

## ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE

**Revelstoke, BC**– The Economic Development Commission for the City of Revelstoke and CSRD Area B has launched an Economic Recovery Task Force (ERTF) to create and implement strategies to help our business community during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic. The ERTF is a collaborative initiative consisting of business leaders, various community and regional stakeholders, and local government. Under direction of the Community Economic Development department, we have assembled a collaborative committee guided by the Economic Development Commission with representation from multiple industry and community sectors.

The impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic is felt by all businesses in the Revelstoke area. The Task Force will be exploring all options to support recovery of the local economy in full co-operation with local government to help mitigate the impact and support a return to a safe, strong and resilient economy as soon as possible. This will be a long term process, and we are now entering the Planning phase, but we are hopeful that the level of expertise and commitment in our community will help us assess our unique challenges and guide us to effective long-term strategies.



The initial focus of the Economic Recovery Task Force is to provide a hub for sharing information and resources, where a coordinated plan can be created and implemented in collaboration with all sectors of business, industry and other stakeholders. Clear and consistent communication will be critical, and a core function of the task force will be to both listen and respond.

The formation of working groups with input from key partners will ensure that all sectors are well represented, and will help to quickly determine what supports and stimulus work needs to be completed. Recovery initiatives, guided by provincial health directives, will build on the great work that is already being led by stakeholders in many different sectors, including business and community services, the tech sector, and tourism. We will work with these stakeholders as a team to identify actions to support business, workers and residents, and to implement measures that will help the community respond to the evolving challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic poses.

We are hopeful that, by working with the community on a 'Made in Revelstoke' solution, we will ensure our future economic resiliency.

### **Economic Recovery Taskforce Structure/Membership**

This group is organized by the Economic Development Commission (EDC) and reports to the EDC. Meetings will be frequent as time is of the essence.

<b>Task Force Member:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
Roberta Bobicki Chair	Economic Development Commission
Dawn Low Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)	City of Revelstoke
Ingrid Bron Director of Community Economic Development	Economic & Social Issues, Arts & Culture City of Rev & CSRD Area B
Stacey Brensrud, Exec Director - Chamber of Commerce	All Small Business
Dylan Hardy	Technology / Change of Service Delivery
Daniel Kellie	Tourism / Operators
Brady Beruschi	Hospitality / Accommodation, Bars
Linda Chell	Childcare / Daycare
TBA	WorkBC / Employment
TBA	Healthcare

The Economic Recovery Taskforce will liaise with the Social Development Committee to ensure there is collaboration in supporting the overall community through the recovery process. In addition, community and industry stakeholders will be called upon to share their expertise with working groups to support key initiatives of the task force needed for long-term recovery, in additional sectors including industry, arts and culture, recreation, food security, education and training.

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