






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

Implementation Update

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

	49	Completed - Motion implemented
	28	Referred to staff
 E	16	Referred to the Economic Development Action Plan (EDAP) 2021-2025
 \$	9	Referred to staff/financial consideration
	1	Reviewed/not feasible/completed

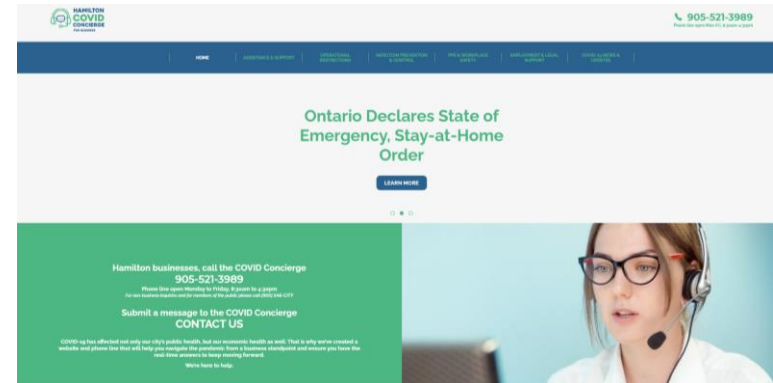
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Highlights include:

- COVID Concierge service launched on February 18, 2021
- BIA one-time enhancement grants
- Winterfest/BIA enhancement
- Outdoor Dining District
- Placemaking Grant Pilot Program



Completed

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Completed

Highlights include:

- A new board of directors/independent board for the Hamilton Anti-Racism Resource Centre approved
- CEF funding envelope approved for 2021
- Fair Wage for Musicians Policy in development



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Highlights include:

- Approved reduction of City's existing cash-in-lieu parking fee within the Downtown Secondary Plan
- A new Commercial Vacancy Assistance Program was approved for prospective tenants seeking to establish a new business location or test a location in the form of a 'pop-up' venture.
- Additional funding for Digital Mainstreet
- Fee freeze at 2020 levels (film and licensing)

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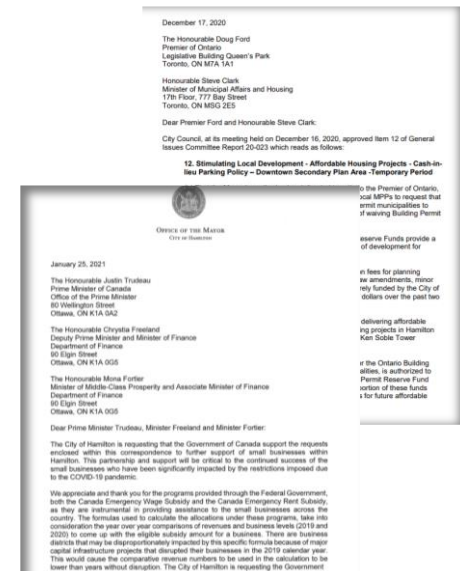


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Highlights include:

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



Referred to Staff

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Highlights include:

- 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
- Funding being sought for multiple community art projects.

Referred to Staff

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Highlights include:

- Many recommendations tied to Council approved 2020 Tax Supported Capital Budget in the areas of capital infrastructure and transit (e.g. additional 13 buses)
- The City via Office of the Mayor and Digital Office provided letters of support to all Telcos/ISP that submitting applications to either Provincial ICON program and/or Federal Universal Broadband Fund program and resulted in two successful applications for rural connectivity.
- Tourism related recommendations have been referred to the Tourism Strategy 2021-2025 for consideration

Referred to Economic Development Action Plan (EDAP)



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16 Referred to EDAP 2021-2025

Highlights include:

- Workforce/skilled development
- Procurement policies - promote Canadian manufactured products and services
- Implement municipal policies and investments in infrastructure to support agriculture and food processing
- Connectivity for Hamilton residents and businesses
- Accelerate development of business parks
- Review regulatory environment in order to streamline and assist businesses with approval processes

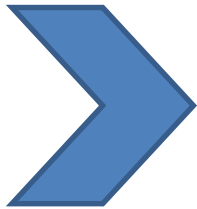
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Next Steps



16 recommendations have been referred to Economic Development Action Plan 2021-2025 for consideration. The Plan will be presented to GIC in late Q2.

Referred to staff/financial consideration

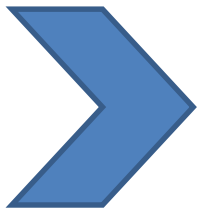


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Highlights include:

- Creation of new or enhanced funding and relief programs
- Social and local Procurement

Next Steps



Nine recommendations with financial implications will be reviewed for possible consideration in the 2022 budget process.

Guiding Principles

Climate Change and Equity, Diversity and Inclusion are two of the eight Term of Council Priorities of the 2018 to 2022 Term of Council:

Climate Change Goal: Reduce community-wide greenhouse gas emissions to achieve net zero before 2050 (over 2006 baseline). Interim targets of 20% by 2020 and 50% by 2030.

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Goal: Equity-seeking communities will feel safe, supported and have an enhanced sense of belonging through strengthening community capacity, City responsiveness and creating inclusive engagement opportunities.



22 Actions aligned/linkage with 103 Recommendations

Thank you