The Corporation of the Town of Tillsonburg  
COVID-19 Task Force Meeting  
May 20, 2020  
9:00 a.m.  
Electronic Meeting

MINUTES

**Present:** Karen Devolin, Councillor Deb Gilvesy, Abbie Boesterd, Emma Dew, Joe McGuire, Merley Wheaton, Deputy Mayor Beres.

**Staff:** Michelle Smibert, Town Clerk; Laura Pickersgill, Legislative Services Coordinator; Colleen Pepper, Marketing & Communications Officer

**Regrets:** Councillor Chris Rosehart, Larry Scanlan, Roxanne MacMillan

1. **Roll Call**

2. **Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

3. **Adoption of Agenda**  
   Resolution #1  
   Moved by: Merley Wheaton  
   Seconded by: Joe McGuire  
   THAT the Agenda as prepared for the COVID-19 Task Force meeting of May 20, 2020, be adopted.  
   Carried

4. **Adoption of Previous Minutes**  
   Resolution #2  
   Moved by: Joe McGuire  
   Seconded by: Karen Devolin  
   THAT the Minutes as prepared for the COVID-19 Task Force meeting of May 13, 2020, be adopted.  
   Carried

5. **Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**  
There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared.

6. **General Business & Reports**  
   6.1 **Communications**  
      6.1.1 **Kind Messaging and Working Together**  
      Colleen Pepper provided an overview of this past week’s social media usage and
communications pieces. It was noted that the local content is creating a lot of attention on social media.

The Province has extended the emergency orders until May 29th. Messaging should be shared informing the public that gatherings of more than 5 people are not permitted at this time and that people gathering must be from the same household. It was suggested that messaging be shared informing the public that these rules are the law and that fines could be incurred if rules are disobeyed.

A discussion was held regarding the low number of testing occurring through Southwest Public Health and Province-wide in the recent days. It was suggested that the public be reminded that even though there are no reported cases locally does not mean that there are not any active cases going around the local community.

A motion will be going in front of Council on May 25th to advocate to the Province for a local testing centre to be established in Tillsonburg. It was noted that the process for getting a test now in the general public is difficult. The process includes individuals having to do an online self-assessment, then contact a doctor based on the results, then the doctor must refer the individual to get the testing done.

It was suggested that messaging be shared reminding people to give back to local charities. United Way Oxford recently received federal funding that can be distributed to local charities in need. These charities/agencies are important for keeping structure in the community thus reducing policing costs.

It was noted that the Lake Lisgar fountain has not been installed yet this year likely due to the fact that volunteers must set it up and be in close proximity with one another when doing so. Staff will follow up with the Recreation department to confirm.

There was a discussion surrounding the matter of wearing of masks. It was noted that at this time individual stores are receiving guidelines from the Province that does not require the wearing of masks. Other guidelines such as washing hands, and physically distancing is very useful to avoid the spread of the virus. It was suggested that information be shared linking individuals to information on: proper mask usage, glove wearing, proper hand washing and social distancing protocols.

7. Round Table

8. Next Meeting
   Wednesday, June 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

   The topic of recreational activities for children to be added to the next agenda.

9. Adjournment
Resolution #3
Moved by: Karen Devolin
Seconded by: Joe McGuire
THAT the May 20, 2020 COVID-19 Task Force meeting be adjourned at 9:41 a.m.
Carried