

COVID-19

Managing the impacts of COVID-19

Update #4

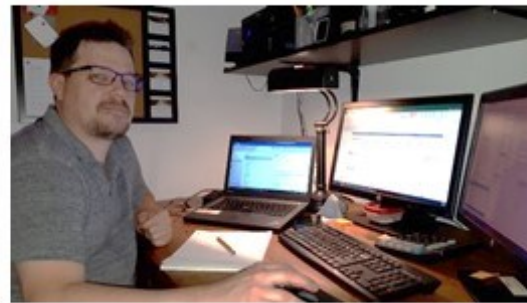
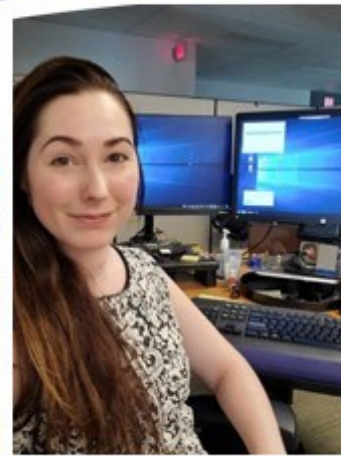
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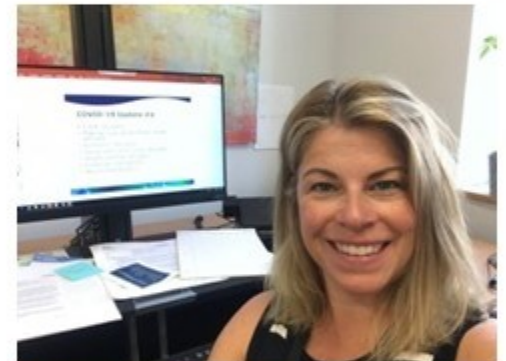
Fiscal recovery



Fiscal recovery

- Call for emergency municipal funding
- Waiver period to end August 1
- Multi-year budget will show fiscal road to recovery

Making local government more efficient



Making local government more efficient

- Reducing Provincial-municipal “red-tape”
- Bill 195, the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020
- Bill 197, the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020
- Modernizing services
- Making local government faster, better and more cost-effective

Economic recovery



Supporting business support agencies

- Recommend transferring \$300,000 to Guelph's local, regional innovation centre from the City's Tax Rate Operating Contingency Reserve
 - Innovation Guelph to receive \$125,000
 - Business Centre Guelph Wellington to receive \$175,000

Revitalizing the economy and community

- Guelph's application received a Tourism Regional Recovery Relief Fund destination marketing grant of more than \$100,000
- GuelphShops launches July 18

Revitalizing the economy and community

- Emergency Food Relief–Harve\$t Impact Community Donation Platform
 - \$15,000 in cash donations
 - \$100,000 in estimated in-kind donations
- The SEED
 - \$50,000 in food donations
 - \$27,000 in private donations
 - \$413,000 in granted funds generated

Social and community recovery



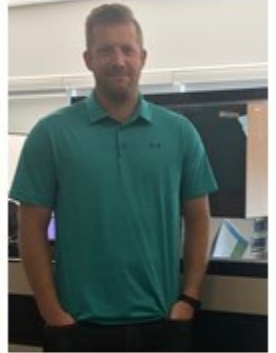
Social and community recovery

- Keeping the community, Council, staff and partners informed
- Established a curbside pick-up program
- Established a temporary seasonal patio program
- Created the dining district

Social and community recovery

- Celebrating Community events/days
 - National Indigenous Peoples Day
 - Canada Day
- Reviewing master plans under development through a lens of physical distancing

Organizational recovery



Business resumption

- Bringing our employees back safely
- Continuing to direct employees who can work from home to do so
- Normalizing operations as staff return to work and programs of work resume
 - In according to business resumption phases as outlined by the province
- Continuing to develop the people-focused practices, policies and procedures
- Installing plexiglass, directional signs and decals to ensure one-way directional traffic flow in facilities

Council meetings

- 2020 City Council scheduling:
September to December 2020
 - Return to the traditional schedule, except Service Area designations have been removed from Committee of the Whole meetings
 - Revised budget meeting schedule
 - All meetings will continue to take place remotely

Fiscal implications



Operating deficit

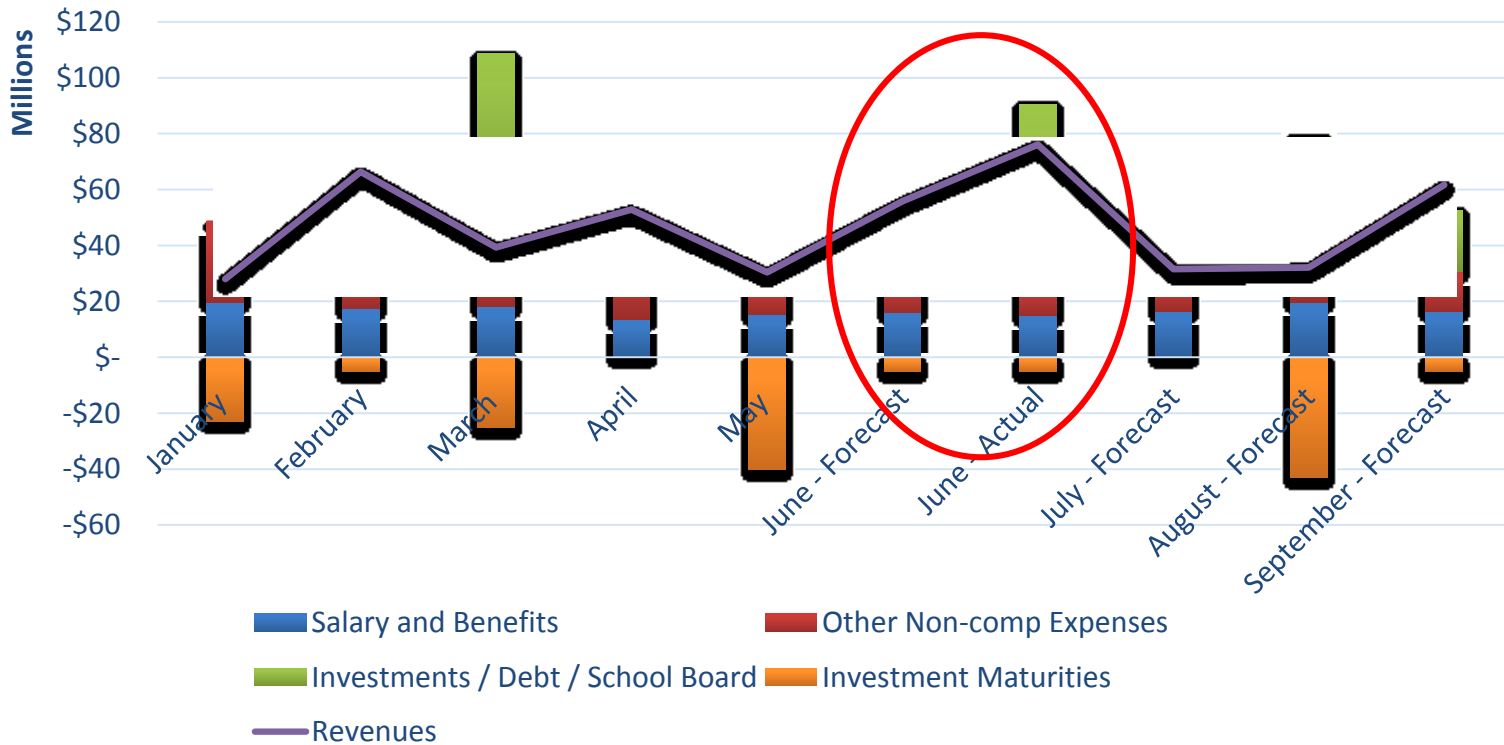
- No change since June 17 report
 - \$2 to 4 million each for tax and non-tax businesses
- Not included are
 - Costs related to Provincial phase 2 reopening
 - Impacts beyond July 30
 - Recalling employees
 - Resumption of business
 - University of Guelph's hybrid fall semester

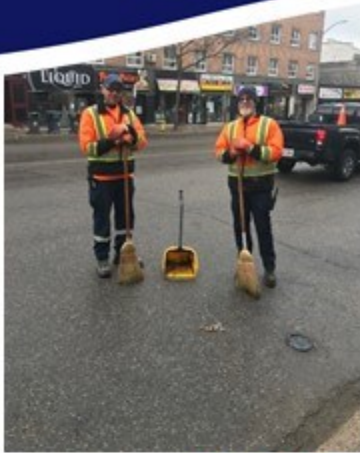
Funding from outside sources

- GMHI declared an extra dividend of \$400,000 to help offset the reduced Alectra dividends of \$660,000
- \$100,000 for tourism recovery
- \$128,368 for Guelph Transit enhanced cleaning requirements
- \$750,000 for paramedics working for Guelph-Wellington Paramedic Services (Pandemic Pay) from the Province

City's cash flow

Cash Spent vs Revenues by Month





Recommendations

1. That report “Managing the Impacts of COVID-19: Update #4” dated July 15, 2020 be forwarded to the local MP and MPP, FCM, AMO, LUMCO and the Federal Minister of Finance and the Ministers of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Finance for the Province of Ontario.
2. That a one-time total transfer of \$300,000 from the Tax Rate Operating Contingency Reserve to Innovation Guelph in the amount of \$125,000 and the Business Centre of Guelph Wellington in the amount of \$175,000 be approved for the purpose of delivering core business support programming that will assist in pandemic economic recovery efforts for 2020.

Recommendations

3. Whereas cities have continued to provide essential services directly to the public during the pandemic, and recognizing that cities will continue to be at the heart of community recovery from health and well-being to supporting the local economy. Therefore, the City of Guelph Council calls on the provincial and federal government to urgently negotiate a municipal support package to assist cities to deal with the impacts of COVID-19.
4. That the September – December, 2020 City Council Meeting Schedule, included as Attachment-2 to report titled “Managing the impacts of COVID-19: Update #4”, dated July 15, 2020, be approved.