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City of Thunder Bay Appoints Five New Directors to the TBayTel Municipal Services Board

DECEMBER 16, 2008 – Following an extensive national search, the City of Thunder Bay has appointed five new Directors to the TBayTel Municipal Services Board of Directors, effective today. In announcing the appointments, Joe Virdiramo, City of Thunder Bay Councillor and Chairman of the Selection Committee said that the appointments of Phil Anzarut, William Baines, Jack Jamieson, Scott McFadden, and Gary Polonsky will bring a breadth of skills and experience very relevant to the company's direction.

The new appointees will join current Board members – Acting Chair, Michael Power; Tom Jones, Director; and Karen Gavan, Director.

TBayTel's Municipal Services Board fosters business growth and pursues new market opportunities to enhance the corporation's momentum as a full services communication company.

"The citizens of Thunder Bay are shareholders in one of the most exciting growth companies in Northern Ontario," said Mayor Lynn Peterson.

"TBayTel is committed to providing our City and region with a network that will enable us to communicate and compete in a rapidly changing global environment. We are pleased to have this impressive professional board provide counsel to further community development and regional enhancement."

"We welcome the expertise of the new appointments to the TBayTel Municipal Services Board," said Councillor Joe Virdiramo, "Their knowledge, skills and strong commitment to TBayTel's vision and strategy will benefit the many communities they serve across Northern Ontario."

"TBayTel is building a robust presence in the North using the framework of the City of Thunder Bay's corporate purpose ends," said Michael Power, Acting Chair of the TBayTel Municipal Services Board. "Since 2004, TBayTel has contributed a total of over \$80 million as an annual dividend to the City. We've also made notable capital expenditure investments in Thunder Bay and the region. We are confident that the new directors will further the sustainable performance that the Board has enjoyed over the past four years."

“TBayTel is integral in contributing to the prosperity and progress of the residents and businesses of Northern Ontario by keeping people connected,” said Don Campbell, President & CEO of TBayTel. “We in Northern Ontario deserve the best technology has to offer, and I’m proud to be part of making sure that happens.”

Along with the region’s largest digital cellular coverage network, TBayTel is the largest independently owned telecommunications company in Canada, serving enterprise and consumer markets with broadband, wireless, wire line, Direct IT and security solutions across Northern Ontario. With over a century of contributing to the quality of life and infrastructure of Northern Ontario, TBayTel’s understanding of the needs of the North are unparalleled.

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