



## Motion

Re: Wheatley Future Strategic Planning Working Group

**“Whereas resiliency is a guiding principle for our communities strategic plan.**

**And whereas our attention to resiliency within this plan will strengthen the foundation of our municipality, during both good and bad times.**

**And whereas in 2007, the Wallaceburg Community Task Force was created.**

**And whereas this Task Force mobilized and empowered the community during a difficult economic time, resulting in tangible results, a rejuvenated strategic vision and a successful and proven framework, which could be duplicated.**

**And whereas Chatham-Kent was successful in securing funding through the Province of Ontario’s Communities in Transition Program for the Wallaceburg Community Task Force.**

**And whereas an explosion in the community of Wheatley on August 26, 2021 has caused devastation, hardship and uncertainty to residents and business owners in the community.**

**And whereas the Wheatley BIA has established a Wheatley Future Strategic Planning Working Group to research, collaborate and plan for the future of Wheatley.**

**Therefore, be it resolved that Chatham-Kent Economic Development staff be directed to prepare a report for Council, which will outline the steps necessary to support this new Wheatley Future Strategic Planning Working Group.**

**This report will include recommendations for implementation, funding support and strategies, following the lessons learned in 2007 for the creation of the Wallaceburg Community Task Force. This report will be provided to Council at the February 7, 2022 regular Council meeting.”**

Signed: Councillor Aaron Hall

Notice Given On: December 13, 2021