

# The Corporation of the City of Timmins

## RESOLUTION

Moved by                     Rick Bisson                    

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Seconded by                     Joe Harwood                    

WHEREAS the Mining Industry employs 25% of our local labour force and the Timmins Mining Camp is responsible for a large part of the 5.5 billion dollars generated by the mining industry in the Province of Ontario.

AND WHEREAS the City of Timmins plans to work with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines and the Ontario Prospectors Association to develop an acceptable framework for a Provincial Mineral Policy

AND WHEREAS the critical ingredient in DEVELOPING NEW MINES which result in economic development in the North is EXPLORATION.

AND WHEREAS the City of Timmins is situated in a "World Class Region" to explore and develop mineral resources, we clearly believe that the high mineral potential of the Abitibi in Northeastern Ontario must be recognized and "ACCESS TO LAND" in this region must be preserved.

AND WHEREAS Ontario's current lack of a mineral policy has created a highly fragmented land fabric that in most instances absolutely precludes exploration due to INFLEXIBLE BOUNDARIES DRAWN ON PAPER. Simply put NO EXPLORATION results in NO NEW MINES!!

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the City of Timmins does hereby request the Honourable Minister Jim Wilson, Minister of Northern Development and Mines to acknowledge that the "Abitibi Subprovince" is regarded internationally by explorationists as "one of the best places in the world to explore" and that this PRIME EXPLORATION ground has great potential for creating new mines, new jobs and new tax revenues for Ontario and our northern communities.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the City of Timmins does hereby request the Honourable Minister Jim Wilson, Minister of Northern Development and Mines to create an Abitibi Mineral Reserve where land use consideration and the needs of the Mineral Exploration and Development Community take PRIORITY IN ALL future land use planning wherein guaranteed "Access to Land" will result in a pro-exploration Ontario Mineral Policy.

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Sept. 9/02

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