

## Local Labour Market Monitor – December 2017

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*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*

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### Goods

#### **Construction**

- Hautamaki Estates Ltd has received approval from the city to build a four storey, 256 bed long term care facility on Algonquin Rd (The Sudbury Star, December, 11, 2017)

#### **Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas**

- The provincial government announced it is expecting to be moving ahead with its \$1 billion commitment to build a road in the Ring of Fire region in 2018. Noront Resources will be reviewing submissions by February 2017 from four northern cities which including a submission from the City of Greater Sudbury (The Sudbury Star, December 21, 2017)
- Vale announced the shutdown of its Coleman Mine will continue until the end of January. Operations in the mine were suspended since November 9, 2017. Local 6500 announced 100 workers were temporarily transferred to other mine sites while 90 continue to work at Coleman to perform the required maintenance. Approximately 300 workers are still on temporary layoff. Members on layoff will receive a Supplemental Unemployment Benefit wage top up to 95% of their earnings (Sudbury.com, December 1, 2017)

### Utilities

- Installation of the first Tesla Supercharger in the North was completed in December in the Smart Centre retail area parking lot in the south end. The stall can charge up to eight vehicles at a time. The company plans on installing 15 chargers across Northern Ontario between North Bay and Kenora. Electric vehicles are still relatively new to northern Ontario; however interest is growing encouraging users in southern Ontario to venture up north. There are currently eight charging stations in the CGS area (Sudbury.com, December 15, 2017, <http://gsevassociation.ca>)

### Services

#### **Accommodation & Food Services**

- Cora's opened serving its first customers at 470 Barrydowne. This space was previously occupied by Pizza Hut. Cora's now has 130 locations in Canada and plans to expand to the U.S. It is the largest sit down breakfast operation in Canada (The Sudbury Star, December 7, 2017)

## **Health Care & Social Assistance**

- The provincial government announced it will spend almost \$1.77 million to create 49 childcare spaces at Churchill Public School. The money will be used to rebuild a wing at the school to accommodate childcare. The money comes from the province's plan to create 45,000 new licensed childcare spaces in Ontario over the next five years (The Sudbury Star, December 19, 2017)
- Health Sciences North announced they received \$750,000 in funding to implement an Integrated Chronic Pain Management Program. A multi-disciplinary team will be recruited by medical and clinical team members. The program will be staffed by physicians, registered nurses, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, kinesiologists, recreation therapists, social workers and psychologists. A program of this type is lacking in the region and is different than the existing Acute Pain Program and Chronic Pain Service. The new program will complement the existing service, however, will go beyond providing medication treatment and address the many psychosocial and emotional aspects of chronic pain (The Sudbury Star, December 2, 2017)
  - The Ontario Ministry of Health has approved plans for the next stage of building the PET scanner at Health Sciences North. The Ministry approved proceeding to Stage 4 involving work drawings and specifications. Construction can begin as soon as the final stage is approved leading to a strong likelihood of construction beginning sometime in 2018 (Sudbury.com, December 4, 2017)

## **Information, Culture & Recreation**

- The provincial government announced it will be investing over \$33 million to help fund 51 projects which support local television and film production. Since 2013, the NOHFC has invested more than \$85.6 million towards 139 projects in the north. According to Northern Ontario Film Studios, the local film industry employs 1,000 in the north who live and work in the area (The Sudbury Star, December 16, 2017)

## **Trade**

- thebirchbox.ca, opened. Birchbox is a new online gifting studio that specializes in creating an event in a box (The Sudbury Star, December 9, 2017)
- 25/7 Fitness will be opening in January 2018. The nonprofit gym will be located at 392 Montague Street. The owner is a certified fitness instructor who spent many years in a federal penitentiary and is using his life experience to help improve physical health in the community. The gym will employ certified trainers and also employs at risk and marginalized youth. While employed, youth attend educational programs and work towards a personal training certification. Various programs are offered with a community focus and partnerships (The Sudbury Star, December 12, 2017, 257fitness.com)

## **Transportation & Warehousing**

- Manitoulin Transport announced it has acquired another company under its umbrella, Duckering's Transport Ltd based in Red Deer, Alberta. Manitoulin Transport is a member of the Manitoulin Group of Companies still headquartered in Gore Bay on Manitoulin Island. A combination of up-to-date technology, newer equipment and best-in-class supply chain processes have helped grow customers and prospects across the province, country and even in the U.S. Manitoulin now commands more than 70 terminals in Canada and 250 service centres in the U.S (Northern Ontario Business, December 4, 2017)