



City of
Peterborough

To: **Members of the General Committee**

From: **Mayor Diane Therrien**

Meeting Date: **June 8, 2020**

Subject: **Report COU20-001
Peterborough City Council COVID-19 Recovery
Recommendations**

Purpose

A report recommending City Council COVID-19 Recovery Recommendations be developed and that, in addition to the previously-formed Mayor's and Warden's Regional Economic Task Force, a Community Recovery and Resilience Task Force be created to assist in developing the Recommendations.

Recommendations

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report COU20-001 dated June 8, 2020, of the Mayor, as follows:

- a) That a Community Recovery and Resilience Task Force be created to collect information from the community and assist in developing COVID-19 Recovery Recommendations;
- b) That the Task Force use the Terms of Reference outlined in Appendix A to Report COU20-001 to guide its work;
- c) That the Task Force be chaired by the Mayor, or her delegate, and include representatives from Council, City Staff, and community members, as outlined in Appendix A; and
- d) That the Mayor and Councillor Beamer act as liaisons between the Mayor's and Warden's Regional Economic Task Force and this Task Force, to ensure alignment between the work of the two groups.

Budget and Financial Implications

Should the Task Force deem it necessary, a consultant can be hired to assist with meeting facilitation and community engagement, which can be funded from within the Mayor's 2020 Operating Budget.

Background

As the City continues to address and work to mitigate the immediate impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic that has struck our City, Province, and Country since mid-March, one tool that can be used to guide some of our decision-making and actions in the post-COVID-19 period is the creation of a Community Recovery and Resilience Task Force (Task Force) who will gather information through conversation and community engagement, and work together to create Recommendations for Council's consideration. The Terms of Reference for the Task Force are attached as Appendix A to this report.

While COVID-19 has had a significant impact on all parts of the community, different groups have felt and continue to endure hardship in different ways. Parts of the community are already actively planning for recovery, such as the groups and sectors involved in the Mayor's and Warden's Regional Economic Task Force, while other parts may not have the capacity or resources available to do so on a similar scale. This Task Force will assist in ensuring all parts of the community have an opportunity to help shape recovery Recommendations.

Throughout the gathering of information from the community, members of existing advisory Committees may be asked for assistance to draw on their individual expertise in these areas. At a time when official advisory Committees to Council cannot meet because they cannot have public meetings, the Task Force and the work that Council members can do individually will be a way for Councillors to reach out more informally and hear how people are affected by COVID-19 and how the future decisions of City Council may be able to assist.

Timelines

This process will begin immediately following approval by Council and the intention is to have Recommendations brought to City Council for consideration on an on-going basis.

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Appendix A – Community Recovery and Resilience Task Force Terms of Reference