# Huron County Economic Development Board

## Minutes – September 26, 2016

## Goderich, Ontario

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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The Huron County Economic Development Board met in the Board Room at the County Economic Development Office on the 26th day of September 2016.

Members of the Board present: J. Lynn, P. Gowing, B. MacLellan, J. Marshall, T. Hessel, M. Nummelin, S. Baker, M. Vanderloo, P. Smith, 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, Economic Development Officer Andrew Kemp

Members Absent: S. Sparling

1. **Chair Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.**

2. **Agenda:**
   MOTION:
   Moved by: Member Hessel and Seconded by: Member Smith
   THAT:
   The Huron County Economic Development Board Agenda for Monday, September 26th, 2016 be accepted as amended and all attachments included in the Agenda be received as presented.
   CARRIED

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof:**
   None stated.

4. **Minutes Approval**
   MOTION:
   Moved by: Member Nummelin and Seconded by: Member Marshall
   THAT:
   The minutes of the previous Huron County Economic Development Board meeting on August 8th, 2016 be adopted.
   CARRIED

5. **Opening Comments (Chair Lynn):** Chair Lynn indicated that County staff continue to work on planning a development summit in Huron County. Chair Lynn was pleased to announce that Members Smith, Eddington and Baker have all agreed to let their names stand moving forward on the Economic Development Board. This will require the Renewal Support Committee to meet and plan for the coming year. Members Marshall and Vanderloo volunteered to sit with Member Gowing on the Renewal Support Committee to allow for the extension of Member Smith, Eddington and Baker's appointments. Chair Lynn encouraged Board members to attend the Rural Talks to Rural Conference in Blyth starting September 27th, 2016.

6. **New Staff Introduction – Andrew Kemp, Economic Development Officer:** Board members were introduced to the County's new Economic Development Officer Andrew Kemp.

7. **Correspondence – Email from Kim Burgsma, Huron Tourism Association President:** Chair Lynn updated Board members on correspondence from the Huron Tourism Association. The Board thanks HTA for the work they have done but maintains that resources need to be allocated to allow for the roll out of the new strategic plan and encourages staff to continue to engage the Tourism sector as they work through the work plan.

8. **Investment Support Committee Update – Huron Economic Development Partnership:** Member Hessel reviewed the proposed Huron Economic Development Partnership restructure with the Board.

   MOTION:
   Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Eddington
   THAT:
   The Huron County Economic Development Board endorse the proposed Huron Economic Development Partnership as amended.
   CARRIED

9. **Entrepreneurship Support Committee Update:** Member Nummelin provided an update on the Entrepreneurship Support Committee's last meeting.

10. **Agricultural Innovation:** Chair Lynn encouraged Board members to think about opportunites for agricultural innovation in Huron County moving forward.

11. **Staff Update & Upcoming Events:** Ron Gaudet provided an update on current department events and projects.

12. **New Business:** Member MacLellan asked the private sector Board members to share their feedback on the role that County Councillors played on the Board.

13. **Financial Summary**

**14. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Economic Development Board will be on Monday, October 31st, 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 7:46 pm.

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**Chair J. Lynn**