



Discover Abitibi

A project of innovation, cooperation and revitalization

Un projet d'innovation, de coopération et de renouvellement

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Press Release

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David McGirr, Chair of the Timmins Economic Development Corporation, announced today that Phase III of the Discover Abitibi Initiative is officially underway. McGirr stated, "as we approached the March 31st deadline we had a short fall in the private sector funding but I am pleased to announce that the private sector has responded. We raised an additional \$300,000 in just a few weeks, affirming the importance of this initiative to the region. We must continue to raise the \$250,000 needed, by June 30th, to complete all of the projects."

McGirr said "with all of the government funding in place we are now able to move forward. We appreciate the confidence the senior levels of government have shown in the management team by funding this important initiative. We would also like to thank Mayor Lim and council, of Timmins and Mayor Enouy and council, of Kirkland Lake for their support in making this initiative a reality. Both municipal governments have provided invaluable support for the project from the start."

Project Manager, Robert Calhoun echoed McGirr's remarks "we will be continuing to raise the remainder of the funding to ensure that there are no changes in the project dynamics. We are confident that now that the project is moving forward the private sector will see the positive affects of the initiative and will come forward with further contributions." McGirr and Calhoun again thanked all those who have contributed to date and encourage others to make an investment in their future and the future of the region.

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