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Re: Community Development Officer Position with the City of Timmins

Earlier this year, the Economic Development Committee of the Timmins Chamber of Commerce recognized a need for the City of Timmins to create a permanent position for a Community Development Officer (CDO). It is the role of a Community Development Officer to lead initiatives that serve to benefit the community at large. These initiatives may include developing new festivals and events, coordinating the efforts of local interest groups and non-profit organizations such as Positively Timmins, and spearheading campaigns to improve existing facilities and /or add new facilities in the City. The initiatives of a CDO may result in economic benefits for the City of Timmins; however, the primary goal of community development initiatives is to increase the quality of life enjoyed by Timmins residents.

The Chamber was pleased by the support shown for this position by the CAO, Joe Torlone, who intends to request funds in the next municipal budget to support this position. The Chamber Community Outreach Committee sees no role currently designated within the City of Timmins to fulfill this goal. We see the advantages of having a CDO position in the City of Timmins numerous and far-reaching, as local organizations, members of the community, the City of Timmins will all benefit from the results of community development projects.

Please find attached a copy of a suggested job description for a Community Development Officer. A CDO will fill a significant gap that we believe currently exists within the city. The Chamber of Commerce strongly recommends that the creation of this position be seriously considered by the City of Timmins and we urge the new council to support its creation for the betterment of our community.

Sincerely,

Ken Petersen
2006-2007 President
Timmins Chamber of Commerce