



Huron County Economic Development Board

Minutes – June 13, 2016

Goderich, Ontario

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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The Huron County Economic Development Board met in the Committee Room at the County Courthouse on the 13th day of June 2016.

Members of the Board present: J. Lynn, S. Sparling, P. Gowing, B. MacLellan, J. Marshall, T. Hessel, M. Nummelin, S. Baker

Staff present: Chief Administrative Officer Brenda Orchard, Director of Economic Development Ron Gaudet, Economic Development Manager Natasha Fritzley, Economic Development Administrative Assistant Jordanne Hayward

Members Absent: P. Smith, M. Vanderloo, J. Eddington

1. Chair Lynn called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

2. Agenda:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Sparling

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board Agenda for Monday, June 13th, 2016 be accepted and all attachments included in the Agenda be received as amended.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof:

Member Sparling declared a pecuniary interest with regards to item 10 – Blyth 14/19 Grant Request & ROI Analysis, as he has invested in the proposed projects.

4. Minutes Approval

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Hessel and Seconded by: Member Gowing

THAT:

The minutes of the previous Huron County Economic Development Board meeting on May 9th, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. **Opening Comments (Chair Lynn):** A meeting with Hensall District Co-op took place on May 19th 2016 with some members of the Board and some staff. The group took a fascinating tour of the Hensall Co-op facility and a very interesting discussion on strategy thereafter. At the Chair's request Member Gowing provided an update on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference he attended in Winnipeg.
6. **New Board Member Welcome:** Chair Lynn welcomed Member Nummelin and asked that she provide information on her background and experience.
7. **Delegation – Fanshawe College: John Mombourquette & Heather MacKenzie-Card:** Item removed from Agenda
8. **Board Committees Update:** Investment Support Committee Member Hessel informed that Board that the Committee had met on June 8th, 2016 at 6pm. Staff directed to provide Member Nummelin with Terms of Reference documents for all Board committees so that she can be appointed to a Committee at the next meeting.

Motion:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Sparling and Seconded by: Member Gowing

THAT:

The the Investment Support Committee work with staff to bring forth a recommendation on the future composition of HEDP as noted in the staff work plan.

CARRIED

9. **Immigration Strategy Update:** Staff directed to send Board members employee profiles from Newcomer Centre of Peel.
10. **Blyth 14/19 Grant Request & ROI Analysis:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Hessel Seconded by: Member Marshall

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board support the Grant Request for \$15,000 in support of the R2R conference in September 2016.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Hessel Seconded by: Member Gowing

THAT:

The \$15,000 requested be contributed from the Huron County Economic Development Board Program budget.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Hessel Seconded by: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board enthusiastically supports the Grant Request from the Blyth Arts & Cultural Initiative 14/19 Inc. "Canadian Centre for Rural Creativity" in principle, for \$500,000, be paid out at a rate of \$100,000 per year over five years conditional upon receiving information relating to it's competitive advantage and partnerships that will be leveraged and how they will function due within 60 days and further that the Board recognizes that the current leadership of Blyth 14/19 Inc. is a critical success factor in the ongoing and future success of this project.

CARRIED

11. Staff Update

12. Meeting Schedule: Staff directed to poll Board for a new standing meeting time that will work with Committee of the Whole Day 2 deadlines.

13. Financial Summary

14. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Economic Development Board will be on Monday, August 8th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Committee Room at the County Courthouse, in Goderich.

15. Did Well/Do Better:

Board members provided a brief update on what they felt was done well at the meeting and what could be improved upon.

16. Adjournment:

The Huron County Economic Development Board adjourned at 4:06 pm.

Chair J. Lynn