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NEWS RELEASE-

The Business Development Committee of the Timmins Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the second annual Business Friendliness Index.

Today, the Chamber launched a survey with its business members to find out “How Easy is it for Business to Do Business with City Hall?”

The survey results will be tabulated after the response deadline of April 29th, 2005 compared with last years results and shared with the various departments of City Hall, who welcome the opportunity to have the Chamber members provide constructive critique of the municipal services. The Chamber is encouraging as many of its members as possible to provide feedback.

“This survey allows the Chamber to fulfill part of our mandate in ensuring a positive business climate. That starts with making sure our businesses are well served by City Hall,” commented Dave Roberts, 2004-2005 Chamber President.

“The department heads and council at the City of Timmins were in support of the original survey and the second annual release of the survey will give us results for comparison. We hope the findings in various departments will provide insight into the operational review the City is currently undertaking at the urging of the Chamber”, stated Martin Rupnik, Chair of the Chamber Business Development Committee.

“As the leading business organization in the City of Timmins, representing 540 business members, it is important that our organization create opportunities like this so that our members can be heard. By using our collective voice, our message is clear and makes it easier for City Hall to make improvements based on input from the group and not just isolated instances”, stated Roberts.

To view the survey, visit www.timminschamber.on.ca and click Lobby Actions.

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