

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 12, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.
Blyth Memorial Community Hall, Lower Hall
423 Queen Street, Blyth

The Economic Development Board met in the Board Room at Blyth Memorial Community Hall, Lower Hall, 423 Queen Street, Blyth Ontario on February 12, 2018. Members of the Board present were: Chair John Marshall, Steve Baker, Brad Chandler, James Eddington, Jim Ginn, Paul Gowing, Maureen Nummelin, Peter Smith, Joe Steffler and Martin Vanderloo. Members of the Board absent: Tim Prior.

1. Chair John Marshall called the Economic Development Board meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.:

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

Chair Marshall informed members that there was an addition to the agenda under section 12:

Closed to the Public Session:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – Economic Development Department;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO/Deputy Clerk Meighan Wark remain in attendance.

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Ginn and Seconded by: Member Gowing

THAT:

The Economic Development Board Agenda for February 12, 2018 be accepted and all the reports included in the Agenda, be received as amended.

CARRIED

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

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Smith and Seconded by: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The minutes of the Economic Development Board meetings of January 15, 2018 and January 29, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations:

5.1 Goderich Celtic Folk Society Inc.:

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John Lodge and Kimberley Payne presented a funding request for the 2018 Goderich Celtic Folk Society Inc. College and Festival.

Note: The following motion was made at the Huron County Committee of the Whole Day 2 meeting on December 20, 2017:

THAT:

The Council of the County of Huron forward the request for financial support from John Lodge for the 2018 College and Festival to the Economic Development Board for consideration.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Eddington and Seconded by: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The Economic Development Board request staff to prepare a report outlining a funding request policy for funding requests sent from County Council that includes a process and checklist that aligns with the Board's strategic priorities and mandates.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Ginn and Seconded by: Member Gowing

THAT:

Staff prepare a report that evaluates the request for financial support from John Lodge and Kimberley Payne for the 2018 Celtic College and Festival against this drafted funding request policy.

CARRIED

6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:

Chair Marshall updated members on the presentation he attended in London - Pillar Nonprofit Network and Verge Capital - Fund Creation Presentation. He would like to investigate a Huron County Fund – developing and creating a fund for such programs as Concierge, Ambassador, Connectivity and Rural Investment Funds.

Chair Marshall and Member Nummelin reviewed the Pell Report – Action Summary that was developed at an Economic Development Session. This report will be brought back to the board to review the mandates and priority actions.

7. Board Member Issues:

Member Vanderloo requested an update on the google docs account. Cody Joudry informed members that staff are in the process of developing a separate section connected to the Huron County website that will enable Economic Development Board members access to their information. The information will be accessible and secure according to County policies.

Member Nummelin requested an update on the Broadband project. The local telecommunication companies and the County are waiting on an announcement on the grant submission. There was

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discussion regarding establishing a cluster of businesses to review opportunities. CAO Wark stated that County Council has voted to support the SWIFT project and to work hand in hand with the local telecommunication companies.

Member Nummelin requested New Member Orientation project be added to the next agenda.

Members requested clarification on the Airport Feasibility Study. Next steps include Goderich and North Huron meeting and reviewing the study.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

9.1 Economic Development Update: (presented by Cody Joudry)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Nummelin and Seconded by: Member Steffler

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report titled December 2017 and January 2018 Updates, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2 Ontario's West Coast Tourism Strategy, 2018-2019: (presented by Scott Currie)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Eddington

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report titled Ontario's West Coast Tourism Strategy, 2018-2019, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Board endorses the \$90,000 contribution from Economic Department reserves that will support a joint project with RTO4.

CARRIED

9.3 Economic Development Reserve History: (presented by Cody Joudry)

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Ginn and Seconded by: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report titled Economic Development Reserve History, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Accounts and Financial:

Accounts up to and including January 31, 2018 totaling \$47,405.82 were reviewed.

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MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Vanderloo

THAT:

The accounts up to and including January 31, 2018 totaling \$47,405.82 be received.

CARRIED

11. Future Meeting Topics:

- Report from Peter Smith on Building SustainABLE Communities Conference he attended in Kelowna, BC.
- Grant Request Report
- Strategic Initiatives
- Pillar Nonprofit Network and Verge Capital -Fund Creation Presentation-extend invitation to Lina Bowden
- Orientation Package Development for new members

12. Closed to the Public Session:

MOTION:

Moved By: Member Steffler and Seconded By: Member Gowing

THAT:

The Economic Development Board do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 6:59 PM 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;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO/Deputy Clerk Meighan Wark remain in attendance.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved By: Warden Ginn and Seconded By: Member Gowing

THAT:

The Economic Development Board rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 7:45 PM.

CARRIED

- Reporting Out

MOTION:

Moved By: Member Eddington and Seconded By: Member Baker

THAT:

Staff proceed as per discussion in Closed to the Public Session of Economic Development Board meeting of February 12, 2018.

CARRIED

13. Next Meeting:

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The next meeting of the Economic Development Board will be Monday, March 12, 2018 at 5:00 PM at a location to be determined.

14. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded By: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 7:48 PM.

CARRIED