



Huron County Economic Development Board

Minutes – May 11, 2015

Goderich, Ontario

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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The Huron County Economic Development Board met in the Committee Room at the Huron County Courthouse on the 11th day of May 2015.

Members of the Board present: J. Lynn, S. Baker, K. Davis, J. Eddington, P.Gowing, J. Grace, T. Hessel, J. Lynn, P. Smith, M. Vanderloo

Staff present: Chief Administrative Officer Brenda Orchard, Economic Development Consultant Ron Gaudet, Economic Development Coordinator Natasha Fritzley.

Members Absent: B. MacLellan, S. Sparling

1. Chair Lynn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Agenda:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Grace and Seconded by: Member Gowing

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board Agenda for Monday, May 11th, 2015 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 Vanderloo and Seconded by: Member Smith

THAT:

The minutes of the previous Huron County Economic Development Board meeting

on April 13th, 2015 be adopted.
CARRIED

5. Opening Comments (Chair Lynn):

Chair Lynn thanked Board members for their attendance and welcomed attendees from each delegation. Chair Lynn attended the Huron County Municipal Officers' Association Annual Meeting on April 17th and made a presentation on the Huron County Economic Development Board with staff Ron Gaudet. Chair Lynn attended the launch party for Engage HurOn on May 7th. He commented that the event was a great opportunity to see the group starting to form and gain traction. Chair Lynn indicated that he would be attending the Southwest Economic Alliance Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 14th with staff Natasha Fritzley.

6. Delegations:

- A. Engage HurOn:** Engage HurOn Board members Genny Smith and Chris Watson presented an overview of the group Engage HurOn and indicated that the organization was looking forward to working with and supporting the Huron County Economic Development Board. Presenters also indicated that the group would be drafting their Terms of Reference on May 19th, 2015.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Hessel and Seconded by: Member Eddington

THAT:

A website link to www.engagehuron.com be added to the Huron County website.

CARRIED

- B. Huron Business Development Corporation:** Huron Business Development Corporation Board Chair Jim Fergusson and Economic Development Manager Paul Nichol presented on behalf of the organization. The presenters reviewed the mandate of the organization and current projects they are working on. They also proposed that Huron Business Development Corporation and Huron County Economic Development Board work in partnership and consider a joint application to the Federal Investing in Regional Diversification program when timing is appropriate.

7. Education Subcommittee Update:

- A.** The Education Subcommittee asked that staff Ron Gaudet provide the Board with a summary of how and why post-secondary education ranks as a key sector opportunity at an upcoming meeting.
- B.** Staff Natasha Fritzley has been asked to compile a report for the Board on existing post-secondary education programs in Huron County.

8. Assessment Methodology Subcommittee:

- A. Staff Ron Gaudet was assigned to assist the Assessment Methodology Subcommittee (related to County funding requests) in developing examples of best practices and the development of a proposed assessment methodology for the next Board meeting.

9. Outstanding Action Items:

- A. Chair Lynn reviewed items that are outstanding for action and requested that staff Natasha Fritzley set up a meeting for the measurements committee.

10. Strategic Plan:

- A. Staff Ron Gaudet updated Board members on the Economic Development Strategic Plan and the proposed process.

11. Closed to the Public Session:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Hessel and Seconded by: Member Grace

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board do now go into a "Closed to the Public Session" at 8:37p.m. 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;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Orchard and Staff Ron Gaudet and Natasha Fritzley remain in attendance.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Hessel and Seconded by: Member Grace

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board rise from the "Closed to Public Session" at 8:58p.m.

CARRIED

12. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. **STAFF UPDATE:** Staff Natasha Fritzley gave an overview of current staff projects and their status. She also indicated that the County has partnered

with OMAFRA to embark on a collaborative strategic planning process between the County, Lower Tiers and OMAFRA. All parties will work together to achieve a combined strategic economic development plan that address regional needs.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Vanderloo and Seconded by: Member Eddington

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board strongly endorse the coordinated strategic planning approach in conjunction with OMAFRA.

CARRIED

B. Huron County Economic Development Board Terms of Reference:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Eddington and Seconded by: Member Davis

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board proposed Terms of Reference be submitted to County Council for approval and that Board measurements will be added as an appendix at a later date.

CARRIED

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Economic Development Board will be on Monday, June 8th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Committee Room at the County Courthouse, in Goderich.

14. 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.

15. Adjournment:

The Huron County Economic Development Board adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Chair J. Lynn