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Young Professionals Event planned for February 20

The Timmins Young Professionals group is hosting its first networking event on the evening of Friday, February 20 at Northern Swing Golf Centre. The group is the newest creation of the Timmins Chamber of Commerce and gives young professionals the opportunity to get more involved in the business community, network with other young professionals, share ideas, best practices, and take advantage of professional development opportunities. All interested young professionals are invited to attend the introductory event and provide their ideas and input to the committee as it moves forward.

Kurt Bigeau, chair of the young professionals committee, is looking forward to its continued development. “A group of young professionals got together in the fall to discuss what we could offer other young professionals and the business community. It quickly became apparent that Timmins has a significant young professional population and we want to ensure that there are opportunities for them to network and become better involved in the business community.” Bigeau continued, “We want young people to know that they can have solid futures and opportunities in the north, as employees, managers and entrepreneurs.”

According to committee co-chair Lori Murphy, “We really want to use the event as an opportunity to let other young professionals know that we are present in the community, to build our network and to get input from other young professionals about what they would be interested in, such as other networking events, professional development opportunities and the like.” The committee will have feedback forms on-hand for attendees to give their ideas for professional development opportunities, networking events and other items of interest for young professionals in Timmins. The licenced event takes place from 7 to 10pm and will feature light programming for attendees, including golf simulators, Wii and Playstation games. Admission is \$10 and is payable at the door.

According to Bigeau, “It’s a great way for young professionals to interact with each other in an informal setting, share our areas of expertise with one another, learn more about the Chamber network and about the local opportunities that exist for young professionals. It enables them to learn more about the Timmins Chamber network and how to get actively involved in the business community.”

All young professionals, including those new to the community are encouraged to attend the event. For more information, visit www.timminschamber.on.ca/Events/YPEvent.pdf.

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About the Timmins Chamber of Commerce

With over 750 members, the Timmins Chamber of Commerce is the largest accredited chamber of commerce with distinction in northeastern Ontario. As the “Voice of Business in Timmins” since 1949, our advocacy and policy initiatives focus on ensuring a positive business climate in the City of Timmins.