

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 11, 2022 at 5:00 PM

This meeting took place at 57 Napier Street, Goderich and virtually through zoom.

The Economic Development Board met in person and virtually on August 11, 2022. Members of the Board present were: Brad Chandler, Jim Ginn, Liz Ihrig, Bernie MacLellan, John Marshall, Glen McNeil, Jason Oud, Tim Prior and Bryan Vincent. Members of the Board Absent: Leanne Kavanagh and John Kiser. Staff present: Director of Economic Development Vicki Lass, Chief Administrative Officer Meighan Wark 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 Vincent

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board agenda for August 11, 2022 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 Ginn

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting of June 15, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Presentations/Delegations: None.

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

7. Board Member Issues:

Warden Glen stated that he has received many comments regarding the inclusivity that Mayor John Grace displayed.

CAO Wark congratulated Chair Marshall on receiving the Remarkable Citizen Award from Member of Provincial Parliament for Huron-Bruce Lisa Thompson for volunteerism.

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8. Correspondence: None.

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

9.1. Learning Moment - Conversations with Municipal Members (presented by Vicki Lass)

Heads of the following municipalities were in attendance: Bernie MacLellan, Municipality of Huron East and Jamie Heffer, Municipality of Morris Turnberry. Each head spoke to their greatest challenge and their greatest opportunity regarding economic development.

Moved by: Member Vincent and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated August 11, 2022, titled Learning Moment - Conversations with Municipal Members, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2. Commercial Property Vacancy Rates - July 2022 (presented by Alex Ripley)

Moved by: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Alexander Ripley, Economic Development Officer, dated August 11, 2022, titled Commercial Property Vacancy Rates - July 2022 as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3. Huron County Economic Development Update – June 2022 (presented by Vicki Lass)

9.4. Economic Development Department July 2022 Update (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Vincent and Seconded by: Member Ihrig

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report prepared by Reanne Clark, Officer Administrator, dated August 11, 2022, titled Economic Development Department June and July 2022 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.5. Discussion on Board Succession Planning (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Warden McNeil

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report prepared by Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated August 11, 2022, titled Discussion of Board Succession Planning, as presented for information.

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Advertising for members will be done jointly with other Huron County Committee/Boards using the current practice with social media, newspapers, websites, etc.

Moved by: Member Ihrig and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Terms of Reference Matrix be amended with proposed changes and presented at the September 2022 meeting for consideration.

CARRIED

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Vincent

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board appoint the Chair, Warden, CAO, Director of Economic Development, and a member of Huron County Senior Manager Team to the Renewal Committee.

CARRIED

10. Financial Statements:

10.1. Financial statements for the month ending June 30, 2022 were reviewed.

Moved by: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member Vincent

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receive the financial statements for the month ending June 30, 2022.

CARRIED

11. Closed to the Public Session: None.

12. Future Meeting Topics:

- Terms of Reference Update
- Rail Report
- Airport Update
- Communications

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Huron County Economic Development Board will be held on Wednesday September 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

14. Adjournment:

Moved by: Member Ihrig and Seconded by: Member Ginn

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The Huron County Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 7:47 PM.
CARRIED