

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 29th
 - Concierge Program to be launched week of Feb 15th

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