



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

Utilities

Mishkeegogamang First Nation and the **Ojibway Nation of Saugeen First Nation** partnered with **Morgan Geare Inc.** to develop a 230 kW transmission line from Ignace to Pickle Lake. The \$230M power line is the first of a two-phase project that will provide power for remote communities and replace existing diesel-powered systems. (*Northern Ontario Business, September 28*)

Construction

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) announced 322 housing starts in Thunder Bay in the first three quarters of 2011, compared to 170 for the same period last year. (*Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, October 2011*)

A new **Tim Hortons** coffee shop in Red Lake is expected to create upwards of 27 full-time and part-time positions. The franchise is expected to open in mid-November. (*Northern Sun News, October 5*)

Educational Services

The **Wabaseemoong First Nation** announced the opening of the new Mizhakiwetung Memorial School. The 16-room school, which can accommodate up to 460 kindergarten to Grade 12 students, includes a hockey rink, baseball diamond, multi-purpose track and field area, as well as play equipment. The \$25M project was funded under Canada's Economic Action Plan. (*Kenora Daily Miner and News, October 14*)

Construction is complete on the Victoria Linklater Memorial School in **North Spirit Lake First Nation** northeast of Red Lake. The \$14M facility includes four classrooms for kindergarten to Grade 9 students, a gymnasium, a library, a computer lab and a kitchen. Funding was provided under Canada's Economic Action Plan. (*Northern Sun News, October 12*)

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