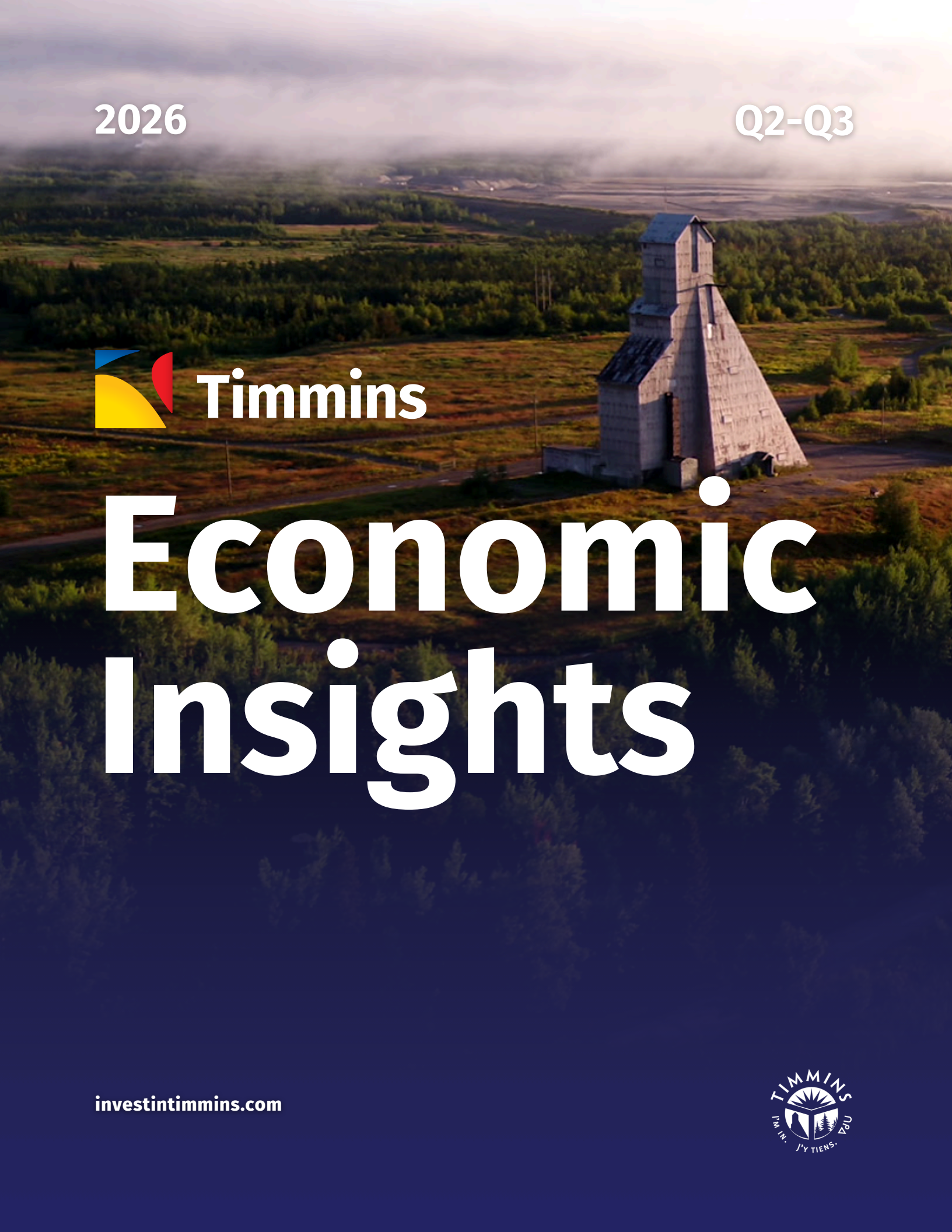

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Economic Insights

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Executive Summary

The City of Timmins Economic Insights report is a quarterly publication designed to provide residents, investors, and business leaders with a clear picture of local economic activity.

Economic Insights brings together key updates, data, and stories highlighting how the City is advancing economic growth and community development. Each edition provides a cumulative snapshot of work completed from the start of the year to the end of the quarter — from infrastructure investments and business support initiatives to workforce development, community planning, and investment attraction efforts. The report outlines how the City is preparing for growth, strengthening local capacity, and monitoring changes across the community that influence the city's economic landscape.

This edition, representing the second and third quarter in 2026, highlights over $50M in building permits across all classifications and significant progress on priority infrastructure projects, including year to date expenditures of $12.2 million for the Tisdale Water Tower, $17.6M on Segment 9 and $2.7M on Segment 13 of the Connecting Link, and the allocation of $2.69M towards the Evans Street Bridge replacement. The City continues to move forward on key strategic projects, such as awarding the $36.3M construction contract for Phase 1 of the Melrose Heights subdivision expansion, substantial completion on the Golden Manor redevelopment with commissioning activities beginning and the initiation of a Waste Management Master Plan.

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Talent

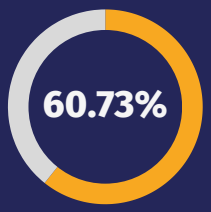
Population*
45,983

Physician Recruitment

The Timmins Physician Symposium, held on February 27-28, 2026 at the Best Western Premiere Suites, was highly successful, reaching full capacity with approximately 70 physicians in attendance. This achievement was made possible through strong collaboration between Timmins Economic Development, the Timmins and District Hospital recruitment team, and the Northern School of Medicine. The organizers wish to acknowledge the many sponsors and funding partners whose support was instrumental in the delivery of this event.

Workforce

Employment, unemployment, and participation rates show the pulse of our labour force — how many people are working, how many are looking for work, and how many are engaged in the job market overall.



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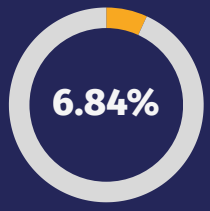

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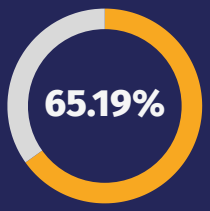

Participation

Economic Immigration

Timmins and the surrounding region were selected to participate in the Rural Community Immigration Pilot (RCIP) and the Francophone Community Immigration Pilot (FCIP). These Pilots are pathways to permanent residence for skilled workers who want to work and live in Timmins and its region.

	RCIP	FCIP
Designated Employers	**189**	**53**
Candidates Recommended	**157**	**18**

*2023 Statistics Canada population estimatesJuly 1, Census Metropolitan Area and Census Agglomeration



Building Permits

Permit Pulse

Construction permit values to date highlight the strength of local investment and provide a benchmark for economic growth in key sectors. Below are the number of permits and the value of new builds, additions and alterations (to date).

Residential

New Build	17	$7.3 Million
Additions & Alt.	202	$8 Million

Institutional

New Build	1	$14 Million
Additions & Alt.	21	$7.1 Million

Commercial

New Build	3	$2.6 Million
Additions & Alt.	40	$7.8 Million

Industrial

New Build	1	$1.8 Million
Additions & Alt.	3	$620,000

Other

Combined	18	$746,360

Year-to-date permits for all classifications	$50 Million



Infrastructure

Projects

Upcoming capital projects reflect a long-term strategic approach to infrastructure planning and investment that supports service capacity, reliability, and sustainable growth.



Tisdale Water Tower

$12.2 Million

Exterior sandblasting and the first coat of primer has been applied to the new Tisdale Water Tower. Much of the tank has been welded together at ground level, with epoxy coating, inspection, and hoisting of the tank among the next major steps. Once complete, the new water tower will hold 10 million litres of potable water, making it the largest water tower(volume) in Ontario. This project is supported by $23.5M in provincial funding.



Golden Manor Redevelopment

$107.8 Million

By the end of Q3, Golden Manor redevelopment reached substantial completions and commissioning activities began. Partial occupancy of the building occurred on September 16, as work continues to prepare the facility for operations. Exterior paving, sidewalk, and landscaping improvements continue with IT installation and operational readiness activities ongoing. The project represents a major investment in modern long-term care. Planned occupancy is being projected for late 2026- early 2027.


Evans Street Bridge

Infrastructure

Evans Street Bridge Replacement

$2.69 Million

By the end of Q3, contractors had started to raise the road profile on the north and south approaches to the Evans St. Bridge. The new bridge is being elevated to meet current flood protection and engineering standards, helping to reduce the risk of flooding and debris damage. Once complete, the new bridge will provide a safer and more reliable transportation route for residents and industry.

Connecting Link Segment 13

$2.7 Million

Completion of Segment 13 of the City's Connecting Link, Crawford St. east to Porcupine Bridge, is anticipated in mid-November. Crews prioritized paving sections of the east and westbound lanes, completion of sidewalk and curb installation, and watermain disinfection. Watermain and storm sewer work was substantially complete by the end of Q3. This is the final year of a two-year construction project designed to improve service reliability and safety through a busy community corridor.

Connecting Link Segment 9

$17.9 Million

Rehabilitation of the City's Connecting Link between Brunette and Hwy 655 requires a significant amount of coordination due to limited secondary access for businesses and emergency response. By the end of Q3, concrete curb and gutter installation, watermain testing, storm sewer infrastructure was nearing completion. Paving, traffic lights, and installation of traffic islands were underway, with project completion anticipated in early October.

Community Improvement

Grants

City Council has expanded the Downtown Community Improvement Plan (CIP) and Community Improvement Project Area (CIPA), extending grant opportunities to more businesses across Timmins. These updates aim to encourage revitalization, rehabilitation, and safety improvements in targeted areas through programs such as the Building, Façade, and Safety Improvement Grants.

Building	2	$77,099
Façade	1	$6,589
Safety	10	$43,553

2026 Downtown Community Improvement contribution investment

$127,242

Total construction value of Community Improvement Plan projects

$1.7M

Community Development

The mandate of the City of Timmins Community Development Committee is to facilitate community growth and development through a “one-stop shop” approach and to advise City Council on matters pertaining to community development. The Committee develops and directs key project initiatives that foster growth within the municipality, manages real property matters related to City land, and promotes awareness of its role and availability to residents, business owners, developers, and professionals. Through these responsibilities, the Committee supports coordinated and sustainable community development across Timmins.

Melrose Heights Subdivision

Site preparation has begun for the Melrose Heights subdivision expansion, with contractors mobilizing equipment and beginning perimeter clearing. This early work is part of Phase 1 and will create 172 fully serviced residential lots. The expansion is part of the City’s long-term strategy to deliver development ready land that supports future residential growth. Increasing housing capacity will also help Timmins attract and retain a skilled workforce and accommodate new residents as local industries and employers grow.

THe City has awarded a $36.3M construction project to GIP Interpaving Ltd. for Phase 1 of the subdivision expansion. The project will add approximately 2.1 km of new municipal infrastructure including roads, sidewalks, watermains, sewers, and street lights to support housing development. Construction is scheduled to begin in late 2026 and continue through Summer 2029, and is supported by up to $9.2M from Ontario’s Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund.

NORDS Funding Renewed

Ontario has renewed Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) funding for the next three years, providing Timmins with $400,000 annually to support key infrastructure priorities. The Provinces’ investment recognizes the demands that resource development places on municipal infrastructure and allows the City to plan and invest strategically to support industry, residents and continued economic growth.

Community Development

FONOM 2026 - Connecting Communities, Driving Growth

In May, the City of Timmins hosted the 2026 Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) Conference, showcasing Timmins as a premier destination for meetings and events. It put our community, businesses, infrastructure, and investment opportunities in front of key-decision makers, strengthening future partnerships and economic development. FONOM provided an opportunity to position Timmins at the centre of conversations shaping Northern Ontario's future.



Timmins Growth Management Study

Timmins Growth Management Study has been formally approved, establishing a 30-year roadmap to help the community prepare for population and economic growth. The study identifies how housing, infrastructure, land use and municipal services can keep pace with the new investment and growing workforce. Timmins is forecasted to add approximately 4,800 residents and require 2,200 new housing units by 2056.



Business Development

THE BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CENTRE
LE CENTRE DES ENTREPRISES

Our Small Business Enterprise Centre helps entrepreneurs and SMEs (small-medium-sized enterprises) throughout all stages of the business life cycle. All business consulting services and programs are free and offered in English and French.

283 consultations were completed

33 businesses were started

Starter Company Plus

Starter Company Plus is a free program that provides entrepreneurs with resources and support to help start, expand, or purchase a business. Through the program, participants create a professional business plan and may be eligible to apply for a micro-grant of up to $5,000.

20 participants completed the Spring intake

$35,000 in grant dollars awarded

SUMMER COMPANY

Summer Company is a youth entrepreneurship program that helps students start and run their own summer business. Participants receive hands-on business training and up to $3,000 in financial support for their business.

Program to be revisited for Summer 2027

OSBAC
Ontario Small Business Advisory Centre

Ontario

Business Development

Link North's BOOST program supports commercialization, business or product launch, scaling, expansion and/or improvement efforts by providing a 50% contribution up to $10,000 toward eligible project costs.

Year-to-date BOOST funding invested in innovation throughout the region.

$241,046

26 projects worth $540,201 were approved

29 projects worth $553,324 were completed

SMEs contributed $316,520 to innovation projects

Split Rock Drilling Inc.

With support from Link North's BOOST funding, Split Rock Drilling ws able to invest in cutting-edge equipment that advances their drilling services and opens new opportunities in geothermal and other clean-technology projects. The funding helps them stay competitive, grow their business, and contributes to sustainable ecoonomic development in the region.

Mike's Mobile Welding

Link North's Boost program helped Mike's Mobile Welding bring advanced manufacturing technology into their operation with a portable CNC cutting machine. The acquisition has increased their production capabilities and enables them to deliver innovative custom fabrication solutions that meet the evolving needs of their clients.

Investment Readiness and Marketing

As part of our commitment to promoting Timmins as a competitive place to invest and do business, we actively participate in tradeshows and conferences across the region and beyond. These events provide valuable opportunities to showcase our community, highlight key sectors, and build relationships with potential investors and partners. Our participation generated measurable outcomes — from booth visits and new connections, to knowledge gained and insights that will help strengthen our future marketing efforts. The following metrics reflect both the reach and the value of our engagement at these events.



Canadian Mine Expo (CME) 2026

Participation in the CME 2026 reinforced Timmins' position as a key mining hub in Northern Ontario and provided a valuable platform to strengthen industry relationships, promote regional investment opportunities, and advance the city's profile as a destination for mining, innovation, and business growth. With more than 3,000 participants and 400 exhibitors, CME provided an important opportunity to showcase the Timmins Advantage. Throughout the expo, the Timmins Economic Development connected with investors, mining companies, suppliers, and industry stakeholders to highlight Timmins' strengths in gold and critical minerals, its well-established mining supply and services cluster, and its growing capacity for mining innovation. Information on regional mining developments through the Projects in the Pipeline initiative further supported discussions and provided valuable networking opportunities. International presence at the event continues to build year over year with a delegation from Tanzania attending alongside representatives from other established mining markets, including Finland and Mexico.



Investment Readiness and Marketing

Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)

In September, Timmins Economic Development attended the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), partnering with Cultural Industries Ontario North (CION) and other Northern Ontario communities to host a joint booth at the Toronto Convention Centre. The first year of this collaborative approach was well received, providing an effective platform to promote Northern Ontario as a film destination. Over the four-day event, Timmins Economic Development connected with producers, directors and industry representatives interested in filming in Northern Ontario. Attendance at TIFF supported relationship building, increased awareness of Timmins as a potential filming destination and provided an opportunity to showcase the community's locations, resources and capacity to attract future film and television productions.



Environment

The City of Timmins is committed to building a more sustainable and resilient community. The City continues to advance programs that protect our natural environment, reduce emissions, and promote sustainable growth. These efforts not only safeguard the local ecosystem but also support economic development by encouraging innovation, efficiency, and investment in green infrastructure and industries. Together, these initiatives strengthen Timmins' position as a community prepared for a sustainable future.

Climate Safe Communities Toolkit

The City's Climate Safe Communities Toolkit provides practical resources to help residents, businesses, schools and organizations prepare for local climate risks. Building climate resilience can strengthen economic resilience by protecting critical infrastructure, reducing disruptions to business and industry. Timmins' approach has gained national recognition. The toolkit is highlighted in the Standards Council of Canada's ISO 14092 Application Guide for municipal adaptation planning.

Waste Management Master Plan

The City of Timmins is developing a Waste Management Master Plan to guide how Timmins manages waste as the community grows. The long-term strategy will identify opportunities to reduce waste, support diversion, extend the life of the existing landfill facilities and maintain reliable services. Effective waste management is essential for residents, businesses, industry and future development. Watch for opportunities to provide input and help shape the future of waste management in Timmins.



Emergency Management

Tanker Trucks

$1.7M delivery expected in 2027

City Council approved the purchase of two new fire tankers. The replacement apparatus will replace aging units at Stations 1 and 3 with 8,000-litre tankers equipped with frontline pumping capabilities. Scheduled for delivery in 2027, the new tankers will strengthen rural emergency response, improve fire protection for residents, and businesses, and support reliable infrastructure for community and industrial growth.

Pumper Truck

$1.5M delivery expected in 2028

City Council approved the purchase of a new frontline pumper truck to replace the aging equipment at Station 5. The apparatus will enhance firefighting and water supply capabilities. Scheduled for delivery in 2028, the investment will strengthen emergency response and support public safety.

104' Cobra Platform Fire Truck

$2.4M delivered early 2026

The Timmins Fire Department has strengthened its frontline capabilities with the delivery of a new 104' Cobra platform fire truck, marked by a traditional push in ceremony at Station 1 (Mountjoy).





Tourism

The tourism and visitor economy is a vital contributor to Timmins' growth, strengthening our community identity while creating jobs and business opportunities. By supporting events, experiences, and attractions, we are showcasing Timmins as a year-round destination and driving new economic activity across the region.

This section highlights a selection of events supported by Tourism Timmins and the Tourism Development Fund (TDF) Grant.

Supported by Tourism Timmins

- FONOM Conference
- RAM Rodeo
- 2026 Northern Ontario Little League Championships
- Canadian Mining Expo
- Porcupine Prospectors and Developers Symposium
- Pickleball Tournament
- Dream Acres - Royal Ontario Agricultural Fair



Canada Day

Tourism Timmins, in collaboration with various City departments, successfully coordinated the 2026 Canada Day Celebrations. The municipal financial allocation of $100,000 was maintained to support the delivery of the celebration, ensuring residents and visitors continued to have access to a quality, inclusive, and engaging Canada Day experience. The event achieved strong community participation and engagement, welcoming thousands of residents throughout the evening. As part of the celebration, free food was distributed to thousands of residents, enhancing accessibility and ensuring community members could fully participate in the festivities. The evening concluded with a successful fireworks display, providing a memorable finale to the event.



Tourism

$3.74 Million YTD

37 Thousand YTD

22 events supported through the TDF Grant generated an estimated $3.74 million in regional economic impact and resulted in more than 37,000 overnight stays.

Highlighted Events Supported by the TDF Grant

	Overnight Stays	Regional Economic Impact*	TDF Grant
Timmins Festival and Events Arena Show	**480**	**$37,580**	**$45,000**
Launch Canada	**6,300**	**$493,242**	**$100,000**
Little League Baseball Major Provincial	**1,500**	**$263,303**	**$19,000**
Pickle Ball Tournament	**80**	**$10,000**	**$2,500**
Prospectors and Developers Mine Symposium	**75**	**$10,000**	**$10,000**
The Rock, Roch Voisine	**46**	**$10,000**	**$10,000**
P.O.P Wado Kai Karate Tournament	**200**	**$33,757**	**$2,000**
Radical Gardens Feast a Taste of Timmins	**60**	**$10,000**	**$6,000**
Tamarack Festival	**240**	**$50,000**	**$5,000**
Total	**8,981**	**$917,882**	**$199,500**

*Regional economic impact estimates are calculated using the Tourism Regional Economic Impact Model (TREIM) simulation tool.

Industry Highlights

Across Timmins and the surrounding region, the mining sector continues to shape the local economy through new investments, expansion projects, and operational shifts. Recent announcements reflect both growth and transformation — from major funding commitments driving private sector innovation to the evolving roles of long-standing operations within our community. Together, these developments illustrate the ongoing change and resilience that define our regional economy.

Discovery Mining Completes Acquisition of Kidd Operations

Discovery Mining achieved a pivotal Q2 milestone with the completion of the Kidd acquisition. The Kidd Met Site provides processing capacity needed to realize full potential of Pamour while supporting future growth at Hoyle Pond and Borden. The acquisition also adds critical mineral productions and brings a large, highly skilled workforce into Discovery's operations. Following strong exploration results at Pamour, Discovery is now undertaking a mine redesign that could position Pamour as one of Canada's largest open-pit gold mines.



TownePlace Suites & Fairfield by Marriott coming to Timmins in 2027

In Q3, TownePlace Suites & Fairfield by Marriott formally made public their intention to develop in the west end of Timmins. The new hotel is welcomed, providing much needed hotel room capacity to tourists and business visitors. City staff have been working closely with the investor at the very early stages of development, assisting the new owner with site selection, planning and engineering, as well as, connecting the owners with various suppliers in the Timmins region. Construction on the site is tentatively set to commence in the Spring of 2027.

Industry Highlights

Collège Boréal launches new Construction Engineering Technician, Civil and Mining program

In September 2026, Collège Boréal expanded its two-year Construction Engineering Technician – Civil and Mining program to its Timmins campus, welcoming an inaugural cohort of 7 students, with capacity for up to 20. The program combines hands-on training and theoretical learning to prepare students for careers in the construction and mining industries, including mine development, infrastructure projects, and construction site management. Students develop practical skills in blueprint reading, project coordination, and specialized engineering software, helping address the growing demand for skilled professionals in Northern Ontario's mining and construction sectors. With 45 students currently enrolled across Northern Ontario, the program represents an important investment in developing local talent and supporting the region's workforce needs.



Canada Nickel Receives Federal Impact Assessment Approval

Canada Nickel Company has received Federal Impact Assessment approval for its proposed Crawford Nickel Project, marking a significant milestone in advancing one of Canada's major proposed nickel developments. The approval, issued July 31, 2026, follows a federal environmental assessment and includes legally binding conditions addressing environmental protection, Indigenous rights and consultation, fish and wildlife habitat, water management, and mine rehabilitation. While the decision represents an important step toward development, additional provincial and federal permits and regulatory authorizations remain necessary before construction can proceed. The project is expected to support Canada's critical minerals supply chain and contribute to the growing demand for nickel used in stainless steel, electric vehicle batteries and clean energy technologies.

Industry Highlights

Discovery Mining Ltd. Invests $5M in Northern College Facilities and Programming

Discovery Mining Ltd. announced an investment of $5 million in Northern College to support education, student development, and the mining industry in Northern Ontario. The investment includes $3 million toward the Discovery Fieldhouse, a new sports facility at the Timmins campus, and $2 million to develop a new Environmental Technician Program, expected to launch in Fall 2027. The funding will also support laboratory upgrades, student scholarships, hands-on training, and industry partnerships, helping prepare students for future careers in the mining and environmental sectors while strengthening Northern College's role in the region.





Lakeshore Gold opens new Haul Road to Bell Creek

On June 18, Lakeshore Gold, a subsidiary of Pan American Silver, reached a major milestone as the first haul truck traveled along the newly constructed haul road to their Bell Creek facility. Their investment in the haul road not only strengthens efficiency and long term competitiveness of mining operations, but helps the city by supporting critical municipal infrastructure. An estimated 80 to 115 haul trucks will be diverted off the Connecting Link each day.



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