

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 12, 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 August 12, 2021. Members of the Board present were: Brad Chandler, Jim Ginn, Liz Ihrig, Leanne Kavanagh, John Marshall, Glen McNeil, Jason Oud, and Bryan Vincent. Members of the Board Absent: John Kiser, Bernie MacLellan and Tim Prior. 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:

Chair Marshall stated that the order of the agenda will be as follows: 9.2, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.3, 9.1 and the addition of item 9.7 "Inflation, Borrowing, and General Economic Discussion. What We Need To Know".

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board agenda for August 12, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

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

There were no declarations stated.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved by: Member McNeil and Seconded by: Member Ihrig

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting of June 16, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Presentations/Delegations: None.

6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:

Chair Marshall requested all members forward a picture and biography of themselves for inclusion on the Huron Economic Development webpage.

7. Board Member Issues:

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Warden McNeil asked members their opinions on how they would like to meet in the future post pandemic. This information will be included in a report to County Council.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

9.2. Huron County Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) Project Status Update (presented by Cole Nicholson)

Moved by: Member Vincent and Seconded by: Member Kavanagh

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Cole Nicholson, Business Retention and Expansion Coordinator, dated August 12, 2021, titled Huron County Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) Project Status Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.4. 468 Insider - OMAFRA-Huron County RED Project (presented by Alex Ripley)

Moved by: Member Oud and Seconded by: Member Ihrig

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Alex Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated August 12, 2021, titled 468 Insider - OMAFRA-Huron County RED Project, via the Rural Economic Development Program, for Huron County's launch of the 468 Insider app, locally branded "Taste of Huron", as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.5. New Agriculture Products Promotion (presented by Alex Ripley)

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Alex Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated August 12, 2021, titled New Agriculture Products Promotion, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.6. Housing Development Corporation Project Outline (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Member Ihrig and Seconded by: Member Vincent

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated August 11, 2021, titled Housing Development Corporation Project Outline, as presented for information.

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9.3. Digital Main Street 3.0 Funding Agreement for a Huron County Digital Service Squad (presented by Cody Joudry)

Moved by: Member Oud and Seconded by: Member Kavanagh

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Brittany Wise, Entrepreneur and Business Program Coordinator, dated August 12, 2021, titled Digital Main Street 3.0 Funding Agreement for a Huron County Digital Service Squad, as presented for information.

CARRIED

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

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated August 12, 2021, titled Economic Development Department June 2021 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.7. Inflation, Borrowing, and General Economic Discussion. What We Need To Know (presented by John Marshall)

Staff will organize a presentation by panelists for the board.

10. Financial Statements:

10.1. Financial Statements (presented by Lisa Harvey). The financial statements for the month ending June 30, 2021 were reviewed.

Moved by: Member Ihrig and Seconded by: Member Vincent

THAT:

The financial statements for the month ending June 30, 2021 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
- Presentation on Commodity Prices
- Huron online Farmers Markets (Taste of Huron)
- Wages in Huron County for the past 36 months by sector
- Inflation, Borrowing, and General Economic Discussion
- Child Care

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13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Huron County Economic Development Board will be held virtually on Wednesday September 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

14. Adjournment:

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Vincent

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 6:55 PM.

CARRIED