

Oshawa Economic Recovery Task Force

Draft Terms of Reference

Mandate

The mandate of Task Force is to assist Oshawa City Council and staff to better understand the impact that the Covid-19 crisis is having on the local business community. The Task Force will also review and provide advice on issues and opportunities related to the full recovery and on-going transformation of the City's economy.

Objectives

The objectives of the Task Force are to:

- Provide intelligence on the current and on-going economic impact being experienced by the local business community
- Gather additional information as needed through surveys and other mechanisms to identify issues that are specific to Oshawa's situation
- Review, provide feedback and comment on the recovery efforts of other levels of government
- Engage, confer and collaborate with local businesses and other stakeholders in the community on their ongoing needs, ideas for recovery and the development of potential recovery projects or programs
- Ensure that the work of the Oshawa Task Force complements and enhances the efforts and activities of the Regional wide economic development team composed of all the local economic development offices, the joint Chambers and Commerce and the Durham B.I.A.s
- Produce a white paper on the issues and opportunities related to the full recovery of the local economy for Council's consideration
- Provide communications back to the local business community on the findings and recommendations of the Task Force

Composition

The Task Force is intended to be representative of the local economy including its major employers and institutions, small and main-street business, the development and real estate community and key financial sectors. The membership includes.

- Chair Oshawa Development Service Committee, Tito-Dante Marimpietri
- Mayor, Dan Carter
- Oshawa Chamber of Commerce (1 representative)
- Downtown Oshawa B.I.A. (1 representative)
- Business Community Representatives (maximum 3 representatives)
 - One representative of the overall business community
 - One representative of Employment Placement/Recruiting sector
 - One representative of Professional Services sector
- Development Community Representatives (maximum 7 representatives)
 - Durham Region Association of Realtors
 - Durham Region Home Builders Association
 - One large residential developer
 - One medium sized residential developer
 - One small sized residential developer
 - One commercial/industrial developer
 - One engineering/contracting firm
- Post-Secondary and other Public Institutions (maximum 4 representatives)
 - Ontario Tech University
 - Durham College
 - Trent University Durham
 - O.P.U.C.
- Finance (maximum 2 representatives)
 - Two representatives of financial/commercial banking sector

The Task Force may add additional members as needed and may include additional participants on any sub-committees that are established.

Frequency of Meetings

The Task Force will meet monthly over the next 12 months. Working groups may meet more frequently as needed. The Chair may call additional meetings as required.

Task Force Support

The work of the Task Force will be supported by the Economic Development Branch of the Department of Development Services.