



Labour Market Monitor

Muskoka–Kawarthas



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The Labour Market Monitor is an overview of the Muskoka–Kawarthas Economic Region of Ontario, which includes the census division of the Kawartha Lakes, the counties of Haliburton, Northumberland and Peterborough, and the district municipality of Muskoka.

LABOUR MARKET NEWS BY INDUSTRY

Construction

The **Fenbrook** and **Beaver Creek Institutions** located north of Gravenhurst will undergo \$15M and \$10M expansion projects respectively. Construction has started at Fenbrook on a unit for 96 inmates, a two-storey classroom, a staff office and a storage building by contractor **W.S. Morgan Construction** of Parry Sound. The expansion will be completed in 2013. No contracts have been awarded yet for the Beaver Creek expansion, which will include a unit to house 50 inmates. It will also contain areas for food preparation and laundry as well as a new principal entrance building and space for parole board hearings. (*What's Up Muskoka, November 16*)

Manufacturing

McCloskey International Limited in Peterborough will receive \$750,000 from the provincial government's Eastern Ontario Development Fund towards its \$10M enhancement project. The funds are expected to create 60 new jobs and protect 173 existing positions. The company will expand its production capabilities by installing a new automated paint line system, investing in robotic welding technology and other improvements. (*Ontario government press release, October 27*)

Tembec is selling its hardwood flooring division to an undisclosed buyer for \$13M. As a result, it will close its 108-year-old Huntsville plant in January 2012 and lay off 63 workers. Tembec's hardwood sawmill operations, also located in Huntsville, are not affected. (*Pulp and Paper Canada, November 21*)

Pepsi-QTG which owns Quaker Oats is consolidating its accounting department in Cambridge, affecting 10 employees in the administration and finance department in Peterborough. An extended notice period will result in the layoff being effective in 2012. Job opportunities may be available at the Cambridge site for those affected. (*Peterborough Examiner, November 11*)

Retail Trade

One of two Bracebridge **Rogers Plus** locations will close in January 2012. As a result, nine employees of the Highway 118 West location will be laid off. A lack of demand for movie and game rentals is cited. (*Cottage Country News, November 9*)

Professional, Scientific and Technical Services

In November, **Lazer Graphics** was sold to **Vincent Press Ltd.**, another Peterborough printing company. Five Lazer Graphics employees are affected. The company developed marketing campaigns and printed marketing products. (*Peterborough Examiner, November 22*)

Health Care and Social Assistance

The **Victorian Order of Nurses** has opened a nurse practitioner-led clinic called **360 Degrees** in Peterborough this month. Although open to everyone, it will focus on assisting homeless and marginalized individuals. Currently it has a staff of two full-time nurse practitioners collaborating with a doctor. Once fully operational, it will have four nurse practitioners, two registered nurses, two social workers and a part-time registered dietician. (*Peterborough examiner, November 17*)

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