



Huron County Economic Development Board

Minutes – May 9, 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 9th day of May 2016.

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

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:

1. Chair Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Agenda:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Member Smith

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board Agenda for Monday, May 9th, 2016 be accepted and all attachments included in the Agenda be received as presented.

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 April 11th, 2016 be adopted.
CARRIED

- 5. Opening Comments (Chair Lynn):** Pleased to see process relative to the committees roll out. Had an excellent discussion with CAO Orchard and Vice Chair Sparling on how to engage young entrepreneurs. New department structure indicates that the timing is right to relocate staff to a new office space and make some key hiring decisions. The Board needs to help ensure there is as much collaboration as possible between the County and partner municipalities.

6. Board Committee Structure: Terms of Reference – Ron Gaudet:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing Seconded by: Member Sparling

THAT:

The Economic Development Board endorse the Renewal Committee, Investment Support Committee and Entrepreneurship Terms of Reference documents and structure.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Hessel Seconded by: Member MacLellan

THAT:

Members Gowing, Smith and Eddington be appointed to the Board Renewal Committee, Members Marshall, Hessel and Baker be appointed to the Investment Support Committee, and that Members Vanderloo, Sparling and MacLellan be appointed to the Entrepreneurship Support Committee and that Chair Lynn be an ex-officio member of all standing committees of the Economic Development Board.

7. Referral: Funding Requests from County Council for Evaluation & Recommendation – Brenda Orchard

CAO Orchard informed the Board that Council is interested in understanding the Board's opinion on what their role should be when considering County grant requests. The Board discussed what they would like to see included in the grant review policy.

8. Staff Report: Immigration Strategy Next Steps – Ron Gaudet

Director of Economic Development Ron Gaudet followed up on David Campbell's presentation at the April meeting with proposed next steps on how to attract newcomers to Huron County.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Sparling Seconded by: Member Vanderloo

THAT:

The Board is anxious to see measurable results and an re-invigorated immigration approach and therefore recommendations within the staff report *Immigration Strategy Next Steps* are endorsed by the Huron County Economic Development Board. The Board strongly encourages alignment between this initiative and the LIP program and that the current structure of the County immigration program be reviewed.

CARRIED

9. Closed to Public Session:

- Item that relates to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Sparling and Seconded by: Member Gowing

THAT:

Huron County Economic Development Board do now go into a “Closed to the Public Session” at under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

- personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees.
- Contract negotiations

AND FURTHER THAT:

Staff Natasha Fritzley, Brenda Orchard, Ron Gaudet and Jordanne Hayward remain in attendance.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Hessel

THAT:

Huron County Economic Development Board rise from the “Closed to the Public Session” at 7:05 p.m.

- Reporting out

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Eddington and Seconded by: Member Smith

THAT:

Huron County economic Development Board recommend that Huron County Council appoint Maureen Nummelin to the Economic Development Board.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Sparling and Seconded by: Member Vanderloo

THAT:

Huron County Economic Development Board allocate an additional \$20,000.00 from their 2016 program budget to Huron County Economic Development staff for leasehold renovations at a new office space, subject to Council's approval of a rental contract.

CARRIED

10. Staff Update

11. Financial Summary

12. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Economic Development Board will be on Monday, June 13th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Committee Room at the County Courthouse, in Goderich.

13. 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.

14. Adjournment:

The Huron County Economic Development Board adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Chair J. Lynn