

## PRESS RELEASE

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### CHAMBER CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

(TIMMINS) - The Timmins Chamber of Commerce presented its *2008 NOVA Business Excellence Awards* to recipients at a gala awards ceremony Thursday evening. This year, the theme for the event was “fire and ice”. The stellar event lived up to its reputation as the premier business event for the Chamber of Commerce. This year, NOVA judges had a difficult time whittling down over 95 nomination forms to just three finalists for each category. Even more difficult was the task of selecting just one recipient for each of the 13 awards.

The theme for this year’s *Nova Awards* gala was “Fire and Ice”. Complete with ice sculptures, fire twirlers, professional sound and lighting and fire and ice-themed appetizers, the McIntyre arena came alive with theatrics during the event.

According to NOVA organizers Gary Marriott and Joel Bergeron, planning the event required a lot of time and effort, which all paid off in the end. “To be able to plan and execute such a high calibre event for our region is a great accomplishment,” stated Marriott. “Based on the attendance of over 450 people and response from people who attended the event, it was a true success for nominees, finalists, recipients and all who attended the gala,” he added.

“As a group, the 2008 finalists & recipients exemplify business excellence in Timmins”, stated Bergeron. “To see such a great turnout for the event – a sold-out success – it is a wonderful reward for all of the efforts that have been put forth by the committee members, event judges, Chamber staff, and our event sponsors, without which an evening like this would simply not be possible.”

Chamber President Marilyn Wood stated “Having an event of this quality really makes businesses proud to be part of the Timmins business community. The Chamber of Commerce feels it is a tangible way to celebrate the successes of businesses in a proper manner. From what I’ve seen tonight during the awards gala, finalist videos and recipients, I am impressed at the quality of businesses that Timmins has to offer and proud to be part of an organization that recognizes and values the importance of celebrating our collective success.”

For more information, contact the Chamber office at 360-1900, or visit the website at [www.timminschamber.on.ca/nova.htm](http://www.timminschamber.on.ca/nova.htm)

A list of recipients follows.



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## 2008 NOVA AWARDS Recipients

### **Service Excellence**

#### **Uptown Auto Parts Inc.**

*Awarded to a business that has demonstrated a commitment to providing top quality customer service.*

Award Sponsor: Northern College

### **New Business (under 2 years)**

#### **Christopher's Coffee House**

*Awarded to a business that has been in operation for up to two years and has demonstrated outstanding growth and success.*

Award Sponsor: TEDC/BEC

### **Marketing Innovation Achievement**

#### **Three Small Rooms Boutique**

*Awarded to a business that has launched an outstanding and unique marketing ad, event or promotional campaign for its own product or service.*

Award Sponsor: RioCan-Timmins Square

### **Young Entrepreneur (under 30)**

#### **Brisco Media**

*Awarded to an entrepreneur 30 years of age or younger who has demonstrated leadership and ability in operating his or her business.*

Award Sponsor: The Venture Centre/Le Centre de development

### **Non-Profit Organization**

#### **Schumacher Lions Club**

*Awarded to a non-profit organization that exemplifies entrepreneurial spirit.*

Award Sponsor: City of Timmins

### **Aboriginal Partnership Award**

#### **Wawatay Native Communications Society**

*Awarded to an aboriginal or non-aboriginal business who has demonstrated a commitment to developing partnerships within the community to forward aboriginal culture, acceptance and/or employment.*

Award Sponsor: De Beers Canada

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 **Environmental Award**

**Goldcorp Canada Ltd.**

*Awarded to a business that has demonstrated a commitment to preserving or enhancing our natural environment.*

Award Sponsor: Union Gas

 **Apprenticeship Award**

**Northern Mechanical Services**

*Awarded to a business that sponsors skilled trade apprenticeships.*

Award Sponsor: Timmins Construction Association

 **Business Contribution to the Community**

**Xstrata Copper**

*Awarded to the business that chooses to make Timmins a better place by demonstrating a commitment of financial and human resources to support community goals. This award recognizes a business, not individuals.*

Award Sponsor: Goldcorp

 **Business of the Year, 1-5 Employees**

**The Fitness Zone**

*Awarded to a business with up to five employees that has demonstrated excellence in sales, growth, product development, job creation and quality.*

Award Sponsor: BDC

 **Business of the Year, 6-49 Employees**

**N. Lacroix Plumbing & Heating (Timmins) Limited**

*Awarded to a business with between 6 and 49 employees that has demonstrated excellence in sales, growth, product development, job creation and quality.*

Award Sponsor: Scotiabank

 **Business of the Year, 50+ Employees**

**The Home Depot**

*Awarded to a business with between 50 or more employees that has demonstrated excellence in sales, growth, product development, job creation and quality.*

Award Sponsor: Northern Credit Union

 **Media Person of the Year Award**

**Lydia Chubak-Kapel**

*Awarded to a local media person who has contributed to the promotion of the Timmins business community.*

Award Sponsor: Teletech Timmins