

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

To provide Council with an update on the work of the three COVID-19 Recovery Task Forces.

Recommendation

THAT by the end of the first quarter of 2021, Administration provide a report on options and possible next steps for developing a Community Safety and Wellbeing strategy for Strathcona County.

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

Goal 7 - Provide opportunities for public engagement and communication

Report

Council established three Task Forces 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.

Since that time, the Task Forces have been working with consultants selected to support this work to develop workplans that identify their specific focus areas and priorities. The workplans for the task forces was approved by Council on July 14, 2020. The workplans included a requirement to provide a progress report to Council in the fall of 2020.

Accordingly, the Task Forces are providing an update to Council to share a high-level overview of the work each Task Force has done relative to their respective workplans. While all three of the Task Forces have been making progress towards their respective priorities and goals, the recommendation in this report requires Council approval. As further recommendations requiring approval are identified, they will be provided to Council for consideration.

Council and Committee History

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| July 14, 2020 | Council approved the workplan for each of the three task forces. |
| May 26, 2020 | THAT Administration negotiate a contract on behalf of each of the three COVID-19 Recovery Task Forces for consultancy to develop workplans. |
| May 12, 2020 | THAT Councillors Tonita, Parks, and Botterill be appointed as Members to the Economic Resilience and Vision Task Force for a term commencing May 12, 2020 and continuing throughout the term of the task force, provided they continue to serve as a Councillor throughout the term of the appointment. THAT Councillors Delainey, Berghofer, and Lawrence be appointed as Members to the Citizen and Community Support Task Force for a term commencing May 12, 2020 and continuing throughout the term of the task force, provided they continue to serve as a Councillor throughout the term of the appointment. |

THAT Councillors Smith, Parks, and Anderson be appointed as Members to the Governance Advisory Recovery Task Force for a term commencing May 12, 2020 and continuing throughout the term of the task force, provided they continue to serve as a Councillor throughout the term of the appointment.

THAT Administration provide information to each of the three Task Forces on potential facilitators that could be available to support the Task Forces in preparation of initial workplans for Council's approval.

May 5, 2020

Council gave three readings to:
Bylaw 31-2020, COVID-19 Economic Resilience and Vision Task Force
Bylaw 32-2020, COVID-19 Citizen and Community Support Task Force
Bylaw 33-2020, COVID-19 Recovery Governance Task Force

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 COVID19 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: Council struck the Task Forces as Council Committees in accordance with section 145 of the Municipal Governance Act.

Interdepartmental: The Task Forces are supported by: Family and Community Services; Recreation, Parks and Culture; Communications; Corporate Planning; Legislative and Legal Services; and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Master Plan/Framework: n/a

Enclosure

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