

J. Lewis:

- Focus shifting to mid to long term needs as short term being mostly taken care of for the time being \$350m government emergency support funding (not all Huron Perth) and \$9 million for seniors.
- Pivoting support to areas of greatest need.
- Child Care a big issue and may establish separate working group to address immediately and ongoing needs.
- Workforce training and re-training discussions and communication about job sites.
- Long term - how do we support the redirection of services?
- Committee open to bringing them into conversations where there is cross over and where they can assist.
- Working with United Way and other local establishments to find relief for hospitality workers. Aiming to have something in place for July.
- Interest in good news storytelling and unsung heroes. Organizing 10-minute interviews to create written and video stories.

J. Kastner

- Committee members working independently and reporting back.

Manufacturing, Agri-Food & Professional Services: Stratford & District Chamber of Commerce

E. Matthews:

- Wightman doing videos, keep posted on what they have got planned.
- Expect an announcement about restaurants re: "Toronto Café"
- Manufacturing is moving along. CR Plastics is doing extra initiatives.
- Some manufacturers having issues because of lack of childcare. The business is considered essential, but do not qualify for childcare subsidies.
- Professional services slowly opening as allowed.
- Small business concerns for safety of employees and customers. No clear guidelines.
- How can we support businesses while respecting social distancing?

M. Pullen:

- People are starting to visit Stratford and accessibility to washrooms is a concern. City opening public washrooms this week. Cleaning every 2 hours.
- Signage and information for initiatives important.
- Manufacturing and farms are hiring, how do we communicate to job seekers, including post-secondary students.

Hospitality, Tourism & Retail: Stratford Tourism Alliance & City Centre Stratford (Co-Chair)

R. Russell:

- BIA contributing \$20,000 to AI Fresco Project. BIA continues to look for ways to be involved.
- Continued confusion around messaging. Restaurants and stores are opening, but people are still being told to stay home.

R. Scott

- RT04 to contribute \$7,500 RT04 to AI Fresco Project.
- Things moving quickly with Phase 1 of the AI Fresco Project. Project is creating a lot of synergy. Tables purchased at cost from CR Plastics will be rolled out in stages. CR Plastics to incorporate an accessible version. Currently reviewing sanitization stations and options.

- Patio Extensions survey to be issued to gauge interest. Survey to be sent out by BIA and posted on Task Force Website.

J. Kastner re: Patio Extensions:

- Created document on background for patio extensions.
- MTE will do drawings
- SABA will source materials at little to no cost.
- MTO only concerned with travel portion of roads/highways, so patios in parking spaces not a concern Provincially.
- AGCO – vendors with current patio licenses are able to change/extend perimeter online up to 4x a year. Waving 2020 fees.
- Need to gauge interest from restaurants and public.

General discussion re: Patio Extensions

- V. Lass advised committee that AGCO movement is Province-wide.
- Recognize that we need specific messaging around value of extensions/causeways at the expense of parking spaces.
- bigger level – parking questions going to be an issue. Recognize that how

R. Scott, continued:

- Malt Management hired for 3 months to coordinate HRT projects.
- DID Committee moving forward with ranking system for project submissions.
- BIC continuing to create sector specific resources and other documents.

• 3:45-4pm

Ongoing Concerns & Next Steps

All

- L. DeGraw advised that B&Bs will get the green light to open, but that they expect only a handful will actually open in Stratford. spell
- R. Scott led recognition of L. DeGraw leaving STA.
- L. DeGraw hoped to continue supporting the Task Force past STA departure.