

County of Huron  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 5:00 PM  
Bluewater - Zurich Library, 10 Goshen Street North, Zurich

The Economic Development Board met at Zurich Library, 10 Goshen Street North, Zurich on November 13, 2019. Members of the Board present were: Steve Baker, Brad Chandler, George Finch, Jim Ginn, Bernie MacLellan, John Marshall, Maureen Nummelin, and Peter Smith. Staff present: Chief Administrative Officer Meighan Wark, Director of Economic Development Cody Joudry, Clerk Susan Cronin and Office Administrator Reanne Clark. Members of the Board absent: Tim Prior and Martin Vanderloo.

1. **Chair Marshall called the Economic Development Board meeting to order at 5:07 PM:**
2. **Motion to Accept the Agenda and Receive All Reports:**

Chair Marshall stated that agenda item 9.1 will be considered immediately after agenda item 5.1.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Finch and Seconded by: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The Economic Development Board Agenda for November 13, 2019 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:**

No declarations were stated.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The minutes of the Economic Development Board meeting of October 9, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. **Presentations/Delegations:**

- 5.1. Digital Main Street Program Update (presented by Bonnie Ash and Lianne Pollard)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Finch and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Bonnie Ash and Lianne Pollard, Digital Squad Team members, dated November 13, 2019, titled Digital Main Street Program Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

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9.1. Increase Market Housing Potential Initiatives (presented by Cody Joudry, Chris Watson, Denise Van Amersfoort, and Barbara Hall)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Chandler and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Chris Watson, Economic Development Officer, dated November 13, 2019, titled Increase Market Housing Potential Initiatives, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:**

Chair Marshall reminded members of the Board Breakfast on December 6, 2019.

Chair Marshall updated members on the recruitment of new members. The ad will be placed shortly and the process will continue.

**7. Board Member Issues:**

Member Nummelin informed members that visits to partner municipalities have been organized with economic development staff, board members and Vicki Lass, Ontario Agriculture and Rural Economic Development Advisor Huron & Perth. There are some vacant dates needed to be filled by Board members. Member Nummelin will email to each member.

Member Smith updated members on the Standardized Data session held on October 23, 2019. Member Smith outlined a presentation made by Patricia McCarney of the World Council on City Data. He proposed becoming involved with a couple of our local municipalities in a pilot project to partner with World Council on City Data.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board directs the Data Management Subcommittee to develop a Terms of Reference and presentation/report on the proposal for Huron County to work with a couple of our local municipalities in a pilot project to partner with World Council on City Data for presentation at a future Board meeting.

CARRIED

**8. Correspondence:** None.

**9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:**

9.1. Increase Market Housing Potential Initiatives (presented by Cody Joudry, Chris Watson, Denise Van Amersfoort, and Barbara Hall)

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Considered after agenda item 5.1.

9.2. Economic Development Department October 2019 Update (presented by Katie Marshall)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Smith and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Katie Marshall, Communications and Marketing Officer, dated November 13, 2019, titled Economic Development Department October 2019 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3. Huron County Community Foundation and Investment Fund Update (presented by Cody Joudry)

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Ginn and Seconded by: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated November 13, 2019, titled Huron County Community Foundation and Investment Fund Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**10. Financial Statements:**

10.1. Financial Statements: (presented by Lisa Harvey)

Financial Statements for the month ending September 30, 2019 were reviewed.

Department	Revenue		Expenditures		County Contribution	
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Economic Development	\$235,124	\$235,124	\$235,124	\$235,124	\$235,124	\$235,124
Ec Dev Board	\$0	\$0	\$12,382	\$12,382	\$12,382	\$12,382

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Ginn and Seconded by: Member Smith

THAT:

The Financial Statements as of September 30, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

**11. Closed to the Public Session:** None.

**12. Future Meeting Topics:**

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- Updates from Working Groups
- Terms of Reference-to be reviewed
- Data Management Subcommittee Report
- Update from Board Breakfast

**13. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Economic Development Board will be in North Huron - Cowbell, 40035 Blyth Road, Blyth on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

**14. Adjournment:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded By: Member Finch

THAT:

The Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 7:23 PM.

CARRIED