



**City of Hamilton**  
**MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY**  
**ADDENDUM**

**Meeting #:** 21-001  
**Date:** February 12, 2021  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall - ROOM 264

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**4. COMMUNICATIONS**

- \*4.3. Correspondence from the Arts Advisory Commission respecting Support for the Recommendations of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery

As approved by Council on February 10, 2021.

Recommendation: Be received

**6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

- \*6.1. Update respecting the Report of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery

# City Clerk's Division

## COUNCIL FOLLOW-UP NOTICE

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**TO:** Norm Schleeahn  
Director, Planning

**DATE:** February 10, 2020

**FROM:** Loren Kolar  
City Clerk's Division

**RE:** **City Council Meeting – February 10, 2021 – Support for the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery**

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At Council on February 10, 2021, the following was approved:

### **6.2 Support for the Recommendations of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery**

WHEREAS, the next meeting of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery is scheduled for February 12, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Arts Advisory Commission, at their January 26, 2021 meeting unanimously passed a motion asking Councillors Danko and Farr to share with Council and the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery their support for the task force's work; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Advisory Commission will not be meeting again until March 23, 2021 and the January 26, 2021 meeting minutes will not be before Committee and Council until April 2021.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery be advised:
- (i) That the Arts Advisory Commission is in full support of the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery recommendations on Arts and Culture;
  - (ii) That the Arts Advisory Commission encourages Council to address the immediate needs as quickly as possible; and
  - (iii) That the Arts Advisory Commission is available to the Mayor's Task Force on Economic Recovery for their expertise and assistance in order to action any of the Arts and Culture recommendations.

Loren Kolar,  
Legislative Coordinator

cc: Ken Coit, Program manager Public Art and Projects

REPORT OF THE  
**Mayor's** Task Force on  
**ECONOMIC  
RECOVERY**

# Implementation

- Mayor's Task Force Report presented Final Report to General Issues Committee on December 9, 2020
- Includes 103 recommendations

## 6 Motions Passed by Council Dec 9

- Establish a COVID Concierge service
- Freeze various fees at 2020 levels
- BIA one-time enhancement grants
- Winterfest/BIA enhancement
- Small Business Tax Sub-class
- Creative Enterprise Facilities Property Tax Sub-class

- Advocacy re: Trade policies, municipal budget shortfalls due, universal paid emergency leave, Commercial Rent extension, CERB/CERWS wage subsidy programs, childcare, tax programs, well-being supports, fair wages, major infrastructure, skills developments and home renovation tax credit

- Modifying the City's existing cash-in-lieu of parking policy
- Use of Building Permit Reserve funds and Building Permit Reserve funds for affordable housing projects
- Use of surety bonds as financial security for development projects

# Upcoming Motions

- Establishing Fair Wages for Musicians: Guidelines and/or Policy for City-run or City-funded events utilizing musicians – Feb 17  
GIC
- Public Internet access and connectivity infrastructure – mid Q2



# Complete

- 32 recommendations acted on by Council
  - Advocacy correspondence
  - Placemaking Grant Pilot Program launched January 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Concierge Program to be launched week of Feb 15<sup>th</sup>

# In Progress

- 17 recommendations referred to Economic Development Action Plan 2021-2025 and/or Tourism Strategy 2021-2025 for consideration
- 11 recommendations with financial implications will be reviewed for possible consideration in the 2022 budget process
- 42 recommendations referred to staff

# Guiding Principles

- EDI, Climate change, Labour
- 28 recommendations

# Just Recovery Report



## A JUST RECOVERY FOR HAMILTON

Municipal Policy, Investment and Opportunities for a more equitable COVID-19 recovery in 2021



Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction



# Unintended Positive Spinoffs

- Local Network
- Broadened Engagement
- Partnerships
  - BIAs and Winterfest
  - 3 Chambers + City Partnership

# Next Steps

- Sharing Findings of latest Business Survey
- Q2 (April) – Economic Development Action Plan to GIC
- Q2-Q3 - Tourism Strategy consultations