

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

Thursday, March 9, 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 March 9, 2023. Members of the Board present were: Tina Bax, Jim Ginn, Lynne Harris, Jamie Heffer, John Kiser, Glen McNeil, Jason Oud, Derek Van Dieten and Frances Westley. 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 Vincent called the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting to order at 9:01 AM:**

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by Member Ginn and Seconded by Warden McNeil

THAT:

The Economic Development Board Agenda for March 9, 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 Heffer and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting of February 2, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**5. Presentations/Delegations:** None.

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

Chair Vincent informed members that the Economic Development Department has withdrawn their offer of participation for the Huron Waves Biinaagami Exhibit as a result of prohibitive costs and limited staff capacity. This was due to the change of date and venue. Correspondence has been sent to the Huron Waves Board of Directors. The Economic Development team will host an information booth in collaboration with the Cultural Development Department and libraries.

**7. Board Member Comments:**

John Kiser was a guest speaker at Sustainable Huron. Lynne Harris attended a Mental Health Event for farmers offered through OFA and Guardian Network.

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**8. Correspondence:** None.

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

9.1. Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Network Strategy Update (presented by Derry Wallis)

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Oud

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receive the report of Derry Wallis, Climate Change and Energy Specialist dated March 9, 2023 titled Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Network Strategy Update as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board approve the request of Derry Wallis, Climate Change and Energy Specialist to contribute \$541.61 to reconcile an invoice from Community Energy Association for their work completed on the Regional EV Charging Network Strategy Feasibility Study in 2022.

CARRIED

9.2. Department Overview (presented by Vicki Lass)

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

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board accepts the report from Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development titled Economic Development Department Council Orientation 2023 dated March 9th, 2023, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3. Economic Development Dept February 2023 Report (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Harris and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Chair & Members of the Economic Development Board receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated March 9, 2023, titled Economic Development Department February 2023 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.4. Working Groups Suggestions for Economic Development Board Members Discussion (presented by Vicki Lass)

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

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Vicki Lass, Director of Economic Development, dated March 9, 2023 titled Economic Development Board Working Group options for discussion;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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The Economic Development Board approve the prioritized list of Economic Development Board Working Groups as determined by the group discussion.  
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:**

- Base Analysis report
- Learning Moment
- 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 April 6, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

**14. Adjournment:**

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

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 11:15 AM.

CARRIED

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Chair Bryan Vincent