

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 9, 2018 at 5:00 PM

Duchess Room, Hotel Bedford

92 Courthouse Square, Goderich

The Economic Development Board met in the Duchess Room, Hotel Bedford, 92 Courthouse Square Goderich, Ontario on April 9, 2018. Members of the Board present were: Chair John Marshall, Steve Baker, Brad Chandler, James Eddington, Jim Ginn, Paul Gowing, Maureen Nummelin, Tim Prior, Peter Smith, and Joe Steffler. Members of the Board absent: Martin Vanderloo and CAO Meighan Wark.

1. Chair John Marshall called the Economic Development Board meeting to order at 5:06 PM:

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 April 9, 2018 be accepted and all the reports included in the Agenda, be received as presented.

CARRIED

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

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Eddington and Seconded by: Member Smith

THAT:

The minutes of the Economic Development Board meeting of March 12, 2018 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Delegations: None.

6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:

Chair Marshall introduced Reanne Clark, Office Administrator for the Economic Development Department. Chair Marshall stated the realignment of sub-committees is ongoing. April 13, 2018 is the Growing Success Project presentation in Clinton, Ontario.

7. Board Member Issues:

Member Eddington informed members that he attended a meeting with RT04. He is hoping to keep the momentum for the Wayfinding Sign Project moving forward. Cody Joudry noted the wayfinding signage program would continue as planned and he had discussed the matter with Napier Simpson. He also noted the MOU between County and RT04 would be taken to Council

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for consideration in May, the Ontario's West Coast website redevelopment was continuing, and the joint projects in Blyth were currently being led by RT04 staff.

Member Eddington informed members that Les Clefs d'Or Canada are looking for alternative destinations for international travelers for day trips. Huron County is the perfect distance from the GTA for day tripping guests. Member Eddington is meeting with this group and will report back to the Board.

Member Peter Smith updated members on the following events in Blyth; Syrian supper/documentary viewing April 26, 2018, Rural Talks to Rural October 17, 2018, Speaker Peter Kenyon, University of Guelph Workshop, Sustainability by David Mayberry. Oxford County is working towards 100% Renewable Energy by 2050.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Smith and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board supports the development of the 100% Renewable Energy by 2050 initiative by David Mayberry, Warden of Oxford County.

AND FURTHER THAT:

Staff be directed to prepare a report regarding next steps for this initiative.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence: None.

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

9.1 Huron County Performance Development Form: (presented by Meighan Wark)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Prior

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Meighan Wark, CAO, dated April 9, 2018, titled Huron County Performance Development Form, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2 Airport Action Team Update: (presented by Chris Watson)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Nummelin and Seconded by: Member Gowing

THAT:

The Economic Development Board directs staff to request a delegation at the Council of the Town of Goderich regarding partnering with the Huron County Economic Development Board to proceed with the Air Service Study;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Member Vanderloo and staff make this presentation which will include cost sharing and private partnership opportunities.

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CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Chris Watson, Economic Development Officer, dated April 9, 2018 titled Airport Action Team Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3 HCEDB Partnership Guide (formerly the Financial Contribution Request Guidelines):
(presented by Cody Joudry)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Eddington and Seconded by: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Cody Joudry, A/Director of Economic Development, dated April 9, 2018, titled HCEDB Partnership Guide (formerly the Financial Contribution Request Guidelines), as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Economic Development Board approves the HCEDB Partnership Guide (v 2018-04-09).

CARRIED

10. Accounts:

Accounts up to and including March 22, 2018 totaling \$53,107.92 were reviewed.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Eddington and Seconded by: Member Steffler

THAT:

The accounts up to and including March 22, 2018 totaling \$53,107.92 be received.

CARRIED

11. Closed to the Public Session: None.

12. Future Meeting Topics:

- Summer Company Funding Follow up Report
- Orientation Package Development for new members
- Airport Service Study Partnership Opportunity/Delegation to Goderich Town Council
- New Working Groups and Terms of Reference
- Bruce Power Collaboration Opportunities
- Celtic Festival Delegation
- Broad Band Update
- Renewable Energy 100% by 2050 Initiative – report and request for delegation to County Council with Economic Development Board invitation

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- Les Clefs d'Or Canada day tripping report
- Fanshawe Entrepreneur Course Opportunities
- Social Public Procurement

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Economic Development Board will be Wednesday May 23, 2018 at 5:00 PM at a location to be determined.

14. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Smith and Seconded By: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 6:47 PM.

CARRIED