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Mayor's task force will respond to COVID-19's impacts

Summary

A new task force has been struck as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the community. The Mayor's Task Force on Recovery and Resilience is being created to address upcoming economic impacts, community resiliency and provide a path forward for recovery so the City and other organizations within the community can focus on urgent current issues.

At a press conference on May 5, 2020, Mayor Leonard Krog and Councillor Tyler Brown announced the five community leaders joining them on the seven-member task force:

- James Byrne, Regional Managing Partner, Vancouver Island, MNP
- Donna Hais, Board Chair, Nanaimo Port Authority
- Signy Madden, Executive Director, United Way
- Deb Saucier, President and Vice-Chancellor, Vancouver Island University
- Ian Simpson, Chief Executive Officer, Petroglyph Development Group, Snuneymuxw First Nation

Through collaboration with other public bodies, organizations and the business community, the task force will identify ways to build local resilience and immediate economic recovery strategies as well support community-driven ideas and solutions to assist in the recovery process. The task force will then develop a plan for the coordination and implementation of recovery and relief efforts to support the community through the COVID-19 pandemic and its recovery process.

For more information on the Mayor's Task Force on Recovery and Resilience, visit the Boards and Committees page on the City website: www.nanaimo.ca/goto/committees.

Strategic Link: The Mayor's Task Force on Recovery and Resilience supports a community that is economically healthy.

Key Points

- The intent of the Mayor's Task Force on Recovery and Resilience is to focus on City-wide recovery strategies and work in collaboration with other local public bodies, private institutions and community organizations both during and after the pandemic.
- The mandate of the task force is to provide strategic recommendations to Council, which will inform the forthcoming five-year fiscal plan and align with Council's current adopted strategic plan.
- The Task Force will report back to Council on its findings and recommendations in early fall.

Quotes

"We all need to pull together to build a stronger and more resilient community as we work through this incredibly challenging period which none of us foresaw. This means pulling the brightest and the best to work in concert to ensure a better future for our City. I am confident that the Task Force members are up to the challenge of working with everyone in our community, particularly our leaders to create the strategies necessary and guide us to better and brighter days."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

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