

County of Huron
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 6, 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 July 6, 2023. Members of the Board present were: Bryan Vincent, Tina Bax, Lynne Harris, Jamie Heffer, Glen McNeil, Jason Oud and Derek Van Dieten. Members of the Board Absent: Jim Ginn, John Kiser and Frances Westley. 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 9:00 AM:

2. Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Member Heffer and Seconded by Warden McNeil

THAT:

The Economic Development Board Agenda for July 6, 2023 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 Bax and Seconded by: Member Oud

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting of May 18, 2023 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

5. Presentations/Delegations: None.

6. Opening Comments and Updates from the Chair:

Chair Vincent requested members consider the frequency of full board meetings. This will be added as a discussion item at a future meeting.

Chair Vincent stated that the Trailblazers event held at Cowbell was successful.

The Housing Committee provided a verbal update. Terms of Reference has been drafted and the initial direction has been established. The Committee will be meeting prior to the next board meeting and present the TOR and 3 initial direction ideas.

7. Board Member Comments:

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There was discussion regarding public requests. These are to be forwarded to Director Lass for dissemination.

Director Lass informed members of the event Economic Development is hosting. Finding Fairness in Farm Transition: Succession/Transition Workshop on November 16, 2023 by Elaine Froese.

Warden McNeil reviewed the Guardian Training he joined and it's importance.

8. Correspondence: None.

9. New Business and / or Unfinished Business:

9.1. Economic Development Dept May 2023 Report (presented by Vicki Lass)

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

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated July 7, 2023, titled Economic Development Department May 2023 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2. Immigration and Huron County (presented by Mark Nonkes)

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

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board receive the presentation by Mark Nonkes, Manager of Immigration Partnership, dated July 6, 2023 titled Immigration and Huron County, be received for information.

CARRIED

9.3. Ontario's West Coast Visitor Guide 2023 (presented by Rick Sickinger)

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

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receive the report dated July 6, 2023 by Rick Sickinger, Economic Development Officer titled Ontario's West Coast Visitor Guide 2023 as presented for information.

CARRIED

10. Financial Statements:

10.1. The Draft Financial Statements for the month ending May 31, 2023 were reviewed.

Moved by: Member Bax and Seconded by: Member Harris

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THAT:

The draft financial statements for the month ending May 31, 2023 be received.

CARRIED

11. Closed to the Public Session: None.

12. Future Meeting Topics:

- Working Group Recommendations
- 2024 Budget/Priority Setting

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Huron County Economic Development Board will be held on Thursday September 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM.

14. Adjournment:

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

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 10:54 AM.

CARRIED

Chair Bryan Vincent