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Timmins Chamber of Commerce
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City of Timmins
Mayor Boileau and City of Timmins Council
220 Algonquin Boulevard East
Timmins, ON P4N 1B3

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Dear Mayor Boileau and City of Timmins Councillors,

The Timmins Chamber of Commerce is inquiring regarding the City-initiated zoning by-law for storage containers. We have concerns that with no specific by-law regulations on storage container use for businesses, the interpretation of the existing 2011 by-law is that they are not permitted.

For many of our Chamber members, storage containers provide an essential solution for additional space or storage for business operations. These containers offer affordability and flexibility, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises that may not have the resources to invest in dedicated warehouse facilities. With no by-law in place to protect business owners, the use could be subject to enforcement under the 2011 terms. This process creates an additional barrier for aspiring entrepreneurs who are already facing numerous challenges.

We respectfully request that the City of Timmins revisit the existing by-law, the proposed amendments previously submitted by Planning, particularly concerning business use, and begin a dialogue to better understand the possible impact and unintended consequences of not responding to an update for the by-law.

We would be more than willing to participate in any discussions or provide further information to assist in finding alternative solutions that address the concerns of both the city and local businesses. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 705-360-1900 or to our CAO, krobson@timminschamber.on.ca should you require any additional input.

Sincerely,

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