

County of Huron  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Due to the declared provincial emergency, this meeting took place virtually.

The Economic Development Board met virtually on August 13, 2020. Members of the Board present were: George Finch, Jim Ginn, Liz Ihrig, Leanne Kavanagh, Bernie MacLellan, John Marshall, Jason Oud and Martin Vanderloo (joined at 5:58 PM). Members Absent: Brad Chandler, John Kiser, Tim Prior. Staff present: Chief Administrative Officer Meighan Wark, Director of Economic Development Cody Joudry and Clerk Susan Cronin.

**1. Chair Marshall called the Economic Development Board meeting to order at 5:03 PM:**

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Member Finch

THAT:

The Economic Development Board agenda for August 13, 2020 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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

There were no declarations stated.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Finch

THAT:

The minutes of the Economic Development Board meeting of June 17, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**5. Presentations/Delegations: None.**

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

Chair Marshall informed members that Minister Macleod, Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries was present in Huron County. There was discussion regarding Federal Development funding. Cody Joudry reviewed staff changes and updated members on the economic development recovery strategy and progress.

**7. Board Member Issues:** Member Finch informed members that a café and Chiropractic office recently opened in Exeter. Warden Ginn stated that gymnastics business opened in Central Huron.

**8. Correspondence: None.**

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

9.1. New Agricultural Products - Next Steps (presented by Alexander Ripley)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated August 13, 2020, titled New Agricultural Products - Next Steps, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2. Economic Development Department June 2020 Update (presented by Cody Joudry)

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Ginn and Seconded by: Member Finch

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated August 13, 2020, titled Economic Development Department June and July 2020 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3. Economic Development Department July 2020 Update (presented by Cody Joudry)

Approved in above motion.

9.4. Digital Main Street Squad Grant 2020 (presented by Brittany Wise)

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Ginn and Seconded by: Member Finch

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Brittany Wise, Entrepreneur and Business Program Coordinator, dated August 13, 2020, titled Digital Main Street Squad Grant as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.5. New Small Business Grant: Huron Recovery Grant Program (presented by Brittany Wise)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Member Finch

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Brittany Wise, Entrepreneur and Business Program Coordinator, dated August 13, 2020, titled New Small Business Grant: Huron Recovery Grant Program, as presented for information.

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9.6. Tracking the Recovery: A Data Update (presented by Alexander Ripley)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Vanderloo and Seconded by: Member Kavanagh

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated August 13, 2020, titled Tracking the Recovery: A Data Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

**10. Financial Statements:**

10.1. Financial Statements: (presented by Lisa Harvey)

The Financial Statements for the month ending June 30, 2020 were reviewed.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Finch and Seconded by: Member Ihrig

THAT:

The financial statements for the month ending June 30, 2020 be received.

CARRIED

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

**12. Future Meeting Topics:**

- Members are to send all requested future meeting topics to Chair Marshall.

**13. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Economic Development Board will be a virtual meeting, on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

**14. Adjournment:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded By: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 6:48 PM.

CARRIED