



Town of Sidney – COVID-19 Recovery Task Force Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 28, 2020 – 2:00PM – 3:30PM
Zoom Meeting

Present: Mayor C. McNeil-Smith, Councillor B. Fallot, David Calveley, Glenys Cavers, Steve Duck, Kirsten Norris, Morgan Shaw, Graden Sol, Denny Warner

Regrets: Randy Humble, CAO

Staff: Andrew Hicik, Director of Corporate Services, Brett Mikkelsen, Fire Chief, Alison Verhagen, Senior Manager of Current Planning / Recovery Director, Donna Barner, Recording Clerk

Meeting called to order by Chair at 2:02.

The Chair welcomed Brett Mikkelsen, Fire Chief/ Emergency Program Coordinator and former EOC Director. Chair also welcomed Graden Sol, whom will replace Kelly Bull-Tomer. Graden has been on the Advisory Planning Committee for three years; is a local realtor in Sidney and a director at the Victoria real estate board.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by B. Fallot, seconded by D. Calveley, that the agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

3. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes from the July 14, 2020 meeting will be circulated at the next meeting.

4. Chair's Remarks

a. Follow up on vision discussion

The Town of Sidney has a vision that is well articulated in the OCP. Council will review the Town's vision at the next strategic plan review meeting, anticipated for September. In light of COVID, vision is to "build back better."

5. Discussion: Member Ideas of Four Key Elements from Terms of Reference

a. Economic Recovery & Resiliency

– Discussion:

- Three audiences to consider; residents, businesses/organizations, visitors
- Messaging needs to relay that we are all responsible ("all in this together") as residents, businesses/organizations, visitors
- Recommendations and mandates from senior levels of government can quickly change. Will need to be mindful in our information sharing to be adaptable to change

- Town needs to be cautious on overpromising (stating Sidney is Safe when this is not an objective we can guarantee)

Moved by S. Duck, seconded by D. Calveley, that a working group consisting of M. Shaw, D. Warner, G. Cavers, and A. Verhagen be established to develop a COVID-19 safety themed poster for businesses and a printed COVID-19 information resource piece for distribution to businesses and the public, to be implemented as soon as is practicable.

CARRIED

– Discussion:

- Support for public hand sanitizer stations
- Mechanisms to monitor public hand sanitizer stations

Moved by G. Cavers, seconded by B. Fallot, that G. Cavers and the Recovery team provide information at the next meeting on the practicability and cost of public hand sanitizer stations in the downtown core.

CARRIED

– Discussion:

- Businesses should be responsible for sourcing PPE
- How can committee reduce barriers for businesses accessing PPE
- **Action: Chair and Recovery team will discuss options regarding the supply of masks to businesses and bring a recommendation to the next meeting.**

b. Cultural Recovery & Resiliency

– Discussion:

- The general public is unaware as what organizations are open and currently offering, such as Mary Winspear Centre, Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre, the Sidney Museum, etc.
- Information on what is occurring in Sidney could be distributed through potential avenues such as; Peninsula News Review, an outdoor kiosk, information boards, a special edition Town Talk, and so on.

Moved by S. Duck, seconded by B. Fallot, that a working group consisting of B. Fallot, S. Duck, D. Calveley, and M. Shaw be established to develop a printed information resource piece with what the leading cultural organizations are offering to the public; and the review the feasibility of the BIA information cart being set up to distribute this and other information, to be implemented as soon as is practicable.

CARRIED

– Discussion:

- Opportunity to increase two way communication with community

Moved by B. Fallot, seconded by G. Sol, that the Town organize an initiative for virtual Town Hall meetings for the public, with participants including a mix of Council members, Town Recovery team and other staff, and leaders from community organizations.

CARRIED

Moved by S. Duck, seconded by D. Calveley, that the committee recommends Mayor and Council do walkabouts engaging the public and businesses regarding COVID-19 topics, and distribute information pieces from the two working groups as appropriate.

CARRIED

- Discussion:
 - Information sharing between committee will be fluid to reduce workloads in preparing a special edition Town Talk

Moved by M. Shaw, seconded by D. Calveley, that staff issue a special COVID-19 edition of Town Talk for September.

CARRIED

6. Adjournment

Moved by S. Duck, seconded by G. Sol, that the meeting adjourn at 03:34.

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 03:34.

Chair

Date