

**Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force  
April 9, 2021 - Meeting Minutes**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>MINUTES OF MAYOR'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE MEETING 21</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>	Mayor Dan Carter, Chair Tito-Dante Marimpietri, Scott Henderson, Ivano Labricciosa, Jeff Robinson, Roger Bouma, Stacey Hawkins, Nancy Shaw, Kyle Douglas, Peter Stoett, Debbie McKee-Demczyk
<b>Staff:</b>	Warren Munro, Paul Ralph, Brett Murphy
<b>Regrets:</b>	Peter Saturno, Ihor Lysyk, Debbie McKee-Demczyk, Glen Posteraro, Keith Cowley, Dustin Kellow, Daniel Sober, Lucy Stocco
<b>Meeting location:</b>	Cisco Webex Meeting
<b>Date &amp; time:</b>	<b>April 9, 2021, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM</b>

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1. Welcome	<p>Opening remarks by Chair Marimpietri. Opening remarks from Mayor Carter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is possible that changes have been made to the criteria for COVID-19 business supports. Seeking feedback.</li> <li>• Open to suggestions pertaining to what the City can do for local businesses moving forward.</li> <li>• Vaccine rollout update.</li> <li>• Protests in regards to COVID restrictions are emerging around Oshawa. Concern about behavior like this in our community.</li> </ul>
2. March 26th Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes to the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.</li> </ul>
3. Review of the Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leslie Johnston Regional Director of Mental Health from Ontario Shores will be speaking about mental health.</li> </ul>
4. Deputation – Leslie Johnston	<p>Leslie Johnston</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Director of Mental Health and Addictions at Ontario Shores.</li> <li>• Registered Nurse and has worked in Durham Region for over 30 years. Worked with Lakeridge Health and Canadian Mental Health Association (C.M.H.A.).</li> <li>• Due to COVID-19 we are all struggling</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting to see cases which are more complex or individuals who are more ill than before.</li> <li>• Comparable to the year before the COVID-19 pandemic, 7,000 unique individuals have been served.</li> <li>• 110,000 visits in the past year. Approximately the same as the previous year. Pivoting of services to virtual care during shutdown allowed them to stay on track.</li> <li>• Ontario Structured Psychotherapy program. Rolled out 3 years ago. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The program is a Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (C.B.T.) service to individuals with mild to moderate depression and anxiety. Anyone can access this through a referral from a General Practitioner (G.P.).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Additional Services include the Prompt Care Clinic, Primary Care Telephone Consult Services and Specialized Clinics</li> <li>• Several services have been developed during COVID-19 to support essential workers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Care Worker Assist. A health care worker can call in at any time of the day without a G.P.'s referral. Brief individualized therapy is offered and referrals to other programs if needed.</li> <li>• First Responder Assist. A slightly more intense therapy is provided.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Stacy Hawkins inquired about where individuals should be turning if a child requires mental health assistance if they have been exposed to a traumatizing event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family physician is the first point of contact as it pertains to children.</li> <li>• The Ontario Structured Psychotherapy Program is a good resource for the parent/guardian to turn to if they are in need.</li> <li>• If unsure, call Central Intake at Ontario Shores to obtain information on services</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Peter Stoett inquired about the outlook of getting our Senior population through COVID-19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seniors have experienced a lot of isolation and there may be gaps in our system, regarding the services provided.</li> <li>• Support for Long-Term Care facilities is being reviewed.</li> <li>• Working towards filling the gaps</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Peter extended an invitation to Leslie to about Long – Term care research.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jeff Robinson would like a copy of the PowerPoint to share the information with the public <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leslie will check with her Communications team and if approved will forward to Leah George for distribution.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ivano Labricciosa extended thanks to Leslie.</li> <li>• Roger Bouma inquired about if there has been an increase in the need for mental health services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A significant increase in referrals in the last 2 to 3 months.</li> <li>• Predicting that we will see more and more people reaching out.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Scott Henderson extended thanks to Leslie and Ontario Shores. Commented on the fall term at Post Secondary and the risk assessment associated with that. Weighing mental health risks against COVID-19 and finding the balance. Concerns about post-COVID19 mental health effects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ontario Psychotherapy Program is looking to address some of this.</li> <li>• We will have to reassess our supports as we go.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mayor Carter inquired about what Ontario Shores needs us to do as the Mayor's Economic Recovery Taskforce and as a City. The last lockdown has pushed people who were perhaps coping well past that point. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educating yourselves on resources available is important and spreading the word.</li> <li>• Reach out and support one another.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mayor Carter agreed with Leslie. Asked that employers reach out to the staff and provide them with resources provided by Ontario Shores and educate about Employee Assistance Programs (E.A.P.) programs that may be available.</li> <li>• Mayor Carter inquired if there is anticipation of some additional pressure points at Ontario Shores should there be a COVID19 outbreak amongst staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experiencing additional pressures from a COVID19 outbreak is a possibility.</li> <li>• Every patient at Ontario Shores will be vaccinated on Monday.</li> <li>• Looking into supporting other mental health facilities should this occur in other locations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor Carter mentioned that changes are being made at Mary Street Parking Garages to deter incidents with individuals dealing with mental health struggles.</li> <li>• Chair Marimpietri noted that mothers who are maintaining a household, running a business and more may feel the additional pressures as well as the children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-care is important. Take time for yourself and give yourself a break, perfection is not the most important thing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5. Roundtable Update	<p>Chair Marimpietri</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues with the supply chain. Prices being void after 48 hours and supply lists not adequate to demand.</li> </ul> <p>Jeff Robinson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Motors job site continues to grow.</li> <li>• Permit applications continue to be sent out for General Motors.</li> <li>• Retooling may ramp up to 500 people in the next month or so.</li> <li>• No COVID-19 cases through the job sites.</li> <li>• Materials continue to be a concern.</li> <li>• Last wave and recent shut down has been a challenge for employees.</li> <li>• Mayor Carter inquired about what he is doing in his work environment to help his team during this time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team building sessions. Online items available like online euchre night. Let employees know they are appreciated and supported.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Roger Bouma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Real Estate continues to do well. Important to remember there are many industries that are really struggling.</li> <li>• 523 homes sold in Oshawa in March. Last year, the best year ever, we averaged 275 homes per month. The best month on record was March 2017, with 396 homes sold. This March we sold 30-35% more homes than ever before in one month in the City of Oshawa.</li> <li>• Values are up 36% year over year.</li> <li>• Inventory is up but buyers are keeping pace.</li> <li>• Mayor Carter noted that he has heard that financial institutions are beginning to feel concerned about pricing and inventory and believe that the real estate industry may face problems moving forward. Inquired about whether the value they are finding in our community is justified or not.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both could be true. Durham Region has closed the gap in the G.T.A. and individuals are seeing places of value in our community and changes in work habits has seen people moving east.</li> <li>• Prices are not sustainable.</li> <li>• The possibility of Capital Gains on principle residence.</li> <li>• Mayor Carter inquired about what he is doing in his work environment to help his team during this time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check in with each other from time to time.</li> <li>• The Coppins are doing terrific things.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Stacey Hawkins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renovation demand is high, illegitimate contractors may run rampant.</li> <li>• Encouraged home owners to check for WSIB, insurance, licenses.</li> <li>• Met with Brett Murphy and Nancy Shaw about Oshawa Loves Local campaign. Resources have been distributed to her members.</li> <li>• Mayor Carter inquired about assisting her teams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roundtable discussions about the difficult things individuals are facing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Ivano Labriccosa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efforts to keep Memorial Park under control are working. Inquired if provisions from last year be reconsidered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor Carter noted that washroom and shower facilities are available at Back Door Mission. Works team will be working hard to keep the streets clean.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Parking for curbside pick-up is assisting businesses during this shutdown.</li> <li>• OPUC has reached a critical point in outstanding receivables. Some are more than 14 months past due.</li> <li>• No changes to energy prices.</li> <li>• Waiting on telecom license from the Federal Government.</li> <li>• Two energy initiatives not being pursued due to rising costs.</li> <li>• Zoo share project is in motion. Electrons and thermal power is being delivered to the Zoo through an anaerobic digester.</li> <li>• Mayor Carter inquired about what his group is doing to assist staff through this stressful time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skype/ZOOM meeting sessions to remain connected.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Scott Henderson</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations from the Communication Critical Thinking capstone course have taken place. They focused on Economic Recovery for the city.</li> <li>• Summer field course at the new location at King Street and Thornton Road.</li> <li>• Plans for orientation to involve many local businesses.</li> <li>• Acceptance is matching applications, it is up 35%.</li> <li>• Trent will need to consider expansion sites to accommodate the higher student intake.</li> <li>• Mayor Carter inquired about supports for Trent student and faculty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ZOOM drop in sessions to get immediate assistance.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6. Other Business	<p>Mayor Carter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polled members about altering the frequency of meetings</li> </ul> <p>Roger Bouma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supported Mayor suggestion</li> </ul> <p>Members in agreement with altering the frequency of the meeting to once a month.</p>
7. Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing remarks by Mayor Carter.</li> <li>• Closing remarks by Chair Marimpietri.</li> <li>• Next meeting is May 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.</li> </ul>