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**Event: Tech Break Time Luncheon**

**Topic:** Open Source Operating Systems: Viable Alternative?

**Event date: Tuesday, March 27 2007 12:00pm to 1:00pm**

**Location: Siva's Family Restaurant (Timmins Square)**

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**Open Source Operating Systems: Viable Alternative?**

Timmins, ON – March 22, 2007 – There are a number of operating system platforms that can be installed on your personal computer, however the brand of computer often dictates which one, for example Mac's OS X (Tiger) and Microsoft's line of operating systems: Windows 2000, XP and now Vista for the PC. Free operating systems commonly refer to as open source are not normally suggested by retailers, but have been the subject of grassroots movements in recent years. Over the next three months NEOnet, along with guest speakers, will be wading into the operating system debate with a three part presentation series. Terry McGaghran and Andrew Cumming will present Part I of the series, providing some answers to your questions concerning open source operating systems at this month's Tech Break Time luncheon – March 27<sup>th</sup> 2007.

Admission is free, and lunch is available at the participants' expense. The event will run from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Siva's Family Restaurant (Timmins Square).

For more information on *Tech Break Time* or to register for this month's event, contact Chris McLaughlin at 705.360.1353 ext 1 or [cmclaughlin@neonet.on.ca](mailto:cmclaughlin@neonet.on.ca).

Note: NEOnet is a regional non-profit technology development organization working to improve telecommunications services and ICT adoption in Northeastern Ontario.

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**\*\*Free lunch for members of the media\*\***

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