

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 5:00 PM
This meeting took place virtually.

The Economic Development Board met virtually on October 14, 2020. Members of the Board present were: Brad Chandler, George Finch, Jim Ginn, Liz Ihrig, Leanne Kavanagh, John Kiser, Bernie MacLellan, John Marshall, Jason Oud, Tim Prior and Martin Vanderloo (joined at 5:58 PM). 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 Vanderloo

THAT:

The Economic Development Board agenda for October 14, 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 Kiser and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The minutes of the Economic Development Board meeting of August 13, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Presentations/Delegations:

5.1. Bayfield Centre For the Arts (presented by Leslee Squirrell and Debra MacArthur)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member Ihrig

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the presentation by Leslee Squirrell and Debra MacArthur, dated October 14, 2020 titled the Bayfield Centre For The Arts, as presented for information.

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5.2. Municipal Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Forum (presented by Vicki Lass and Alex Ripley)

Vicki Lass, Agriculture and Rural Economic Development Advisor Huron, Perth and Waterloo, OMAFRA and Alex Ripley, Huron County Economic Development Officer are co-organizing the 2020 Municipal Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Forum. They provided information on the Forum and asked Councillors to "save the date".

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Finch and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the presentation by Vicki Lass, Agriculture and Rural Economic Development Advisor Huron, Perth and Waterloo, OMAFRA and Alex Ripley, Huron County Economic Development Officer, dated October 14, 2020, titled the Municipal Agriculture Economic Development and Planning Forum, as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.3. Tracking the Recovery: Checking in on the Six Objectives (presented by Alex Ripley)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Kiser and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated October 14, 2020, titled Tracking the Recovery: Checking in on the Six Objectives, as presented for information.

CARRIED

5.4. Update on AgPrize 2020 (presented by Alex Ripley)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Prior

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated October 14, 2020, titled Update on AgPrize 2020, as presented for information.

CARRIED

6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:

Chair Marshall provided an update on the Huron Entrepreneur Fund. He reviewed the reasons for an independent fund versus joining the Grand Bend fund. The subcommittee has submitted an expression of interest to join the Grand Bend/Sunset Fund Group. Details are being finalized and will be presented to the Board.

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7. **Board Member Issues:** None.

8. **Correspondence:** None.

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

9.1. Economic Development Department August 2020 Update (presented by Cody Joudry)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Chandler and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated October 14, 2020, titled Economic Development Department August 2020 Update, as presented for information.

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

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Chandler and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated October 14, 2020, titled Economic Development Department September 2020 Update, as presented for information.

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9.3. Huron County Tourism Work Plan Fall/Winter (presented by Rick Sickinger)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Finch and Seconded by: Member Ihrig

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Rick Sickinger, Acting Tourism Officer, dated October 14, 2020, titled Huron County Tourism Work Plan Fall/Winter, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. **Financial Statements:**

10.1. Financial Statements: (presented by Lisa Harvey)

The Financial Statements for the month ending August 31, 2020 were reviewed.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member Ihrig

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The financial statements for the month ending August 31, 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, November 18, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

14. Adjournment:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Vanderloo and Seconded By: Member Ihrig

THAT:

The Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 7:18 PM.

CARRIED