

**MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**



**Date:** Thursday, July 5, 2018  
**Time:** 12:00 a.m.  
**Location:** HELD IN BLYTH IN THE DRUMMOND HALL ROOM AT  
COWBELL

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Trevor Seip  
Murray Simpson  
Karen Stewart  
Dave Tiffin  
Glen Manjin  
Grant Sparling

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bill Knott

**STAFF PRESENT:** Amanda Piskorski

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Laura Simpson - Huron County Planner, Mark Woodward -  
Huron Chamber of Commerce, Rebecca Rathwell -  
Centre for Employment and Learning

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**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS - NEW ATTENDEES**

Chair Simpson called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. and welcomed the attendees.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOVED BY:** Karen Stewart

**SECONDED BY:** Glen Manjin

THAT the North Huron Economic Committee; accept the Agenda for the July 5, 2018 Committee Meeting.

**CARRIED**

**3. MINUTES**

3.1 Minutes of the North Huron Economic Development Committee Meeting held June 7, 2018

**MOVED BY:** Glen Manjin

**SECONDED BY:** Grant Sparling

THAT the North Huron Economic Development Committee accept the minutes from the meeting held on June 7, 2018.

**CARRIED**

**4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None declared.

**5. REPORTS**

**5.1 Community Improvement Plan - Background Report**

Huron County Planner, Laura Simpson reviewed her report, "North Huron Community Improvement Background Report" with the Economic Development Committee.

Questions were raised regarding if the BIAs were consulted in the background report. Laura confirmed they were not because there wasn't enough time before the Council meeting but ensured that they will be consulted in the next phase of the project. It was determined that Laura would come back to the Committee at the August meeting to discuss what was new in the report after the consultations with the Business Improvement Areas.

The Committee applauded Laura for her hard work and wanted to ensure that Laura knew that she is welcome to reach out to the Committee for any help with the coming stages of the Community Improvement Plan.

**MOVED BY:** Karen Stewart

**SECONDED BY:** Dave Tiffin

THAT the North Huron Economic Development Committee accept the "North Huron Community Improvement Background Report" from Planner Laura Simpson;

AND FURTHER THAT the North Huron Economic Development Committee recommends North Huron Council receive the Background Report, titled "North Huron Community Improvement Background Report" prepared by Planner Laura Simpson and in consultation with the Economic Development Committee and proceed with creating a Community Improvement Plan for North Huron for Council's consideration.

**CARRIED**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**6.1 Paris Main Street Revitalization Fund**

It was discussed that this money will be used to fund the Community Improvement Plan. This item is to be brought back to the August meeting.

## **7. DISCUSSION**

Mark Woodward, Ontario Chamber of Commerce, Goderich Central and North Huron invited the Committee to attend two future events.

Discover Accessibility in Huron is an event in support of Accessibility Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) at the Libro Hall in Clinton on October 10, 2018 and will feature a Huron County Accessibility Awards Ceremony as well as a speaker from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC). The event will also feature local members of the public who have been involved in accessibility design and compliance.

A Breakfast event will be held in August (date TBA) to hear from a Canadian Chamber of Commerce Analyst about the potential impacts of the ongoing trade dispute and it's impact on NAFTA.

It was suggested that the Committee hold on all candidates event for the up and coming election. Hosting an event like this will make the Committee more visible to the public, get the Committee more known to the public and possibly getting more people interested in sitting on the Committee. The event could let the public know what the Committee stands for, who the Committee is and why the Committee is putting on the event. This discussion is to be brought back to the August meeting to plan the details of the event. The Committee would like to hold this event at the beginning of October. It was noted that if the Committee does the event that all candidates will be invited not some of them.

Mark Woodward informed the Committee that he could help with the event as he assisted with a similar event that was successful.

Mark also notified the Committee of a phone application called ForeFlight. This application lets pilots, passengers or flight departments use a downloadable phone application on a smart phone. This application could be used to find out what's happening in the area the plane is flying to. This application can be edited to reflex what's happening around the Wingham Airport. This item is to be brought back to the August meeting to be included in the marketing discussion.

## **8. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. in the Wingham Library.

**CARRIED**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY:** Dave Tiffin

**SECONDED BY:** Glen Manjin

THAT the North Huron Economic Development Committee agree that there being no further business before the Committee; the meeting be hereby adjourned at 1:21 pm.

**CARRIED**

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Chair

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Co-Chair