

**Neening Economic Development Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
Monday, April 18, 2016  
5:15pm Neening Municipal Office**

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1. Present: D Kilgour, P Cain, W Robinson, B Wright, C Bruce, E Butikofer.
2. Approval of the Agenda..  
Moved by CBruce Seconded by E Butikofer Carried
3. Declaration of conflict of interest: none
4. Presentation by W Robinson Control Your Destiny or Someone Else Will.

Next Steps

- relationship with Chamber of Commerce Thunder Bay
- Neening Presence- display, 10 Things to Do. Video
- Real Estate- directory of properties available
- Promotion team
- Identify business opportunities along corridors

Discussion of negative press re. Municipality eg. Nature Conservancy

Negative perception of municipality.

Lack of support to Path of Paddle/HOC- things that distinguish us as a part of a larger piece. Need to be part of a larger initiative to attract tourism.

W. Robinson will contact Tbay Ventures, Fed Nor, Provincial ED contact.

5. Minutes of Monday March 21/2016 meeting read and accepted.  
Moved by C Bruce Seconded by B. Wright. Carried

6. Business arising: Official Plan letter drafted by D Kilgour and Tcartlidge was sent to council.

Conservation Land discussion continues. E. Butikofer is continuing to gather information related to Ministry of Finance formulae; other municipalities affected; Developments of trail systems and insurance issues.

The EDC suggests that council should invite the Nature Conservancy to a public forum to be held at Blake Hall to discuss their initiative to purchase property in Neening.

7. A Look Back – Documents distributed- Forest Plan; Short Mid Longterm planning (Feb 9, 2015); By-Law 776 revisions 2014;
    - Forest Plan to be reviewed for next meeting
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- Follow up- status of Pigeon River Park; Immigration Portal; Brochure- 10 things to do in Neebing; Information Centre- seeking official reply; Recreation Committee developments- enhancements at Margaret Street Boatlaunch. (Insurance issues?)
  - Real estate- developing residential tax base
  - Working within a large municipal group to ensure success. Ie. Alignment with Oliver-Paipoonge.
8. Old Business  
HOCP- follow up with C Butikofer October meeting?  
Gasifier status
9. New Business: Funding possibilities  
As above R. Robinson to pursue
10. Other development of Fire Hall on 608 as a recreation/admin center  
E Butikofer distributed FOTTEN Community Asset document
11. Next meeting May 16, 2016 at 5:15
12. Adjournment C. Bruce motion to adjourn at 6:58

#### ACTION ITEMS

- E. Butikofer and D Kilgour to follow up with Real Estate
- E. Butikofer to follow up re. insurance
- B Wright to ask council re. Nature Conservancy Meeting
- W. Robinson to follow up on Economic Development Issues.