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Chamber ornament commemorates rich mining history of Porcupine Camp

Monday, April 20, 2009 – The Timmins Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the release of the latest addition to its series of commemorative pewter ornaments. In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Porcupine Mining Camp, the Tourism Committee at the Timmins Chamber of Commerce is releasing a pewter miner's helmet as the newest member of the pewter ornament family.

This is the 8th pewter souvenir ornament that has been produced by the Tourism Committee. Each year the committee selects a symbol that is of some importance to the community. "2009 marks the beginning of anniversary celebrations for the City of Timmins. It made sense for our committee to produce an ornament that recognizes mining and the 100th anniversary of the beginning of mining in Timmins," stated Bruce Cowan, Chair of the Tourism Committee. "We have decided to try something a little different this year as well. All of the past ornaments were essentially flat with engraved depictions, while this year we have chosen a more prominent three-dimensional piece, which we are sure loyal collectors and first-time buyers alike will enjoy."

The ornaments are approximately 1 inch in height and 2 inches in diameter and come attractively gift boxed. A total of 500 ornaments have been produced for sale. They are available for purchase at the Chamber's Tourism Information Centre and the Shania Twain Centre. Each ornament costs \$10.95 + taxes.

Other available ornaments produced by the committee depict the following local icons and landmarks:

The South Porcupine Arena (a.k.a. "The Barn")
The Daily Press/CKGB building ornament, circa 1962
Hollinger Gold Mine Ore Bin
Saint Anthony of Padua Cathedral
McIntyre Headframe
McIntyre Arena
Hollinger House

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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.