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Burlington COVID-19 Task Force Meeting #5 – May 7, 2020

Agenda & Action Items

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1. Review & update to existing Action Items
2. Roundtable on any potential needs or challenges as Province reopens next week
3. Call for new action items and updates
4. Next meeting: watch for invitation as date/time is changing.

Ongoing Action Items Update:

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| <p>Subcommittee to address the issue of food security and actively identifying those at risk/in need and matching up with support.</p> <p>May 7 Update: Ad going into paper next Friday outlining some of the food networks and paper flyers are already helping with food uptake – Denise will forward electronic copy for us (Vic to distribute). School will distribute to families as well (Andrea Grebenc).</p> <p>Mayor mentioned Gift of Giving Back food drive May 30 from 11-4pm (rain date May 31) and looking for support and guidance especially around safety. CRV branch to assist/subcommittee – ensure proper protocols. Denise will take back to that group.</p> | <p>Denise Beard, City of Burlington</p> |
| <p>Promoting the Friday Night Porch Clap more effectively:</p> <p>May 7 Update: Colleen Mulholland has reached out to her contacts at Pattison Outdoor (billboards) and gotten some great pricing.</p> <p>City exploring bus ads with a discounted rate – still working through the details (Kwab/Colleen) per Carla Marshall.</p> <p>Great news from Robin Bailey – Pattison is doing 10 ads for the Food Bank!</p> <p>Reminder: next emergency vehicle procession past hospital is scheduled for June 5th – to protect emergency resources going forward, they are scheduled for the first Friday of each month.</p> | <p>Carla Marshall, City of Burlington (buses)</p> <p>Colleen Mulholland, Burl. Foundation (outdoor signs)</p> |

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| <p>Burlington Foundation: Phase 2 will begin on May 1st, doing intakes on an ongoing basis and reviewing vs. criteria and ensuring they spread things out where the money will make the most impact. They have received additional funding.</p> <p>Update: Work continues</p> | <p>Colleen Mulholland, Burlington Foundation</p> |
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Completed Action Items:

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| <p>Volunteer Bank – Many organizations are struggling to onboard and manage volunteers and they are also looking to hire because of grant money they are receiving.</p> <p>May 7: Volunteer Halton will take the lead going forward (per Denise)</p> | <p>Any Non-Profits in Need of Volunteers</p> <p>Denise Beard, City of Burlington</p> |
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New Action Items:

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| <p>Create a directory of where residents can purchase consumer safety masks (not the same as medical grade PPEs procured by the federal and provincial governments and reserved for front line workers). Likely to live on the TEAM Burlington COVID resource landing page.</p> <p>Consumer safety masks with a charitable or non-business component (i.e. offered by local groups for costs) will continue to be featured on the city's COVID19 resource page.</p> | <p>Carla Nell</p> <p>Denise Beard</p> |
| <p>Content for data hub continues, material being vetted. Content should be in place and reviewed for next week & protocols to launch will come from there.</p> | <p>Anthony Campese</p> |
| <p>Will curbside pickups create issues on sidewalks and roads + consumer safety mask needs? At their meeting next Tuesday they'll discuss.</p> | <p>Victor Ljuljdjuraj</p> |
| <p>The subgroup of people with representation from the CRV branch, the food security subcommittee, and the Field Operations branch will liaise with Vito Tolone, and Justina in Legal Dept. to provide guidelines and support for the proposed May 30th Gift of Giving Back food drive. Tim Commisso to participate also. Will report back to the task force with recommendations.</p> | <p>Subcommittee</p> <p>Tim Commisso</p> |

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| <p>Explore how to support local businesses with curbside pickup for those with street-front locations will pose a traffic control challenge.</p> | <p>Tim Commisso</p> |
| <p>The Field Level Operations Division will connect on curbside pickup strategies and bring their plans to the task force next week.</p> | <p>Amber Rushton</p> |

Other Notable Discussion Highlights:

• **Phased Reopening Discussion: challenges, needs, modifications you’re making?**

- Denise Beard: Councillor Stolte is surveying/reviewing who is donating masks, making masks with partial donations, and making for profit – will post on resource page those that have a charitable component.
- Carla Nell: suppliers of PPE – will consider a directory for the TEAM Burlington landing page.
- Jamie Rees from MP Gould’s office: Reach out to Karina’s office if any front-line organizations are looking for PPE. Related Federal links:
 - Optimizing the Use of Masks and Respirators during COVID-19 <<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/medical-devices/masks-respirators-covid19.html>>
 - Non-Medical Masks and Face Coverings <<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/about-non-medical-masks-face-coverings.html>>
- Eric Vandewall: safety grade vs PPE grade and don’t take at expense of first-responders
- Re: Curbside pickup guidelines – link is in our calendar invite for Province’s guidance and best practices for health & safety: https://www.ontario.ca/page/resources-prevent-covid-19-workplace?_ga=2.60340394.641863630.1588877585-97169213.1588877585#section-2
- Judy Worsley: grouped pick-up zones in areas where curbside pickup is a challenge for individual stores.
- Tim Commisso will talk to City teams/ECG re: how we can support businesses on streets where this is a challenge for traffic control.
- Amber Rushton: The field level operations division will connect on roadside pickup strategies and bring their plan to the task force next week.

• **Roundtable of additional issues:**

- Dave Lazenby: looking forward we need to think about what impact physical distancing will have on the ability to collect food donations we saw in the past through kids at grocery stores for example. We will need to be proactive in how these events unfold in the new normal. Creating safe ways to give will be warranted.
- Shawn Saulnier: historically, periods of great need have shown more generosity and giving.
- Denise Beard: what are the bigger social issues now.
- Graham Hill: agreement. The power of many initiatives like Gift of Giving is the physical engagement of youth. We need to consider how to replace that and maintain the engagement level. Reframe: the Gift of Giving OUT? What’s a want vs. a need → education on that, especially for youth.
- Lisa Kearns: Ramadan has strained the Good Neighbour volunteer base for the time being.
- Lisa Lunski: Ensure the food drives are focused on what is truly needed and are they warranted yet. Have food security subcommittee work on that.

- Robin Bailey: we are looking more at the 12-18-months out timelines for need. Tomorrow we are good.
- Gerry Smallegange: caution about discouraging the kids from engaging.
- Stuart Miller: the kids are energized and want to do something with that energy. We need to give them a place to positively direct it – especially with impact to school/sport we're seeing. This also helps them embrace the culture of health. Also takes away the feeling of helplessness.
- Anissa Hilborn: let's consider the northern communities and other places outside of Burlington if we have the ability to extend our generosity.

Next Meeting: Watch for doodle poll and subsequent calendar invitation as date/time needs to change to accommodate city council meeting.