

**Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force  
January 8, 2021 - Meeting Minutes**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>MINUTES OF MAYOR'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE MEETING 15</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>	Mayor Dan Carter, Chair Tito-Dante Marimpietri, Scott Henderson, Stacey Hawkins, Nancy Shaw, Daniel Stober, Peter Stoett, Ivano Labricciosa, Keith Cowley, Lucy Stocco, Jeff Robinson, Dustin Kellow
<b>Staff:</b>	Warren Munro, Paul Ralph
<b>Regrets:</b>	Peter Saturno, Ihor Lysyk, Glen Posteraro, Kyle Douglas, Debbie McKee-Demczyk, Roger Bouma
<b>Meeting location:</b>	Cisco Webex Meeting
<b>Date &amp; time:</b>	<b>January 8, 2021, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM</b>

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1. Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening remarks by Chair Marimpietri.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Durham Region moved into a grey zone during a province-wide lockdown.</li> <li>• Development Services reported nearly \$500 million in building permits for 2020.</li> <li>• General Motors announced that they are back in business in their Oshawa plant.</li> <li>• Anticipating good news from Metrolinx and provincial government this year regarding the expansion of Go Train.</li> <li>• Economists are predicting a boom in travel after a vaccine roll out.</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Opening remarks by Mayor Carter               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanked members for their participation in 2020 and continuing their efforts in 2021.</li> <li>• Offered congratulations to Development Services on their milestone.</li> <li>• Concerned about small businesses and culinary businesses during this time and their uncertain future.</li> <li>• Residents have done a tremendous job in following the guidelines set forth by public health.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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2. December 15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes to the December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.</li> </ul>
3. Review of the Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes to the existing agenda.</li> </ul>
4. Deputation – Domenic Albis	<p>Domenic Albis provided an update on their businesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficult to adjust to the different protocols that are in place such as PPE requirements and capacity adjustments.</li> <li>• Every phase comes with additional restrictions and in turn slows down businesses further.</li> <li>• Hoping that vaccine rollout will result in a more positive trend for small businesses and restaurants.</li> <li>• Over 10,000 small businesses closed during the pandemic.</li> <li>• Currently only offering take-out and delivery for restaurants.</li> <li>• Closure of indoor dining definitely had a huge impact to restaurants.</li> <li>• Ministry of Health regulates the culinary industry very heavily in terms of sanitation before the pandemic. Industry added more protocols for pandemic but still continue to be shutdown. Restaurants have more requirements and tracking systems in place than big box stores.</li> <li>• Food delivery services charge a high percentage fees. Now offering their own delivery service to manage costs.</li> <li>• Employ approximately 60 staff in total and now utilizing about 10 staff.</li> <li>• Revenues are completely down. Some weeks operations are resulting in revenue breaking even.</li> <li>• January historically is a bad month in the entertainment industry.</li> <li>• Government subsidy is limited and pay back is becoming unfeasible.</li> </ul> <p>Nancy Shaw inquired whether capacity based on fire code percentage would be preferred by restaurants. Additionally, whether opening a restaurant for 10 customers is worth it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Albis confirmed that capacity based of fire code and liquor license percentage would be very beneficial. Larger restaurants must adjust a lot to only allow 10 patrons, whereas, small businesses may only be able to accommodate 10 in total. Larger restaurants can accommodate a lot more with social distancing but small</li> </ul>

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	<p>businesses with ten patrons might not be able to. No logical reasoning for that figure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offering a full menu for only ten patrons is also very difficult because you need additional staff for certain items. Menu items cannot be adjusted since customers choosing to dine in are coming for that dine-in experience and then are disappointed if their favourites are not available.</li> <li>• It is not worth it to open just for ten people since additional staff is required.</li> </ul> <p>Mayor Carter inquired if culinary industry requires 70% capacity to make ends meet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Albis confirmed that such capacity is needed to manage operational costs. Also noted that bigger venues such as banquet halls are experiencing greater difficulty with their limited capacity.</li> <li>• Cost of food has also increased in the past year, which also requires higher capacity.</li> </ul> <p>Ivano Labricciosa inquired whether the designated curbside pickup zones is helpful for businesses. Additionally, do businesses require more help to guide through all the requirements from the government?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Albis noted that it is early to judge on it but will be a positive addition to clear traffic and make deliveries smoother.</li> <li>• Assistance would be appreciated. There is confusing guidelines especially when there is more requirements with less patrons. Small businesses are doing more around sanitation and capacity than big box stores but are quicker to be shutdown.</li> </ul> <p>Keith Cowley inquired about steps that can be taken to assist as a task force.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Albis requested that Chamber of Commerce and Council lobby to have bans lifted on small businesses.</li> <li>• Security in downtown especially during the night has to be enhanced to address the current issues.</li> </ul> <p>Lucy Stocco inquired whether providing discounts to local businesses in a package to new homebuyers would be beneficial for businesses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Albis is in agreement with the initiative and would be happy to get other businesses onboard.</li> </ul>

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<p>5. COVID-19 Update – Dr. Robert Kyle</p>	<p>Dr. Kyle provided a COVID-19 update on case status, COVID-19 response, COVID-19 vaccination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Kyle noted that he is not at the table where decisions are made regarding regulations and closures. There are also few channels available to communicate local challenges.</li> </ul> <p>Public Health Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8,400 C-19 cases (to date); 912 active cases; 151 cases/100,000/past week (Jan 7) (see <a href="#">C-19 Data Tracker</a>); 596 school cases (to date – Jan 7)</li> <li>• 2 C-19 CC OBs; 3 C-19 hospital OBs; 16 C-19 LTCH OBs; 7 C-19 RH OBs (Jan 7) (see <a href="#">C-19 Data Tracker</a>)</li> <li>• 11 C-19 CLS OBs; 11 C-19 WP OBs (Jan 7)</li> <li>• 2 CC response OBs; 1 CLS response OB (Jan 7)</li> <li>• Thornton View LTCH OB stable</li> <li>• (C-19 = COVID-19; CC = child care; CLS = congregate living setting; LTCH = long-term care home; OB = outbreak; RH = retirement home; WP = workplace)</li> <li>• C-19 VDTF: Draft C-19 vaccination placemat circulated</li> <li>• DRMOH: online msg – C-19 vaccination (see <a href="http://durham.ca/novelcoronavirus">durham.ca/novelcoronavirus</a>)</li> <li>• DRPH: 3 s22 Orders issued</li> <li>• LH: C-19 vaccination clinics organized for residents at the following high-priority LTCHs: Orchard Villa, Port Perry Place, ReachView, Sunnycrest, ThorntonView</li> <li>• MOH: C-19 vaccinations for LTCHs in priority regions <a href="#">accelerated</a>; C-19 vaccination update provided (2<sup>nd</sup> attachment)</li> <li>• Premier: C-19 testing program at Pearson Airport <a href="#">launched</a></li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RDPS: OB-related C-19 swabbing continued; C-19 vaccination at LH</li> <li>• TC: New pre-departure testing requirements <a href="#">released</a></li> <li>• Media Interviews: Global News Durham X2</li> <li>• Future engagements: Port Perry PROBUS Club; Lindsey Park Health Care Town Hall</li> <li>• Continued to respond to complaints, inquiries, requests, etc.</li> <li>• Continued to conduct inspections, investigations, etc.</li> <li>• Continued participation on DR COVID-19 Response Executive Team &amp; related tables</li> <li>• Continued participation on DR COVID-19 Immunization Planning Executive Table &amp; related tables</li> <li>• (DRMOH = Durham Region Medical Officer of Health; DRPH = Durham Region Public Health; LH = Lakeridge Health; MOH = Ministry of Health; RDPS = Region of Durham Paramedic Services; s22 = Section 22 under the <i>Health Protection and Promotion Act</i>; TC = Transport Canada; VDTF = Vaccine Distribution Task Force)</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Kyle's documents were distributed to members prior to the meeting and will be uploaded to the Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force webpage.</p>
6. Economic Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item held for next task force meeting.</li> </ul>
7. Roundtable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item held for next task force meeting.</li> </ul>
8. Update on Faces of Local Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Item held for next task force meeting.</li> </ul>
9. Status of Action Items	<p>Mayor Carter brought forward a motion that the Task Force recommends the City to request the province to evaluate occupancy for restaurant, culinary, and small businesses based on Building Code, Ontario Fire Code, and Liquor License.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No member stated opposition to the motion.</li> <li>• Chair Marimpietri suggested the addition of the service industry.</li> <li>• Motion to be brought forward to Development Services Committee on January 11.</li> </ul> <p>Mayor Carter brought forward a motion that the Task Force recommends the City encourage the building community to engage with the local restaurants and small businesses to help local economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No member stated opposition to the motion.</li> <li>• Motion to be brought forward to Development Services Committee on January 11.</li> </ul>

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10. Closing Remarks	<p>Mayor Carter announced the creation of the Mayor's Safety, Security and Well Being Task Force.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work has been in progress for 10-12 weeks with Corporate Services.</li><li>• Councilor Chapman will chair the Task Force.</li><li>• Eleven members of the community will be participating.</li><li>• First meeting is scheduled for January 29.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pending agenda items have been forwarded to the next task force meeting on the account of time.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Closing remarks by Mayor Carter and Chair Marimpietri.</li><li>• Next meeting will January 22 at 11:00 am.</li></ul>