



Welcome to the City of Timmins

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF TIMMINS

Monday November 5, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

City Hall: 220 Algonquin Blvd East Timmins Ontario

b) FONOM ONTC

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Seconded by S Black

WHEREAS: the Government on Ontario has announced plans to divest itself from Ontario Northland Transportation Commission

WHEREAS: this decision has already resulted in the cancellation of the 102 year old Ontario Northlander train service and plans to sell off Ontario Northland bus routes which will privatize the only intercity public transit serving many northern communities

WHEREAS: our resources sector relies on freight rail and changes in that service would seriously impact our economy Our existing highway network does not have the capacity to replace freight rail if cancelled or made economically not viable

WHEREAS: rail networks are much more economical to sustain than an extensive highway system as well as being more environmentally friendly

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Council for the City of Timmins petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to immediately suspend plans to divest from ONTC and consult with local municipalities stakeholders and regional economic development organizations Regarding the long term plans for improving the effectiveness of ONTC as a government asset

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