

Local Labour Market Monitor – May 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

Construction

- City council endorsed a 12 unit housing complex for people living with acquired brain injuries. The complex will be built at 2915 Bancroft Drive, a residential community close to amenities. The project will assist in addressing the lack of affordable supportive housing for individuals with disabilities (The Sudbury Star, May 10, 2017)

Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas

- Vale announced it will be closing its Birchtree Mine in Manitoba in October resulting in the loss of 150 unionized jobs plus another 50 non union jobs. Historically low nickel prices combined with high inventories of nickel and little sign of significant recovery in the near term were the main factors in the closure (The Sudbury Star, May 17, 2017)
- Noront Resources reported it is considering building its ferrochrome processing facility in Sault Ste Marie, Timmins, Thunder Bay/Fort William or Greater Sudbury. A decision is expected to be announced by the end of the summer. The facility is expected to create about 350 skilled jobs and about 150 indirect area jobs. If a road plan was settled in 2017, construction could start in 2020 at the earliest and take five to seven years to complete. The first project would focus on nickel deposits with the second project focusing on chromite. Next steps include the provincial government determining where the access road will be built, negotiating agreements with First Nation's representatives and required environmental assessments. The province reiterated its \$1 billion commitment to the project is still on the table (The Sudbury Star, May 11, 2017)
- Premier Wynne reported in her visit to Sudbury on May 23rd that her government will be reporting progress in the Ring of Fire infrastructure plan in the next couple of weeks (The Sudbury Star, May 23, 2017)

Services

Accommodation & Food Services

- A&W closed at the Rainbow Mall. The fast food restaurant was open at this location for 29 years

Business, Building & Other Support Services

- Millennium 1 Solutions announced it will be continuing with plans to hire another 200 employees in the fall and another 250 by year end. The primarily inbound call centre opened in May, hiring 250. It stated the majority of positions are full time jobs with a benefits package and there is an opportunity for career development. The centre will be hiring individuals with both English and English-French skill sets. Applicants can apply on the company's Facebook page, through Indeed or emailing the company's career inbox at careers@millennium1solutions.com (The Sudbury Star, May 11, 2017)

Educational Services

- Cambrian College's applied research division will receive a \$2.1 million investment from the federal government's National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada College and Community Innovation Program. The funds will support a five year initiative into the college's Mine Environmental Stewardship Initiative which focuses on new and innovative ways of ensuring mining projects are efficient, safe and as environmentally friendly as possible. The college will be working with three industry partners (The Sudbury Star, May 26, 2017)

Health Care & Social Assistance

- The Canadian Mental Health Association in Sudbury and Manitoulin branch announced their front line and office staff are now unionized and members of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU). Workers at the CMHA Sudbury/Manitoulin provide psychosocial rehabilitation, harm reduction, residences, housing support and emergency shelter to individuals struggling with homelessness and alcohol addiction in the area. OPSEU represents more than 7,000 members working in public hospitals, provincial government and community mental health agencies in Ontario (The Sudbury Star, May, 23, 2017)

Information, Culture & Recreation

- The provincial Liberal government announced in its provincial budget it is committing \$3.25 million to building the Place des Arts project in the city's core. The project still requires substantial further funding for construction to begin on the \$30 million project. If funding is secured, construction can start as early as the spring of 2018 (Sudbury.com, May 3, 2017, The Sudbury Star, May 11, 2017)

Other Services

- Bliss Beauty Lounge and Spa will be opening at 525 Notre Dame. The centre specializes in facial treatments, manicures and pedicures using organic compounds and certified estheticians (blissloungeandspa.com)
- GoFetch, an online pet sitting platform announced it is now in Sudbury and has local sitters. The Vancouver based service founded in 2015 is the nation's largest community marketplace connecting dog owners with trusted dog walkers and sitters providing a 'cage free' service. The service reported it expanded to the city due to its high pet ownership (The Sudbury Star, May 30, 2017, gofetch.ca)

Public Administration

- City council voted to consider the Elgin Greenway Project. The project is focused on revitalizing a one kilometer long green, active transportation corridor that will connect downtown Sudbury at the school of architecture to Ramsey Lake and Science North via the Nelson Street footbridge. The project will cost at least \$8.5 million, is subject to further approvals and must secure funding from other sources. If approved, the project is anticipated to begin in 2018 with a 2020 completion date (The Sudbury Star, May 3, 10, 2017)

Trade

- One Sky Local Fine Goods opened at 125 Durham Street. One Sky features goods made in Sudbury and Northeastern Ontario. A modern fusion of retail, gallery and workshop space, One Sky offers goods from over 30 Northern makers. Products range from organic soaps to handcrafted furniture (CBC Morning North, May 8, 2017)
- Michael Hill will be opening up its first Sudbury store in the New Sudbury Shopping Centre in the site of the former Danier Leathers. Michael Hill International Ltd is a specialty retailer of jewellery in North America and Oceania. It operates a retail jewellery chain of 296 stores in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States with over 2,000 permanent employees. The company's headquarters are in Brisbane, Australia (michaelhill.ca)

Other Information

- The Provincial Liberal government released its “The Changing Workplaces Review – An Agenda for Workplace Rights. The report recommends 173 recommendations to modernize the province’s workplace. Premier Wynne stated the government will be looking at which changes to implement first, however, will not be implementing all the recommendations (The Sudbury Star, May 24, 2017, <https://www.ontario.ca/page/changing-workplaces-review-summary-report>)
 - Premier Wynne announced minimum wage will increase to \$14/hr on January 2018 and to \$15/hr on January 2019. The wage will then rise annually with inflation (CBC News, May 30, 2017)