

**Neebing Economic Development Advisory Committee
Minutes
Monday, March 21, 2016
5:15pm Neebing Municipal Office**

1. Present: Dawne Kilgour, Pam Cain, Wayne Robinson, Brian Wright, Colin Bruce, Erwin Butikofer. Guests- Thora Cartlidge
 2. Approval of the Agenda. With addition to New Business.
Moved by WRobinson Seconded by E Butikofer Carried
 3. Declaration of conflict of interest: none
 4. Minutes of Monday Feb 22/2016 meeting read and accepted.
Moved by E. Butikokfer Seconded by W. Robinson. Carried
 5. Business arising: None
 6. T. Cartlidge outlined the prospective changes to the Official plan to be recommended by Council and the committee discussed the items.
C. Bruce expressed concern as to how the changes effect the enforcement if policy not in place. It is noted that zoning by-laws are updated after the Official Plan is adopted.
 - T. Cartlidge and D. Kilgour are to draft a letter of recommendation to council for the committee to review.
 7. Discussion of R. Potvin's presentation of the role of Thunder Bay Ventures and development of a strategy to "First Steps to Economic Prosperity for Neebing"
Discussion pointed to the need for a review of the process; the committees role/relationship with Council; Council's expectations of the committee.
Pcain outlined the duties of the committee outlined in the by-law. Committee will review past Statagic plans. Discussion of initiatives included the Immigration Portal and the Heart of the Continent.
 - P. Cain will distribute the duties as outlined in the by-law, the 2011 Strategic Plan document, the 2013-2014 identified Initiatives document and Feb 2015 short term/mid term and long term focuses to the committee.
 - W. Robinson has a presentation on economic development strategies that he can prepare to be relevant to the local issues.
 8. Discussion of meeting on March 9th with Z Polkowksi related to the purchase of Conservation Lands in the municipality. The committee requests that council prepares a draft letter that outlines the position that the EDC is to consider. The request to organize a petition will be tabled until the letter is prepared.
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E. Butikofer will follow up contacting other municipalities in a similar situation to see their strategies.

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: T. Carlidge presented the Community Food Security Report Card. The committee encourages the council to request a presentation by the coordinator K. Donahue and inform the committee of when that will take place.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00. Moved by C. Bruce .

The next meeting will be on April 18th at 5:15.