

County of Huron  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 9:00 AM

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

The Economic Development Board met in person and virtually on January 5, 2023. Members of the Board present were: Tina Bax, Jim Ginn, Lynne Harris, Jamie Heffer, John Kiser, Glen McNeil, Jason Oud, Derek Van Dietsen and Frances Westley. Members of the Board Absent: John Kiser and Bryan Vincent. Staff present: Chief Administrative Officer Meighan Wark, Director of Economic Development Vicki Lass and Clerk Susan Cronin.

**1. Chair called the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting to order at 9:01 AM:**

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, CAO Wark called the meeting to order and requested a motion to appoint a chair for this meeting.

Moved by: Member Heffer and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

Warden Glen McNeil be appointed as Chair for the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting of February 2, 2023.

CARRIED

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by Member Ginn and Seconded by Member Bax

THAT:

The Economic Development Board Agenda for February 2, 2023 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 Ginn and Seconded by: Member Heffer

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting of January 5, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**5. Presentations/Delegations:**

**5.1. Huron Waves Music Festival**

John Miller, Artistic Director for the Huron Waves Music Festival, made a presentation requesting support for the 2023 Huron Waves Music Festival.

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Moved by: Member Oud and Seconded by: Member Bax

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receive the presentation by John Miller, Artistic Director for the Huron Waves Music Festival, requesting support for the 2023 Huron Waves Music Festival for information.

CARRIED

**6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:**

None.

**7. Board Member Comments:**

None.

**8. Correspondence:** None.

**9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:**

9.1. Biinaagami Exhibit (presented by Rick Sickinger)

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Bax

THAT:

The Economic Development Board of the County of Huron receive the report by Rick Sickinger, Economic Development Officer dated February 2, 2023 titled Biinaagami Exhibit as presented for information.

AND FURTHER THAT:

Staff send correspondence to the Huron Waves Music Festival outlining suggestions in relation to the report.

CARRIED

9.2. Economic Development Board Rules of Engagement (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Bax and Seconded by: Member Harris

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated January 5, 2023, titled Economic Development Department November 2022 and December 2022 Updates, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3. SLED Working Group Discussion (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Harris

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated February 2, 2023 titled SLED Program Objectives and Working Group

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Discussion, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Economic Development Board recommends appointment to the working group of Board Members Vincent and Bax.

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Economic Development Board approves the objectives of the SLED 2023 program as discussed.

CARRIED

9.4. Huron County Economic Base Analysis (presented by Natasha Gaudio Harrison)

This presentation will be forwarded to members and added to the next agenda for consideration.

Moved by: Member Bax and Seconded by: Member Van Dieten

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Natasha Gaudio Harrison, Economic Development Officer, dated January 19, 2023, titled Huron County Economic Base Analysis, 2023.

CARRIED

9.5. Business Retention & Expansion Reports (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Heffer and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board accepts the report from Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated February 2, 2023 titled Business Retention & Expansion Report, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.6. Economic Development Department Strategic Plan 2022-2025 (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Bax and Seconded by: Member Harris

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board accepts the report from Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated February 2, 2023 titled Economic Development Strategic Plan 2022 - 2025, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.7. Economic Development Monthly Report (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Westley

THAT:

The Chair & Members of the Economic Development Board receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated February 2, 2023, titled Economic Development Department January 2023 Update, as presented for information.

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CARRIED

**10. Financial Statements:**

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

**11. Closed to the Public Session:** None.

**12. Future Meeting Topics:**

- Tour Bruce Power
- Starter Plus Program
- Base Analysis Report
- Working Groups
- Tour Nuclear Waste Organization
- Delegation regarding hydrogen Plan

**13. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Huron County Economic Development Board will be held on Thursday March 9, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

**14. Adjournment:**

Moved by: Member Van Dietsen and Seconded by: Member Heffer

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 10:43 AM.

CARRIED

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Acting Chair Glen McNeil