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**RRSP SEASON: LAURENTIAN BANK EXTENDS ITS BUSINESS HOURS**  
- MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR ITS CUSTOMER: BRANCHES WILL BE OPEN  
UNTIL 10 P.M. ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29 -

**Montreal, February 14, 2008** – To enable its clients to make their RRSP contributions before the February 29 deadline, Laurentian Bank's branches are extending their business hours.

From February 14 through Friday, February 29, 2008, financial advisors at the 157 branches of Laurentian Bank will welcome customers, wishing to contribute to their RRSPs, during the following business hours:

Monday to Friday (from February 14 to 28 inclusively)	until 8:00 PM*
Friday, February 29	Until 10:00 PM
Saturday (February 16 and 23)	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Moreover, the Bank offers two other alternative ways to contribute to a RRSP: clients can invest online via Internet BLCDirect or call at 514 252-1846 (in Montreal) or 1 866 252-1846 (elsewhere), Monday to Friday, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

\* For more information about your branch, call 514 522-1846 or 1 866 252-1846.

**About Laurentian Bank**

Laurentian Bank of Canada is a banking institution operating across Canada and offering diversified financial services to its clients. Distinguishing itself through excellence in service, as well as through its simplicity and proximity, the Bank serves individual consumers and small and medium-sized businesses. The Bank also offers its products to a wide network of independent financial intermediaries through B2B Trust, as well as full-service brokerage solutions through Laurentian Bank Securities.

Laurentian Bank is well established in the Province of Quebec, operating the third-largest retail branch network. Elsewhere throughout Canada, it operates in specific market segments where it holds an enviable position. Laurentian Bank of Canada has close to \$18 billion in balance sheet assets and more than \$15 billion in assets under administration. Founded in 1846, the Bank employs close to 3,300 people.

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