

**COVID-19 Recovery Task Forces****Report Purpose**

To seek Council feedback on proposed bylaws for the establishment of COVID-19 Recovery Task Forces.

**Recommendation**

THAT a Council meeting be held on May 12, 2020 at 2 p.m. to consider Bylaws 31-2020 COVID 19 Economic Resilience and Vision Task Force; 32-2020 COVID-19 Citizen and Community Support Task Force; and 33-2020 COVID-19 Governance Advisory Recovery Task Force; and THAT Administration give notice of the meeting to Council and the public.

**Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Goal 1 - Build strong communities to support the diverse needs of residents

Goal 5 - Foster collaboration through regional, community and governmental partnerships

**Report**

At the April 21, 2020 Council directed Administration to prepare bylaws in order to establish task forces (council committees as defined in the MGA) with a mandate to support and guide the recovery process related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Council identified three focus areas for these task forces: governance, economic resilience, and citizen and community support.

Administration has prepared draft bylaws for Council's review and feedback.

Administration's goal is to ensure that the mandate and purpose of each task force is clear and distinct and that each task force has a focus area that is appropriate to such an entity. The draft bylaws are provided in enclosure 1.

Administration will take Council's feedback and revise the bylaws with a view to presenting them to Council for adoption at the proposed May 12, 2020 Council meeting. In the interim, Administration is also taking the necessary steps to ensure that these task forces will be appropriately supported.

**Council and Committee History**

April 21, 2020      THAT by May 5, 2020 Administration provide bylaws and any necessary documents for the establishment of three Council Advisory Task Forces, with a proposed membership of three councillors and the Mayor as an ex-officio member on each of the three, for the following purposes:

- The Strathcona County COVID-19 Response Governance Advisory Recovery Task Force in order to provide strategic advice to council to ensure Strathcona County's coordinated response, recovery, and resilience during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic event;
- The Strathcona County COVID-19 Response Economic Resilience and Vision Task Force in order to will provide governance recommendations and advice to Council on economic resilience and vision in the context of the COVID – 19 Pandemic, support

for business and industry, and support for the local economy generally; and

- The Strathcona County COVID-19 Response Citizen and Community Support Task Force in order to provide advice to Council related to supporting the wellbeing of citizens and community groups and provide information to ensure Strathcona County's coordinated response, recovery and resilience during and after the COVID – 19 Pandemic.

**Other Impacts**

**Policy:** n/a

**Legislative/Legal:** Section 145 of the *Municipal Government Act* RSA 2000, c M-26 requires the establishment of council committees (e.g. any committee, task force, board, etc. established by a municipal council) to be done by bylaw. This section also provides that a Council may direct the function and procedures of a council committee.

**Interdepartmental:** n/a

**Master Plan/Framework:** n/a

**Enclosure(s)**

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Draft Bylaws for Covid-19 Recovery Task Forces – *to be distributed*