

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 5:00 PM

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

The Economic Development Board met virtually on March 10, 2021. Members of the Board present were: Brad Chandler (arrived at 5:49 PM), Jim Ginn, Liz Ihrig, Leanne Kavanagh, John Kiser, Bernie MacLellan, John Marshall, Glen McNeil, Tim Prior and Jason Oud. Members of the Board Absent: none. Staff present: Chief Administrative Officer Meighan Wark, Director of Economic Development Cody Joudry and Clerk Susan Cronin.

1. Chair Marshall called the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting to order at 5:02 PM:

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board agenda for March 10, 2021 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:

Moved by: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member MacLellan

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting of February 10, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Presentations/Delegations:

5.1. Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) Update: (presented by Vicki Lass)

Vicki Lass, Agriculture and Rural Economic Development Advisor Huron & Perth sent her regrets as she was unable to attend the meeting.

6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:

Chair Marshall requested information on the news report regarding Huron County municipalities

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working jointly on a Marketing/Tourism project. Community Futures is offering funding for the project. There are 6 local municipalities and the County involved. He will review municipal marketing/tourism. It is in the beginning stages.

7. Board Member Issues:

Member Oud stated that Huron Manufacturing Association is looking for board members. Members are requested to share this information.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

9.1. Economic Development Department February 2021 Update (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member Kiser

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated March 10, 2021, titled Economic Development Department February 2021 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2. Small Business Webinars Attendance Report February 2021 (presented by Brittany Wise)

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Kiser

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Brittany Wise, Entrepreneur and Business Program Coordinator, dated March 10 2021, titled Small Business Webinars Attendance Report February 2021, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3. Goderich Airport Business Plan and Operational Model (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Member Kiser and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated March 10, 2021, titled Goderich Airport Business Plan and Operational Model, for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board contributes 50% of the cost of the development of a Goderich Airport Business Plan and Operational Model, up to \$40,000;

AND FURTHER THAT:

Request the Town of Goderich to invite representatives of Huron County Council, Economic Development Board, and administration to be fully involved in the project.

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10. Financial Statements:

Year-end statements are in progress and currently not available.

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 Huron County Economic Development Board will held virtually on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

14. Adjournment:

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 7:01 PM.

CARRIED