

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINUTES
Monday, April 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
The REACH Centre
169 Beech Street, Clinton

The Economic Development Board met in the REACH Centre in Clinton on the 24th day of April. Members of the Board present: Steve Baker, James Eddington, Jim Ginn, Paul Gowing, Jim Lynn, John Marshall, Maureen Nummelin, Peter Smith, Joe Steffler, Steven Sparling. Staff present: Cody Joudry, Andrew Kemp, Brenda Orchard, Amanda Piskorski.

1. Chair Jim Lynn called the Economic Development Board meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Motion to Accept the Agenda as amended and Receive All Reports:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Smith and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board Agenda for April 24, 2017 be accepted as amended and all the reports included in the Agenda, be received.

CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof: None Stated.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Nummelin and Seconded by: Member Smith

THAT:

The minutes of the Economic Development Board meeting of March 27, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes: None

6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:

Chair Lynn commented to the staff changes in the Economic Development office by welcoming Cody Joudry as a new member. Cody Joudry has an agricultural background that is going to greatly benefit the team.

Chair Lynn informed members that he attended the Huron County Municipal Officers Association meeting in Seaforth and that it was one of the better meetings he has attended. Specifically, the presentation by Scott Tousaw, in which he explained how to make Huron County more development friendly.

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Chair Lynn commented on the presentations on collaborative resources at this meeting. He was concerned that there wasn't much buy-in from different municipalities. Jim Ginn supported this concern mentioning that he wants to see better involvement from our County and partner municipalities. Paul Gowing mentioned the good but slow acceptance of partnerships but wanted to see it move much faster. Brenda Orchard stated that a next step from the Municipal Officers Association Meeting was to draft a letter to the lower tiers requesting staff participation in the Shared Services Study. This would allow the County to get the most reliable data out of the study to make it more beneficial for all. The Board would like staff to keep them updated on what effect the letter has on lower tier participation / enthusiasm.

7. Request for Proposal regarding fact based professional research on the effectiveness of governance systems and alternatives for Huron County:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Smith and Seconded by: Member Eddington

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Director of Economic Development, Andrew Kemp dated April 20, 2017 regarding governance systems and alternatives for Huron County, as amended;

AND FURTHER THAT:

A consultant be engaged to study Huron County's current governance systems and determine if there are appropriate alternatives so that the economic potential of the County can be fully realized;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The board directs Jim Lynn, John Marshall and Maureen Nummelin to finalize the Terms of Reference draft document discussed in detail, and amend based on those discussions. The document will be referred to County Council for consideration / approval as initiative involves engaging an outside consultant.

CARRIED

8. Director's Update (Airport review):

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Marshall

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Director of Economic Development, Andrew Kemp dated April 24, 2017 titled Director's Update (Airport review), as amended;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Director brings back a report to the Board detailing what happened as a result of the Airport Review.

CARRIED

9. Feedback from Board Breakfast:

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The Board received valuable guidance for the meeting for next year. It was brought to the attention of the Board that some participants believed they weren't getting enough attention.

10. Defining Huron County's Value Proposition:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Marshall and Seconded by: Member Smith

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Director of Economic Development, Andrew Kemp dated April 24, 2017 titled Huron County's Value Proposition, as presented.

CARRIED

11. Work Force / Immigration Discussion (Follow up to Planning meeting priority identified):

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Eddington and Seconded by: Member Steffler

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Immigration Liaison, Kristin Crane dated April 20, 2017 titled Revised Local Immigration Partnership Terms of Reference, Council member recruitment, as presented.

CARRIED

12. Future Meeting Topics:

- OMAFRA update on programming and strategic plan process
- Agricultural Specialist from Chatham-Kent
- Deep Nuclear Repository - Invite representatives to attend July Economic Development Board meeting.
- Maitland Valley Conservation Authority.
- Bluewater Youth Centre – CAO Orchard requests to invite the Youth Centre to the June 30th meeting.

13. Delegations: None

14. Presentation: None

15. Financial Statements: None this month.

16. Next Meeting:

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The next meeting of the Economic Development Board will be Monday, May 29, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office in Exeter, 322 Main Street South.

17. Board Package Format:

A number of Directors expressed frustration about Adobe format of the current Board packages. Staff to review options and advise.

18. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Nummelin and Seconded by: Member Gowing

THAT:

The Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

CARRIED