

**Mayor's Task Force on Community Safety, Security & Well-Being
May 28, 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, Dave Saliba, Stephanie Skopyk, Sandra Black, Fred Eismont, Steve Conaby, Todd Wilson, Dr. Peter Stoett, Matt Bowles
Staff:	Tracy Adams, Brenda Jeffs, Kevin Alexander, Haik Beglarov, Shannon McFadyen
Regrets:	Noel Coppins, Audrey Andrews, Kelly Brown
Meeting location:	Cisco Webex Meeting
Date & time:	May 28, 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 April 30, 2021 were reviewed and no changes were made.
3. Update on Communications	<p>“If You See It, Report It” Campaign</p> <p>Shannon McFadyen, Manager, Corporate Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on all campaign materials indicating that 5 waste trucks will be wrapped with the campaign graphics. <p>Fred Eismont, Resident</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outlined the various places that he has handed out posters and shared that some local businesses have agreed to place posters in stores and on staff bulletin boards. <p>Downtown Business</p> <p>Inspector Dave Saliba, Durham Region Police Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an overview of the Downtown project which is currently in Phase 1 indicating that: 129 businesses have been visited and provided with information packages; 28 agency referrals have been given; DRPS Twitter account has been very active. • Primary focus is educating unsheltered individuals and ensure that they are aware of all services available.

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<p>Update on Communications (Cont'd)</p>	<p>Chair Bob Chapman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no shortage of shelters, the Region spends money on different motels if shelter space runs out. Many individuals don't want to use the shelters that are provided in other municipalities because of location. • Transitional housing is currently being worked on, including modular micro homes, which will be ready at the end of summer. • It is important to get the proper services to the unsheltered such as mental health and addiction treatments. • Requests have been made to have the services spread out more across the Region. <p>Stephanie Skopyk, Mission United/CMHA Durham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on the housing status on the centralized housing list as of April, 2021 illustrating how the numbers are showing improvement. More people have been housed in the three month timeframe than ever before. <p>Mayor Carter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have lots of tools to build on such as the data from the surveys, information and suggestions received at Town Hall meetings. • The information will assist us in addressing issues our city faces. <p>Durham Region Social Services communication</p> <p>Chair Bob Chapman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminded Task Force Members that the Region of Durham is producing a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and are also conducting a resident survey for feedback. • Encouraged Members to participate.
<p>4. Portable Stage and Picnic Tables in the Victoria Street Plaza (CS-21-61)</p>	<p>Chair Bob Chapman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Motion was made to the Community Services Committee for the City to provide a portable stage and 20 picnic tables on Victoria St beside the Regent Theatre. This would allow the public to purchase food from local restaurants, sit while they eat and watch troubadour-like entertainers. • The non-City event would run July 1 to September 30.

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<p>Portable Stage and Picnic Tables in the Victoria Street Plaza (CS-21-61) (Cont'd)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall, Task Force provided feedback that they support this initiative as it attracts more people downtown to support local businesses. However, they identified the following requirements that need to be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the Region of Durham Health department on a regular basis to confirm health requirements as they may change throughout the time period; • Ensure that the health guidelines are being monitored and followed; • Adhere to the City's Noise By-law as last year several complaints were received and the new proposed location is located near residential; • Ensure appropriate staff, volunteers and/or security are proactively monitoring capacity limits; and, • Ensure that required cleaning as per the Region of Durham and Provincial orders is maintained.
<p>5. Other Business</p>	<p>Sandra Black, OSCC55+ Oshawa Senior Community Centres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminded Task Force Members that meetings take place with other Community Partners who are located in the area of focus and requested feedback on a proposal by the RMG on the Greenspace Improvement Project which would allow for a safer outdoor public space for the RMG, the City, the Arts Resource Centre and the Library to run outdoor programs. <p>Chair Bob Chapman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indicated that a report will be going to Development Services Committee on June 7 and a report will be going to Finance Services Committee on Jun 14 to address the RMG proposal. <p>Steve Conaby, Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked Mayor Carter and shared appreciation from Chamber Members regarding the efforts of this Task Force. <p>Mayor Carter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on the CP Rail Line, noting that the installation of lighting, cameras and fencing is being considered to make the area safer. <p>Dr. Peter Stoett, Ontario Tech University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked Mayor Carter and Councillor Chapman for their participation in a University class on crime prevention through environmental design.

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Other Business (Cont'd)	Chair Bob Chapman <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Photos of building murals that have been painted located on the sea containers behind the Canadian Auto Museum were shared with Task Force Members.
6. Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held on June 25, 2021.