

Transportation & Infrastructure Task Force
Annual Update
2009-2010

Chair: Dan Charbonneau

Mandate

The Transportation & Infrastructure Task Force is a standing policy committee of the Timmins Chamber of Commerce. It serves as the “*Voice of Business*” in developing advocacy positions to improve transportation and infrastructure related to the efficient movement of people, goods, services and resources into and within Timmins, the region and the province.

Members

Jeffrey Beaton, *Studio Jeffrey Beaton*

Dan Charbonneau, *Gord’s Rentals*

Guy Chartrand, *Chartrand Equipment*

Brody Emery, *Thunder Airlines*

Anne-Marie Farrington, *Air Creebec Inc.*

Rob Galloway, *Galloway & Galloway Executive Services*

Fred Gibbons, *Northern College of Applied Arts & Technology*

Marc Lapalme, *Timmins Snowmobile Club Inc.*

Gary Marriott, *NorthernTel*

Greg Reynolds, *Drei Publicity & Public Relations*

Clayton Richard, *Air Creebec Inc.*

Lloyd Richards, *L. Richards Moving & Cartage Limited*

2009-2010 Year in Review

- Monitored results of “road needs study” conducted by the MTO.
- Survey drafted regarding airport business needs and distributed to airline members, stakeholders, car rental agencies, restaurant, private owners, and the membership at large.
- Based on survey responses & committee input, developed a “10 point plan” for airport improvements and issued to Airport manager, Mayor and CAO.
- Discussed the need for better signage in downtown parking lots.
- Lobbied to reignite the Algonquin Boulevard Solutions Committee.
- Researched costs and resources associated with hosting the Snowbirds in 2012.
- Discussed the potential benefits of introducing freight service in Timmins.
- Discussed the purchase of the ONTC building for use as a municipal bus terminal.
- Hosted guest presentation with Mark Jensen (City of Timmins) about the ONTC building purchase and bussing changes, the Fifth Avenue changes regarding the Autumnwood retirement residence, Doran’s Property, and the conversion of Confederation Arena to a gymnasium.
- Hosted guest presentation with Harley Nikkel (Victor M. Power Airport) regarding operating costs and long-term projects for the airport.
- Discussed the need to create traffic solutions for entrances at Collège Boréal and Timmins High.
- Hosted guest presentation/discussion with Luc Duval, Director of Public Works and Engineering for the City of Timmins

Key Issues

- Ensuring that the City of Timmins constructs and maintains infrastructure that is safe and conducive to a productive and vibrant regional centre;
- Ensuring that the municipality receives appropriate, adequate and justifiable provincial and federal funding to maintain essential infrastructure in the region;
- Monitoring the municipality's upgrades and new developments of sewer and water treatment infrastructure;
- Ensuring the municipality produces and maintains proper roadway and highway signage;
- Ensuring that the entrances and exits to the City of Timmins are accessible, safe and well maintained;
- Monitoring municipal and/or private plans to develop a bypass route; evaluating its anticipated impacts on regional business; gauging and communicating member support for an alternate route;
- Monitoring proper maintenance and improvement strategies to our "connecting link" highway (a segment of Highway 101 that includes Algonquin Boulevard);
- Monitoring and providing input on potential strategies for maintaining and preserving Algonquin Boulevard, improving traffic flow, minimizing damage to the roadway and to the adjacent buildings);
- Monitoring the development and improvement to transportation services into and out of the city, including bus and aircraft travel;
- Monitoring developments with the Victor M. Power Airport;
- Ensuring municipal services (such as snow removal, roadway maintenance) enable efficient operation of businesses and daily activities within the City's jurisdiction.