

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

Thursday, September 7, 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 September 7, 2023. Members of the Board present were: Bryan Vincent, Jim Ginn, Lynne Harris, Jamie Heffer, Glen McNeil, Jason Oud and Derek Van Dieten. Members of the Board Absent: Tina Bax, 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 9:01 AM:**

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Moved by Member Ginn and Seconded by Member Harris

THAT:

The Economic Development Board Agenda for September 7, 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: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member Heffer

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting of July 6, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

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

Chair Vincent congratulated Member VanDieten and spouse Jennifer on being selected as runners up for Ontario Outstanding Young Farmers.

Chair Vincent informed members that a report will be coming to the next meeting that will review the Terms of Reference for the Board specifically the number of board meetings held annually.

**7. Board Member Comments:**

Member Ginn updated the members on an invitation to the Economic Development Department by the Ivey Business School to participate in a research pilot that explores systems change, improved sharing of best practices and sustainability in the Agricultural sector. In this study, we

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would be one of three counties and the research team would work with Ec Dev to coordinate various meetings with agricultural business owners to facilitate idea sharing. Member VanDieten and Ginn have been invited to participate. At this time we will assist with connections and consider joining when the project progresses further.

**8. Correspondence:** None.

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

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

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Heffer

THAT:

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

CARRIED

9.2. Aligning Council Priorities to Economic Development Board Activities (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Chair & Members of the Economic Development Board receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated September 7, 2023, titled Alignment of County Council Priorities to Economic Development Board Activities as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3. Economic Development Value Proposition (presented by Vicki Lass)

Moved by: Member Heffer and Seconded by: Member Harris

THAT:

The Chair & Members of the Economic Development Board receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated September 7, 2023, titled Economic Development Value Proposition, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.4. Housing Working Group Update (presented by Vicki Lass)

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

THAT:

The Chair & Members of the Economic Development Board receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated September 7, 2023, titled Housing Working Group Update, as presented for information;

AND FURTHER THAT:

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The Chair & Members of the Economic Development Board approve the appointment of two citizen members to the working group, namely, Glenn Scheels and Leslee Squirrel.  
CARRIED

**10. Financial Statements:**

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

Moved by: Member Harris and Seconded by: Warden McNeil

THAT:

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

CARRIED

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

**12. Future Meeting Topics:**

- Terms of Reference-number of meetings
- Council Priority Setting/Board Activities Report
- Housing Working Group Report

**13. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Huron County Economic Development Board will be held on Thursday October 5, 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

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Chair Bryan Vincent