



Timmins Chamber of Commerce
Chambre de commerce de Timmins

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL

TIMMINS: As part of municipal budget deputations Monday night, Timmins Chamber of Commerce President Marilyn Wood outlined the Chamber's recommendations for the city's 2008 budget.

Some of the items of note brought forth by Wood on behalf of the 675 businesses of the Chamber included:

- Their concern about the estimated \$10 million in purchasing from out-of-town vendors.
- The need for a strategic plan for economic sustainability.
- Their encouragement for the City to explore revenue streams other than property taxes and user fees.
- The request that the city review its department costs as the next step in its operational review.

Wood opened the presentation by celebrating the city's accomplishments on several crucial issues, including the development of a 10-year capital plan; the city's work on the reduction of tax arrears; the introduction of the Biz PaL program which reduces red tape for permitting and licensing of new businesses, and the decision to release of the 2008 budget during the final quarter of 2007.

The Chamber of Commerce's 2008 budget recommendations were developed after a consultative process with the 675 member businesses of the Chamber.

"We were encouraged by the high level of interest shown by our members in the budget process," said Wood. "The suggestions we received from businesses were well thought out and had the best interests of businesses and residents alike in mind. We are confident that City Council will give consideration to each and every one of our recommendations."

Click [here](#) for a copy of the Chamber of Commerce's 2008 budget presentation to City Council.

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The Timmins Chamber of Commerce represents over 675 businesses and has been The Voice of Business in Timmins since 1949. Its advocacy and policy initiatives focus on ensuring a positive business climate in the City of Timmins.

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