



Timmins Chamber of Commerce
Chambre de commerce de Timmins

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TIMMINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RECEIVES ACCREDITATION WITH DISTINCTION FROM CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MARKHAM: In a ceremony on Sunday, the Timmins Chamber of Commerce was officially recognized for receiving accreditation with distinction from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, becoming one of nine Ontario Chambers to have received the honour.

2007-08 President Marilyn Wood and General Manager Keitha Robson accepted the honour Sunday on behalf of the Chamber at the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Markham, Ont.

Accreditation is a formal acknowledgement that Canadian chambers/boards of trade have been successfully evaluated by the Chamber Accreditation Council of Canada (CACC) against rigorous national standards of policy, service and performance. The CACC, which meets twice a year to review applications for accreditation, represents provincial, territorial and national chambers of commerce.

Accreditation is granted to individual applicant chambers/boards who demonstrate that they meet all eligibility requirements set out in the CCOC's Checklist for Accreditation and the Guide to Accreditation.

"Receiving accreditation with distinction from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce is a significant milestone for the Timmins Chamber of Commerce," said Marilyn Wood. "It is something we are extremely proud of. Our 654 members can look to this designation and be assured that they are part of a progressive organization that is completely transparent."

The accreditation program was created to protect, reinforce and elevate the chamber of commerce brand by signaling to members and the community at large, as well as to competing organizations, that chambers of commerce are professionally run businesses meeting high standards that are uniform across an extensive network.

"We are proud to recognize the Timmins Chamber of Commerce as an effective, responsible and well-managed organization, that is making a difference in its community and keeping *'The Voice of Business'* loud and strong," said Perrin Beatty, President and CEO of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

The Timmins Chamber of Commerce was one of only 11 Chambers from across Canada to receive accreditation with distinction during Sunday's ceremony. Of the 350 Canadian Chamber of Commerce members, only 34 are accredited with distinction.

The Timmins Chamber of Commerce represents over 650 businesses and has been The Voice of Business in Timmins since 1949. Its advocacy and policy initiatives focus on ensuring a positive business climate for our members.

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