



Timmins Chamber of Commerce  
Chambre de commerce de Timmins

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### SMALL BUSINESS WEEK 2007 A RESOUNDING SUCCESS IN TIMMINS

**TIMMINS:** The Timmins Chamber Commerce and The Business Development Bank of Canada - co-sponsors of Small Business Week 2007 - are pleased to report that the week's events were an overwhelming success.

Held Oct. 15-19 in Timmins, Small Business Week featured 11 different events. Highlights of the week included:

- The Northern Ontario Business Awards were held on Oct. 18. Three Timmins Chamber of Commerce members walked away with awards: Five Nations Energy Inc. received the First Nations Business Award of Excellence; Haasen Farms Ltd. took home Company of the Year (1-15); and United Supply Group of Companies was the recipient of the Judges' Choice Awards.
- The Federation of Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) held an economic summit Oct. 17-19 that attracted more than 200 business leaders from across Northern Ontario. Several priorities were established following six different breakout sessions.
- The Chamber of Commerce hosted the Mayor's Annual State of the City Address Oct. 15 at the Dante Club, attracting 115 people.
- Several workshops were offered to small businesses on a variety of subjects, including theft deterrence, how to approach the banks for money, and gaining access to international markets.

"The Timmins Chamber of Commerce was pleased to take a leading role in organizing Small Business Week," said 2007-08 Chamber President Marilyn Wood. "We were especially encouraged to see so many bright business minds gather in Timmins to exchange ideas and information - during both the FONOM summit and the numerous workshops that took place."

Noted Chamber Manager Keitha Robson: "Small Business Week was made possible by the generous support of our many sponsors, partners and volunteers. It was truly a collaborative effort - reflecting the spirit of small business."

Added Marc Diné, manager of the Timmins office of the Business Development Bank: "The Business Development Bank of Canada is proud to provide financial support to small businesses in Timmins. We were honoured to play a role in sponsoring and organizing Small Business Week."

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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