



Timmins Chamber of Commerce  
Chambre de commerce de Timmins

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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS TO STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**TIMMINS:** Timmins Chamber of Commerce President Marilyn Wood made a presentation to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs this morning on behalf of the membership.

Timmins is one of the communities being visited by the committee as it gathers submissions from stakeholders before the drafting of the 2008 provincial government budget. The nine-person committee is comprised of MPPs from all three parties.

The role of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs is to consider and report to the legislature its observations, opinions and recommendations on the fiscal and economic policies of the province.

The items discussed by Wood in her presentation included:

- Investment in Public Infrastructure
- The Diamond Royalty
- Energy Prices
- The Doctor Shortage
- Education and Training
- Wood Flow
- Revenue Sharing
- Retail Sales Tax
- Mining Act Review

Following the presentation, Committee member Sophia Aggelonitis, Liberal MPP for Hamilton Mountain, praised Wood for her passionate presentation. Aggelonitis also congratulated the Chamber of Commerce on receiving Accreditation with Distinction from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in 2007.

"The Chamber of Commerce wants to be proactive in relaying the concerns of our 685 members to all levels of government," said Wood. "Our submission today gives our business members a voice in the formulation of the 2008 Provincial Budget. The response to our submission was positive and our members can rest assured that we will continue to follow up on these recommendations."

The 2008 provincial budget will be released in the spring by Finance Minister Dwight Duncan.

Please click on the link below for a copy of the Chamber of Commerce's presentation to The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

<http://www.timminschamber.on.ca/documents/Provincialbudgetpresentation.pdf>

*The Timmins Chamber of Commerce represents over 685 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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