



Timmins Chamber of Commerce
Chambre de commerce de Timmins

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TIMMINS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTING THREE SMALL BUSINESS WEEK EVENTS

TIMMINS: As part of its ongoing support of the small business community, the Timmins Chamber of Commerce is pleased to host three events as part of Small Business Week from October 15-19.

On Monday, October 15, the Chamber - along with the Business Development Bank of Canada - is hosting the Mayor's State of the City Address at the Porcupine Dante Club from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mayor Tom Laughren will deliver his first State of the City presentation - addressing city developments in 2007 and its vision for the future. This event is the official kick-off to Small Business Week.

On Wednesday, October 17 we are pleased to host an *Ask the Expert* event: Meet the Press, beginning at 8 a.m. in the Chamber of Commerce boardroom. Special guests Tom Perry of the Daily Press and CTV's Jason Laneville will make a presentation on how businesses can maximize their exposure through the media.

Finally, on Thursday, October 18 the Chamber will present a Lunch and Learn session with Nathalie Rice, CA with Ross, Pope & Company Chartered Accountants. Nathalie will discuss CRA audits (for individuals and businesses); tax tips for proper record keeping; and changes small businesses should be aware of. The events will take place at noon in the Chamber of Commerce Boardroom.

Said 2007-08 Chamber President Marilyn Wood: "The federal and provincial governments define small and medium enterprises as businesses with 500 employees or less. As a result, Small Business Week is designed to celebrate each and every member of the Timmins Chamber of Commerce."

Small Business is being recognized across Ontario throughout the month of October. There are over 350,000 SMEs in the province, employing nearly three million people and accounting for over \$120 billion in economic activity.

The media is encouraged to attend and report on all Small Business Week events. We ask you to RSVP the Chamber if you plan to attend the above events. For all other events, please RSVP to the host organization listed on the attached schedule of events.

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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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