

MINUTES of the <u>Community Check-In Task Force</u> Meeting held on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. via video conference.

PRESENT:

Voting Members: Councillor G. O'Connell (Chair)

Councillor A. Simpson Councillor M. Hayes

Non-Voting Members: E. Hunn, Fraser Health

V. Kipps, Community Services

M. Perretta, RMSS

M. Robson, Friends in Need Foodbank

H. Treleaven, Seniors Network

K. Sullivan, SD 42

Staff: J. Lemire, Marketing Coordinator

J. Senchyna, Program Services Coordinator

T. Barr, Deputy Corporate Officer

Regrets: B. Morgan, Emergency Management Coordinator

Secretary: T. Hupka, Legislative Clerk II

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED THAT the agenda for the July 29, 2020 Community Check-In Task Force Meeting be approved.

CARRIED.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED THAT the Minutes of the Community Check-In Task Force Meeting held on July 15, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) <u>Screen Capture of CCI TF Meeting Participants</u>

T. Hupka, Legislative Clerk II, requested the Task Force participate in a screen capture for promotional use by the City.

• The Task Force was given the opportunity to turn their video off if they did not wish to participate and have their photo taken.

(2) <u>Update From Task Force Community Liaisons</u>

The Community Liaisons provided a brief verbal update of their efforts and experiences in response to COVID-19:

- M. Perretta, RMSS, gave an overview on assistance provided to seniors in the community, including the amount of seniors who had been assisted with groceries delivery, prescription pick up, and transportation.
- E. Hunn, Fraser Health, gave an update on Fraser Health statistics including a total of 1,815cases, with 89.5% recovered. There are currently 9 people in hospital across BC which is very positive news. In addition, long term care homes no longer have outbreaks in the Fraser Health region. There has been a launch of a new BC COVID exposure website at http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/public-exposures. Fraser Health notifications can be found at https://www.fraserhealth.ca/covid19exposure.
- V. Kipps, Community Services, provided an overview of the grants received which will assist with outfitting vehicles with PPE, a Foundry staff member has been added as an occupational therapist, in addition, through Alyssa's Wish, they've added a dedicated prevention and awareness coordinator to help with youth.
- M. Robson, Friends in Need Foodbank The Food bank is gearing up for the federal government purchasing food and national food rescue program to see what it brings in. Pitt Meadows has 50 families actively involved in the food bank, with Grace Church doing

a great job of sanitizing the space. People seem very happy with the pre-packed bags. The Senior food bank is opening in Maple Ridge in August, with Pitt Meadows to open shortly after. The Thanksgiving food drive is still scheduled to go ahead. Very proud with the amount of perishable food being diverted from the landfill through the Perishable Food Recovery program. Of 1 million pounds – 53% went to clients of the food bank, 32% to farm feed and 13% to compost in the 1st year. The program app said that this helped save 900,801 kg of carbon dioxide emissions, and in Pitt Meadows it was calculated at over 178,000 kg of CO2 removed and 89,000 meals delivered.

- K. Sullivan, School District 42, gave an update on summer school programs which included 3 sites in Maple Ridge and had 870 students registered. They are currently waiting on the Minister of Education announcement for plans for schools in September.
- H. Treleaven, Seniors Network, reported that isolation among seniors is a big concern as they are often coping with depression and anxiety, especially with not having access to technology. They are looking at grants for tablets and additional technical advisors to help seniors understand the new technology if it is unfamiliar to them. They have done emergency hampers and are also looking into a pet food bank. Affordable housing is a real concern for seniors and there has been a lot of calls regarding this. The Haney farmers market coupon book has been extremely well received with 84 seniors and families having access to it to assist them.
- J. Senchyna, Program Services Coordinator The City is currently working through the restart plan, with some programs such as at the Arena opening in August.
- *J. Lemire joined the meeting 11:08 a.m.
- * E. Hunn, V. Kipps, M. Perretta, M. Robson, H. Treleaven, K. Sullivan left the meeting at 11:52 am

(3) Council Presentation Update

The Task Force discussed past and future Council delegations. Very happy with the presentations, would like to have more of these in the future attend Council.

(4) <u>Future Meetings</u>

Task Force discussed the strategies for the Task Force come September 2020. Would tentatively like to consider having a liaison meeting on September 30, 2020.

6. ROUND TABLE

The Task Force participated in a brief roundtable of discussions. There was a general agreement by all of the Task Force members that they would like to continue having CCITF meetings in the fall as felt it created excellent information sharing opportunities among various community groups and Pitt Meadows.

7. SUMMARY OF TODAY'S ACTION ITEMS

1. Send Communications the photo of the Community Check in Task Force.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

The next meeting for the Community Check-In Task Force is set for September 16, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. via video conferencing.