



Agenda Business Economic Support and Recovery Task Force

December 3, 2020

11:00 am

Video Conference

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Pages

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
3. **AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the December 3, 2020 Business Economic Support & Recovery Task Force agenda be accepted as presented.

4. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT the October 28, 2020 Business Economic Support & Recovery Task Force minutes be accepted as presented.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

5.1. **COVID Relief Fund Update**

5.2. **Tourism and Business Promotion Site project status**

6. **REPORTS**

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1. **Snow clearing downtown - Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works**

7.2. Provincial Budget –changes to commercial small business class

7.3. 2021 Town Budget

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

9. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Business Economic Support & Recovery Task Force meeting adjourn
at _____.



Minutes

Business Economic Support and Recovery Task Force

Regular Meeting

October 28, 2020

10:00 am

Video Conference

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Member Present Mayor Strathdee, Councillor Edney, Allan Stewart, Ed Parkinson, Greg Thompson, Sue Griffiths

Member Absent Scott Taylor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Parkinson called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved By Allan Stewart

Seconded By Greg Thompson

THAT the October 28, 2020 Business Economic Support & Recovery Task Force agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Moved By Councillor Edney

Seconded By Allan Stewart

THAT the minutes from the September 30, 2020 regular Business Economic Recovery & Support Task Force minutes be accepted as presented.

Carried

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nothing noted.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Business Grant Program

André Morin highlighted the report. The intent is to fund businesses up to \$3,000 in the beginning and it was noted that the sub-committee expressed that the application needed to be as flexible as possible. Applications will give us a sense of the overall need which can lead to changes for a second phase of the funding. Morin noted that the anticipated launch date would be around November 9th.

Moved By Greg Thompson

Seconded By Allan Stewart

THAT FIN 26-2020 COVID Relief for Business Grant Program be received; and

THAT the Business Economic Support and Recovery Task Force recommend the Town of St. Marys proceed with a COVID Relief grant program for businesses as recommended.

Carried

7.2 Development of Microsite and Business Directory

Kelly Deeks-Johnson highlighted the report and discussed timelines for the project. Task Force members asked about the inclusion of the BIA into the discussion and noted that they need to be involved in the process. Staff assured the task force that the BIA would be consulted.

Moved By Allan Stewart

Seconded By Councillor Edney

THAT FIN 37-2020 Development of a tourism microsite & business directory report be received; and

THAT the Business Economic Support & Recovery Task Force recommend the Town of St. Marys proceed with a request to Council to retain eSolutions as the developer with Town staff acting as project lead and a working committee is created to assist with the project.

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Allan Stewart suggested that at some point the task force should perhaps look at ways that support can be given to service clubs who are unable to run fundraising events currently.

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Parkinson adjourned the meeting at 11:28 AM.

Moved By Greg Thompson

Seconded By Allan Stewart

THAT the Business Economic Support & Recovery Task Force meeting adjourn at 11:28 AM.

Carried

Chair

Committee Secretary