



Discover Abitibi

A project of innovation, cooperation and revitalization

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The Discover Abitibi Initiative received another shot in the arm today from a Wawa based company, which has recently opened an office in downtown Timmins. Randy Valotaire of Wilderness GIS was on hand to present a cheque for \$5,000 to Timmins Economic Development Corporation chair Dave McGirr and project manager Robert Calhoun.

In making the presentation, Mr. Valotaire said “he has been following the development of the initiative since early January and felt that the goals for the initiative were worth supporting. We generally are more involved in the forestry industry but the mining industry presents new opportunities for us and with increased exploration, there is the potential for growth for our company and the region. We are happy to financially support the project and in any other way that we can.”

Dave McGirr said “the commitment of firms like Wilderness GIS, who are new to the area says volumes for the importance of this initiative. When companies like Wilderness GIS are willing to invest their hard-earned funds in this type of initiative it means that we must be on the right track. The future of our region is highly dependant on the resource industries and projects like Discover Abitibi Initiative can bring exploration companies back into the area and will increase the value of the properties owned by local companies now. ”

Project Manager, Robert Calhoun echoed McGirr’s statements. “We have been given a great deal of support for this project from the large to the small companies and individuals. We appreciate this support and the investment in the future of our region. Although fund raising has gone quite well to date the project still needs the local area businesses to step forward with additional funding. The project will generate additional exploration in the area and in turn will increase investment in the region. Everyone will benefit from these investments either directly or indirectly.”