

**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
2009-2010  
TERMS OF REFERENCE  
TIMMINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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**Chair** – Rob Galloway

**Purpose**

The Natural Resources Committee identifies, monitors, promotes awareness and addresses issues relating to the development, management and regulation of natural resources in our region. The committee initiates informational and advocacy activities to encourage the sustainable development of resources in our region, with a focus on advocating for a competitive and economically viable climate for Timmins' resource-based businesses.

**Reporting Structure**

The Natural Resources Committee Chairperson reports and is accountable directly to the Chamber of Commerce President for the effective operation of the committee and for all Committee decisions. The President, in turn, is accountable to the Board for the operation of the Natural Resources Committee within Chamber of Commerce Board policies.

**Authority**

The Natural Resources Committee is empowered by the Board of the Timmins Chamber of Commerce to make decisions within the mandate established in this document and within the context of the Board's organizational policies.

The Natural Resources Committee may develop policies that promote government actions favouring sound business development through sustainable resource development so long as they fall within general policy as set by the Board. The President may provide guidance and direction to the Natural Resources Committee through its Chairperson, but cannot over-ride decisions of the committee, provided that those decisions conform to Board policy.

The Chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee is authorized to:

- Act as the spokesperson for the Natural Resources Committee within the Chamber of Commerce.
- Speak externally on behalf of the Chamber regarding matters falling within the committee's mandate.
- Commit funds within the parameters of the approved operating budget of the Natural Resources Committee.

**Chairperson Responsibilities**

The Chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee provides leadership to the committee and is responsible for assigning and coordinating the committee's work. In addition, the Chairperson is responsible for:

- Receiving and responding to questions and issues concerning Chamber policy positions from members of the Chamber.

- Developing and managing an operating budget to support the annual Natural Resources Committee Operational Plan.
- Ensuring that meetings are properly documented, with the assistance of relevant Chamber staff.

## **Membership**

The Chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee is appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the Manager and/or executive members of the Board. The remaining members of the Natural Resources Committee may comprise the following:

- Sitting members of the Timmins Chamber of Commerce Board
- Interested members of the Timmins Chamber of Commerce
- The Chamber Manager (ex-officio)
- Chamber Staff

## **Committee Objectives**

The scope of the responsibilities of the Natural Resources Committee reflects the natural resource industries in Timmins. The objectives of the Natural Resources Committee include:

- Identifying and monitoring government-issued policy and regulatory changes pertaining to natural resource development and management (introduction of new and changes to existing).
- Identifying and addressing issues pertaining to the economically viable and sustainable development of natural resources in the Timmins-James Bay region; namely mining, forestry and energy-generating resources.
- Identifying and addressing barriers to resource development.
- Developing Chamber-lead strategies to actively address barriers to business and resource development in Ontario.
- Ensuring that resource development regulations promote socially, economically and environmentally responsible business practices.
- Provide guidance and input regarding the Chamber's position on issues relating to resource development (i.e. Mining Act Review).