

Local Labour Market Monitor – April 2017

This Monitor focuses on local labour market news by industry. Industries are listed within the Goods and Services Sectors in the labour force. Within the Goods Sector are the following Industries: Agriculture; Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas; Utilities; Manufacturing & Construction. The Services Sector is comprised of Transportation & Warehousing; Trade; Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services; Business, Building & Other Support Services; Information, Culture & Recreation; Accommodation & Food Services; Educational Services; Health Care & Social Assistance; Other Services; Public Administration

Goods

Agriculture

- 682RX reported it is still optimistic it will be awarded approval to grow and produce medicinal marihuana in the city. The facility would be located in an industrial park in Lively and would employ six full time staff. The company has been lobbying Health Canada for approval for the last three years (CBC Radio, April 18, 2017)

Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas

- Glencore Sudbury Integrated Nickel Operations reported development work on its Onaping Depth Project has begun despite it waiting for full approval. In 2017, the company is planning \$29 million worth of work which includes driving 1.1 kms of ramp towards the headworks. This work is expected to be completed by the end of September when the company will be securing further funding to sink a shaft and install the required underground infrastructure. Additional diamond drilling is planned to take place in late 2018 or early 2019 with the first development of ore expected in late 2022 or early 2023. The new mine will use almost exclusively battery powered machinery and equipment significantly cutting down on the high cost of ventilation and refrigeration systems. The ore grade has been reported to be double the quality of ore mined by Glencore or Falconbridge in past years (Northern Ontario Business, April 19, 2017)

Manufacturing

- Crosscut Distillery announced it will be producing locally made vodka, gin and whiskey. It will be the first distillery in the city, the second in Northern Ontario after Rheault Distillery in Hearst and one of twenty currently in the province. Crosscut will be located in a 3,600 sq ft former machine shop on Kelly Lake Rd across the road from Stack Brewing. There has been an explosion of small distilleries opening across the province similar to the growth in the craft beer microbreweries (Sudbury.com, April 25, 2017)

Services

Accommodation & Food Services

- Salute Coffee Company will be opening up a downtown location at 73 Elm (across from the school of architecture). The café will now have two locations in the city to meet the needs of the growing local gourmet coffee culture. It expects to hire about six staff (Kijiji Sudbury, The Sudbury Star, April 19, 2017)

- The Cedar Nest Décor & Café opened at 106- 11 Cedar Street. The café offers décor, espresso, baked goods, salads and sandwiches (Facebook)
- Huckleberries Chocolatiers of Canada announced they are moving to a larger location at 110 Durham Street. The larger area will allow for lounge seating and bistro tables inside as well as a outside sitting area (Facebook)
- Mary Brown's Famous Chicken and Taters will be opening its first store in the city in the former Pluckers location in the south end near Canadian Tire. The Canadian chain family restaurant has been in business for 46 years and has over 130 locations (<http://marybrownsfranchising.com/immediate-opportunities>)
- Pinchman's Café & Artisan Bakery announced they will be opening at 2037 Long Lake Rd (Kijiji)

Educational Services

- A new state of the art helicopter pilot and maintenance training centre is planned for the city. The facility will house four full motion flight simulators and would be open later in the summer or fall 2018 depending on securing required funding. The centre would create an initial 50 jobs for flight simulator instructors, simulator maintenance staff and computer programmers. This number is expected to grow by another 100 within three to five years as the centre grows. Up to 1,000 students a year are anticipated to stay in the city for up to a month at a time. A preferred site has been selected at the south end of the city close to the Country Side arena (Sudbury.com, April 20, 2017, The Sudbury Star, April 19, 2017)

Health Care & Social Assistance

- Health Sciences North is now the city's largest employer with over 4,200 employees and physicians. It has an annual budget of \$450 million and is affiliated with Laurentian University and its Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM). Vale's Sudbury Operations is now the city's second largest employer with almost 4,000 employees (<https://www.hsnsudbury.ca/portalen/News-Events/Latest-News-Media-Releases/entryid/405/dominic-giroux-named-ceo-of-health-sciences-north-and-hsn-research-institute>, <http://www.vale.com/canada/EN/aboutvale/communities/sudbury/Pages/default.aspx>)

Public Administration

- City council unanimously rejected the proposed fire and paramedic optimization plan. The proposal included plans to hire up 58 full time career fire fighters while delivering a major overall of how fire services are delivered in and around the city (The Sudbury Star, April 26, 2017)

Trade

- Ardene will be opening up another location in the city in the site of the former Future Shop beside the New Sudbury Shopping Centre. The store is expected to be open in May (Kijiji Sudbury)
- Our Little Secret Fashions announced they will be expanding at 76 Cedar Street introducing upscale men's fashion clothing. This will help fill in the void left in upscale men's clothing created with the closures of the Hollywood Shop, Fiorino's and Joe Lesar's Men's Wear in the downtown core (CBC Radio, Morning North, April 24, 2017)

Other Information

- A new report from Health Quality Ontario entitled '*Health in the North*' reported the following factors for Northeastern Ontario which includes Greater Sudbury. Residents in this part of the province reported the following results over the rest of the province:
 - Living 2.5 fewer years on average
 - More dying prematurely due to self inflicted injuries, circulatory disease and respiratory disease
 - More likely to be smokers
 - Likely to report having multiple chronic conditions
 - Less likely to be able to see a family doctor, nurse practitioner or other regular health care provider when required (<http://www.hqontario.ca/System-Performance/Specialized-Reports/Health-Equity-in-Northern-Ontario>)

- Fednor announced it will be investing an extra \$25 million over the next five years. The extra funding will help support communities, businesses and First Nations in the region. The federal government also launched a Prosperity and Growth Strategy for Northern Ontario which targets economic development through innovation. This Strategy will focus on four areas of potential growth and diversification:
 - Building a diverse, skilled and educated workforce
 - Promoting the adoption of advanced technologies, including clean technology
 - Encouraging business to start up and scale up to compete globally
 - Helping municipalities and Indigenous communities better respond to opportunities and challenges

Consultations will take place with key stakeholders such as community and Indigenous leaders, economic development organizations, private sector and industry representatives, Northern Ontario's innovation centres, and federal and provincial government departments

(The Sudbury Star, April 20, 2017, https://www.canada.ca/en/innovation-science-economic-development/news/2017/04/prosperity_and_growthstrategyfornorthernontario.html)