

DATE: March 19, 2020

Time: 2:00pm – 2:55pm

Minutes:

Introduction of Task Force and purpose (Doug Ramage)

- Purpose of these conference calls is to provide business community with accurate and timely information on resources and how to access assistance on a daily basis at the same time.
- Gather data on business impacts and needs of local businesses to relay to all levels of government.
- Conference calls will take place at 2pm Monday thru to Friday.

Update from City of Martensville – Economic Development Officer, Dillon Shewchuk

- Tuesday, March 17th was the last council meeting in Martensville
- Effective at 5pm, Thursday, March 19th City Hall will be closed until further notice.
- Will be implementing no interest on water/sewer accounts
- Investigating options to extend assistance further to potentially include taxes
- Opportunity to disconnect utilities with no charge as of now
- Reminder to businesses that are enrolled in TIPPS that they can elect to not participate in that program to free up monthly cash flow.

Update from City of Warman – Economic Development Officer, Josh Welz

- Council has been meeting every 2 days and administration has been meeting every morning
- City Hall will be closed effective tomorrow, Friday, March 20 at 5pm.
- City just sent out press release outlining implementing no interest on utility bills
- Josh encourages everyone to fill out the survey to help municipal government to understand business needs.

Update from Prairie Sky Chamber of Commerce – Executive Director, Jaimie Malmgren

- Facebook page is being set up by committee to be a source for up-to-date information and will be available later today. It is called Warman Martensville Regional Business Task Force in response to Covid-19.
- Chamber website has a page dedicated to reputable Covid-19 information. Visit www.prairieskychamber.ca to access that information. It will be updated as necessary.
- Chamber is collecting information from businesses on their operational status. This list will be updated at 10am and 2pm every day and is available on our chamber website.
- BDC is offering a free webinar for all entrepreneurs, “How to Cope with Impacts of Covid-19”. Registration can be found on chamber website and on Warman Martensville Regional Business Task Force in response to Covid-19 facebook page.

The Counselling Corner - Wendy Kritzer –Phone: (306) 270-4178

- For businesses needing assistance we have connected with Wendy Kritzer. She is located in Martensville and is available evening/weekends and phone/virtual.

Questions

- Questions pertaining to layoffs, EI, business closures, real estate update, etc.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 20, 2020 at 2pm