



Congratulations from the City of Timmins!

As Mayor of Timmins, and on behalf of all residents of the City, I wish to congratulate you on this year's Italian Heritage Month. As you may know, the City of Timmins is home to a healthy community of Italians, many of whom immigrated to the Porcupine Camp years ago, in search of employment during the gold rush days of 1909 some 100 years ago.

Today, Timmins is home to thousands of Italian descents who come from all regions of Italy.

Our Italian friends have added enormously to the multicultural fabric of our City by sharing in their culture and adding to the overall quality of life found and enjoyed here. The Porcupine Dante Club, is an Italian Icon of our City and this centre is open for all to enjoy and share in a culture rich in food ,celebration and friendly people.

The Italian community has greatly influenced and added to the economy of our City and to this day, members of the Italian community continue to be involved in business, education, professional services, politics and a host of



other disciplines.

Many of our early community builders were Italian, and in the spirit of our City's 100th Anniversary Celebrations, they were recognized during the unveiling of the City's 100 Faces Project , a project that will immortalized them in a multicultural mural of our true community builders.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Laughren", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

*Tom Laughren
Mayor*