

# Timmins Chamber of Commerce Chambre de commerce de Timmins

November 7, 2006

Honourable Chris Bentley  
Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Mowat Block  
900 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON  
M7A 1L2

Dear Minister Bentley:

News from the federal government last week of an infusion of \$390 million dollars for Ontario was welcome in our region. As your Ministry begins to apply those dollars to needed projects, we encourage you to rank the Northern College expansion as a "Must Do".

As the lead organization representing existing businesses in the City of Timmins, the Timmins Chamber of Commerce Board, staff, and 600 business members who employ 11, 000 residents of the City of Timmins, are pleased to support the proposed expansion of the Porcupine Campus of Northern College. This expansion would allow Northern College to continue to meet the needs of our regional employers through their training facilities including the Centre for Excellence in Health Sciences, Trades and Technology and Emergency Services.


The Chamber thanks Northern College for their foresight and innovation in creating a solution to address the shortage of skilled trade workers in our region, along with the issue of health care by creating a College that is strong and equipped to develop these employees. The construction and long term College employment resulting from this \$28 million infusion of capital into one of our most valued community resources is not only of immediate, but long term value to the Chamber businesses, our community and our region.

Our Board of Directors looks forward to your commitment in supporting education in our northern communities and in doing so, the recognition that our educational institutions have an important role to play in supporting the industry that drives our economy.



P.O. Box 985  
Timmins, ON  
P4N 7H6

 (705) 360-1900

 (705) 360-1193

 [krobson@timminschamber.on.ca](mailto:krobson@timminschamber.on.ca)

 [www.timminschamber.on.ca](http://www.timminschamber.on.ca)



# Timmins Chamber of Commerce Chambre de commerce de Timmins

We thank you for your immediate consideration of the Northern College proposal.

Sincerely,




Ken Petersen  
2006-2007 President  
Timmins Chamber of Commerce


Cc.

Honourable David Ramsay, MNR  
Honourable Rick Bartolucci, MNDM  
Fred Gibbons, Northern College  
Michael Hill, Northern College  
Mayor Victor M. Power, City of Timmins  
Dave McGirr, Timmins Economic Development Corporation



P.O. Box 985  
Timmins, ON  
P4N 7H6

 (705) 360-1900

 (705) 360-1193

 [krobson@timminschamber.on.ca](mailto:krobson@timminschamber.on.ca)

 [www.timminschamber.on.ca](http://www.timminschamber.on.ca)

