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TIMMINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

TIMMINS: The Timmins Chamber of Commerce is pleased that three of its many volunteers were recognized by the provincial government for their volunteer efforts at the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration Volunteer Service Awards held at the Days Inn on Tuesday, May 15th.

"Like many non-profit organizations in Timmins, volunteers are the lifeblood that bring many of our programs and services to fruition. It is only through the collective energy and support of our volunteers that the Timmins Chamber of Commerce is able to support the business community in Timmins through advocacy, education and networking," explains Keitha Robson, Manager of the Timmins Chamber of Commerce.

This awards ceremony allows us, as an organization and a community, pay tribute to the hardworking volunteers that bring their talents to the table. 3 members of the 21 person Timmins Chamber Board of Directors were recognized as celebrating specific milestones.

Larry Lalonde, a retiring Board member, was recognized for 10 years of service with the Chamber Board. He has served as Treasurer and Executive Committee member as well as served on numerous committees in the community representing the Chamber such as the Timmins Athletics Track Complex.

Tori Hanson, a retiring Board member, also received her 5 year service pin. Tori served the Chamber Board, numerous committees and notably loaned her talents as the Co-chair of the Timmins Regional Economic Outlook in 2006.

Marilyn Wood, the incoming Chamber President for 2007-2008, was recognized for 5 years of service to the organization. Marilyn is credited for guiding the policy development mandate of the Chamber Board during her tenure and representing the needs of the membership through her role with the Small Business Agency of Ontario.

"It is because of the efforts of these volunteers, and many others, that the Timmins Chamber of Commerce is recognized as a leader. They may not be paid staff but they work just as hard to ensure that we take care of business in Timmins," commented Robson, "We sometimes forget to say thank you to those who give of their volunteer time in our community. I am pleased that this event has given us a chance to do that with at least a few of the champions of our organization."

The Chamber was pleased to attend the ceremony where numerous community groups were able to celebrate the commitment of local volunteers.

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The Timmins Chamber of Commerce represents over 640 businesses and has been The Voice of Business in Timmins since 1949. Its advocacy and policy initiatives focus on ensuring a positive business climate in the City of Timmins.

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