
COVID 19 Task Forces Progress Report to Council**Report Purpose**

To provide Council with a progress update from the three Task Forces established to aid in the recovery from COVID-19.

Recommendation

1. THAT Administration provide a report in the first quarter of 2021 on a possible Communication Framework that would focus on communication priorities that address the learnings from the pandemic and promote the County's ongoing recovery. The strategy will also specifically include encouraging new residents and businesses to locate in the County.
2. THAT Administration conduct a regional and provincial scan to explore the measures taken in other municipalities related to governance and recovery related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and report to the RG TF by end of the first quarter, report to include:
 - Legislative and policy changes made and measures taken across the province and the region and beyond, when examples are pertinent, including similar sized municipalities
 - An assessment of interest in a regional conversation on sharing learnings in the response to COVID 19

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 reports to Council as well as a final report. The last progress report was provided on November 24, 2020.

This report, see enclosure 1, is the most current update. As part of this report, there are some recommendations arising from the work of the Task Forces that are being provided to Council for their consideration. The Task Forces will provide their final report in April 2021.

Council and Committee History

November 24, 2020	Council received a progress report from the three Task Forces and approved "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.
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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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
May 5, 2020	<p>Council gave three readings to:</p> <p>Bylaw 31-2020, COVID-19 Economic Resilience and Vision Task Force</p> <p>Bylaw 32-2020, COVID-19 Citizen and Community Support Task Force</p> <p>Bylaw 33-2020, COVID-19 Recovery Governance Task Force</p>
April 21, 2020	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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| 1 | COVID-19 Recovery Task Forces – Progress Report February 2021 |
| 2 | COVID-19 Recovery Task Forces – Progress Report Presentation |