

Staff will work with the recommendations from the Task Force to research feasible options and put an implementation plan in place.

Mayor Letham chairs the Task Force and commented, "I appreciate the discussion today, and Council's support of our recommendations. Everyone has brought valuable suggestions to the table. I'm looking forward to making this summer the best it can be for Kawartha Lakes. Let's keep doing our part now to control the spread so that we can get out and enjoy all that we love about summer in our communities."

Council adopted all actions put forward in the Task Force Action Plan. Highlights include:

- Permit fees for park use, patios and events in 2021 to be waived to assist businesses in recovery, along with allowing use of parking lots and sidewalks or patios.
- Phase 3 of 4 for [Downtown Lindsay reconstruction](/en/municipal-services/downtown-lindsay-reconstruction.aspx) (</en/municipal-services/downtown-lindsay-reconstruction.aspx>), \$6.7 million, which started in January 2021.
- [Downtown Fenelon Falls reconstruction](/en/municipal-services/downtown-fenelon-reconstruction.aspx) (</en/municipal-services/downtown-fenelon-reconstruction.aspx>) (Colborne Street from Water Street to Bond Street), a \$2.7 million project to replace watermains and sewers on Colborne Street, which began this week.
- Accelerated boat launch upgrades and replacements: Head Lake boat launch, Elliott Falls boat launch in Norland and Coulson Park boat launch on Washburn Island. This will enable residents and visitors to safely enjoy the waterways and natural resources throughout Kawartha Lakes.
- The 50/50 Community Program allows community groups to apply for parks and recreation related projects without the need for community matching funds, on a one-time basis, value of \$160,000.
- Support the work of EORN and EOWC for the Eastern Ontario "1 GIG" proposal for increased broadband capacity. [Read a recent press release on the project](/en/news/eastern-ontario-regional-network-submits-proposal-for-ultra-fast-gig-internet-project.aspx) (</en/news/eastern-ontario-regional-network-submits-proposal-for-ultra-fast-gig-internet-project.aspx>).
- A [cultural sector recovery grant program](/en/living-here/arts-culture-and-heritage-recovery-fund.aspx) (</en/living-here/arts-culture-and-heritage-recovery-fund.aspx>) for 2021, to fund operating costs for the arts and culture community, up to \$100,000.
- An extension to the Kawartha Lakes Innovation Cluster Pilot program until December 31, 2021, through in-kind support to provide specific support for high growth businesses.
- The Shop Local Campaign has engaged over 60 businesses in digital skill development and co-marketing of the campaign. The municipal sponsored portion of the campaign reached local markets through television, print, radio and online media, encouraging local shopping