

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

REACH Centre

169 Beech Street, Clinton, ON

The Economic Development Board met in the Board Room at The Reach Centre, in Clinton, Ontario on September 25, 2017. Members of the Board present: Vice Chair John Marshall, Martin Vanderloo, Maureen Nummelin, Steven Sparling, Paul Gowing, Jim Ginn, James Eddington, Steve Baker, and Peter Smith. Members of the Board absent: Jim Lynn and Joe Steffler.

1. Vice Chair John Marshall 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 Eddington

THAT:

The Economic Development Board Agenda for September 25, 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: Warden Ginn and Seconded by: Member Eddington

THAT:

The minutes of the Economic Development Board meeting of August 28, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations: None.

6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:

General comments around the table commending the County of the impressive International Plowing Match. The event was extremely well done – lots of positive energy – great amount of thought into everything!

Vice Chair John Marshall indicated we would re-set the dial – a lot of business to discuss with County Staff taking the lead.

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Members went into a Closed to the Public Session at 5:08 p.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 – Economic Development Department.

Acting CAO / Deputy County Clerk Meighan Wark remained in attendance.

Members resumed in open session at 5:41 p.m.

7. Board Member Issues: None.

8. Correspondence:

8.1 Town of Goderich re: Growing Success Project Request for Proposal:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The Economic Development Board accept correspondence not specifically dealt with, for information.

CARRIED

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

9.1 Economic Development Department Planning:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Eddington and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report of Cody Joudry, A/Director of Economic Development, dated September 20, 2017, titled Economic Development Department Planning, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2 New Opportunities for Board to Assist Economic Development Department:

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Ginn and Seconded by: Member Smith

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report of Cody Joudry, A/Director of Economic Development, dated September 20, 2017, titled New Opportunities for Board to Assist Economic Development Department, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3 Grow Success Project Request for Proposals:

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Moved by: Member Eddington and Seconded by: Member Sparling

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report of Cody Joudry, A/Director of Economic Development, dated September 20, 2017, titled Grow Success Project for Proposals, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.4 Great Lakes Waterfront Trail Funding Request:

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Ginn and Seconded by: Member Sparling

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report of Cody Joudry, A/Director of Economic Development, dated September 20, 2017 titled Great Lakes Waterfront Trail Funding Request, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Board discusses the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail funding request and provides Council with a recommended course of action.

CARRIED

There was a lot of discussion around whether the Economic Development Board should handle requests for funding. It was suggested that there should be criteria for funding requests. Pre-screen requests done at the Ec Dev administration department, prior to review by the Board to see if it aligns with strategic plan, is it a benefit County Wide, etc.

9.5 Economic Development Board Meeting Dates:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report of Cody Joudry, A/Director of Economic Development, dated September 20, 2017, titled Economic Development Board Meeting Dates, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Board requests all members send any meeting date, location, and time preferences for 2018 to the A/Director of Economic Development by October 2;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Board discusses meeting dates, times, and locations for any 2017 meetings.

CARRIED

10. Financials:

Financial statements for the period ending July 31, 2017 were reviewed.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAM	REVENUE		EXPENDITURES		COUNTY CONTRIBUTION	
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Ec Dev Board	1,587	-	28,045	89,509	26,458	89,509

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MOTION:

Moved by: Member Eddington and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The financial statements as of July 31, 2017 be received as presented.

CARRIED

11. Closed to the Public Session: – above

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, October 23 at 5:00 p.m.
The location to be confirmed.

14. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Sparling and Seconded by: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

CARRIED