



Mayor's Task Force on Community Safety, Security & Wellbeing March 25, 2022 - Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mayor Dan Carter, Chair Bob Chapman, Fred Eismont, Cindy Malachowski, Todd Wilson, Noel Coppins, Kelly Brown, Stephanie Skopyk, Steve Conaby, Hanna Mohammed, Sandra Black, Leisa Davie

Staff: Paul Ralph, Tracy Adams, Brenda Jeffs, Brent Varty, Kevin Alexander, Haik Beglarov, Shannon McFadyen,

Regrets: Dave Saliba, Dr. Peter Stoett, Kiersten Allore-Engel, Matt Bowles

Meeting Location: Cisco Webex Meeting

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

1. Welcome

Chair Chapman welcomed and thanked all Task Force members for joining.

2. Review and Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from February 25, 2022 were reviewed and no changes were made.

3. Update on the Downtown Patrol

Haik Beglarov, City of Oshawa

Corporate Security and Municipal Law Enforcement patrols continue in the Downtown core to enforce City by-laws and connect individuals with necessary services as well as support the downtown businesses and residents. Between February 20, 2022 and March 20, 2022 there have been 803 security incidents.

4. Update on Region's Actions

Chair Bob Chapman

Report FIN-22-22 regarding the Update on Security Surveillance and Guard Services Contract and Capital Project 11-0411 Security Technology Infrastructure has been provided to the Region of Durham with a request to assist with 50 per cent of the cost. The Region is preparing a report.

The Region has agreed to share the cost of the City's clean-up program in 2022.

CAREA has received funding from the Region, which will allow outreach workers to work a night shift, working in partnership with the City's By-law and Corporate Security officers and will have ability to connect individuals with appropriate resources.

The Micro Home Project is doing very well. The first five individuals moved into micro homes a few weeks ago, and one of those five individuals have already moved on to regular housing (Rent Geared to Income Housing "RGI"), making it the first success story of the program. The next five individuals will be moving in Monday, April 4. Mayor Carter and Chair Chapman continue to push other Durham municipalities to identify future micro home sites.

A Code of Conduct is currently in place for individuals requiring social services, with the intention to eliminate unwanted behavior. Service restrictions have already begun for individuals who have breached their Code of Conduct.

The Addiction Program and overnight shelter program at Mission United, which started in January has received additional funding from the Ministry of Health which now allows for the treatment of up to 40 individuals.

Cindy Malachowski, Lord Simcoe Place

Voiced concerns regarding the Code of Conduct that is in place. Specifically, the use of public washrooms and asked that it be considered noting individuals are now approaching Downtown businesses as they are being turned away by local services.

Kelly Brown, Region of Durham - Primary Care Outreach Program

Kelly Brown will follow up with volunteers to ensure accurate communications are being disseminated to individuals seeking social services as they are allowed to use the washrooms at Mission United.

5. Update on City's Actions

Tracy Adams, City of Oshawa

City staff continue to implement the various action items listed in the Council Approved Report CNCL-21-72, specifically the following items with a goal of reporting to the Corporate Services Committee in June or September 2022:

- Item #25 - A Property Beautification By-law which will address property standards and lot maintenance issues with a goal of a shorter service timeline;
- Item #27 - Vacant Building Registry processes are being investigated and staff are working with the City's legal team with hopes to establish a registry in Oshawa; and
- Item #31- Address retailers and the need to have a shopping cart management plan.

Kevin Alexander, City of Oshawa

The implementation of the Downtown CCTV Project will start mid-April in partnership with D.R.P.S. beginning with Parking Garages 1 (Centre Street) and 3 (Mary Street).

6. Other business as brought up by Task Force Members

Todd Wilson, D.R.P.S.

Staff Sergeant Wilson gave a brief update on the Summer Downtown Patrol plans, which will be finalized in April.

Steve Conaby, Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce

Steve Conaby relayed discussions from the recent Chamber meeting, including the importance of Downtown revitalization, City events and building a positive Downtown image now that we are at the end of COVID-19.

Mayor Dan Carter

Mayor Carter gave an update on his work with the Chamber of Commerce, the City's Economic Development Team and the Downtown Oshawa Business Alliance ("D.O.B.A.") including the following:

- information sharing with D.O.B.A.;
- the future of tourism in Oshawa and what it will look like;
- a planned convocation ceremony in partnership with Durham College, Trent and Ontario Tech Universities;
- funding opportunities for events involving input from the business community;
- a celebration of new businesses in the Downtown core and support for those businesses; and
- the return of City led events such as Kars on King, Peony Festival, etc.

Also, 80 Bond Street will have approximately 1,000 residents move in June and July of this year.

Sandra Black, OSCC55+

Sandra Black expressed thanks on behalf of OSCC55+, Sunrise Seniors Place, Robert McLaughlin Gallery and Oshawa Public Libraries regarding the positive impact of the Downtown Patrols. In addition, the OSCC55+ is planning the Swing into Summer event, which will be held on June 1 at Memorial Park.

Hannah Mohommed, Region of Durham

Hannah Mohommed gave a brief update on the Region's Community Safety and Well-Being Initiatives noting that the GTHA Symposium is being planned with an event date in June. A Community Safety and Well-Being Area Municipal working group has been established and are looking to schedule their first meeting in April. The Region's internal

Community Safety and Well-Being working group has also been established. Lastly, the Region is working with area municipalities to develop evaluation metrics that will align with the Region's Action Plan.

Kelly Brown, Region of Durham - Primary Care Outreach Program

PCOP continues to engage individuals who are reluctant to use program services. There have been more scheduled visits with newly housed individuals allowing program staff to assess the needs of each individual, with a main focus on preventing feelings of isolation as well as staying connected. Kelly Brown noted with the additional funding received, there will be additional staff and hours added to the program as well as the enhancement of mental health with addiction outreach, which will consist of two additional social workers who can support PCOP.

Stephanie Skopyk, Mission United/CMHA Durham

Stephanie Skopyk updated Task Force Members on the Sustainability Funding proposal and provided an update on staff establishing workflows to ensure individuals are getting proper treatment as well as connecting them with resources after they leave treatment facilities, including housing. Mission United is expanding their partnership with EMS Services to facilitate healthcare access to items that are otherwise difficult for individuals to access.

Noel Coppins, RE/MAX Jazz

Noel Coppins encouraged Task Force Members to use the City's Community Event Calendar when planning events and to share as much information, as early as possible to help spread the word to community members and to promote Oshawa.

Shannon McFadyen, City of Oshawa

Shannon McFadyen reminded Task Force Members that weekly emails are populated to subscribers of the Community Events Calendar and will reach out to the City's events team to ensure upcoming events are updated as early as possible.

Fred Eismont, Resident

There is a noticeable improvement on the shopping cart cleanup behind Costco, No-Frills and the Michael Starr Trail. Residents are excited about next year's planned paving of the Michael Starr Trail and are hoping that this year's Peony Festival is promoted beyond the City of Oshawa.

Cindy Malachowski, Lord Simcoe Place

Cindy Malachowski has been reaching out to businesses in other municipalities to find out creative solutions to some of the common issues faced. Cindy acknowledged and expressed gratitude to the Mayor for his commitment and the support that has been

provided as other municipalities are not receiving the same support from their Mayors as well as resources to support the downtown businesses.

Mayor Dan Carter

Mayor Carter provided an update on his meetings with other municipal Mayors to better understand the changing trends and ensure proper planning is in place as it relates to the national opiate health crisis. Mayor Carter will once again be meeting with Police Service Board in April.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022.