



Timmins Chamber of Commerce
Chambre de Commerce de Timmins

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE ANNUAL UPDATE 2006-2007

Mandate

The Transportation and Infrastructure Task Force is a standing policy task force of the Timmins Chamber of Commerce reporting to the Economic and Business Development Committee. It serves as the “Voice of Business” in developing advocacy positions to improve transportation and infrastructure within Timmins, the region and the province. This task force meets to discuss issues within this sector that are of concern to the business community. Efficient transportation and appropriate infrastructure are critical to the development and sustainability of a supportive business environment.

Members

Dan Charbonneau, Gord’s Rentals – **Chair**
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2006-2007 Year in Review

- Wrote letter to City Council, thanking them for implementing the committee’s suggestions of construction signage for 2008 (February 2007)
- Wrote letter to Luc Duval, incoming director of engineering and public works with the City of Timmins, inviting him to meet with the task force to discuss transportation and infrastructure issues (June 2007)
- Authored letter to City Council, requesting an Advisory Committee meeting to discuss directional signage, overhead signs and tourist signage (November 2006)
- Held meeting with former Director of Engineering and Public Works Greg Vaillancourt to discuss planned road work and share the list of priorities and see how the committee can support road development in the city (January 2007)

- Provided advice, direction and feedback through membership to the City Airport Advisory Committee in regard to Airport development and upgrading of the facility (throughout year)
- Welcomed a presentation from De Beers regarding new business opportunities and developments (April 2007)
- Provided advice, direction and feedback through membership to the Algonquin Blvd. Safety Committee (throughout year)
- Met with Downtown BIA committee to discuss parking availability, regulations and misconceptions (April 2007)
- Wrote letter to the Minister of Transportation requesting provincial funding for improvements to Airport Road (February 2007)
- Requested and reviewed the Algonquin Blvd. traffic count survey (March 2007)

Key Issues

- Developing methods to improving parking in the downtown core
- Evaluating the effects of an route through Timmins for trucks in order to alleviate congestion on Algonquin Boulevard and Riverside
- Monitoring and developing means to address traffic concerns on Algonquin Boulevard
- Looking into ways the City can implement more maintenance on the main arteries
- Monitoring the developments of a permanent road to the coastal communities
- Highway 101 West and 11 Intersection: Ensure traffic comes through Timmins