

Local Labour Market Monitor – July & August 2016

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

Construction

- The city's planning committee approved rezoning 16 acres of land in Coniston for a five storey, 55 unit senior's apartment building (The Sudbury Star, August 9, 2016)
- The Government of Ontario reported it will be investing \$25 million into modernization and building improvements in local schools. The money will be distributed to the city's four school boards to make schools safer and more energy efficient (The Sudbury Star, July 2, 2016)
- Two electric car charging stations will be built in the area by March of 2017. One located near the McDonald's Restaurant on Newgate Avenue and the other near the Tim Horton's on Notre Dame street in Azilda. The Ministry of Transportation announced a total of 500 charging stations will be constructed in the province (Sudbury.com, July 18, 2016)

Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas

- Wallbridge and Lonmin announced they will be spending \$4 million on exploration projects in the Sudbury area (The Sudbury Star, August 31, 2016)

Manufacturing

- Japanese mining company manufacturer giant Komatsu, purchased Joy Global for \$2.89 billion. Joy Global, (formerly Mining Technologies International) has a location in Sudbury. Komatsu is the world's second largest manufacturer of mining and construction equipment after Caterpillar. The company is predicting a rise in demand for equipment following the recent mining downturn (The Sudbury Star, July 5, 2016)

Services

Accommodation & Food Services

- A \$1.8 million renovation at the New Sudbury Shopping Centre food court will include two new kiosks. Booster Juice, a smoothie bar which has 300 locations worldwide and Kernels, a specialty pop corn store (The Sudbury Star, August 13, 2016)

- The Asylum officially opened in the city. It is the city's newest live music venue hosting local, national and international musical talent with a focus on heavy metal, punk and alternative rock. Patrons can enjoy a retro arcade, food and alcoholic beverages (The Sudbury Star, July 28, 2016)
- TAJ Bistro will be opening in September at 151 Larch Street. The Bistro with one location in Barrie, expanded to Sudbury specializing in Indian and oriental foods. It seeks to bring a variety of dishes under one roof in the downtown core
- Wagyu Japanese BBQ opened at 1212 Lasalle Blvd (Sudbury.com, August 12, 2016)

Business, Building & Other Support Services

- YMCA staff in employment and newcomer services voted to join the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU). Thirty six full time and part time staff will now be union members. Unionized environments typically result in improved staff retention, higher wages and improved work environments (The Sudbury Star, July 16, 2016)

Educational Services

- Cambrian College and Seneca College announced they have an articulation agreement allowing graduates of Cambrian's physical fitness management program to earn a Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation degree in a shorter time. Cambrian has articulation agreements with many universities, however this is the first time it has an agreement with another college (Sudbury.com, August 24, 2016)
- Collège Boréal, Cambrian College and Laurentian University announced they joined forces to create the Northern Philanthropy Institute. The Institute is a partnership which will offer professional development opportunities to fundraising nonprofit professionals in northeastern Ontario (The Sudbury Star, August 12, 2016)
- Colleges Ontario has partnered with McDonald's Canada to give 1st year business students credit for work experience. Students must have completed McDonald's management courses and offered college admission. Canadore College is the first college to announce its participation in the new partnership (<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sudbury>)
- The Rainbow District School Board reported it will be looking at school closures and staff reductions due to funding decreases and declining enrolments. In the 2016-17 budget, there will be a reduction of 10 equivalent teaching and non teaching staff positions. The board is projecting a decline of the equivalent of 270 students this fall (Sudbury.com, July 8, 2016)

Health Care & Social Assistance

- The Ontario Council of Hospital Unions reported a reduction in health care funding has resulted in 178 fewer nurses and 529 fewer people providing care at Health Sciences North (The Sudbury Star, August 12, 2016)
- The Ronald McDonald House announced it is expanding to Health Sciences North with a new 800 sq ft family room including rest and respite areas. The room is the first located outside of the GTA and will be available in December. A local coordinator is recruiting 70 volunteers needed to staff the family room. Applicants can apply online at <http://rmhctoronto.ca/Our-House-Family-Rooms/Our-Family-Rooms/Family-Room-at-Health-Sciences-North.aspx> (Sudbury.com August 25, 2016)

- Northern Care Giving Services announced they are open for business. NCGS offers housekeeping, companionship care, respite care and personal support care. Expansion plans including expanding to North Bay and Elliot Lake (The Sudbury Star, August 2, 2016)
- Maison Vale Hospice announced it has applied for funding to expand its 10 bed facility to 15 beds. The provincial Liberals announced funding for 200 new hospice beds in Ontario in its last budget (The Sudbury Star, July 18, 2016)

Information, Culture & Recreation

- The provincial government announced a \$2.3 million funding boost for filming in the city and the north. The money will be provided through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC). In 2015/16, the NOHFC provided \$27 million in funding for 45 films and television projects produced in the north (The Sudbury Star, August 8, 2016)
- Place des Arts, a 60,000 square ft facility to be built on the corner of Larch and Elgin Street will house several studios, workshops, offices and performance spaces. Construction is slated for 2018/19 (The Sudbury Star, August 2, 2016)

Professional, Scientific & Technical Services

- Minalytix, a three year old, Sudbury based mining software company announced it released its new drill hole management program MX Deposit. The company anticipates hiring marketing, sales and support staff as the program grows in usage and popularity. The program helps mining companies manage drill hole data more efficiently (Northern Ontario Business, July 8, 2016)

Trade

- Leisure Days RV Centre announced it will be closing
- Bar Wood Designs & Décor is closing at the Rainbow Centre
- Duck in a Tub Bath & Body Products will be opening at the Rainbow Centre
- Ben Moss Jewelers will be closing in the New Sudbury Shopping Centre. All 54 stores across Canada will be closing due to a weak Canadian dollar and a soft economy (The Sudbury Star, August 2, 2016)
- Giant Tiger officially opened its second store in the city at the Southridge Mall at 1933 Regent Street South. The new store employs 41 employees. The company now has 220 locations across the country and employs over 7,000 employees (The Sudbury Star, August 12,15, 2016)

Transportation & Warehousing

- The Province of Ontario announced another 11 kilometres of Highway 69 south have been four laned. Only 68 kms remain to complete full four laning from Toronto to Sudbury and is expected to be completed by 2021 (Sudbury.com, July 15, 2016)

Other Information

- The Canada Jobs Program created a number of 271 student jobs this year in the city. In 2015, 124 jobs were created (The Sudbury Star, July 2, 2016)
- The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) provided over \$3.5 million in funding to local companies for various projects creating at least 58 jobs. These companies included:
 - Accutron Instruments to develop prototypes for communications and monitoring systems for use in mining and other industries
 - Bestech to develop a blast gas clearance module to optimize ventilation of blast gas in underground mining and other industries
 - Boart Longyear to develop technology for mineral exploration with the potential to improve safety for miners, increase efficiency and reduce drilling costs
 - Stack Brewing to expand brewing equipment and capacity
 - Hard Line Solutions to relocate, modernize and expand
 - A&M Remediation to expand their existing underground waste management, sorting and recycling facility, located at Vale’s Creighton mine.
 - TesMan to develop an arm which allows workers to load explosives from a distance
 - Rock-Tech to build a new facility to expand its mining manufacturing operations
(The Sudbury Star, July 9, August 31, 2016)