

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 5:00 PM

Due to Huron County's COVID Response Plan, this meeting took place virtually.

The Economic Development Board met virtually on November 18, 2020. Members of the Board present were: Brad Chandler (departed at 5:55 PM), George Finch, Jim Ginn, Leanne Kavanagh, John Kiser, Bernie MacLellan, John Marshall, Jason Oud (joined at 5:07 PM, departed at 5:36 PM), Tim Prior (joined at 5:04 PM) and Martin Vanderloo (joined at 5:33 PM). Members of the Board absent were: Liz Ihrig. 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 5:04 PM:

2. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Economic Development Board agenda for November 18, 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 Meeting:

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Finch and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The minutes of the Economic Development Board meeting of October 14, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Presentations/Delegations:

5.1. New Agricultural Products Business Cases (presented by Alexander Ripley)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated November 18, 2020, titled New Agricultural Products Business Cases, as presented for information.

CARRIED

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6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:

Chair Marshall requested all board members become involved and engaged in the discussion during the meeting.

7. Board Member Issues:

Member MacLellan requested clarification on the source for the report on abattoirs. Director Joudry stated that is information was obtained from OMAFRA but this will be verified.

Warden Ginn requested the SLED program be brought forward earlier in the year.

CAO Wark will be sending information to each member of the board requesting feedback for Director Joudry's performance appraisal process.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

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

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Prior

THAT:

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

CARRIED

9.2. Attracting Film Production to Huron County (presented by Rick Sickinger)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Kiser and Seconded by: Member Finch

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Rick Sickinger, Acting Tourism Officer, dated November 18, 2020, titled Attracting Film Production to Huron County, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3. Renewal Committee Recommendations: Working Groups (presented by Cody Joudry)

Member Kavanagh will be added to the Workforce Committee.

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Prior

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THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated November 18, 2020, titled Renewal Committee Recommendations: Working Groups, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board approves the working groups and renewal committee and their respective membership as amended.

CARRIED

9.4. Renewal Committee November 2020 Recommendations (presented by Cody Joudry)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Kiser and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated November 18, 2020 titled Renewal Committee November 2020 Recommendations, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board recommends to Huron County Council to extend the terms of all citizen appointees by two years with the exception of Member Vanderloo;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Renewal Committee commence the process to fill the vacancy of Board Member Vanderloo.

CARRIED

10. Financial Statements:

10.1. Financial Statements: (presented by Lisa Harvey)

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

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Ginn and Seconded by: Member MacLellan

THAT:

The financial statements for the month ending September 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.
- Training on Diversity and Inclusion for board members

13. Next Meeting:

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The next meeting of the Economic Development Board will be a virtual meeting, on Wednesday, December 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 6:46 PM.

CARRIED