

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 5:00 PM

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

The Economic Development Board met virtually on February 9, 2022. Members of the Board present were: Brad Chandler, Jim Ginn, Liz Ihrig, 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:

Chair Marshall stated that agenda item 5.2 by John Loerchner and Jon Jeronimus titled Project Sinkhouse by Cabinscape Inc. / RAW Design will not be a request for a partner for the Green Municipal Fund application. This will be a verbal report on Tiny Home/Modular Homes.

Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Member Ihrig

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board agenda for February 9, 2022 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 Kiser and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting of January 12, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Presentations/Delegations:

5.1. Tiny Home/Modular Home Industry in Huron County

Denise Van Amersfoort spoke to the Board to provide background information on the Tiny Home/Modular Home industry in Huron County.

5.2. Project Sinkhouse by Cabinscape Inc./ RAW Design

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John Loerchner, CEO, Cabinscape, Project Architect, RAW Design, provided information on Tiny Home/Modular homes. This business has found another municipality to be lead Municipal applicant, partnering with Cabinscape and RAW Design (and affiliates) for the Green Municipal Fund application for a pilot project of a carbon net negative, affordable small home.

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Warden McNeil

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the verbal report by Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior Manager of Planning and John Loerchner Cabinscape Inc. / RAW Design on the Tiny Home/Modular Home Industry in Huron County, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board prepares a report on the presentations for Huron County Council.

CARRIED

5.3. Huron Commodities Inc.

Martin VanderLoo, President of Huron Commodities Inc. provided the Board with information on the future of agriculture.

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Warden McNeil

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the presentation by Martin VanderLoo, President of Huron Commodities Inc., dated February 9, 2022, titled Sustainable Supply, Inflation, Interest Rates - What's in Your Wallet, as presented for information.

CARRIED

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

7. Board Member Issues:

Member Oud requested Member MacLellan send him information on a Community Beautification/ Façade Improvement program.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

9.1. Economic Development Learning Moment (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated February 9, 2022, titled Economic Development Learning Moment, as presented for information.

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9.2. Economic Development Department January 2022 Update (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member Kavanagh

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Reanne Clark, Office Administrator, dated February 9, 2022, titled Economic Development Department January 2022 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3. Huron County Economic Development Department Overview (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Kiser and Seconded by: Member Vincent

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated February 9, 2022, titled Huron County Economic Development Department Overview, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Financial Statements:

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

11. Closed to the Public Session: None.

12. Future Meeting Topics:

- Terms of Reference at a future meeting

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Huron County Economic Development Board will be held virtually on Wednesday March 9, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

14. Adjournment:

Moved by: Member Vincent and Seconded by: Member Kiser

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 7:50 PM.

CARRIED