



August 25, 2017

Re: Partnering together in *Growing Success*

Dear Mayor Cole,

The Huron County Economic Development Board was established in 2015 to advise County Council on matters related to strengthening the regional economy. This responsibility includes identifying opportunities to improve the delivery of development services at both the county and municipal level.

In an increasingly competitive development environment, the Economic Development Board is undertaking the *Growing Success Project*, which is a service delivery review of the economic development services provided in Huron County. Beginning this December, a professional consultant will collect information and analyze delivery options to make recommendations for improving both the effectiveness and efficiency of our economic development service offer. The RFP is attached to this correspondence and the Board requests that this be added to your municipal council agenda for discussion.

As development services are provided across municipal boundaries, the Board cannot undertake this project alone. The cooperation and participation of our partner municipalities is absolutely vital and demonstrates a commitment to ensuring that, together, we are providing the best services possible for tax payer dollars.

With a shared obligation to review performance and ensure that the needs of our clients are being met, the results of this study will benefit the county and all municipalities. The Board would be happy to present the Growing Success Project to your municipal council and looks forward to working collaboratively with your staff as we strive to become the best-in-class development service provider in Ontario.

Sincerely,

Jim Lynn, Chair
Huron County Economic Development Board