



# Huron County Economic Development Board

Minutes – November 28th, 2016

Goderich, Ontario

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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The Huron County Economic Development Board met in the boardroom at Libro Credit Union on the 28th day of November 2016.

Members of the Board present: J. Lynn, S. Sparling, P. Gowing, J. Marshall, J. Steffler, M. Nummelin, P. Smith, M. Vanderloo, J. Eddington, S. Baker

Staff present: Director of Economic Development Ron Gaudet, Economic Development Manager Natasha Fritzley, Office Coordinator Amy Cresswell, Immigration Project Manager Kristin Crane

Members Absent: J. Ginn

**1. Chair Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:00pm**

**2. Agenda:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Eddington and Seconded by: Member Gowing

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board Agenda for Monday, November 28th, 2016 be accepted and all attachments included in the Agenda be received.

CARRIED

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof:**

None stated

**4. Minutes Approval**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Smith and Seconded by: Member Marshall

THAT:

The minutes of the previous Huron County Economic Development Board meeting on October 31st, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

**5. Business arising from previous minutes:** A follow up discussion regarding the business plan for the Canadian Centre for Rural Creativity took place.

- 6. Opening Comments (Chair Lynn):** Chair Lynn remarked that he attended the Economic Development Strategic Planning follow-up meeting at Dark Horse Winery in November. He also informed Board members that there will be an open house in Central Huron regarding the possibility of a nuclear repository on Friday, December 2nd, 2016. Chair Lynn informed Board members that he and other Board and staff members met with Hensall District Co-op on November 22nd, 2016. Chair Lynn felt that Hensall District Co-op staff were pleased to be communicating with the County. Chair Lynn reminded Board members to advise if they are available to participate in a January 26th, 2017 Board planning day. Chair Lynn asked Board members to fill out an evaluation form for Director of Economic Development Ron Gaudet as a part of the standard employee evaluation process.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Sparling and Seconded by: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The review date for the Huron County Economic Development Board Terms of Reference be delayed past the January 26th, 2017 Board Planning day.

CARRIED

- 7. Receive for Information – Speakers Bureau Final Report:** Received
- 8. Delegation – Immigration Strategy Update, David Campbell:** David Campbell presented his findings and new steps related to workforce recruitment and immigration in Huron County. He requested Board feedback on how they would like his recommendations to be tailored moving forward.
- 9. Investment Support Committee Update:** No update
- 10. Entrepreneurship Support Committee Update:** Member Nummelin indicated that the Committee has a planning meeting scheduled for December to discuss goals for 2017.
- 11. Renewal Committee Update:** The Renewal Committee will be meeting on December 8th to make a recommendation on committee placements and Chair and Vice Chair positions in 2017.

## **12. Tourism, Arts & Culture Next Steps**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Marshall

THAT:

The proposed Terms of Reference be approved as amended and enacted with a required reassessment and update by May 31st 2017. Members Smith and Eddington will participate on behalf of the Board.

CARRIED

**13. Staff Update:** Ron Gaudet introduced Kristin Crane, Immigration Project Manager, and updated Board members on the department work plan.

**14. Board Planning Day Dates**

**15. Financial Summary**

**16. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Economic Development Board will be on Thursday, December 15th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the boardroom at the Libro Credit Union in Goderich.

**17. Adjournment:**

The Huron County Economic Development Board adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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**Chair J. Lynn**