

Young Professionals Committee
Annual Update
2009-2010

Chair: Kurt Bigeau

Mandate

The Young Professionals Committee of the Timmins Chamber of Commerce serves as a committee for young professionals, young entrepreneurs and those new to the community who are seeking to build their business networks by getting involved in the Timmins Chamber of Commerce and connecting with other young professionals. The committee aspires to assist in the engagement and retention of young professionals by organizing networking and professional development initiatives. The Young Professionals Committee identifies and addresses issues of importance to our generation, promotes Timmins as a great place for young professionals to live and work and identifies opportunities for growth.

Members

Jeffrey Beaton, *Studio Jeffrey Beaton*

Kurt Bigeau, *Sun Life Financial*

Roxanne Daoust, *The Venture Centre/Le Centre de développement*

Kali Garneau, *Timmins & District Hospital*

Melanie Hansman, *Ross, Pope and Company*

Chantal Henry, *A Sense of Order*

Jeff Mackie, *Credit Counselling Services of Cochrane District*

Janick Nadeau, *Northern College of Applied Arts & Technology*

Marcel Pelchat, *Ontario Power Generation*

Jason Perratt, *Logikal Code*

Alexandra Spence, *NEOnet Inc.*

Yanick Tremblay, *Ontario Power Generation*

Networking and Professional Development Opportunities

- Biz After 5 – Networking evening (December 2009)
- Seminar: Leadership Development for Young Professionals (January 2010)
- Financial Session: Tax Tips for Young Professionals (February 2010)
- Financial Session: Building a Financial Roadmap for Young Professionals (February 2010)
- “Professional Approach to Social Networking” session with NEOnet (March 2010)
- Social at Northern Swing Golf Centre (March 2010)
- OPG tour of Abitibi Canyon (April 2010)
- Information session for first-time home buyers with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (May 2010).
- Lunch ‘N’ Learn: Stocks: What are they and should I play the market? (June 2010)

Engaging Young Professionals

- Drafted 10-point plan for engaging, attracting, and retaining youth in Timmins (October 2009);
- Planned an awards luncheon for young professionals (ongoing);
- Explored the possibility of hosting a workshop or information session for new entrepreneurs (February 2010).

Committee Promotion

- Explored the possibility of developing an online discussion board or uniquely branded webpage for the Young Professionals Committee (January 2010);
- Explored the possibility of creating a Facebook Fan page for the Young Professionals Committee (February 2010).

Other Activities

- Provided input for the Chamber's submission on the Proposed Growth Plan for Northern Ontario (December 2009).

Key Issues

- Providing networking opportunities for young professionals and young entrepreneurs;
- Assisting in the engagement and retention of young professionals in Timmins;
- Providing professional development opportunities for young professionals;
- Promoting Timmins as a great place for young professionals to live and work;
- Identifying and addressing issues of importance to young professionals.