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March 30, 2007 (TIMMINS)- The Timmins Chamber of Commerce Nova Awards Committee named thirty five local businesses and organizations as Finalists for the 2007 Nova Business Excellence Awards today. Chamber President Ken Petersen announced that the finalists were chosen with “great difficulty” by an impartial panel of six local judges, from a list of more than 60 nominations. The judges had such difficulty they even chose 4 finalists in one category unanimously.

Cheryl Corbeil, Nova Committee Co-chair, added “Finalists were selected for their efforts to transcend accepted standards of business excellence, through their customer service, management, and /or community involvement.”

“As a group, these businesses have distinguished themselves by offering outstanding service and showing considerable entrepreneurial spirit”, commented Mary-Lou Pollon, Committee Co-chair. “The judges commented how inspired they were by the entrepreneurial spirit demonstrated in the nominations.”

The fourteen category winners will be announced during a gala Awards ceremony on April 19. This unique and stylish affair promises to be the highlight of the spring business community calendar. “This is a first class event and we’re looking forward to recognizing all of the nominees and category recipients that evening. We have a new venue and we are busy creating a special event for all of the finalists and the business community”, added Corbeil. Tickets cost \$50 and are moving quickly. Call the Chamber office at 360-1900 to reserve your tickets today. The Finalists in each category are: (see attached)

## **Finalists**

### **Nova Awards for 2007**

#### **Business Contribution to Community**

Mikey's General Sales & Repair Ltd.  
NorthernTel  
Teletech

#### **Service Excellence**

Youlten Travel Inc.  
Mikey's General Sales & Repair Ltd.  
Uptown Auto Parts Inc.

#### **New Business (under 2 years)**

G & N Self Storage  
Northern Swing Golf Centre  
Branded Spaces

#### **Marketing INNOVATION Achievement**

LoriJo Studio  
Three Small Rooms Boutique

#### **Young Entrepreneur**

Grassroots Landscaping  
Deli 101  
Pizzale Gardens Inc.

#### **Business of the Year, 1-5 Employees**

Haasen Farms Limited  
Steinberg & Mahn Ltd.  
Jim's Welding and Ironworks

#### **Business of the Year, 6-49 Employees**

Riopelle Griener  
NorFab Metal & Machine  
Panels & Pipes  
RioCan- Timmins Square

#### **Business of the Year, 50+ Employees**

Canadian Tire  
Levis' IGA  
Xstrata Copper – Kidd Mine

#### **Non-Profit Organization**

Alzheimer Society of Timmins-Porcupine District Inc.  
The Timmins Symphony Orchestra  
YMCA

#### **Lifelong Learning**

To Be Announced at the Event

**Mediaperson of the Year**

To Be Announced at the Event

**Environmental**

Rio Tinto Minerals, Luzenac Inc.

Grassroots Landscaping

Blue Heron Solutions for Environmental Management Inc.

**Construction Trades Apprenticeship**

On The Level Construction

N. Lacroix Plumbing and Heating

Accurate Electric

**Aboriginal Partnership**

Five Nations Energy Inc.

Wasaya Airways LP