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Burlington COVID-19 Task Force Meeting #2 – April 16, 2020

Action Items and Meeting Minutes

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New Action Items:

Coordination & Updates – Amber Rushton will bring high level overviews to future meetings, liaising between the Task Force and the Community Risk & Vulnerability branch of our emergency operations to ensure action items and updates get communicated both ways.	Amber Rushton, City of Burlington
One website for donations/volunteers/ppe similar to DonateTO raised by Mayor to help direct people calling multiple places for direction. Ideation and resourcing will take place in the week ahead. As MPP McKenna mentioned, consider also adding a telephone line with a live person as people are craving human interaction. We have one we can activate at the City so we'll look at that. She also noted Spark Ontario as a portal.	Amber Rushton, City of Burlington Carla Marshall, City of Burlington Victoria Al-Samadi, City of Burlington Mayor Meed Ward
Canada Summer Jobs Program (federal) – note that each MP can submit 25 orgs in their ridings that are providing essential services so reach out to your MP (Pam or Karina) for additional support opportunities.	Everyone
Note the website burlingtonproud.com to direct people to one spot to buy multiple gift cards to support local businesses. Please share with your networks.	Everyone

Joseph Brant Hospital Foundation is launching lawn signs and a community celebration & appreciation initiative + use of #WELOVEJBH hashtag. Please share broadly with your networks. (Detailed info was sent by email before the meeting)	Everyone
Burlington Foundation: accepting applications from agencies involved in COVID19 outreach to the community, up to 15k grants available. (carried over from last meeting)	Colleen Mulholland, BF EVERYONE - share the news and ask agencies to respond.

Ongoing Action Items:

<p>School board, hospital, city continue discussion on redeploying staff to assist (caretaking, facilities, patient transportation, volunteer management, security); Outreach to hotels via Amber; Mayor to create a joint Operations/Response Coordination team</p> <p>UPDATE: Report back from Eric Vandewall at next task force meeting. Initiative on hold until report back from Eric on Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN review of regional capacity and needs, April 17.</p>	<p>Eric Vandewall, JBH</p> <p>Stuart Miller, HDSB</p> <p>Patrick Daly, HCDSB</p> <p>Tim Commisso (or designate), COB</p> <p>Marianne Meed Ward, COB</p> <p>Nicole Barich-Williams/Michelle Dwyer, COB</p> <p>Amber Rushton, BFD</p>
<p>Communicate out to businesses - can you retool to produce PPE? Donate PPE?</p> <p>Instead of offering food/coffee directly, can you provide gift cards for health care workers.</p> <p>Offers of help can be funneled back through COVIDdonations@josephbranthospital.ca or (905) 632-3730 x1314 at hospital unless otherwise noted</p> <p>UPDATE: Jamie from Karina Gould's office to send Carla Nell an email about a hand sanitizer exchange.</p> <p>Also, Mayor is launching Wall of Inspiration on her website to recognize stories of inspiration, retooling and generosity. Open to adding more on a regular basis so please share via mayor@burlington.ca</p>	<p>TEAM Burlington members via their communications channels</p> <p>Karina Gould, MP will put any business in direct touch with federal Ministers for help retooling</p> <p>Amber Rushton, BFD to connect with Starbucks and connect them to Anissa Hilborn, JBH foundation regarding gift cards, not coffee</p>
<p>Hassaan Basit will put out a call for volunteers, including ski instructors trained in first aid, once volunteer needs and onboarding process are identified by local healthcare staff. Offered exclusive access to front line health care workers and their families to one CH park during designated times. Link to be shared with hospital once this option is available.</p>	<p>Eric Vandewall, JBH</p> <p>Hassaan Basit, Conservation Halton</p>

<p>UPDATE: Hassaan connected with Eric and are refining the model so that it can meet all public health guidelines. They're looking at bringing in a technology that would monitor traffic on the trails and, in combination with time slots, will enable hundreds of meters between groups. Work continues.</p>	
<p>Fundraising for hospital</p> <p>UPDATE: Angelo referenced a few groups doing fundraising such as 905 Tire (via Burlington Dad's Group) who donated PPE directly to hospital, plus the Burlington Range. The work continues and they are working on a Gift of Giving Back drive-thru food drive tbd.</p>	<p>Angelo Bentivegna, City Councillor</p>

Completed Action Items:

<p>Share the news in your networks/newsletters about fundraising opportunities and the Help in Your Community directory from the Burlington Public library (List & links below)</p>	<p>EVERYONE</p> <p>Lisa Kearns, COB will liaise with council members to ask them to include information in their newsletters</p>
<p>Tag @cityburlington on social feeds so we can amplify your messages</p>	<p>EVERYONE</p>
<p>Ask for volunteers for various needs from their groups, and funnel back through Nichole Bariche/Michelle Dwyer, COB</p> <p>UPDATE: Dan VanderLelie reached out to his group and there are many people ready & willing so ready to be asked – reach out if needed.</p> <p>Also, Amber is working with Michelle Dwyer at City of Burlington to help with volunteer management.</p>	<p>Dan VanderLelie, BFD</p> <p>Osob Abdulleh, Halton Islamic Foundation</p>
<p>Co-ordinate food storage space and transportation needs, if any, for Burlington Food Bank with city (Community Centres), Food for Life, NUVO Network</p> <p>UPDATE: This has been activated since our last meeting. Angelo has also found a forklift operator to support on that end of things and if we need, we can leverage a refrigeration warehouse via Ippolito. Angelo mentioned social distancing during food sorting has been a challenge and great news that Appleby Arena + Sixteen Mile Creek are now providing space to do this more safely.</p>	<p>Robin Bailey, BFB</p> <p>Allan Magi, COB</p> <p>Graham Hill, Food for Life,</p> <p>Angelo Bentivegna, trucking/storage contacts</p> <p>Shawn & Bridget Saulnier, NUVO Network</p>

Other Notable Discussion Highlights:

- MPP Triantafilopoulos: Acclaim Health is asking for additional support with PPE. The cost has increased significantly for them so help with actual PPE or towards costs would be helpful.
- Rev. Thomas: Be aware of compassion fatigue and the need to keep the helpers healthy as well.
- Councillor Kearns: Paper flyers have gone out to constituents (11K in her ward alone) so people can get local information via that channel as opposed to always digital/tv.
- Carla Nell: notes the Milton Chamber site that has a wealth of links for all of Halton Region

Next Meeting:

An online poll is being sent to all participants regarding preferred availability for next week's meeting, after which a calendar invite will go out. The meeting will be held via Zoom virtual conference again as it was very successful this time - details will be provided in the invitation.