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**Burlington COVID-19 Task Force Meeting #8 – May 28, 2020**

**Agenda & Action Items**

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1. Opening remarks from Mayor re:
  - redesign of services
  - Halton COVID-19 Recovery Committee
  - property tax deferrals being explored
  - last week’s thank you/check-in call with community support organizations
2. Restaurant Patio Update: Jenna Puletto, City of Burlington
3. Eric Vandewall, Joseph Brant Hospital re: Preparing for Service Reintegration + increase in testing
4. Denise Beard, City of Burlington re: Compassion Subgroup
5. Updates on existing action items
6. Any new action items or requests
7. Next meeting: Thursday of next week 4pm

**Ongoing Action Items Update:**

<p>Restaurant Support through advocacy of rent relief and flexibility of patio expansion approvals by the City</p> <p><b>May 28 Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>At last week’s City Council meeting a resolution was passed to support commercial rent relief (all other Halton municipalities and Halton Region itself also passed)</b></li> <li>- <b>Patio expansion enablement happening at the City level</b></li> </ul>	<p>Mayor Meed Ward Jenna Puletto, City of Burlington</p>
<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>May 28 Update: Denise Beard –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Gift of Giving Back food drive still being planned</b></li> <li>- <b>Looking at helping with other types of supplies like warm weather clothes &amp; hygiene supplies through the food network</b></li> </ul>	<p>Denise Beard, City of Burlington</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Compassion Subgroup idea: how we get that support going out – anyone interested please connect with Denise</b></li> <li>- <b>How will charities proceed with fundraising needs to look different (ex: kettle campaign for Salvation Army won't be able to proceed as usual without retail locations to be in nor people handling cash money as often – that's a \$400K campaign for them annually. Cancellation of Ribfest is a loss for Rotary fundraising).</b></li> <li>- <b>There is a need to look at innovation and flexibility in how charities fundraise – something to give thought to in future meetings.</b></li> <li>- <b>Domestic/family violence/mental health continues to be an issue – upcoming June public meeting to hear messaging around support</b></li> </ul>	
<p>Promoting the Friday Night Porch Clap more effectively:</p> <p><b>May 28 Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do we feel additional promotion is necessary at present?</b></li> <li>- <b>Next Friday night will include procession past the hospital FYI</b></li> </ul>	<p>Carla Marshall, City of Burlington (buses)</p> <p>Anissa Hilborn</p>
<p>Burlington Foundation / United Way funding and grants:</p> <p><b>May 28 Update: Last week we heard about new grants for Burlington Foundation and United Way.</b></p> <p><b>Colleen – agrees the charitable sector will struggle for years to come and need to reconsider fundraising strategies. Now open for applications via their portal. Even those who have received funding in the past can apply again until July 27<sup>th</sup> and to be used by March 2021. Max. value of a grant gift is \$75K.</b></p>	<p>Colleen Mulholland, Burlington Foundation</p> <p>Tyler Moon, United Way</p>

**Completed Action Items:**

<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).</p> <p>Directories are now available on Chamber/Team Burlington site + there is a provincial directory for businesses to use as of last meeting.</p>	<p>Carla Nell/TEAM Burlington website</p> <p>Provincial website</p> <p>Federal website</p>
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**New Action Items:**

<p>No new action items at this time.</p>	
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**Other Notes:**

- Testing at Joseph Brant has gone up 70% since the Premier encouraged more people to get tested
- Test results are taking 24-48 hours to come back, on average