that identifies every ongoing application along with the planner who is working on the application and what stage the application is at.
- Development and implementation of the Kawartha Lakes Concierge Pilot Program

Planning Application Spreadsheet

- Created to assist with tracking planning applications
- Every new and current application is added into the spreadsheet as well as its status
- Intended to assist with customer service requests and with scheduling

Concierge Program

- Nine-month pilot program intended to help guide applicants through the planning processes with the assistance of an Economic Development Officer
- Focuses initially on site plan applications
- Program will be evaluated after nine months to gauge its effectiveness and potential to be continued/expanded with other types of applications

Concierge Program

There are currently five applications which are in the concierge program:

- 203 St. David Street proposed multiunit warehouse
- Angeline Street Hotel
- Fenelon Falls Canadian Tire expansion
- West Street Fenelon Falls condo development
- LEX campground

Thank you

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