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CITY OFFERS SERVICES TO SURROUNDING MUNICIPALITIES

Timmins, ON – The Township of Black River-Matheson and the Town of Iroquois Falls have recently contracted with the City of Timmins to offer interim professional planning and building review and inspection services.

This partnership stems from the challenges facing many small municipalities to find and retain qualified professionals to deliver important, mandated services. Under the contract, the City of Timmins will be compensated for providing key assistance as it relates to delivering professional planning services under the Ontario Planning Act, and professional review and inspection services under the Ontario Building Code Act to these neighbouring communities.

“Helping our neighbours is just what Northern communities do,” said Timmins Mayor George Pirie, who strongly supports the new partnership. “This initiative also helps to reinforce the significance of the City of Timmins as a regional services hub and strengthens partnerships within the region.”

Mayor Gilles Laderoute stressed that “the Township of Black River-Matheson is committed in finding efficiencies that have a meaningful impact to service delivery for our residents. This partnership allows our staff and residents access to additional professional services we could simply not afford on our own. We are now able to access a wide scope of expertise that the City of Timmins can provide that will meet our residents’ expectations. Council, during its priority session, determined building and planning services as one of our key priorities. This priority was completely in-line with what our residents stated during a community wide customer satisfaction survey. As Mayor, my role is to align priorities of Council and keep us moving in a positive path forward. Our Council and CAO worked closely to bring this opportunity to fruition.”

The Town of Iroquois Falls Mayor Pat Britton indicated that “due to the retirement of our Chief Building Official we have decided to contract out to Timmins the Interim Professional Planning and Building Review and Inspection Services. Unfortunately, we lack the resources of Planning and Building Departments in-house. This agreement will provide an enhanced level of service to our residents. During my campaign, part of my platform was to seek new partnerships in the region to enhance all of our communities where possible. As we move forward I hope more

opportunities arise where we can partner with other municipalities to help each other move forward. That way we can make our region stronger and more resilient.”

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