

Timmins Chamber of Commerce Chambre de commerce de Timmins

Tuesday, July 18th, 2006

The Ontario Power Generation Inc.
Mr. Jake Epp
Chairman of the Board of Directors
700 University Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M5G 1X6

Dear Mr. Epp,

The Timmins Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the submission of a highly respected and qualified northern Ontario candidate for membership on the Ontario Power Generation Corporation (OPG) Board of Directors.

Northern Ontario constitutes more than two-thirds the land mass of Ontario and is the region in which much of the province's electricity is generated. It is also the region wherein many of the province's top industrial electricity consumers operate. Furthermore, there are a number of important projects being undertaken by OPG throughout northern Ontario. There are numerous critical electricity issues affecting the north, with serious implications for industry, business, residents and our overall economic viability and sustainability. Clearly, many of northern Ontario's interests are influenced, directly or indirectly, by OPG. Therefore, the Timmins Chamber of Commerce feels it is vital that northern Ontario have an able representative, who can best protect the interests of all groups in northern Ontario, sitting on the OPG Board.

We would like to put forth Mr. Pierre Perras LL.B C.A., Senior Partner, Perras Montagenais Lawyers, Kapuskasing, Ontario as a candidate for your consideration. This fluently bilingual candidate obtained his LL.B. from the University of Ottawa in 1982, has been a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada since 1984 and of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario since 1988. He has been Senior Partner of his law firm since 1993. Prior to that time he practiced law with the Toronto firm of Fraser Milner Casgrain, Barristers and Solicitors. Before that he held progressively responsible roles with the firm of Ernst & Young, Chartered Accountants, in Ottawa.

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Mr. Perras is a past Mayor of the Corporation of the Town of Kapuskasing, having served between 1994 and 1997, during which time he was also Commissioner of the Kapuskasing Public Utilities Commission. A Past President of the Kapuskasing and District Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Perras has also, over the years, been a Director on the Centre Medico-Social Communautaire de Toronto, a Director of Northern Telephone Limited and of Telebec Limited. He is a Past Director and Treasurer of the Metropolitan Toronto District Health Council and, since 2002, he has served in the role of Director and Audit Committee Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee, Bell Nordiq Group Inc.

The Timmins Chamber of Commerce, together with our regional partners, is highly optimistic about the prospect of having such a distinguished and qualified representative from northern Ontario on your Board of Directors. We will be pleased to answer any questions that you might ask of us and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest possible convenience.

Yours truly,



Tom Laughren
2005-2006 President
Timmins Chamber of Commerce

cc. The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Rick Bartolucci, Minister of Northern Development and Mines
The Honourable David Ramsay, Minister of Natural Resources
The Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Energy

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