



A robust entrepreneurship ecosystem

▲ The Regional Business Centre registered 63 businesses in the second quarter of 2017, an increase from 56 in the second quarter of 2016. This represents 20 confirmed new business starts and about 26 new jobs in the Greater Sudbury area. There were 11 jobs created during the same period in 2016.

▲ There were 920 inquiries to the Regional Business Centre in the second quarter of 2017 via walk-ins, emails and phone calls up from 378 in the same period in 2016.

Source: Regional Business Centre Summary Report

Helicopter Pilot Training Centre

A new state of the art helicopter pilot and maintenance training centre is planned for the City of Greater Sudbury. The facility will house four full motion flight simulators and would be open later in the summer or fall 2018 depending on securing required funding. The centre would create an initial 50 jobs for flight simulator instructors, simulator maintenance staff and computer programmers. This number is expected to grow by another 100 within three to five years as the centre grows. Up to 1,000 students a year are anticipated to stay in the city for up to a month at a time. A preferred site has been selected at the south end of the city close to the Country Side arena.

Crosscut Distillery

Crosscut Distillery announced it will be producing locally made vodka, gin and whiskey. It will be the first distillery in the city, the second in Northern Ontario after Rheault Distillery in Hearst and one of twenty currently in the province. Crosscut will be located in a 3,600 sq ft former machine shop on Kelly Lake Rd across the road from Stack Brewing. There has been an explosion of small distilleries opening across the province similar to the growth in the craft beer microbreweries.

Food Startups & Expansions

- **Salute Coffee Company** opened a second location downtown location at 73 Elm (across from the McEwen School of Architecture). The café will now have two locations in the city to meet the needs of the growing local gourmet coffee culture. It expects to hire six staff.
- **The Cedar Nest Décor & Café** opened at 106-11 Cedar Street. The café offers décor, espresso, baked goods, salads and sandwiches.
- **Mary Brown's Famous Chicken and Taters** opened its first store in the city in the former Pluckers location in the south end near Canadian Tire. The Canadian chain family restaurant has been in business for 46 years and has over 130 locations.
- **Pinchman's Café & Artisan Bakery** opened at 2037 Long Lake Rd.

Smart Greens Farms

Smart Greens Farms located in Chelmsford uses hydroponic technology to vertically grow organic produce indoors in a closed loop system. The technology allows the indoor farm to grow produce year round while consuming much less water than traditional farming. Smart Greens is only the second of its kind in Canada and plans to add another farm in the fall to grow more kale or other in demand produce while targeting customers locally and offering an online subscription model.

Source: Labour Market Monitor, Employment Support Services



A welcoming and open community

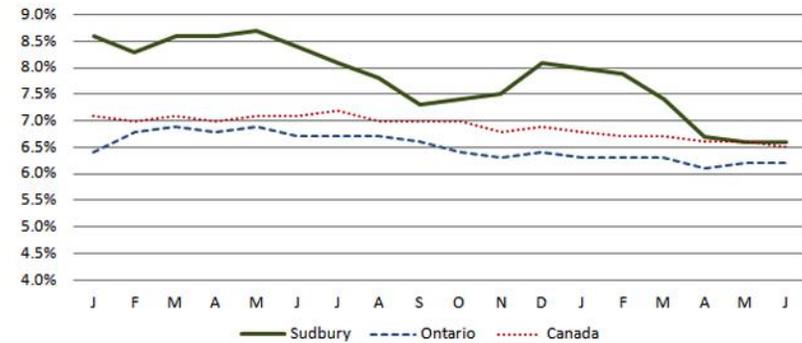
Indigenous Sharing and Learning Centre

Laurentian University hosted the grand opening of the Indigenous Sharing and Learning Centre on June 21, in conjunction with National Aboriginal Day. The centre seeks to promote, facilitate and create a safe learning and sharing space, with culturally appropriate Indigenous student services. Modeled on inclusivity, the centre will be a hub that supports the advancement of Indigenous knowledge across campus through public lectures, cross-cultural training, and cultural events at Laurentian University.

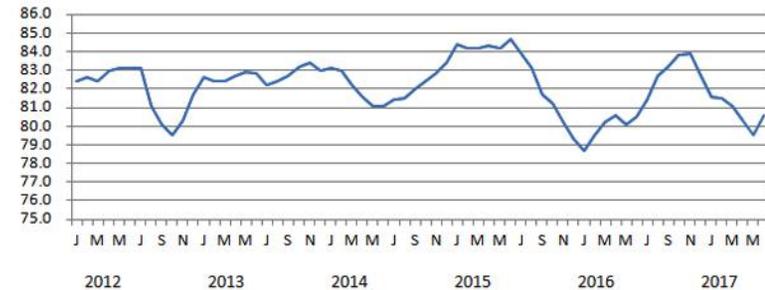
Source: Sudbury.com

Comparative Unemployment Rate

June 2016 - June 2017



Employment in Greater Sudbury 2012-2017



A highly skilled and creative workforce

Labour Force Survey

The unemployment rate for Greater Sudbury in June 2017 was 6.6%, down from 8.4% in June 2016. The rate is currently at a similar level as Ontario's rate of 6.2% and the national rate of 6.5%.

There were 80,600 people employed in Greater Sudbury in June 2017. This is lower than the number employed in June 2016, which was 81,000.

Source: Canada Labour Force Survey



▼ The net total value of building permits issued in the second quarter of 2017 was \$67 million, a decrease from \$98 million issued over the same period in 2016.

▼ The net number of building permits issued in the second quarter of 2017 was 733, slightly lower than the same period in 2016, which was 737.

Building Permit Highlights

April – June 2017

Permit Classification	Number of permits		Value of permits	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
New residential	68	92	\$16.50M	\$34.23M
Misc residential	502	498	\$13.90M	\$12.27M
New industrial	7	2	\$1.55M	\$896.625
Misc institutional	3	30	\$21.26M	\$8.37M

Source: Chief Building Official, Building Permit Statements

Arena and Event Centre

City Council identified a preferred location for an arena and event centre. Presented with two sites – a downtown site and a site on the Kingsway, Council chose the Kingsway site. This allows the True North Strong Group’s proposal to move forward with a 6,000 seat arena, a second ice surface, concert venue, casino, hotel, restaurants, water park, motor sport park, drive in theatre and commercial space. The ambitious project will cost between \$60 and \$100 million. An update will be provided to council on the status of the project in December 2017.

Casino Opportunity

Gateway Casinos announced they signed a letter of intent to add a new casino to the True North Group’s entertainment complex at the east end of the Kingsway. The \$60 million casino would have the potential of creating up to 250 new jobs in its bar, restaurant and gaming floor bringing the total number of its employees in the city to 400 people.

The Synergy Centre

City council voted to locate the Synergy Centre in the downtown core. The \$63 million 60,000 square foot Centre will be a state-of-the-art public meeting and performance facility with a performing arts centre which can accommodate between 700 and 2000 patrons along with smaller halls to host conferences, exhibitions and banquets. Council approved a one time allocation of \$187,500 to undertake a site evaluation and selection process as well as finalize a detailed business plan, operation model, conceptual design and financial plan for the centre. An update will be provided to council on the status of the project in December 2017.

Library and Art Gallery

City council voted to locate a combined library/art gallery in the downtown core. It approved \$100,000 to undertake a site evaluation and selection process.

Source: Labour Market Monitor, Employment Support Services



NORCAT

NORCAT announced it is receiving a total of \$976,500 in combined funding from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and FedNor towards expanding new mining technologies in the facility's research mine. The NORCAT research mine provides mining companies with an active laboratory where they can develop and test new mining technologies.

Northern Ontario Exports Forum

Ontario's North Economic Development Corporation (ONEDC) hosted the Northern Ontario Exports Forum 2017 on June 22 at the Holiday Inn. The forum allowed mining service supply companies to meet and get a better understanding of export marketing, strategic planning, and the sales landscape in their own market and beyond. Markets such as Mexico, South America and the American Southwest were of particular interest. Attendees from South America, Mexico and the United States (including Sheldon Mudd, mining industry specialist for the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development) confirmed that companies and countries are turning to the Sudbury region to help them develop their local and national mining industry.

Noront Resources

Noront Resources reported it is considering building its ferrochrome processing facility in Sault Ste Marie, Timmins, Thunder Bay/Fort William or Greater Sudbury. A decision is expected to be announced by the end of the summer. The facility is expected to create about 350 skilled jobs and about 150 indirect area jobs. If a road plan was settled in 2017, construction could start in 2020 at the earliest and take five to seven years to complete. The first project would focus on nickel deposits with the second project focusing on chromite. Next steps include the provincial government determining where the access road will be built, negotiating agreements with First Nation's representatives and required environmental assessments. The province reiterated its \$1 billion commitment to the project is still on the table.

Source: Labour Market Monitor, Employment Support Services



A nationally recognized centre for artistic excellence, vibrancy and creativity

Place des Arts

The provincial Liberal government announced in its provincial budget it is committing \$3.25 million to building the Place des Arts project in the city's core. The project still requires substantial further funding for construction to begin on the \$30 million project. If funding is secured, construction can start as early as the spring of 2018.

Source: Labour Market Monitor, Employment Support Services



One of Ontario's top tourism destinations

Science North Admissions

▲ 34,681 visitors between April and June 2017, an increase from 30,027 in the same period of the previous year.

Dynamic Earth Admissions

▲ 12,859 visitors between April and June 2017, an increase from 11,858 in the same period of the previous year.

Hotel Occupancy

Greater Sudbury's hotel occupancy for April and May 2017 was 58.85% which is slightly down from 63% in the same period in 2016.

The average daily room rate for April and May 2017 was \$116.43 which is an increase from \$111.74 in the same period in 2016.

Source: CBRE Report 2017



A leader in health and life sciences

Health Sciences North Research Institute (HSNRI)

Health Sciences North Research Institute (HSNRI) officially opened its new \$15 million home on Walford Road in the site of the former St Theresa School. The state-of-the-art medical research facility provides the HSNRI with an additional 14,000 square feet, including three wet and dry labs as well as research offices. The research facility now employs 95 staff including graduate students and post-doctorate fellows who are becoming the next generation of northern scientists.

New Assisted Living Complex

City council endorsed a 12 unit housing complex for people living with acquired brain injuries. The complex will be built at 2915 Bancroft Drive, a residential community close to amenities. The project will assist in addressing the lack of affordable supportive housing for individuals with disabilities.

Source: Labour Market Monitor, Employment Support Services



One of the most integrated education and innovation ecosystems in Ontario

Cambrian College

Cambrian College received \$2.1 million from the federal government for applied research to identify and test solutions to environmental issues facing the mining industry.