

MINUTES of the <u>Economic Resiliency Task Force</u> Meeting held on Thursday, May 28, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. via video conferencing.

PRESENT:

Voting Members: R. Chisholm

Mayor Dingwall *

C. Hamm

Councillor MacDonald
Councillor Meachen (Chair)

T. Pigott

M. Roberts, CAO

P. Robinson M. Salonga C. Sawant

Staff: T. Barr, Deputy Corporate Officer

D. Chamberlain, Director of Parks, Recreation,

Arts & Culture *

J. Lemire, Marketing Coordinator

Regrets: E. Mollema

J. Sidhu

Secretary: Tatiana McCaw, Committee Clerk II

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED THAT the agenda for the May 28, 2020 Economic Resiliency Task Force Meeting be approved.

CARRIED.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Minutes of the Economic Resiliency Task Force Meeting held on May 21, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(1) <u>Update on Action Items</u>

Task Force members provided a brief update on all Action Items from the previous meeting.

* D. Chamberlain left the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

(2) <u>Community Fundraiser</u>

There was general consent amongst the Task Force to postpone this agenda item until the next meeting.

(3) <u>Business Listing Revisit</u>

The Task Force participated in a discussion regarding the business listing project, privacy issues, and next steps. Highlights included:

• City Staff to finalize and distribute the drafted letter to local businesses.

(4) <u>Contact Forms for Business Support & Outreach</u>

- T. Pigott and M. Salonga provided an update to the Task Force on the questionnaire for distribution to local businesses. Highlights included:
 - Questionnaire and introductory letter are completed; and
 - The questionnaire is to be physically distributed to local businesses as the Task Force members see fit.

(5) Good News Stories

The Task Force shared positive events and/or activities in the community. Highlights included:

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^{*} Mayor Dingwall joined the meeting 4:13 p.m.

 Local food distributor donated a palate of nutritional bars to the local foodbank who was in need.

(6) <u>Set Next Meeting Date/Time</u>

The next ERTF Meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

There was general consent amongst the Task Force to change the meeting frequency to every two weeks.

6. ROUND TABLE

The Task Force participated in a roundtable of discussions. Highlights included:

- Contact information is missing from the bottom of the ERTF directory;
- Shop Local campaign is working great;
- Recognition was made in regards to the consistency with the Hire Local campaign;
- Encourage the development of the tamp/coupon program for the summer as businesses are reopening;
- Reflection on what has been achieved through this Task Force which has exceeded all expectations;
- Sincere thanks was given from the Mayor on behalf of the City of Pitt Meadows;
- www.smallbusinesbc.ca has a lot of useful resources; and
- Ridge Meadows Chamber of Commerce is working on the distribution of a business reopen plan similar to the COVID-19 business reopen plan published by the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce.

7. SUMMARY OF TODAY'S ACTION ITEMS

The following items were added as Action Items:

- Councillor Meachen to forward the drafted business letter to T. Barr to finalize and arrange mail out; final copy to be emailed to Task Force.
- C. Sawant wishes to bring Board of Trade items to next meeting
- Cross check of links on ERTF page vs Tri-Cities Website Resources
- Research Resource Allocation: Setting businesses up for online success

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

CARRIED.

The next meeting for the Economic Resiliency Task Force is set for June 11th, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. via video conferencing.