

County of Huron  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 5:00 PM  
Howick Community Centre – Auditorium, 45088 Harriston Road Gorrie, Ontario

The Economic Development Board met at Howick Community Centre, Gorrie, Ontario on November 14, 2018. Members of the Board present were: Chair John Marshall, Jim Ginn, Paul Gowing, Maureen Nummelin, Tim Prior, Brad Chandler, Steve Baker, James Eddington, Joe Steffler and Martin Vanderloo. Staff present: Director of Economic Development Cody Joudry, CAO Meighan Wark, Clerk Susan Cronin and Office Administrator Reanne Clark. Members of the Board absent: Peter Smith.

**1. Chair John Marshall called the Economic Development Board meeting to order at 5:08 PM:**

**2. Motion to Accept the Agenda and Receive All Reports:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Eddington

THAT:

The Economic Development Board Agenda for September 19, 2018 be accepted and all the reports included in the Agenda, be received as presented.

CARRIED

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

No declarations of pecuniary interest were stated.

**4. Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Steffler and Seconded by: Member Prior

THAT:

The minutes of the Economic Development Board meeting of September 19, 2018 be accepted and all reports included in the agenda be received as presented as presented.

CARRIED

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

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

Chair Marshall stated that this meeting would be a series of presentations and updates from staff and subcommittees.

**7. Board Member Issues:**

Member Gowing expressed concerns regarding challenges developers face regarding zoning. County staff are monitoring these concerns and will consider them when doing the County Official

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Plan and local municipal Official Plans and Zoning Plans. The Concierge Program is meant to help address many of these challenges.

Member Vanderloo informed members that he was part of the Business Higher Education Roundtable with federal ministers, business leaders and representatives from education facilities. Discussion included an effort to implement across Canada an integrated work learning system to by 2028. This would give all students work experience through apprenticeship/coop programs. He will keep members updated.

Member Eddington discussed a housing development in Exeter that involved roughly 80 homes. He asked if planning staff are able to encourage the developers to build housing in the \$150,000 to \$250,000. Cody Joudry informed members that Ec Dev Staff regularly talk to developers about a mix of housing. He also informed members that round tables have been held realtors to discuss some of the issues and will be hosting a separate round table with land developers on December 7, 2018. These concerns and actions were included into the Workforce Attraction and Retention Strategy (WARS).

**8. Correspondence:** None.

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

9.1 Economic Development Department Update (prepared by Katie Marshall)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Katie Marshall, Communications and Marketing Officer, dated November 14, 2018, titled Economic Development Department Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.2. Starter Company Plus Program Update (prepared by Nicki Darbyson)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Nummelin and Seconded by: Member Prior

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Nicki Darbyson, Small Business Centre Coordinator, dated November, 2018 titled Starter Company Plus Program Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.3. Summer Company Program Updates (prepared by Nicki Darbyson)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Eddington and Seconded by: Member Prior

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The Economic Development Board receives the report by Nicki Darbyson, Small Business Centre Coordinator, dated November 14, 2018 titled Summer Company Program Updates, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.4. Growing Success Working Group October 2018 Update (prepared by Cody Joudry)

MOTION:

Moved by: Warden Ginn and Seconded by: Member Gowing

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated November 14, 2018 titled Growing Success Working Group October 2018 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.5. County Fund Working Group October 2018 Update (prepared by Cody Joudry)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Vanderloo and Seconded by: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated November 14, 2018, titled County Fund Working Group October 2018 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.6. Business and Entrepreneurship Working Group October 2018 Update (prepared by Cody Joudry)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated November 14, 2018, titled Business and Entrepreneurship Working Group October 2018 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

9.7. Bluewater Centre Working Group October 2018 Update (prepared by Cody Joudry)

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board receives the report by Cody Joudry, Director of Economic Development, dated August 13, 2018, titled Bluewater Centre Working Group October 2018 Update, as presented for information.

CARRIED

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**10. Financial Statements:**

10.1. Financial Statements (prepared by Lisa Harvey)

Financial Statements for the month ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were reviewed.

Moved by: Member Prior and Seconded by: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The financial statements for the month ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be received as presented.

CARRIED

Cody Joudry informed members that the renewal committee met and supported the reappointed of John Marshall and Martin Vanderloo for a 2 year term.

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Warden Ginn

THAT:

The Economic Development Board supports the recommendation of the Renewal Committee to the Huron County Striking Committee to extend the appointment of John Marshall and Martin Vanderloo to the Huron County Economic Development Board for 2 years.

CARRIED

**11. Closed to the Public Session:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Nummelin and Seconded by: Member Baker

THAT:

The Economic Development Board do now go into a Closed to the Public Session at 7:07 PM under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended; to discuss an item that relates to:

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local Board employees – approval of Closed Session Minutes;

AND FURTHER THAT:

CAO Meighan Wark and Clerk Susan Cronin remains in attendance.

CARRIED

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Gowing and Seconded by: Member Nummelin

THAT:

The Economic Development Board rise from the Closed to the Public Session at 7:09 PM.

CARRIED

- Reporting out of Closed Session – CAO Wark stated that previous closed session minutes were reviewed and approved.

**12. Future Meeting Topics:**

- Updates from Working Groups

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- Strategic Planning Review Process
- Bluewater Youth Centre Tour
- Renewable Energy 100% by 2050 Initiative – request for delegation to Economic Development Board
- Social Public Procurement
- Housing Solution Organizational Structure
- Efficiency of funding for Health Care within County
- Walton Raceway Tour

**13. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Economic Development Board will be on Cowbell Brewing Co., 40035 Blyth Road, Blyth, Ontario on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 5:00 PM.

**14. Adjournment:**

MOTION:

Moved by: Member Eddington and Seconded By: Member Prior

THAT:

The Economic Development Board meeting adjourn at 7:13 PM.

CARRIED