

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 8, 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 December 8, 2021. Members of the Board present were: Brad Chandler, Jim Ginn, Liz Ihrig (joined at 5:07 PM), Leanne Kavanagh, John Kiser, Bernie MacLellan, John Marshall, Glen McNeil, Jason Oud, Tim Prior and Bryan Vincent. Members of the Board Absent: none. Staff present: Chief Administrative Officer Meighan Wark, Director of Economic Development Vicki Lass and Clerk Susan Cronin.

1. Chair Marshall called the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting to order at 5:01 PM:

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Kiser

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board agenda for December 8, 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: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Member Kiser

THAT:

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

CARRIED

5. Presentations/Delegations: None.

6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair: None.

7. Board Member Issues:

Warden McNeil welcomed Director of Economic Development Vicki Lass.

8. Correspondence:

Moved by: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member Vincent

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board approves the request by the Municipality of South Huron and the Director of Economic Development and Chair of the Economic Development

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Board present at a future South Huron Council meeting outlining initiatives and strategies of the Huron County Economic Development Board.
CARRIED

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

9.1. Economic Development Department November 2021 Update (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Kiser and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated December 8, 2021, titled Economic Development Department November 2021 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

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

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Vincent

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Cole Nicholson, Business Retention and Expansion Coordinator, dated December 8, 2021, titled Huron County Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) Project Status Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3. Goderich-Exeter Railway (GEXR) Freight Rates Report (presented by Alex Ripley)

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Prior

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated December 8, 2021 titled Goderich-Exeter Railway (GEXR) Freight Rates Report, as presented for information.

AND FURTHER THAT;

Staff prepare a report for the Economic Development Board that outlines recommendations for next steps.

CARRIED

9.4. Report from Director December 2021 (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report from Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated December 8, 2021 titled Update From the Director December 2021, as presented for information.

CARRIED

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10. Financial Statements:

10.1. Financial Statements (presented by Lisa Harvey). The financial statements for the month ending October 31, 2021 were reviewed.

Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The financial statements for the month ending October 31, 2021 be received.

CARRIED

11. Closed to the Public Session: None.

12. Future Meeting Topics:

- Next meeting will be focused on the Business Retention and Expansion data

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Huron County Economic Development Board will be held virtually on Wednesday January 12, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

14. Adjournment:

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member Kiser

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 7:33 PM.

CARRIED