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New Task Forces to Support Businesses and Vulnerable Residents

Council has unanimously given direction to staff to establish two new task forces: an Economic Resiliency Task Force (ERTF) to help support local businesses as well as a Community Check-In Task Force to assist vulnerable citizens and seniors during COVID-19. As part of the ERTF, the Pitt Meadows Business & Services Listing guide has been created and an online "Shop Local" campaign launched to celebrate extraordinary local shopping experiences. To download the guide, visit pittmeadows.ca/shoplocal. Council would like to give a special thank you to the volunteer task force members for their valuable service to the community. Learn more at pittmeadows.ca/committees.

Prioritizing Essential Services, Protecting Jobs and Ensuring Financial Prudence

Amidst COVID-19, with support from Council, the City has taken measures to prioritize essential services, ensure financial prudence and protect jobs. These include: redeploying parks and rec staff to the Bylaw Task Force; maintaining a hiring freeze (except with CAO approval); suspending budgets for travel, training, and conferences; and releasing auxiliary/causal/temporary employees. The City will continue to monitor the situation and will take appropriate steps while ensuring essential services are maintained, taxes are prudently managed and employee welfare and wellness is properly considered. For more information, visit pittmeadows.ca/covid19.

Pitt Meadows Day Event Postponed until Fall

In order to protect the health and safety of the community, staff, and volunteers, Council has made the tough decision to postpone the City's annual Pitt Meadows Day event until later this year. Staff organizers are currently looking at possible dates for rescheduling the event in September and will be working closely with the Pitt Meadows Day Advisory Committee, volunteers, vendors and participants. The City is committed to being open and transparent with any details and decisions surrounding this event provided as they become available. For more information, visit pittmeadows.ca/pittmeadowsday.

Council Strategic Priorities

Council has approved their strategic priorities for April to June 2020. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the safety and wellbeing of the community, staff, and Council is the first priority. In addition to business and community continuity, the following operational strategies are also prioritized for Q2 2020. For more information, visit pittmeadows.ca/corporatestrategicplan.

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