

September 7, 2020

**Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force**

**Action Items**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Draft letter to Province regarding GO Train Construction	April 24, 2020 (#1)	<b>Complete</b>  Letter sent to Province, ongoing discussions with Province, meeting with Metrolinx being rescheduled
2	Defer Payment of Development Charges to occupancy	April 24, 2020 (#1)	<b>Complete</b>  Being implemented locally Letter sent to Region and School Boards
3	Defer Consumer Price Index scheduled for Non-residential development on July 1, 2020	April 24, 2020 (#1)	<b>Complete</b>  Council approved on May 22, 2020, being implemented
4	Advance Regional Community Improvement Plan for downtowns in Durham Region for incentives such as Increased Assessment Grants	April 24, 2020 (#1)	<b>Complete</b>  Letter sent to Region
5	Business Survey	April 24, 2020 (#1)	Ongoing  Latest Recovery Survey results discussed at May 22 <sup>nd</sup> meeting. Additional surveys will be assessed as needed. Survey of the Culture sector under consideration.
6	Establish a COVID 19 email address for one stop shopping	April 24, 2020 (#1)	<b>Complete</b>  Using <a href="mailto:Business@Oshawa.ca">Business@Oshawa.ca</a> as the main email address

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7	Property tax deferral of 1-18 months with a reasonable interest rate	May 8, 2020 (#2)	<b>Complete</b>  Task Force updated June 19/20.
8	A job search portal for those companies that will need to hire or replace workers.	May 8, 2020 (#2)	Ongoing  Durham Recruiting working with their partner to develop a simple portal. To be co-marketed with the City and other stakeholders. Discussions with Durham College and others with respect to collaboration and implementation. Beta Version completed
9	Assist local social cultural, service clubs, and children/youth, minor sporting organizations relief funding programs.	May 22, 2020 (#3)	Ongoing  Council resolution tabled May 25 <sup>th</sup> and approved at Council on June 22, 2020  Cultural Industry survey and roundtables under development  Teaching City project to begin in the fall
10	Follow-up on issues related to rent relief and the lack of landlord vs. tenant uptake	May 22, 2020 (#3)	<b>Complete</b>  Letter sent to Province
11	Provide best practice guidelines from 3 <sup>rd</sup> parties/associations as information. Explore Regional role in providing more direction regarding re-opening practices	May 22, 2020 (#3)	<b>Complete</b>  Best practices guidelines received from some companies
12	Expand patio program to allow for better re-opening opportunities and physical distancing	May 22, 2020 (#3)	<b>Complete</b>

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			<p>Economic Development and Parks/Operations have prepared program guidelines prepared.  Discussions with Region regarding participation.  Reviewed by Task Force.  Council Resolution on June 22<sup>nd</sup> approved.  Staff in contact with business, applications being processed and implemented. Fall options being assessed.</p>
13	<p>Advance the idea of students assisting companies with their digital transformation. Provide companies with a list of local digital/ecommerce businesses</p>	<p>May 22, 2020 (#3)   June 5, 2020 (#5)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Digital Transformation Project being developed with City/BACD/Region/BIAs/Durham College.  Post-secondary schools exploring student funding opportunities.  Digital Main Street Program relaunched.  Stakeholder meeting June 22<sup>nd</sup> held, Partial approval of BACD grant application for Prov. Program is now live. Next step is to market the program</p>
14	<p>Use Teaching City as a means of engaging the Schools and students with respect to assessing and stimulating recovery activities.</p>	<p>May 22, 2020 (#3)</p>	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Teaching City is advancing. Partners have begun to suggest specific projects</p> <p>Reanimating Downtown Project – Aug 31<sup>st</sup> start date, 6 students hired. Project completed. Final presentation to be posted. Assessing following on projects 31 finish.</p>

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			Impact on the youth labour force project to being in Sept.
15	Explore the use of vacant/underutilized space in the city to assist the schools to re-open/distance	May 22, 2020 (#3)	<b>Complete</b>  A listing of available space has been provided to the Task Force
16	Provide an Economic Update to the business community	May 22, 2020 (#3) Not discussed	<b>Complete</b>  Joint TD Bank/Chamber/City virtual event held on June 18 <sup>th</sup>
17	Use Sureties in place of Letters of Credit to stimulate development and reduce costs	June 5, 2020 (#4)	<b>Complete</b>  Task Force updated June 19, 2020. City staff participated in educational session. Surety Assoc. of Canada forwarding materials to be reviewed by the City Task Force updated on July 17, 2020
18	Request to lift hiring freeze in Development Services to ensure timely processing of applications	June 5, 2020 (#4)	<b>Complete</b>  Staff have been reassigned to focus on development related issues and applications.
19	Ensure re-opening guidelines provide useful information for various sectors and explore the use of an ambassador team to directly help companies	June 5, 2020 (#4)	<b>Complete</b>  Task Force input received on proposed Reopening Toolkit Program Sector Guidelines reviewed by Task Force. Guidelines reviewed by Legal and Durham Public Health. Information Posted on City's Website

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			Roll out/communications plan being prepared
20	Work with the Teaching City team to create more detailed challenge questions.	June 5, 2020 (#4)	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>Recovery challenge questions drafted for review by the Task Force and institutions. Stakeholder meeting to discuss more specific challenge questions, as well as how to activate recovery. Project will be advanced with post-secondary institutions following Task Force input.</p>
21	Coordination meeting with Metrolinx	June 5, 2020 (#4)	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>July 15, 2020 meeting postponed, being rescheduled.</p>
22.	Effect of COVID-19 on Spending Patterns – Moneris proposal	June 19, 2020 (#5)	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p>City staff determined the cost to advance was too prohibitive to proceed</p>
23.	Faces of Business – Produce written/video features of local businesses to help promote shop local efforts	July 17, 2020 (#6) August 28, 2020 (7)	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Full discussion at the Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Project proposal prepared for review.</p>
24.	Commercial/Industrial property owners/brokers roundtable to explore potential impact on real estate leasing/sales	July 17, 2020 (#6) August 28, 2020 (7)	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>To be discussed at the Sept. 11 Task Force meeting. Project under development</p>
25.	Telus Mobility Data – use of cell phone data to assess where are residents going/shopping	July 17, 2020 (#6)	Ongoing

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			Staff briefing session held, agreement to proceed on a pilot basis, sample reports being produced.
26.	Temporary Loading zones for curbside pickup- BIA Request	August 28, 2020 (#8)	Under investigation