

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
The Huron Community Family Health Team Board Room
32B Centennial Drive, Seaforth, ON

The Economic Development Board met in the Board Room at The Huron Community Family Health Team, in Seaforth, Ontario on August 28, 2017. Members of the Board present were: Chair Jim Lynn, Martin Vanderloo, Maureen Nummelin, Paul Gowing, Joe Steffler, Jim Ginn, James Eddington, Steve Baker, and Peter Smith.

Members of the Board absent were: John Marshall and Steven Sparling.

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

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

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board Agenda for August 28, 2017 be accepted 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 Smith and Seconded by: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The minutes of the Economic Development Board meeting of June 26, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Nummelin and Seconded by: Member Smith

THAT:

The minutes of the Special Economic Development Board meeting of July 17, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations: NONE

6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:

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Chair Lynn welcomed members from Huron East to the meeting and stated he was pleased to have them present. Huron East Councilors present included: David Blaney and Robert Fisher and Economic Development Officer Jan Hawley.

Chair Lynn stated that it was a full agenda for this meeting and there were many great things happening including an invitation from Ben Lobb to discuss immigration within Canada and Huron County.

Chair Lynn requested each Board member confirm their attendance when the agenda is posted. There can be no meeting if quorum isn't achieved.

Chair Lynn is going to be away for the next Board Meeting – John Marshall will be chairing the meeting.

7. Board Member Issues: NONE

8. Correspondence: NONE

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

9.1 Vacant Unit Tax Rebate Reform

In July, Huron County Council requested the Economic Development Board be informed of the Vacant Unit Tax Reform Rebate: Mike Blumhagen, Huron County Treasurer, was in attendance, stating this was a great opportunity to discuss and provide feedback.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Steffler

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report from Director, Andrew Kemp, dated August 28, 2017, titled Vacant Unit Tax Rebate Reform, as presented for information:

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Economic Development Board reviews the reports from the County of Huron Treasurer, Michael Blumhagen, regarding the proposed changes to the Vacant Unit Tax Rebate program and provides feedback.

CARRIED

9.2 Agriculture Economic Development 2017 – 2020 Work Plan:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Eddington and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Economic Development Officer, Cody Joudry, dated August 28, 2017, titled Agriculture Economic Development 2017-2020 Work Plan, as presented for information

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CARRIED

This is a huge undertaking with a large list of ideas and initiatives. Prioritization and collaboration with others will be needed to achieve the workplan as laid out.

9.3 Renewal Sub-Committee

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Eddington

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Director, Andrew Kemp, dated August 28, 2017, titled Renewal Sub-Committee, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Renewal Sub-Committee meets to discuss the renewal of the terms of the Economic Development Board members in the fall of 2017 – post IPM.

CARRIED

9.4 Economic Development Board Meeting Dates

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Steffler and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Director, Andrew Kemp, dated August 28, 2017, titled Economic Development Board Meeting dates, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Board confirms the 2018 meeting dates and proposed meeting times and potential locations for the 2018 meeting at the next meeting.

CARRIED

9.5 Update on Request for Proposal (RFP) for Service Delivery Review – Working Committee:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Eddington and Seconded by: Member Vanderloo

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Director, Andrew Kemp, dated August 28, 2017, Update on RFP for Service Delivery Review – Working Committee, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Financials:

Financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2017 will be reviewed.

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DEPARTMENT PROGRAM	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Ec Dev Board	1,587	-	24,760	76,722	23,173	76,722

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Baker and Seconded by: Member Gowing

THAT:

The financial statements as of June 30, 2017 be received as presented.

CARRIED

11. Closed to the Public Session: NONE

12. Future Meeting Topics:

12.1 OMAFRA Update

12.2 Agricultural Specialist from Chatham-Kent

12.3 Maitland Valley Conversation Authority Request to attend.

12.4 Bluewater Youth Centre

12.5 Immigration

12.6 Workforce Recruitment & Retention

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Economic Development Board will be Monday, September 25th, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. The location to be determined.

14. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Martin Vanderloo

THAT:

The Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED