



Labour Market Monitor

Northwest



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The Labour Market Monitor is a monthly report providing a summary of labour market news and events for the Northwest Ontario Economic Region. This region includes the districts of Thunder Bay, Rainy River and Kenora.

LABOUR MARKET NEWS BY INDUSTRY

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

Resolute Forest Products, formerly known as AbitibiBowater, announced a five-week shutdown for its paper-making operations at the Fort Frances mill. The company cited poor market conditions for the temporary closure, which will affect approximately 100 employees. (*Forestattalk.com, November 24*)

Terrace Bay Pulp Inc. announced that the Terrace Bay mill will close for a three-month shutdown at the end of November. The shutdown will affect approximately 350 workers. (*Chronicle Journal, November 23*)

Utilities

The construction on the **Greenwich Wind Energy** farm, located near the township of Dorion, is complete. The project, owned by Enbridge Inc. and RES Canada, features 43 wind turbines. Approximately 12 workers will maintain the wind farm. (*Chronicle Journal, October 24*)

Construction

Pioneer Construction Inc. will repave a portion of the Highway 102 near Thunder Bay. As a result, approximately 75 jobs will be created. The construction is expected to be completed in fall 2012. (*Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, November 10*)

T & K Sharp Construction will replace the English River Bridge on Highway 804 near Ear Falls. The project will create approximately 20 jobs. The construction is expected to be completed in spring 2012. (*Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, November 10*)

Expansion and upgrades on the **Red Lake Airport** are complete. The \$7.7M project features a new terminal building, including five airline ticket counters, a First Nations services kiosk, washrooms and retail areas. The project also allowed the construction of an extended parking space, a wildlife control fence and a service road. (*Chronicle Journal, October 28*)

The **Naotkamegwanning Cultural Centre** in Whitefish Bay First Nation has officially opened. The \$1.7M project features a regulation indoor hockey arena, office space and a hall. (*Kenora Daily Miner and News, October 20*)

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