

PRIORITIES 2009-2010

DESTINATION TIMMINS



TIMMINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2009-2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD PLANNING SESSION

SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

1. Energy

Action: send to Natural Resources Committee

- Keep educated, keep informed, hard to change
- Is the government policy flawed? Pro-green agenda by provincial government
- How do we keep from losing our heavy industry that is so energy intensive? Develop manufacturers support strategy for considerations from energy pricing for economic development. Grant in lieu.

2. Municipal Vision

Action: send to Municipal Affairs Committee

- Create community vision- Prosperity list, what if there were no obstacles? Are we visionary or reactionary?
- Ensure City is accessing all forms of funding, support
- Infrastructure Plan for hard and soft services- roads, sewers, facilities
- Quality of Life- professional retention
- Long term debt plan/finance projects- make it visible, impacts (can we lessen impact on seniors, vulnerable groups? Assessment issue?)
- Become a destination, hub

3. Regional Centre Development & Promotion

Action: send to Tourism & Outreach Committee

- Shopping in Timmins, Buy Local
- Become a destination, hub

4. Business Development Support

Action: send to Economic & Business Development Committee

- Business programs for expansion, tax breaks to encourage value added in City. Can we develop a list of legal concessions with TEDC/Community Development Committee?
- Promote value add opportunities/support for manufacturing
- Business retention – significant municipal tax burden exists on business
- Promotion of entrepreneurship, diversification of economy
- Removal of barriers
- Need to support large industry

5. Education

Action: send to Economic & Business Development Committee

- Licensing of foreign-trained professionals
- Concerted efforts to bring access English-language university instruction to Timmins
- Continue to improve on existing institutions and encourage diversification
- Post-secondary-private enterprise partnership opportunities
- Promote as a Centre of Excellence (a hub) in education – retain our youth; encourage aboriginal youth (from Coast) to take their post secondary education here; promote a Study North idea to attract youth from crowded southern Ontario institutions.



