



MUNICIPAL MINUTE



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Editor's Note:

This seasonal newsletter is produced by the City of Timmins' Communications Department for the benefit of the public. Our goal is to produce a quarterly bulletin, providing our residents with information we feel is relevant and of interest based on the current season.

We hope you will find value in reading this newsletter and learn more about our operations and our valued employees, who work hard to provide you with city services.

If there are municipal matters you would like to learn more about, we encourage you to contact us with any questions, comments and suggestions.

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Should you have questions or concerns regarding your services, we encourage you to contact the responsible department directly.

A full Department Directory can be found on our website at www.timmins.ca/city-hall/department-listing or call 705-264-1331.

After hours: 705-264-1201

CELEBRATING SUCCESS FROM 2017

- The value of construction recorded at over \$49 Million—attributed to more substantial investments in non-residential development sector
- Completed Phase 2 of the Connecting Link
- Successful Stars & Thunder festival
- Infrared installed on the secondary treatment system at waste water plant
- UV system installed at water treatment plant, GIS integration and hydrant flow identification by Public Utilities
- Museum renovation project and co-location of Tourism Timmins and Timmins Economic Development Corporation
- Numerous park improvements
- Approval of Timmins' first emergency Homeless Shelter and Service Hub
- Implementation of the Elderly Property Tax Assistance Credit
- Construction has begun on the new Integrated Emergency Services Centre at Northern College



BE IN THE KNOW ON STREETS AND SNOW

The Public Works crews have been busy with the amounts of snow accumulating throughout the city lately. Crews are out in full force and schedules are posted regularly in an attempt to keep residents informed.

Considering schedules are created ahead of time, the Public Works crews used the reduced amount of snow at the beginning of this season to their advantage, by staying on top of the levels and ensuring the Snow By-Law is adhered to.

“Our snow removal and snow plowing operations really rely on the cooperation from residents and businesses – ensuring the elimination of any

obstructions in the streets,” explained Public Works Manager Ken Krcel.

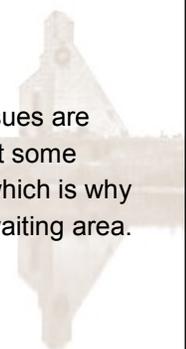
Despite public education and the distribution of fines under By-Law 1993-4162, residents continue to shovel snow from their respective properties into the streets. To review the By-Law, please visit <https://timmins.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/20693?preview=20709>

The snow plowing and snow removal schedules are posted to the City's website on a weekly basis. To sign up and receive these notifications directly to your email, please visit <http://www.timmins.ca/online-services/subscribe-to-updates>

DID YOU KNOW?

Passengers at the Timmins Victor M. Power Airport with accessibility issues are permitted an escort through the Security checkpoint. We recognize that some passengers may require special assistance prior to boarding the airplane, which is why measures are in place to allow friends, family or caregivers through to the waiting area.

The FIRST HOUR of parking at the airport is FREE!





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TIMMINS PICKS UP POWERLINE SAFETY AWARD

This past fall, the City of Timmins was recognized for its excellence in electrical, powerline safety during the Electrical Safety Authority's (ESA) Annual Meeting and Ontario Electrical Safety Awards.

According to a release issued by the ESA "the award recipients – a municipality, utility, manufacturing and automotive companies, and a fire chief – illustrated that electrical safety is a shared responsibility that touches all individuals and organizations across the province."

The City of Timmins has been awarded the 2017 Powerline Safety Award from the ESA for its initiative to prevent contact with overhead powerlines from dump truck boxes being left up. The award is in recognition of the development and implementation of best practice recognizing the dangers of overhead powerlines.

Based on recommendations from the Joint Health and Safety Committee, in 2014 the City decided to equip all of its dump trucks with box-up indicators, which is a an alarm that lights up and sounds when a dump box is left up two inches or more and a driver pulls away. The City also erected several warning signs to remind operators to put their boxes down. In 2015, the City mandated that



Fleet Maintenance Manager Ernest Plante (left) and Public Works Mechanic John MacIvor accepted the aware on behalf of the City.

all contractors working snow removal would require box-up indicators as a condition to work for the City.

This initiative, led by Public Works Mechanic John MacIvor, Fleet Maintenance Manager Ernest Plante, and past Health and Safety Coordinator Lonny Michel, has eliminated overhead powerline incidents with the City and provided safety for all jobs contractors perform, regardless of who is hiring them.

FEES MAY APPLY FOR FROZEN WATER SERVICE

Northern Ontario winters can present us with many challenges, including the freezing and sometimes breaking of water lines.

The City of Timmins has identified properties that have experienced a frozen water service in recent years. These properties' owners or tenants received a letter in November 2017 advising that it is a mandatory requirement that a cold water tap inside the building be kept running around the clock, from December 15, 2017 to May 30, 2018 to avoid a reoccurrence.

The City of Timmins coordinates, and carries out requested work based upon a first come, first served basis, with the exception of critical requirements. Critical requirements will be reviewed by the Public Utilities Manager.

In general, the City of Timmins standard time to respond to a frozen water line request is 48 hours. A City representative will visit the dwelling, carry out an assessment, and develop a repair work plan for the owner to review and authorize the City of Timmins to carry out.

The repair work plan will start, generally by using thawing systems from within the dwelling. If the frozen water line cannot be thawed, the owner will be informed of other options, which may require the use of heavy equipment and additional thawing done outside of the dwelling, and/ or the provision of a temporary water line.

Should a frozen water service line occur at your building, you may call the City of Timmins Public Utilities Department at 705-360-2646.

