

**Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force
May 8, 2020 - Meeting Minutes**

Subject:	MINUTES OF MAYOR'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE MEETING TWO
Attendees:	Mayor Dan Carter, Chair Tito Dante-Marimpietri, Nancy Shaw, Dustin Kellow, Ivano Labricciosa, Scott Henderson, Keith Cowley, Roger Bouma, Lucy Stocco , Stacey Hawkins Glen Posteraro, Ihor Lysyk, Peter Stoett, Kyle Douglas, Daniel Stober, Debbie McKee Demczyk, Jeff Robinson, Peter Saturno
Staff:	Paul Ralph, Warren Munro, Kyle Benham
Regrets:	
Meeting location:	Skype/Conference Call
Date & time:	May 8, 2020, 11 AM – 12:30 PM

Agenda Item	Actions
1. Welcome and Introduction	Opening remarks by Tito Dante-Marimpietri
2. Minutes of the April 24, 2020 meeting	Meeting minutes were approved with a minor change to the name of a member's organization. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final version of the minutes will be posted on the City's Task Force web-page.
3. Review of the agenda	No additions to the agenda (agenda item 3)
4. Terms of reference	The Task Force Terms of reference were approved with a minor change to the number of development community representatives. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two new members were invited to join the group to represent the development sector. The final version of the minutes will be posted on the City's Task Force web-page.
5. Business Community Survey	No additional comments for business survey
6. Action Items Tabled	Open discussion – see below Three draft resolutions for the May 25, 2020 meeting of Council were provided to the members with agenda package. They are also attached for reference below.

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1.	<p>Draft letter to Province regarding GO Train Construction The Task Force noted its endorsement for advancing the GO Extension asap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribute Communities, Trent University, and Durham Region Association of Realtors, JJ Mcquire all noted their support of immediate funding and construction • A suggestion was made to work with the Chamber to draft letter of support from the community • Would like to assure that letter is addressed directly to Metrolinx, Minister of Transport, and Premier
2. & 3.	<p>Defer Payment of Development Charges to Occupancy, and Defer Consumer Price Index scheduled for Non-residential development on July 1, 2020</p> <p>The Task Force noted its endorsement for both items. The discussion also addressed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to also support of the same policies for Region of Durham Development Charges and School Board Development Charges • The idea of reducing or deferring deposits/letters of credit, securities required for developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potentially apply affordable housing regulations – one letter of credit applies for multiple deposits • A suggestion was made for conducting risk analysis for each developer regarding deposit • Agreement on the need to accelerate construction related regulations and by-laws as the industry is forecasted to be operational soon
4.	<p>Advance Regional Community Improvement Plan to supplement the City's CIPs</p> <p>The Task Force noted its endorsement. The discussion also addressed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanding the use of CIPs in other area's such as north Oshawa and the King St. W./Thornton Rd S. area • BIA is in support of downtown CIP to revitalize downtown and prioritize infrastructure projects • It was noted that this action item could have a very positive impact • Expansion of Broadband should be considered for CIP support

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5.	Establish a COVID 19 email address for one stop shopping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City has posted a shop local/support local web page that can be added to. • Economic Development is working with BIA which is launching a shop local platform with all Durham Downtowns • Working to create a shop local platform for all Oshawa businesses
6. Other Possible Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for co-marketing/communications – such as the Chamber’s planned series of interviews live on their Instagram that highlights local business stories • Glen Posteraro Realty proposed a property tax deferral of 1-18 months with a reasonable interest rate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could be funded by a third party underwriter such as an insurance company • Financing options should be explored with Infrastructure Ontario • Noted that this was worth further investigation • The academic institutions noted they were all working on their recovery plans including possibly a blend of on-line and on-site options. The impact of few students in town was noted. There may be a double cohort in 2021. The task force should support the schools’ requests of other levels of govt. • There is a need to provide greater clarity on guidelines and practices for reopening. There is a lot of confusion out there. Could there be Health and Safety kit for businesses. • A job search portal for those companies that will need to hire or replace workers. • Issues around child care/school will need to be addressed to allow the workforce to fully return
Next Meeting	May 22, 2020 at 11:00am. An alternative tech platform other than Skype will be explored.

Proposed resolutions for the May 25, 2020 Meeting of City Council

Timing of the Submission of Development Charges

That City Council consider asking City staff, the Region of Durham and the school boards to investigate changes to their respective Development Charge Bylaws to require the payment of residential and non-residential developments charges at the time

of occupancy of a building rather than at the earlier building permit stage for a limited period of time to help advance economic recovery in the Region

Indexing of City of Oshawa Non-Residential Development Charges on July 2, 2020

That City Council consider waiving the indexing of the non-residential development charge on July 1, 2020 to provide an economic incentive to the non-residential development community and to help advance economic recovery in the City

Development of a Durham Region Community Improvement Plan to provide development in Durham Region Downtowns

That City Council consider requesting the Region of Durham to investigate the development of a Regional Community Improvement Plan to encourage development in key strategic areas of the Region including downtowns with financial incentives to help advance economic recovery in the Region