

**Mayor's Task Force on Community Safety, Security & Well-Being
April 30, 2021 - Meeting Minutes**

Subject:	Minutes of Mayor's Task Force on Community Safety, Security & Well-Being
Attendees:	Mayor Dan Carter, Chair Bob Chapman, Cindy Malachowski, Audrey Andrews, Dave Saliba, Stephanie Skopyk, Sandra Black, Fred Eismont, Steve Conaby, Todd Wilson, Dr. Peter Stoett, Kelly Brown
Staff:	Tracy Adams, Brenda Jeffs, Kevin Alexander, Haik Beglarov, Shannon McFadyen
Regrets:	Matt Bowles, Noel Coppins
Meeting location:	Cisco Webex Meeting
Date & time:	April 30, 2021, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Agenda Item	Discussions/Actions
1. Welcome	Chair Bob Chapman welcomed and thanked all Task Force members for joining.
2. Review of the Minutes	The Minutes from March 26, 2021 were reviewed and no changes were made.
3. Update on Parks By-law	Brenda Jeffs, Director, MLELS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has approved changes to the Parks By-law and Highway Vending By-law.
4. Update on Public Art Initiative	Chair Bob Chapman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council approved the public art initiative. Two projects are currently underway - Simcoe St S and the sea containers currently behind the Canadian Auto Museum. • A number of other downtown building owners have shown interest in this initiative. • Looking forward to seeing the first 2 buildings done, it will add color and make certain downtown areas feel more welcoming.
5. Chamber of Commerce Zoom Meeting	Chair Bob Chapman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chamber Zoom meeting went well with fair attendance in which a lot of information about this Task Force was shared with participants.

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Chamber of Commerce Zoom Meeting (cont'd)	<p>Steve Conaby, Oshawa Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A great way to communicate information to members of the business community. • Material from the meeting will be shared through the Chamber's e-newsletter and Board Members will be asked to share the material with other businesses.
6. Review Communications	<p>Communication Items</p> <p>Shannon McFadyen, Manager, Corporate Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you see it, report it campaign is launched and doing very well. • The survey will go live by mid-May. <p>Chair Bob Chapman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared a recent McLean's article on the Best Communities in Canada which ranked Oshawa # 1 in Durham and # 13 in Ontario and noted that Oshawa's crime severity index is at 42 where the national average is 73. • Believes that the survey will assist in helping to address perceptions vs experience of crime. • The Durham Advisory Committee on Housing are working on a brochure which outlines support from all agencies and can be used as a tool for people looking for assistance <p>Mayor Carter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be an increased presence of DRPS officers in the Downtown area including visits to downtown businesses.
7. Other Business	<p>Stephanie Skopyk, Mission United/CMHA Durham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared the Mission's Model of Care, • Centralized housing has been a vision here in Durham for a number of years, in the last 8 months the wait period for housing has reduced from 5+ years to 70 days. <p>Chair Bob Chapman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose behind the overview of the Model of Care shows how we deal with the unsheltered and how we get them into housing. • More than 100 names have come off the wait list since last year and all individuals who have found housing have stayed.

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Other Business (cont'd)	<p data-bbox="513 264 1073 296">Cindy Malachowski, Lord Simcoe Place</p> <ul data-bbox="537 306 1406 380" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="537 306 1406 380">• Outlined the challenges that Downtown businesses face on a daily basis. <p data-bbox="513 411 1430 558">Members of the Task Force discussed the issues that are currently faced by Downtown businesses and the need to spread social services throughout the Region rather than have it concentrated in one area.</p> <p data-bbox="513 590 703 621">Mayor Carter</p> <ul data-bbox="537 632 1414 741" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="537 632 1414 741">• Is willing to meet with the Downtown business community to hear their challenges and find a way to work together towards a solution for all involved.
8. Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held on May 28, 2021.