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**Burlington COVID-19 Task Force Meeting #11 – June 25, 2020**

**Agenda & Action Items**

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1. Opening remarks from Mayor
  - Stage 2 continues, response has been great so far from residents
  - Pools will open July 13 and splash pads are opening tomorrow
  - We are now able to digitally review & finalize decisions for development applications
  - Toronto/Peel opens tomorrow so the entire GTA will now be in stage 2
  - Reopened States in the US are setting record highs for new cases
  - We have to remain vigilant and continue to spread the word around health protocols
  - We don't want to go backwards
2. Updates on existing action items
3. Roundtable: any new items
4. Next meeting: Due to Canada Day/vacations, next meeting will be July 16<sup>th</sup>

**Ongoing Action Items Update:**

<p>Subcommittee to address the issue of food security and actively identifying those at risk/in need and matching up with support.</p> <p><b>June 25 Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Looking to the future as more than a food network</b></li> <li>- <b>Connecting in with Tyler/United Way re: social prescribing which is leveraging the food contact point and having a social navigator to help them with other resources from there onward.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Denise Beard, City of Burlington</p>
<p>Burlington Foundation / United Way funding and grants:</p> <p><b>June 25 Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Update from Colleen (moving offices so cannot attend today):</b></li> <li>- Quick update on our ECSF granting initiative:</li> </ul>	<p>Colleen Mulholland, Burlington Foundation</p> <p>Tyler Moon, United Way</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16 charities have been granted \$275,000</li> <li>- \$61,000 remaining to grant to eligible charities</li> <li>- They expect the fund to be depleted by the end of next week</li> </ul>	
<p>Support effective and creative recovery fundraising strategies for community organizations in a post-COVID19 environment where traditional in-person/large gathering fundraising is no longer an option (in partnership with NGO Alliance of Ontario)</p> <p><b>June 25 Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Over 12 organizations interested in sitting in the working group and creating a collaborative handbook to help</b></li> <li>- <b>Terms of reference are being drafted today to send out and review</b></li> <li>- <b>Initial date for first meeting will be announced shortly</b></li> </ul>	<p>Amber Rushton, City of Burlington</p>

**New Action Items:**

<p>N/A this week</p>	
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**Completed Action Items:**

<p>Restaurant Support through advocacy of rent relief and flexibility of patio expansion approvals by the City</p> <p><b>June 25 Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Patio expansion continues after last week's opening</b></li> <li>- <b>So far has gone very well and expedited process at the city has been a great lesson in responsive enablement</b></li> <li>- <b>Detail of expedited application process can be found on Mayor's blog <a href="https://www.burlington.ca/city-clerk/2020/06/25/mayor-meed-ward-blog-post-restaurant-patios">bit.ly/burlingtonpatios</a> along with guidelines from the Province</b></li> <li>- <b>Council amendments were passed allowing partial street closures (west side of Brant south of Elgin for ex) + waiving of application fee for expanded patio in downtown area (\$250)</b></li> </ul>	<p>Mayor Meed Ward</p> <p>Jenna Puletto, City of Burlington</p> <p>Ted/Shelley Kindos of BRA</p>
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**Other Notes:**

Eric Vandewall of Joseph Brant: Increase in testing demand now booking 4-5 days out, about 120+ tests per day right now at the hospital. Long term care visitors now require tests so that is a contributing factor. They are working regionally to ensure preparedness for a second wave and defining a consistent covid model of care and the potential to cohort covid patients in specific hospitals.

The issue of masks was a topic of conversation as many groups are raising concerns, some businesses are making it mandatory. Our medical officer of health is not requiring it as of yet – link to our FAQs on the matter can be here (about half way down the page): <https://mariannemeedward.ca/covid-19/lowville-park-closure-state-of-emergency-faqs/>