

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

Thursday, December 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 a hybrid meeting setting on December 7, 2023 at 57 Napier Street in Goderich.

Members of the Board present: Bryan Vincent, Jim Ginn, Jamie Heffer, Glen McNeil, John Kiser, Tina Bax and Lynne Harris. Members of the Board absent: Lynne Harris (departed at 10:58 AM), Jason Oud, Derek Van Dietsen and Frances Westley.

Staff present: Director of Economic Development Vicki Lass, Chief Administrative Officer Meighan Wark and Director of Legislative Services/ County 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 Heffer

THAT:

The Economic Development Board Agenda for December 7, 2023 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest stated.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

Moved by: Warden McNeil and Seconded by: Member Kiser

THAT:

The minutes of the Huron County Economic Development Board meeting of November 27, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

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

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

Chair Vincent congratulated staff on the following events: Succession Planning for Farmers and the Feast on the Farm. Both received positive feedback and were very successful.

Chair Vincent stated that at the last meeting he indicated that there would be discussion regarding the change in the number of the meetings. The decision of the board was for a minimum of 6 meetings per year with the flexibility to add meetings. This will allow the subcommittees to focus on their respective areas.

**7. Board Member Comments:**

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Member Ginn requested an update on the feedback received on the Octoberfest Event. Director Lass stated that some positive feedback was received regarding the events and food/beverages. There was some feedback regarding transportation-the hop on hop off.

Warden McNeil and Member Heffer attended a housing event held at Queens Park on November 20, 2023 with many members of parliament and ministers. It was well received.

**8. Correspondence:** None.

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

9.1. Huron County Growth Forecast (presented by Denise Van Amersfoort)

Moved by: Member Kiser and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Denise Van Amersfoort, Manager of Planning and Development, dated December 7, 2023, titled Huron County Growth Forecast, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2. Starter Company Plus Report (presented by Vicki Lass)

The grant recipients presented to the members of the board.

Moved by: Member Heffer and Seconded by: Member Ginn

THAT:

The Chair and Members of the Economic Development Board receives the report by Vicki Lass, Economic Development Director, dated December 7, 2023, titled 2023 Starter Company Plus Report as presented for information.

CARRIED

**10. Financial Statements:**

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

Moved by: Member Ginn and Seconded by: Member Bax

THAT:

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

CARRIED

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

**12. Future Meeting Topics:**

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- Selection Committee Report
- SBEC Funding Options

**13. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Huron County Economic Development Board will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

**14. Adjournment:**

Moved by: Member Heffer and Seconded by: Member Kiser

THAT:

The Huron County Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 11:33 AM.

CARRIED

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Chair Bryan Vincent