

## Local Labour Market Monitor – October 2016

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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**

- Phase One of the Maley Drive extension project officially began. Construction of a new four lane road near the intersection of Collège Boréal and Lasalle Blvd will join the intersection of Maley Drive and Barrydowne Rd. This phase involves building a cloverleaf interchange off of Highway 69 North, near the Lasalle Blvd/Notre Dame Ave intersection. Blasting and rock excavation will continue through the winter months (The Sudbury Star, October 13, 2016)
- Dalron received approval to build a subdivision behind Agincourt Avenue in New Sudbury. The project involves building 37 town houses, 27 single family homes and an apartment block (The Sudbury Star, October 18, 2016)

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

- Boart Longyear announced it now has a new development office in the city. The office is located at the Northern Centre for Advanced Technology (NORCAT). The company is working on developing a diamond drill for work underground and received \$1.37 million in funding from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation. It anticipates the new office will create more jobs in Sudbury and reported all office employees hired are from Northern Ontario. This included a site supervisor, driller and driller's helper. A geochemist will be hired in the near future (Northern Ontario Business, October 6, 2016)

### Services

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

- Taco de Casa will be opening in Val Caron on Highway 69 North
- Beards Bakery & Coffee Shop opened at 587 Kathleen Street
- The Core Restaurant is expected to be opening up a location in the city (CBC Morning North, Oct 3, 2016)
- Wendy's Restaurant will be reopening at 1015 Kingsway

## **Educational Services**

- Laurentian University formally announced it received \$3 million from Lily Fielding towards the construction of its research, innovation and engineering building. The contribution helped to secure major government funding over the summer for the 47,000 square foot facility (Sudbury.com, October 25, 2016)
- Cambrian College announced it has obtained federal and provincial government funding totaling over \$6.3 million for the construction of a power training and research centre. The centre will serve as the permanent home for the power line program, industry specific training and applied research in the power sector. Funding was made available through the Post Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund and the Ministry of Advanced Education & Skills Development Facilities Renewal Program. Architectural work is currently being completed with the centre expected to be completed over a two year period (The Sudbury Star, October 13, 2016)
- The Canadian Association of Social Work Education (CASWE) reported that Laurentian University is at risk of losing its accreditation for its social work program. The university must hire seven professors and two support staff members for the English, French and Indigenous streams of social work education to maintain its accreditation. CASWE will make a decision in January 2017 regarding the university's status (The Northern Life, Oct 20, 2016)

## **Health Care & Social Assistance**

- Northwood Medical Clinics opened up a walk in clinic and an addiction services centre in the downtown core. Both are located in the site of the former Fiorino's at the Port. The clinic noted there is a growing local need for addiction services as more synthetic opiates are available on the street (Sudbury.com, October 21, 2016)
- Health Sciences North announced it will be eliminating at least 30 jobs in its laundry services in April 2017. The hospital stated it will be saving up to \$500,000/yr by switching to Mohawk Shared Services, a Burlington company who is able to provide services at a substantially lower price. Up to eight management positions could also be affected (Sudbury.com, October 6, 2016)

## **Information, Culture & Recreation**

- The OLG reported it is still in the procurement process for the North Gaming Bundle which includes casinos in Sudbury, Sault Ste Marie, Thunder Bay, North Bay and Kenora. Successful proponents are expected to be announced in early 2017 (The Sudbury Star, Oct 5, 2016)
- The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Picture Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States, its Territories and Canada (IATSE) reported it now has 250 technicians in Sudbury, Parry Sound, North Bay, Timmins and Sault Ste Marie. It reported now that it has established itself in northeastern Ontario, the local can leverage jobs for its members. IATSE Local 634 reported its priority will be to provide additional training and development for these members over recruiting new ones (Sudbury.com, October 5, 2016)

## Public Administration

- Greater Sudbury reported it has experienced some challenges hiring volunteer firefighters. Out of a recent recruitment drive attracting 110 applicants, only 40 passed the first round of screening and physical requirements resulting in 25 being selected. Tougher physical requirements along with insurance and liability requirements have made it tougher to recruit in rural areas where it is more difficult to find qualified volunteers (Sudbury.com, October 5, 2016, CBC Morning North, October 4, 2016)

## Trade

- H&M clothing is expected to be opening up shop in the city (CBC, Morning North, October 3, 2016)
- Dollarama will be opening a location in Chelmsford and at the Rainbow Centre. It also has a location in the former Future Shop in New Sudbury expected to be open in November (Kijiji)
- The Toy Outlet, a discount surplus toy store, opened at the Rainbow Centre in the former site of The Perfect Sense Store

## Other Information

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- Moody's Analytics released a report entitled, *Canada Housing Market Outlook: More Moderation, No Hard Landing*. The report evaluated cities in 33 CMAs. The following were some local highlights:
  - Little growth in Greater Sudbury housing prices are expected over the next five years
    - Greater Sudbury ranked in the bottom third just ahead of Thunder Bay
  - Prices in Sudbury have declined by 1.7%, however are expected to bounce back 1.6% in 2017
  - Highest growth areas in the country are Barrie at 7.9%, Toronto and Ottawa at 6.7%/yr. Edmonton and Regina experienced the largest contractions at -1% and -1.8% respectively (<https://www.economy.com/canada-housing-outlook>)