

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 12, 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 October 12, 2022. Members of the Board present were: Brad Chandler, Jim Ginn, Leanne Kavanagh, Bernie MacLellan, John Marshall, Glen McNeil, Jason Oud, and Bryan Vincent. Members of the Board Absent: John Kiser Lis Ihrig and Tim Prior. Staff present: Director of Economic Development Vicki Lass and Clerk Susan Cronin. Staff absent: Chief Administrative Officer Meighan Wark

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

Agenda item 9.1 Learning Moment – Conversations with Huron County CAO deferred to November meeting. Error on the next meeting,

Agenda item 11 Closed to the Public session deleted.

Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board agenda for October 12, 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: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member Kavanagh

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting of September 14, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Presentations/Delegations:

5.1. Goderich Municipal Airport Strategic Plan Update

In 2021, the Economic Development Board voted to fund a study on future uses and ensuring the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Goderich Municipal Airport. Taylor Lambert of the Goderich Airport Task Force joins us to update the Economic Development Board on the progress that has been made on implementing the report's recommendations.

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Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Oud

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the delegation by Taylor Lambert, dated October 14, 2022, titled Goderich Municipal Airport Strategic Plan Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:

Chair Marshall reflected on the exciting changes and upcoming items - BR&E, strategic plan, hybrid meetings, new year, new director, new council and board members

7. Board Member Comments:

Member Ginn stated that there is a proposed tiny homes development for Vanastra. There was discussion regarding the agenda for the R2R conference at Brussels, ON. Huron County is participating in various sessions.

Member Vincent stated that he had concerns regarding construction projects being delayed due to obtaining locates which are costly and delayed.

Moved by: Member Vincent and Seconded by: Member MacLellan

THAT:

Staff organize a presentation to the Huron County Economic Development Board on the challenges and solutions on obtaining locates for construction projects in Huron County.

CARRIED

There was discussion regarding the set meeting times and discussion on amending these times. This was a topic of discussion from the recruitment process.

Moved by: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member Kavanagh

THAT:

Staff prepare a report for discussion at the next meeting on the dates and times of future Huron County Economic Development Board meetings.

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8. Correspondence: None.

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

9.1. Learning Moment (presented by Vicki Lass)

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Learning Moment - Conversations with Huron County CAO deferred to November 2022.

9.2. Roundtable Exercise (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member MacLellan

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board accepts the report from Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated October 12, 2022 titled Roundtable Exercise, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3. Economic Development Department - September 2022 Update (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Kavanagh and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated October 12, 2022, titled Economic Development Department September 2022 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Financial Statements:

10.1. Financial statements for the month ending August 31, 2022 were reviewed.

Moved by: Member MacLellan and Seconded by: Member Vincent

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the financial statements for the month ending August 31, 2022.

CARRIED

11. Closed to the Public Session: None.

12. Future Meeting Topics:

- Renewable Energy
- Recruitment update
- Report on meeting dates/times
- Report on Locate challenges/solution for construction projects
- Rail Report
- Communications

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Huron County Economic Development Board will be held on Wednesday November 2, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

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14. Adjournment:

Moved by: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member Chandler

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 7:03 PM.

CARRIED