

Local Labour Market Monitor – October 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

Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas

- Vale laid off 21 production and maintenance employees at its Sudbury operations due to lower volumes produced. Vale currently operates five mines in the area, a mill, smelter, refinery and employs about 4,000 workers (The Sudbury Star, October 20, 2017)

Utilities

- Union Gas announced it has received approval for a \$74 million pipeline replacement project. The project will involve replacing 20 kms of 10 inch pipe with 12 inch pipe between the Coniston and Frood Rd station and Azilda and Walden station. Construction will begin in May 2018 with work completed by December 2018. Aecon Utilities, a division of Aecon Group Inc will be performing the upgrade (Sudbury.com, October 11, 2017)

Services

Information, Culture & Recreation

- Place des Arts will receive a total of \$12.5 million from the federal government. The \$30 million project is now 90% funded by all levels of government. It will include a 300 seat theatre, a 150 seat studio and rehearsal space, a 60 seat bistro and 1150 sq ft gallery. The gallery will house the Galerie du Novel-Ontario, three workshops, a youth studio, three artist studios for in-residence artists, two meeting rooms and administrative offices. Organizers expect the facility to be very busy with 850 daily activities yearly year and more than 50,000 visitors yearly adding an economic boost to the city of \$7 million annually (The Sudbury Star, October 14, 2017)

Trade

- The Palladino Auto Group will be opening a BMW dealership on the Kingsway (beside Wendy's). It will be city's first dealership servicing northern Ontario. The dealership is expected to be open in the summer of 2018 (CBC Radio, Morning North, Oct 18, 2017)
- Sudbury Hyundai reported the expansion of their dealership and services has resulted in the hiring of five new staff members over the 12 months (Sudbury.com, Oct 11, 2017)

- Sears Canada announced it will be closing all its stores after 65 years in business. Sears currently has 12,000 employees of which 75% are part time. Analysts blamed the chain's inability to evolve with the times, lack of appeal to younger shoppers and reliance on catalogue shopping. Stores must be liquidated by January 2018. It is predicted the two floor space at the New Sudbury Shopping Centre will be vacant for an extended period and may be repurposed into housing three or four smaller stores
(The Sudbury Star, October 14, 2017)
- Rustic Craft announced they will be closing their retail store in November. The manufacturing division has been sold and will remain open under the Rustic Craft name. Retirement reasons were cited as the main reason for the closure

Transportation & Warehousing

- NAAT (Northern Academy of Transportation Training) officially opened its new Safety Services Training Centre. The Centre was created due to increased training volumes. It has the capacity to host 100 students within the classroom and two outdoor simulators for confined space and working at heights
(The Sudbury Star, October 17, 2017)