

# COVID-19

## Managing the impacts of COVID-19

Update #5

August 12, 2020

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# Financial recovery



# Financial recovery

- Emergency funding: Safe Restart Agreement
  - Support will address economic recovery and preparations for a second wave
  - \$4 billion for Ontario municipalities
  - \$3.6 billion for public transit across Canada

# Financial recovery

- Consultation and delegations continue as we advocate and comment on:
  - Public transit
  - COVID-19 impacts on municipalities
  - Bill 197
  - 2021 Federal budget
  - Fiscal supports, regulatory changes, and funding for supportive housing and infrastructure

# Economic recovery



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- Temporary Patio Program and Dining District
  - Application intake, street review and approval process plan for on-street patios

# Economic recovery

- Guelph Shops launched July 16
  - Over 1,000 unique views of dedicated webpage on launch day
  - 45+ businesses have asked to join
  - Continue to promote and refine program

# Economic recovery

- Tourism relief
  - Secured over \$100,000 to support destination marketing, visitor experiences, place making and tourism business support
  - Gift card giveaways; partnership with Guelph Box; open air art gallery

# Economic recovery

- Grow back better
  - More than 12,000 nutritious food baskets delivered to approximately 1,500 participants
  - \$32,000 in cash donations and matching funds raised, plus in-kind donations valued at \$350,000
  - Seeding Our Food Future grant recipients announced
  - Urban Agriculture Activation program starting soon
  - The Kitchen Table – online community engagement platform launching soon

# Economic recovery

- Guelph Farmers' Market
  - 30 local farmers and primary producers
  - 1,500 customers—about 60 per cent of normal attendance
  - Another 30-35 vendors returning soon

# Social and community recovery



# Social recovery

- Emergency and Resilience Fund
  - \$350,000 in funding available for not-for-profit organizations, unincorporated groups and individuals
- Adapting plans for physical distancing

# Organizational recovery



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- Developing people-focused practices, policies and procedures
- Delivering training for staff
- Updating City facilities to allow safe return of employees and the public

# Organizational recovery

- Adapting Council and Committee meetings
  - All meetings to be held remotely through the end of 2021, unless public health advice and guidance supports a return to in-person meetings

# Preparing for a second wave



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- Mid-action report
- EOCG will continue to meet regularly until state of emergency is lifted
- Ability to scale up and down

# Financial implications

- Projected year-end cost of COVID-19 is \$24.4 million
  - Year-end operating deficit is estimated at
    - \$6.5 to \$8 million for tax-supported businesses
    - \$3.5 to \$5 million for non-tax-supported businesses

# Recommendations

1. That report “Managing the Impacts of COVID-19: Update #5” dated August 12, 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.

# Recommendations

2. That staff be directed to communicate the urgency for additional details about the Safe Restart Agreement given the City of Guelph's currently projected COVID-19 deficit impact of \$24.3 million, mitigated through cost-containment measures of \$14.3 million and resulting in a \$10 million overall budget deficit impact for 2020, to the Deputy Prime Minister, the Federal Minister of Finance, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ontario's Minister of Finance and the Premier of Ontario.

# Recommendations

3. That the 2021 City Council and Committee Meeting Schedule, included as Attachment-2 to report “Managing the Impacts of COVID-19: Update #5” dated August 12, 2020, be approved.

