



Huron County Economic Development Board

Minutes – October 8, 2015

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 8th day of October 2015.

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

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

Members Absent: S. Sparling, S. Baker

1. Chair Lynn called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m.

2. Agenda:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Smith

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board Agenda for Thursday, October 8th, 2015 be accepted as amended and all attachments included in the Agenda be received as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof:

None Stated. Requested that staff bring an outline of when and why to declare pecuniary interest for Board Members.

4. Minutes Approval:

Moved by: Member MacLellan Seconded by: Member Davis

THAT:

The following motion from HCED minutes of August 10, 2015 Item # 8 a) be rescinded:

"The Huron County Economic Development Board recommends that Huron County Council support the funding request for 2015 from Healthkick. It is further recommended that Council require that Healthkick works to seek new alliances and partnerships to support a more diversified funding model for the future and to report annually on success related to that effort and projected results in the current business plan to the Huron County Economic Development Board."

CARRIED

The Board deferred any further decisions related to Healthkick and requested that Healthkick present to the Huron County Economic Development Board on their future plans at the Huron County Economic Development Board Meeting immediately following a response on funding requests they have made with other organizations. Board members are encouraged to send their questions to staff Natasha Fritzley in advance of the presentation.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Vanderloo and Seconded by: Member MacLellan

THAT:

The minutes of the previous Huron County Economic Development Board meeting on September 14th, 2015 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

- 5. Opening Comments (Chair Lynn):** The Chair welcomed Board members and reminded them that all Board meetings are open to the public with minutes and agenda packages available on huroncounty.ca. He suggested a one day strategic planning session for Board members following the appointment of any new Board members and the completion of the collaborative strategic planning process. Chair Lynn remarked the the tour of the Bluewater Detention Centre was quite beneficial and presents an exciting opportunity for businesses in Huron County. The Chair thanked CAO Brenda Orchard and staff Natasha Fritzley for their efforts in working together with Infrastructure Ontario to expedite the due diligence process. Board Chair would like to move forward with a year end report for the Board.

6. Delegations:

- A. Engage HurON:** Chris Watson and Genny Smith presented on behalf of Engage Huron. They shared the organizations finalized Terms of Reference and planned actions moving forward from it. The organization is planning to share their Terms of Reference with Huron County Council and all 9 Municipal Councils in the county.

7. **Report on Outstanding Items:** Chair Lynn reviewed a document detailing outstanding Board items as of October 1, 2015.
8. **2016 Huron County Economic Development Board membership:**
 - A. Members Eddington, Vanderloo, Lynn and CAO Orchard formed a committee that will determine a process for future Board appointments
9. **2016 Huron County Economic Development Board Meetings Dates & Time:**
 - A. The Board determined that regularly scheduled Board meetings will take place on the second Monday of every month at 5:00 PM.
10. **Local Prosperity Conference Report:** Member Smith provided a report on the Local Prosperity Conference he attended in Nova Scotia.
11. **Strategic Plan Update:** Ron Gaudet updated the Board on staff progress with the County strategic plan.
12. **Collaborative Strategic Plan Update:** Member Davis updated Board members on the County Core Team's progress with the collaborative strategic planning process. Member Davis also shared the letter the County Core Team wrote to County Council and all municipal partners explaining that the core team will lag behind in the strategic planning process.
13. **Financial Summary**
14. **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Economic Development Board will be on Monday, November 16th, 2015 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 7:37 pm.

Chair J. Lynn