# **AGENDA**

# Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.



Board Meeting Via Zoom Video Conference

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.
- 2. TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT.
- 3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST.
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA. ®
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
  - **5**.1 April 10, 2025 ®
- 6. DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS.
- 7. **REPORTS**:
  - 7.1 Chair
  - 7.2 Chief Administrative Officer
  - 7.3 Director of Finance
- 8. OUTSTANDING ISSUES.
- 9. **NEW BUSINESS:** 
  - 9.1 Esprit Place Family Resource Centre Operations Update
  - 9.2 Early Development Instrument (EDI) Results
- **10. IN-CAMERA: 0**
- 11. CORRESPONDENCE:
  - 11.1 NBPSDHU Overdose Report
  - 11.2 Labour Focus March 2025 (The Labour Market Group)
  - 11.3 Monthly Jobs Report February 2025 (The Labour Market Group)
- 12. ADJOURNMENT. ®

# **MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 6:30 PM



**Board Members Absent:** 

Peter McIsaac

Ryan Baptiste

Board Meeting via Zoom Video Conference

# **Board Members Present:**

Joel Constable Ted Collins
Jerry Brandt Teri Brandt
Sharon Smith Jamie McGarvey
Gail Finnson Rick Zanussi
Teresa Hunt Ted Knight
Irene Smit Ted Collins

Janice Bray Tom Lundy

# Staff:

Tammy MacKenzie, CAO

JJ Blower, Communications Officer
Sylvia Roy, Director of Finance

## 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Rick Zanussi at 6:32PM.

- 2. TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT.
- 3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST.
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

# Resolution 25 04 01

# **CARRIED**

Moved by Tom Lundy

Seconded by Gail Finnson

"THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on April 10, 2025 be approved as presented."

## 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

# 4.1 February 13, 2025

# Resolution 25 04 02

## **CARRIED**

Moved by Jerry Brandt

Seconded by Janice Bray

"THAT the Board meeting minutes of Thursday, February 13, 2025 be approved as presented."

1

# 6. DEPUTATIONS & PRESENTATIONS.

#### 7. REPORTS:

#### 7.1 Chair

The Chair advised that Ms. MacKenzie has been appointed as the Chair of Housing Services Corporation's (HSC's) Audit and Finance Committee and congratulated her on the appointment. The Chair also highlighted a couple of highlights from the CAO report, including a Transitional Housing success story, and the recent Esprit Place renovation.

# 7.2 Chief Administrative Officer

Ms. MacKenzie verbally highlighted some of the items in the written CAO report and was available to answer questions. She also pointed out some of the new data available in this report that is now available through the OneHSN Child Care Application Portal.

## 7.3 Director of Finance

Ms. Roy provided a verbal update advising that the auditors have started auditing the 2024 year-end audit. They are working remotely this week (April 7th- 11th) testing samples for LHC, NOAH and DSSAB for expenses, payroll, agreements etc. Next week they will be on site reviewing the balance sheet and income statement schedules and finalize the Audited Financial Statements. Ms. Roy and the Senior Financial Analyst are responsible for completing this audit and as they're both new in their roles this year, they've relied heavily on the Supervisor of Finance for history. Ms. Roy expressed in her confidence now that the team has one year under their belt. The Ontario Works budget for 2025 has been submitted in TPON for 2025. All municipalities received the 2025 Levy Apportionment Schedule, their specific levy and the DSSABs approved Operating and Capital Budget. Q1 2025 Municipal Levy invoices have been sent out to each township and TWOMO Q1 billing has been completed in the various Ministry TPON websites. Preparations are now in the works for the Ontario Works year-end reporting which is due April 30<sup>th</sup>, and the Childcare EFIS reporting which is due May 31, 2025.

Thinking ahead for the 2026 Elections for the Townships without Municipal Organization (TWOMO), Ms. Roy is working with the Communications Officer and Elections Ontario to prepare the Preliminary List of Electors and ensure the list has the correct boundaries. They're also ensuring they're set up on the required election platforms to ensure they're fully prepared when the election comes around next year. Ms. Roy plans to bring a Q1 Financial Report to the Board next month and review all financial policies in the summer.

#### 8. OUTSTANDING ISSUES.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Non-Profit Organization for Almaguin Housing Inc. (NOAH) – Loan Renewal A written report was presented by Ms. Roy for information.

## 9.2 Esprit Capital Update

A written report was presented by Ms. MacKenzie for information.

# 9.3 Belvedere Windows Summary

A written report was presented by Ms. MacKenzie for information.

# 9.4 Encampment Response Plan

A written report was presented by Ms. MacKenzie for information.

# 9.5 Strategic Plan Update

A written report was presented by Ms. MacKenzie for information.

# 9.6 2025 NOSDA Membership & Executive

A written report was presented by Ms. MacKenzie.

#### Resolution 25 04 03

CARRIED

Moved by Tom Lundy

Seconded by Irene Smit

"THAT the Board selects Rick Zanussi and Jerry Brandt to serve as members of NOSDA."

## **10. IN-CAMERA: 2**

# Resolution 25 04 04

# **CARRIED**

Moved by Joel Constable

Seconded by Teri Brandt

"THAT pursuant to Section 38 of the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board's <u>Procedural Rules</u>, the Board moves to an In-Camera session in order to address matters pertaining to:

ii) the disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the Board or a committee or an employee or perspective employee of the Board."

## Resolution 25 04 05

# **CARRIED**

Moved by Ted Knight

Seconded by Teresa Hunt

"THAT the Board now rises out of In-Camera without report."

# Resolution 25 04 06

# **CARRIED**

Moved by Jamie McGarvey

Seconded by Gail Finnson

"THAT the Board approves the implementation of the Non-Union Salary Grid, as presented."

## Resolution 25 04 07

#### **CARRIED**

Moved by Jerry Brandt

Seconded by Irene Smit

"THAT the Board approves the implementation of the non-union pay equity plan, as presented."

#### 11. CORRESPONDENCE.

- 11.1 Spring Newsletter 2025 DSSAB Tenant Services
- 11.2 NBPSDHU Overdose Report
- 11.3 Economic Study: The Impact of Community Housing on Productivity

# 11. ADJOURNMENT.

# Resolution 25 04 08

# **CARRIED**

Moved by Sharon Smith Seconded by Ted Collins

"THAT the Board meeting now be adjourned at 7:35 PM, and that the next regular meeting to be held Thursday, May 8, 2025 at the hour of 6:30 PM via Zoom Video Conference."





# Chief Administrative Officer's Report

May 2025

# **Mission Statement**

To foster healthier communities by economically providing caring human services that empower and enable the people we serve to improve their quality of life.

# International Women's Day Event—South River (March 8, 2025)

On Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Esprit Place was proud to support an event in South River in recognition of International Women's Day at the South River-Machar Community Centre. The event was well attended, including two members of our Board, Irene Smit and Teri Brandt, pictured below.





# **Licensed Child Care Programs**

# Total Children Utilizing Directly Operated Child Care in the District March 2025

Age Group	Fairview ELCC	First Steps ELCC	Highlands ELCC	Waubeek ELCC	НССР	Total
Infant (0-18M)	1	0	0	2	7	10
Toddler (18-30M)	11	8	6	14	33	72
Preschool (30M-4Y)	16	12	25	41	47	141
# of Active Children	28	20	31	57	87	223

The Home Child Care Program currently has 18 active homes and is actively seeking 2 additional homes to fill the licensed capacity. Enrollment in all licensed programs has remained consistent since January and supervisors are adapting to the ministry cost-based funding formula.

# School Age Programs March 2025

Location	Enrollment
Mapleridge After School	26
Mapleridge Before School	8
Mapleridge Summer Program	N/A
Sundridge Centennial After School	11
Home Child Care	29
# of Active Children	76



# **Inclusion Support Services March 2025**

Age Group	EarlyON	Licensed ELCC's	Monthly Total	YTD Total	Waitlist	New Referrals	Discharges
Infant (0-18M)	1	1	2	2	0	0	0
Toddler (18-30M)	6	11	17	14	0	3	1
Preschool (30M-4Y)	7	38	45	44	5	3	1
School Age (4Y+)	1	13	14	19	0	1	3
Monthly Total	15	63	78		5	7	2
YTD Total	17	64		81	14	24	10

# EarlyON Child and Family Programs March 2025

Activity	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	YTD
Number of Child Visits	852	755	855	2462
Number of New Children Attending	243	64	48	355
Number of Unique Children Attending		301	YTD	
Number of Adult Visits	661	605	704	1970
Number of Unique Adults Attending	283 YTD			
Number of Virtual Programming Events	7	7	8	22
Number of Engagements through Social Media	215	98	91	404
Number of Views through Social Media	33,693	17,975	21,519	73,187

# **Funding Sources for District Wide Childcare Spaces - March 2025**

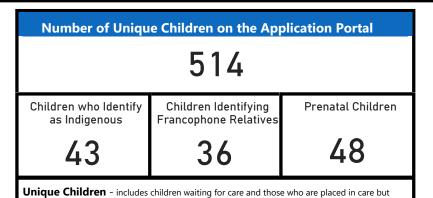
Funding Source - Active	# of Children	# of Families
CWELCC*	48	46
CWELCC Full Fee	217	214
Extended Day Fee Subsidy	4	4
Fee Subsidy	26	20
Full Fee	26	24
Ontario Works	2	2
Total	323	310

Funding Source - New	# of Children	# of Families
CWELCC*	1	1
CWELCC Full Fee	1	1
Extended Day Fee Subsidy		
Fee Subsidy		
Full Fee		
Ontario Works		
Total	2	2

Exits	# of Children	# of Families
Fee Subsidy	1	1
CWELCC Full Fee		
Extended Day Fee Subsidy	1	1
Fee Subsidy		
Full Fee		
Ontario Works		
Total	2	2

The District of Parry Sound Child Care Application Portal was launched on July 24, 2024. Since implementation, operators and child care service management staff have been working to "clean" the waitlist by removing duplicates, training staff and assisting families with updating their profiles.

# Data for March 2025



have applied to other child care centres/programs. (ie: currently in an infant space and have also applied for JK/SK after school program) - Or - includes all children who have completed an

application for child care

Unique Children Waiting for Care

Mu

Mo

Maiting for Care - children who remain on the application portal for care. Once placed in program, and not waiting for additional or other programs, children are removed from the application portal

Year, Month

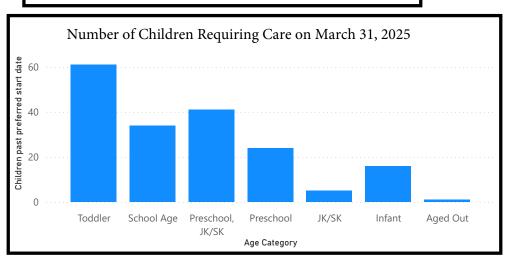
Multiple selections

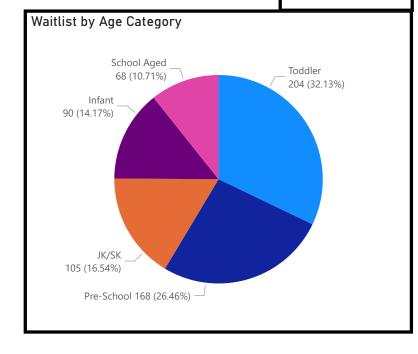
Month

March

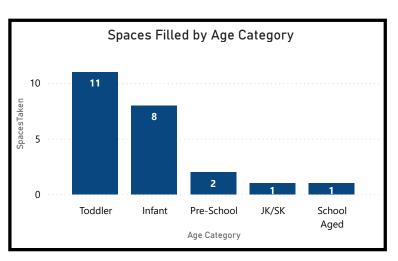
Waitlist Additions

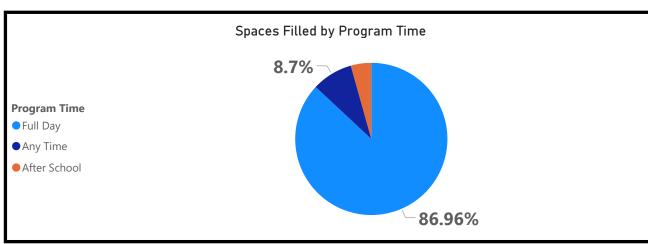
49







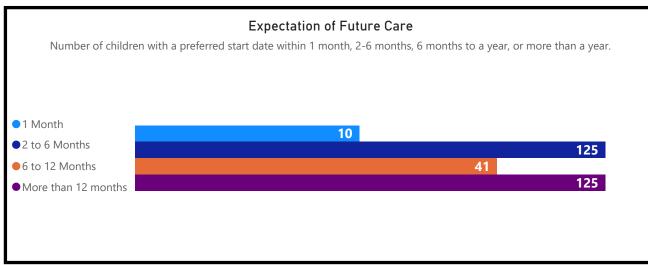


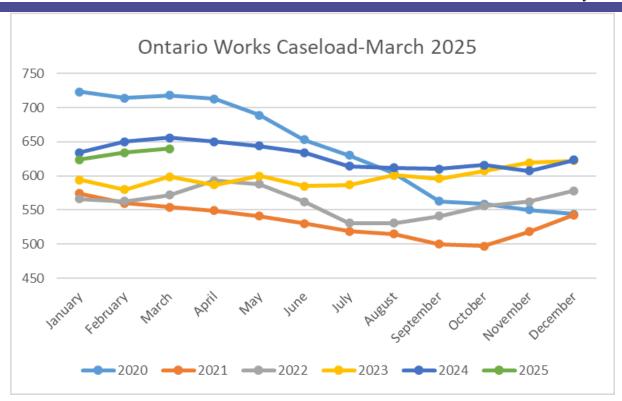


Children Placed	Spaces Filled
23	23

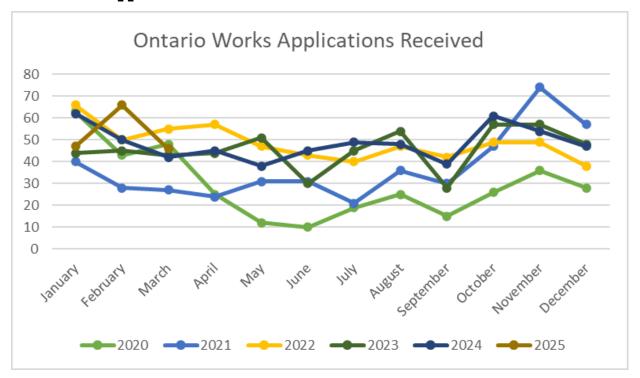
**Children Placed -** The number of unique children placed in a program.

**Spaces Filled -** The number of spaces filled by a child. A child may be placed in more than one space, ie: before school space and after school space.

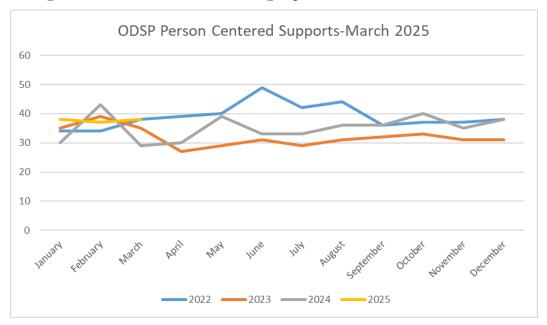




# Ontario Works Intake - Social Assistance Digital Application (SADA) & Local Office Ontario Works Applications Received



# **ODSP Participants in Ontario Works Employment Assistance**



The OW Caseload is up slightly to **640** cases. We are providing **38** ODSP participants Person-Centred Supports. We also have **58** Temporary Care Assistance cases. **46** applications were received through the province's Ontario Works Intake Unit (OWIU).

# **Employment Services Transformation & Performance Outcomes**

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, as part of the province's Employment Services Transformation, we officially entered Integrated Employment Services model (IES) along with our Northeast DSSAB partners with our new Service System Manager College Boreal. This means that employment assistance for Social Assistance recipients now moves under the Employment Ontario umbrella. We are responsible for providing Person Centered Supports to SA Recipients in 4 key areas;

- Crisis & Safety-homelessness, personal safety
- Health-medical, mental health counselling, addiction treatment
- Life Skills-Literacy and Basic Skills such as budgeting, time management
- Community Supports-Housing, transportation and legal support

With this change, we have new Performance Outcomes that will be reported on monthly going forward.

# % with an Action Plan created

Percentage of OW + NDA Members with mandatory participation requirements...



Provincial Average-59.7% Target-100%

# **Referrals to Employment Ontario**

Percentage of OW + NDA Members with mandatory participation requirements...



Provincial Average 9.2%

Target 32%

<sup>\*\*</sup>NDA refers to ODSP participants

<sup>\*\*</sup>NDA refers to ODSP participants

# % Exiting to Employment

Percentage of Ontario Works cases exiting to employment (Cumulative Year-to-...



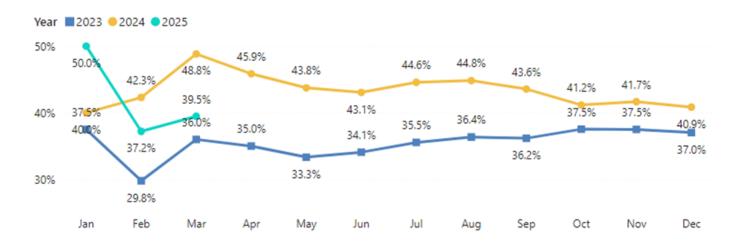
Provincial Average 3.2%

Target 22%

\*\*NDA refers to ODSP participants

# % of OW Cases Exit the Program and Return within One Year

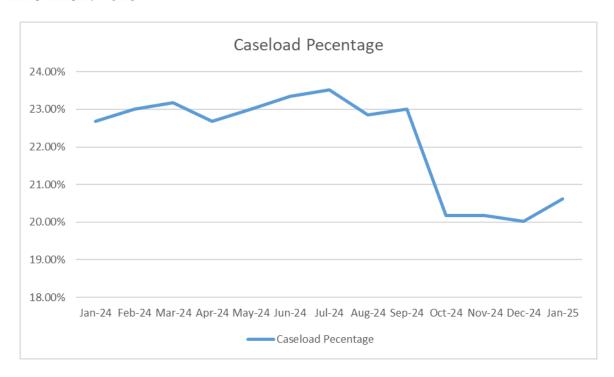
Percentage of Ontario Works cases who exit the program and return within one...



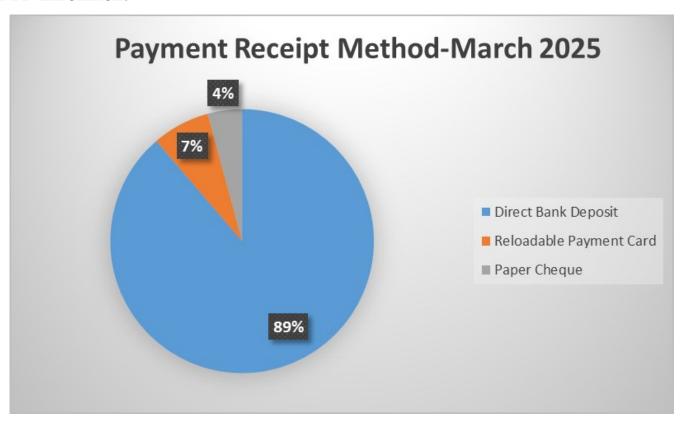
Provincial Average: 33.6%

Target: 35%

# **MyBenefits Enrollment 2025**



# **DBD Enrollment**

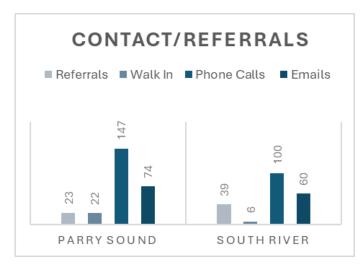


# **Income Support & Stability Update**

Income Support and Stability Program Case Management involves the coordination of appropriate services and the provision of consistent and on-going weekly or bi-weekly supports, required by the individual to succeed in achieving and maintain life stabilization goals.

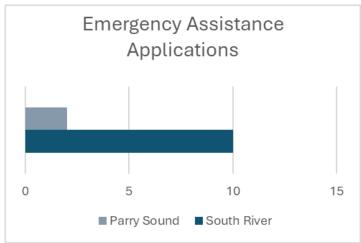
# Contact / Referrals – March 2025

The data collected is initial contact made with a client to determine eligibility for on going support. This includes ongoing Housing Stability and Ontario Works cases.



# **Emergency Assistance Applications March 2025**

An application can be created when the applicant is not currently in receipt of social assistance, or not serving a period of ineligibility. Administrator also must be satisfied the applicant to the best of their ability made a reasonable effort to access other resources.



# **Client Referrals**

Clients who identify as experiencing homelessness, or at immediate risk of homelessness

March 2025	East	West	YTD
Homeless	1	4	12
At Risk	9	10	36
Program Total (Esprit In Shelter Clients calculated in Homelessness Numbers)			
Esprit Outreach Homeless			
Esprit Outreach at Risk			
Esprit in Shelter			

# **Short Term Housing Allowance**

Max of \$400 for 6 months

	Active	YTD
March	8	16

# Household Income Sources and Issuance from Homelessness Prevention Programs Funding (HPP)

March 2025 Income Source	Total	НРР
Senior	4	\$2,901.27
ODSP	12	\$8,123.80
Ontario Works	7	\$6,604.94
Low Income	1	\$791.04
Total		

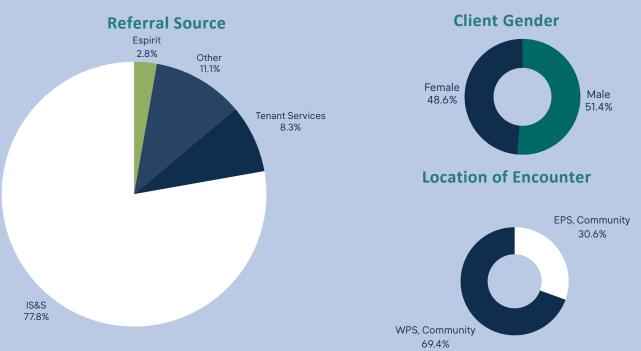
March 2025 Reason for Issue	Total
Rental Arrears	\$9,800.35
Utilities/Firewood	\$4,317.56
Transportation	
Food/Household/Misc.	\$4,303.10
Emergency Housing	
Total	\$18,421.01

# By-Name List Data September 1, 2021- March 31, 2025

The By Name List is real-time list of all known people who are experiencing homelessness in our community that are willing to participate in being on the list and connecting with our agency for ongoing support to maintain affordable and sustainable housing. The individuals who are connected to this program are provided Intense Case Management supports with the foundations from Coordinated Access.







			Referral Ot	ıt	
		Home & Community Care 1	ODSP 2	Harvest Share 1	EMS 1
	SJB 6	Monarch 1	Housing Stability 1	ABI Collaborative	Legal Aid 3
ı	CMIIA	RAAM 2	PSFC 1	Victim Services 1	PSFHT 1
	CMHA 8	Lakeland LTC 1	Huntsville Food Bank 1	Bural Wallington Addiction	Harvest Share 1
	NPLC 4	Salvation Army 2	Connex Ontario 1	Rural Wellington Addiction Service 1	HSP 1

# **Housing Programs**

# Social Housing Centralized Waitlist Report March 2025

	rater zozo			
		East Parry Sound	West Parry Sound	Total
	Seniors	50	134	184
	Families	147	478	625
	Individuals	503	159	662
Total		700	771	1471
	Total Waitlist Undup	licated		408



# Social Housing Centralized Waitlist (CWL) 2024 - 2025 Comparison Applications and Households Housing from the CWL

Month 2024	New App.	New SPP	Cancelled	Housed	SPP Housing	Month 2025	New App.	New SPP	Cancelled	Housed	SPP Housing
Jan	3		2	1		Jan	9	0	0	2	
Feb	5		11	1		Feb	8	0	2	3	
Mar	7		3	3		Mar	9	1	4	1	
Apr	10	1	7			Apr					
May	4	1	5	1		May					
June	1		15	3		June					
July	9	1	19			July					
Aug	9	1	21			Aug					
Sept	6		16	2		Sept					
Oct	6		9	4		Oct					
Nov	10	1	17	3		Nov					
Dec	11		6	3	2	Dec					
Total	81	5	131	21	2	Total	26	1	6	6	0

SPP = Special Priority Applicant

# Parry Sound District Housing Corporation March 2025

# **Activity for Tenant Services**

	Current	YTD
Move outs	2	5
Move in (centralized waitlist along with internal transfers)	2	7
L1/L2 hearings	0	2
N4 Delivered to tenant or filed with the LTB– Notice of eviction for non-payment of rent	1	4
N5 Filed with the LTB- notice of eviction disturbing the quiet enjoyment of the other occupants	1	5
N6 Filed with the LTB –notice of eviction for illegal acts or misrepresenting income for RGI housing	0	0
N7 Filed with the LTB – notice of eviction for willful damage to unit	0	0
Repayment agreements (formal & informal)	0	7
No Trespass Order	0	0
Tenant Home Visits	27	85
Mediation/Negotiation/Referrals	16	50
Tenant Engagements/Education	4	6

# Property Maintenance March 2025

Pest Control		2 Buildings are currently being monitored monthly for bedbugs.  There are 4 active units.
Vacant Units	9	8 one-bedroom, 1- multiple bedrooms (asbestos abatement, and significant repair contributes to longer vacancy times)
Vacant Units - The Meadow View	7	6 market, 1 affordable units available
After Hours Calls	10	leaks, Furnace not working, Fire panel offline, tenant behaviour, Technician required access, flooding from unit, Front door not latching, Tenant admitted into hospital required unit to be secured
Work Orders	70	Work orders are created for our staff to complete routine maintenance repairs for all DSSAB/LHC Buildings
Purchase Orders	238	Purchase Orders are for services, and materials required outside of the Housing Operations Department
Fire Inspections	0	**Scheduled to attend the annual inspections in May**
Annual Inspections	0	**SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2025**
Incident Reports	1	*February 2025- Head Office: gas smell which was a false alarm; determined it was a misfire of the HVAC unit and no potential for danger. HVAC repaired.

# Capital Projects March 2025

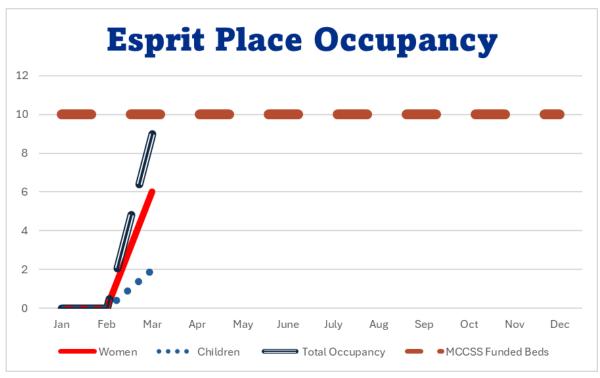
During the month of March, the Capital Program was busy with the following:

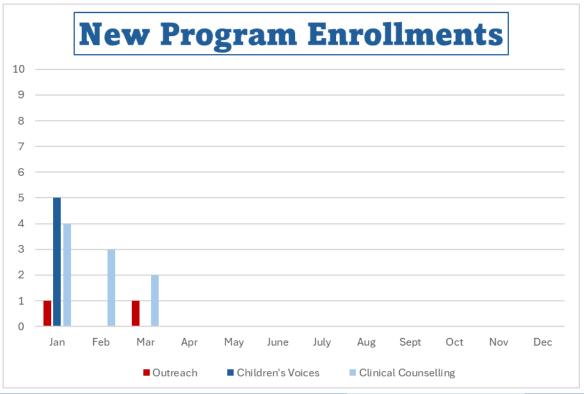
- Wrapping up the window replacement project at the 6-story apartment building in Parry Sound
- Wrapping up renovation to Esprit Place (doors opened March 8th)
- 2-Family homes with mould remediation in Parry Sound- completed March 27<sup>th</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> 2025
- Family home asbestos abatement and mould remediation in Burk's Falls- (completed) March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Two one-bedroom homes in Burk's Falls extensive mould remediation, and plumbing repairs. (Ongoing)
- One-bedroom home in Callendar has a warped lintel; consultations underway to rectify (Ongoing)
- Carpet replacement at Parry Sound head office (completed) March 30th, 2025
- South River head office; working with insurance company to remedy damage from the flooding (**Ongoing**)
- Asbestos abatement and mould remediation at two 1-bedroom homes in South River. (One **completed**, one **ongoing**)
- Load bearing retaining wall replacement underway.
- Installation of a new door at a childcare facility (completed)
- Drainage repairs at a family home in Parry Sound (**ongoing**)



# **Esprit Place Family Resource Centre**







# **Social Media Stats**

Facebook -District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board	NOV 2024	DEC 2024	JAN 2025	FEB 2025	MAR 2025	APR 2025
Total Page Followers	677	682	698	713	721	731
Post Reach this Period (# of people who saw post)	3032	2421	5003	4923	7739	3660
Post Engagement this Period (# of reactions, comments, shares)	257	59	666	697	788	40

Facebook -Esprit Place Family Resource Centre	NOV 2024	DEC 2024	JAN 2025	FEB 2025	MAR 2025	APR 2025
Total Page Followers	209	214	214	217	220	224
Post Reach this Period (# of people who saw post)	3103	3304	608	998	1214	164
Post Engagement this Period (# of reactions, comments, shares)	151	119	12	65	94	3

DSSAB LinkedIN Stats <a href="https://bit.ly/2YyFHlE">https://bit.ly/2YyFHlE</a>	NOV 2024	DEC 2024	JAN 2025	FEB 2025	MAR 2025	APR 2025
Total Followers	501	503	515	519	525	537
Search Appearances (in last 7 days)	10	52	40	72	131	187
Total Page Views	55	50	32	46	34	37
Post Impressions	1800	1416	2342	1030	632	843
Total Unique Visitors	23	14	18	22	19	21

Instagram - Esprit Place Family Resource Centre <a href="https://www.instagram.com/espritplace/">https://www.instagram.com/espritplace/</a>	NOV 2024	DEC 2024	JAN 2025	FEB 2025	MAR 2025	APR 2025
Total Followers	97	97	99	101	103	104
# of accumulated posts	53	59	61	63	64	65



## REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE PREPARED: May 5th, 2025	PROGRAM: Esprit Place Family Resource				
	Centre				
MEETING DATE: May 8th, 2025	REPORT NO: 9.1				
PREPARED BY: Jennifer Bouwmeester, Director	PRESENTED BY: Jennifer Bouwmeester, Director				
of Women's Services	of Women's Services				
SUBJECT: Esprit Place Family Resource Centre Operations Update					
-					

#### Introduction:

The intent of this report is to provide the Board of Directors with an overview of the new operational model for Esprit Place Family Resource Centre (EPFRC), implemented with the shelter reopening March 2025.

#### **Background:**

Esprit Place provides immediate protection and support to female identifying survivors of violence or abuse and their dependents.

The agency's services include:

- 1. Supportive counselling
- 2. Temporary safe and secure emergency residence
- 3. Residential supports including food, personal needs items, bedding
- 4. Emergency transportation (subject to available resources and safety issues)
- 5. Referrals to alternative accommodation
- 6. Assistance with housing applications
- 7. Provision of information about rights, options and available services
- 8. Development of safety strategies/plan for women and their dependents
- 9. Assistance with information about legal systems, immigration, transportation and cultural interpretation
- 10. Crisis line services
- 11. Community outreach to women
- 12. Advocacy on behalf of women and their dependents
- 13. Assistance with finding childcare

Esprit Place was built in 1985 and originally opened its doors the fall of 1986. We will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year!

#### **Comments:**

From April 2024 to March 2025, Esprit underwent a major building renovation. We officially reopened on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025. During the closure we reviewed our operating procedures, policies, and staffing compliment with the intent of creating a service delivery model that meets the ever-changing needs of the women and dependants that we serve.

Staffing now consists of the following:

Director of Women's Services-1FTE

Program Supervisor – 1FTE

Clinical Counsellor - 1 FTE

Residential Program Workers -5 FTE; (+ 6 Casual/relief staff)

Outreach Worker – 1FTE

Client complexity has increased, and staff are more frequently faced with supporting clients experiencing substance use issues and/or unstable mental health. Our current staffing complement is limited by funding, which means that staff are often working alone from 7pm- 7am. As a result, we now offer admission to our residential program during regular business hours only, when multiple staff are available. We do make exceptions after hours for critical safety issues, with OPP support. All admissions are initially offered for a period of 48 hours. This allows time for the woman to be assessed by the Clinical Counsellor to determine whether Esprit Place is the most appropriate resource to serve the needs of the client.

We continue to provide extensive community supports in partnership with Income Support & Stability. Supports include child witness counselling and group programming, court support, transitional housing supports, referrals to other community services, and outreach.

#### **Financial Considerations:**

Esprit Place programs are 100% funded by The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, and augmented by grants and community donations. EPFRC does not currently draw from the municipal levy.

Our current MCCSS funding allotment is \$965,092.

#### **Strategic Initiatives:**

Women's Services programming has the potential to help the PSDSSAB achieve its high-level strategic goal of:

Modernize Service System Planning- Develop a Violence Against Women program delivery model that is grounded in evidence, trauma and violence informed and delivered in a manner that is driven by principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization.

Strengthen Collaboration- Foster internal and external relationships and collaboration to create and strengthen comprehensive wrap around supports for women and their dependant's experiencing violence, and to work collectively for greater community impact.

Holistic Approach to Human Services- Create an inclusive and culturally appropriate single window of access to human services for women and their dependant's experiencing violence through the implementation of innovative, evidence informed programs and services.

Effective Infrastructure Renewal- Create a physical space that provides safe, comfortable emergency shelter for women and their dependents fleeing violence. This space will be conducive to healthy congregate living, program and service delivery, and professional growth and development for staff.

## **Recommendation/Conclusion:**

For information Only.



## REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE PREPARED: April 28, 2025	PROGRAM: Child Care Service Management				
MEETING DATE: May 8, 2025	REPORT NO: 9.2				
PREPARED BY: Pam Nelson, Director of Child	PRESENTED BY: Pam Nelson, Director of Child				
Care Service Management	Care Service Management				
SUBJECT: Early Development Instrument (EDI) Results - Cycle VI 2022-23					

#### **Proposed Resolution:**

For Information Only

#### **Introduction:**

The intent of this report is to provide the Board of Directors with a high-level overview of the Early Development Instrument.

#### **Background:**

The Early Development Instrument (EDI) is a questionnaire completed by senior kindergarten (SK) teachers that measures children's ability to meet age-appropriate developmental expectations. It is a Canadian-made research tool, developed at the Offord Centre for Child Studies at McMaster University. The EDI has three main objectives:

- (1) to assess the strengths and deficits of students,
- (2) report on populations in different communities, and
- (3) to provide a kindergarten benchmark for monitoring child development trajectories.

The five domains are: Physical Health & Well-Being, Social Competence, Emotional Maturity, Language & Cognitive Development, Communication Skills & General Knowledge.

The Early Development Instrument is commonly used to get a sense of vulnerability in a population of children. If a child scores below the 10<sup>th</sup> percentile cut-off of the Ontario population on any of the five domains, they are said to be vulnerable on that scale of development. When looking at vulnerability rates, a lower percentage is a more favorable result.

#### **Strategic Initiatives:**

The project has the potential to help the PSDSSAB achieve its high-level strategic goal of:

- Strengthen Collaboration
- Holistic Approach to Human Services

#### **Legislative/Risk Analysis:**

The Early Development Instrument has been implemented in 12 of 13 provinces across Canada. The EDI

aims to provide a snapshot of children's developmental health and promote equity from the start, helping inform community services and improve conditions for children's success in school.

# **Recommendation/Conclusion:**

The results from the Early Development Instrument, Cycle VI, will be shared with local school boards, child care operators and posted for public viewing.

# Early Development Instrument (EDI) Results: Parry Sound 2022/23 (Cycle 6)

Results of the EDI questionnaire are grouped into five core domains of child development:



Physical Health & Well-being (PHWB): Includes gross and fine motor skills (e.g., holding a pencil, running on the playground, motor coordination), adequate energy levels for classroom activities, independence in looking after own needs, and daily living skills.



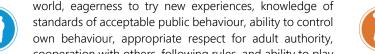
Language & Cognitive Development (LANG): Includes reading awareness, age-appropriate reading and writing skills, age-appropriate numeracy skills, ability to understand similarities and differences, and ability to recite back specific pieces of information from memory.



Social Competence (SOC): Includes curiosity about the world, eagerness to try new experiences, knowledge of cooperation with others, following rules, and ability to play and work with other children.



Communication Skills & General Knowledge (COMG): Includes skills to communicate needs and wants in socially appropriate ways, symbolic use of language, storytelling, and age-appropriate knowledge about the life and world around.





Emotional Maturity (EMOT): Includes the ability to think before acting, a balance between too fearful and too impulsive, an ability to deal with feelings at the ageappropriate level, and empathetic response to other people's feelings.

#### The EDI:

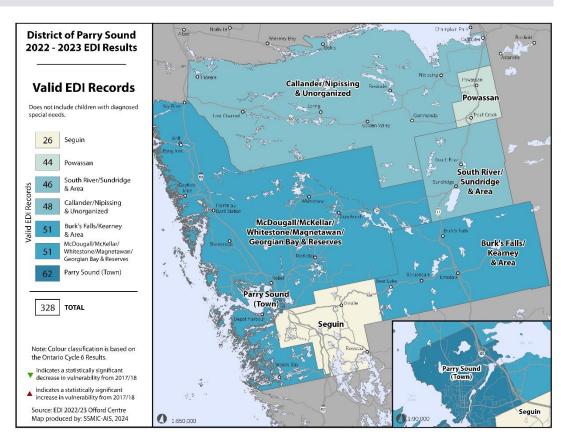
- is a Canadian-made research tool, developed at the Offord Centre for Child Studies at McMaster
- has been used around the world, Australia, Chile, and Egypt.
- ability to meet age-appropriate developmental expectations.
- is NOT used to assess or diagnose teachers or schools.

# District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DPSSSAB)

The six major DPSSSAB EDI implementations took place during the 2004/05 (Cycle 1), 2008/09 (Cycle 2), 2011/12 (Cycle 3), 2014/15 (Cycle 4), 2017/18 (Cycle 5), and 2022/23 (Cycle 6) school years. EDI analysis in Ontario commonly excludes children who have been diagnosed with a special need. These results adhere to the Ontario guidelines. The number of valid DPSSSAB records (without special needs), for the latest implementation, was 328 in 2022/23.

EDI results for the core domains can be broken down by the Larger Community Groupings that make up the DPSSSAB area and are shown in the map to the right. Analyzing EDI data at this level allows service providers to better understand how various factors influence children's development and health, which can help focus program planning in the areas that may need more support.

The EDI is commonly used to get a sense of vulnerability in a population of children. If a child scores below the 10th percentile cut-off of the Ontario population on any of the five domains, he/she is said to be vulnerable on that scale of development. When looking at vulnerability rates, a lower percentage is a more favourable result.

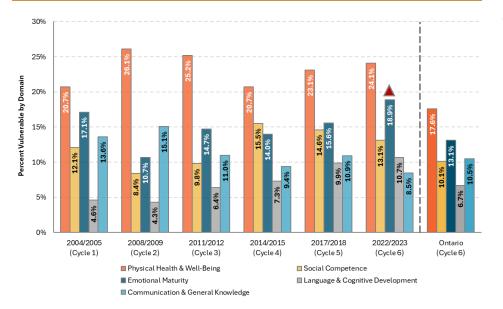


# **Findings for DPSSSAB**

- Meaningful increase in the Emotional Maturity domain compared to the Cycle 5 results.
- The following neighbourhoods saw a meaningful **increase** in vulnerability compared to Cycle 5:
  - Burk's Falls/Kearney & Area: Emotional Maturity
  - McDougall/McKellar/Whitestone/Magnetawan/Georgian Bay & Reserves: Physical Health & Well-Being, Social Competence, Emotional Maturity and Low in 1 or More
  - Parry Sound, Town: Physical Health & Well-Being, Language & Cognitive Development

	% Vulnerable							
2017/18 2022/23		Ontario 2022/23	2017/18					
23.1%	24.1%	17.6%		1.0				
14.6%	13.1%	10.1%		1.5				
15.6%	18.9%	13.1%	<b>A</b>	3.3				
9.9%	10.7%	6.7%		8.0				
10.9%	8.5%	10.5%		2.4				
37.4%	36.9%	31.1%		0.5				
17.7%	18.9%	14.7%	-	-				
▲Increase in Vulnerability ▼ Decrease in Vulnerability ■ No Meaningful Change								
*Statistically meaningful change based on the Critical Difference Calculation								
	23.1% 14.6% 15.6% 9.9% 10.9% 37.4% 17.7%  Decrease in the change base	23.1% 24.1% 14.6% 13.1% 15.6% 18.9% 9.9% 10.7% 10.9% 8.5% 37.4% 36.9% 17.7% 18.9%  ▼ Decrease in Vulnerability ul change based on the Critical	2017/18 2022/23 23.1% 24.1% 17.6% 14.6% 13.1% 10.1% 15.6% 18.9% 13.1% 9.9% 10.7% 6.7% 10.9% 8.5% 10.5% 37.4% 36.9% 31.1% 17.7% 18.9% 14.7%  ▼ Decrease in Vulnerability ■ No Meaning	2017/18 2022/23 2022/23  23.1% 24.1% 17.6% ■ 14.6% 13.1% 10.1% ■ 15.6% 18.9% 13.1% ▲ 9.9% 10.7% 6.7% ■ 10.9% 8.5% 10.5% ■ 37.4% 36.9% 31.1% ■ 17.7% 18.9% 14.7% -  ▼ Decrease in Vulnerability ■ No Meaningful Characteristics ■ No Meaningful Characteristic				

# Percent of Vulnerable Children by EDI Domain



- The following neighbourhoods saw a meaningful **decrease** in vulnerability compared to Cycle 5:
  - Burk's Falls/Kearney & Area: Physical Health & Well-Being
  - Parry Sound, Town: Social Competence
  - Seguin: Social Competence, Emotional Maturity, Language & Cognitive Development, Communication & General Knowledge, Low in 1 or More
  - South River/Sundridge & Area: Social Competence, Communication & General Knowledge, Low in 1 or More

2022/23 Vulnerability by Neighbourhood								
	Total	PHWB (%)	SCO (%)	EMOT (%)	LANG (%)	COMG (%)	LOW1 (%)	LOW2 (%)
Parry Sound, Dis.	328	24.1	13.1	18.9	10.7	8.5	36.9	18.9
Burks Falls / Kearney & Area	51	23.5	11.8	23.5	7.8	9.8	39.2	21.6
Callander / Nipissing & Unorg.	48	14.6	8.3	8.3	6.3	4.2	25.0	10.4
McD./McK./WS./ Mag./G. B. & Reserves	51	37.3	13.7	17.6	7.8	2.0	45.1	19.6
Parry Sound, Town	62	38.7	24.2	30.6	27.4	22.6	56.5	33.9
Powassan	44	11.4	15.9	15.9	4.5	9.1	25.0	18.2
Seguin	26	11.5	3.8	3.8	7.7	3.8	11.5	7.7
South River /	16	10.6	6.5	21.7	6.5	2.2	27 O	10.0

Note: The colour classification presented above is based on the comparison with the Ontario Cycle 6 Results. This scale does not represent statistical significance.

21.7

6.5

19.6

More than 6% Lower Compared to ON-C6	6% Lower Compared to ON-C6	Within 2% Compared to ON-C6	6% Higher Compared to ON-C6	More than 6% Higher Compared to ON-C6
---	----------------------------------	-----------------------------------	-----------------------------------	--



Sundridge & Area



6.5

2.2

37.0

10.9



# Nipissing Parry Sound Overdose Incident Report

This report will be updated and sent weekly, every Monday, to inform community organizations and first responders of overdoses and/or negative drug reactions within our community.

	Overdoses or Negative Reactions Reported	Deaths Reported	Date	Number of Times 911 Called	Location	Substances Involved
Week 49: April 21 <sup>st</sup> , to April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Week 48: April 14 <sup>th</sup> , to April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	1	0	April 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	1	North Bay	Unknown Opioid
Week 47: April 7 <sup>th</sup> , to April 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	3	0	April 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 April 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 (2)	3	North Bay (2) On Reserve (Name Suppressed) Powassan	Cocaine (2) Fentanyl (2)
Week 46: March 31 <sup>st</sup> , to April 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	3	0	April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 (5) April 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	6	North Bay (2) On Reserve (Name Suppressed) Sundridge Parry Sound	Cocaine (4) Don't Know Unknown Opioid
Week 45: March 24 <sup>th</sup> to	3	0	March 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 (2) March 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	3	North Bay (2) Strong	Alcohol Crystal Meth Don't Know

Week 44: March 17 <sup>th</sup> to March 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025	2	1	March 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 March 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	2	Nipissing First Nation Sundridge	Crystal Meth Fentanyl Prescription Opioids Unknown Opioid (2)
Week 43: March 10 <sup>th</sup> to March 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	4	1	February 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025 March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	4	Nipissing First Nation North Bay (3)	Fentanyl (2) Unknown Opioid (2)
Week 42: March 3 <sup>rd</sup> to March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	4	0	March 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 March 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 (2) March 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	4	Carling Parry Sound (2) Perry	Crack (3) Cocaine (2) Fentanyl (2) Non-Opioid Pharmaceutical
Week 41: February 24 <sup>th</sup> to March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025	3	1	February 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 (2)	3	North Bay (3)	Fentanyl Unknown Opioid (2)
Week 40: February 17 <sup>th</sup> to February 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025	2	1	February 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 February 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025	2	Burk's Falls North Bay	Alcohol Don't Know Fentanyl
Week 39: February 10 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Week 38: February 3 <sup>rd</sup> to February 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	4	0	February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025 February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025 February 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 (2)	4	Callander North Bay Parry Sound (2)	Alcohol Don't Know Fentanyl Non-Opioid Pharmaceutical
Week 37: January 27 <sup>th</sup> to February 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025	1	0	February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	1	North Bay	Fentanyl
Week 36: January 20 <sup>th</sup> to January 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	5	0	January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 (2) January 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 January 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2025 January 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	5	North Bay Parry Sound (3) Whitestone	Cocaine Don't Know Fentanyl (3) Prescription Opioids
Week 35: January 13 <sup>th</sup> to January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	2	0	January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2025 January 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	2	Parry Sound (2)	Crack Cocaine (2) Fentanyl (2)
Week 34: January 6 <sup>th</sup> to January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	3	0	January 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2025 (2) January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	2	North Bay On Reserve (Name Suppressed) Parry Sound	Crack Don't Know Unknown Opioid (2)
Week 33: December 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 to	2	0	December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2025	2	North Bay (2)	Fentanyl Unknown Opioid

Week 32: December 23 <sup>rd</sup> to December 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	2	0	December 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 December 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	1	Parry Sound (2)	Cocaine Fentanyl (2)
Week 31: December 16 <sup>th</sup> to December 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	1	0	December 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	1	North Bay	Fentanyl
Week 30: December 9 <sup>th</sup> to December 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	2	0	December 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 December 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	2	North Bay (2)	Unknown Unknown Opioid
Week 29: December 2 <sup>nd</sup> to December 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	1	1	December 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	1	North Bay	Unknown Opioid
Week 28: November 25 <sup>th</sup> to December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	4	1	November 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (2) November 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (2)	4	McDougall North Bay (2) Nipissing First Nation	Fentanyl Prescription Opioids Unknown Opioid (2)
Week 27: November 18 <sup>th</sup> to November 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	2	0	November 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 November 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	2	North Bay On Reserve (Name Suppressed)	Fentanyl Non-opioid Pharmaceutical

Week 26: November 11 <sup>th</sup> to November 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	4	0	November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 November 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	4	Mattawa North Bay (2) Parry Sound	Non-opioid Pharmaceutical Prescription Opioids Unknow Opioid (2)
Week 25: November 4 <sup>th</sup> to November 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	3	0	October 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 November 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 November 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	3	North Bay (4)	Fentanyl (2) Polypharmacy
Week 24: October 28 <sup>th</sup> to November 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	4	0	October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 October 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 November 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024 November 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	4	North Bay (4)	Fentanyl Unknown Opioid (3)
Week 23: October 21 <sup>st</sup> to October 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	1	0	October 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	1	Parry Sound	Prescription Opioids
Week 22: October 14 <sup>th</sup> to October 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Week 21: October 7 <sup>th</sup> to October 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	9	0	October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (2) October 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (3) October 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 October 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 October 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (2)	9	McDougall North Bay (4) Parry Sound (2) West Nipissing (2)	Crack Don't Know (2) Fentanyl (4) Unknown Opioid (3)

Week 20: September 30 <sup>th</sup> to October 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Week 19: September 23 <sup>rd</sup> to September 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	3	0	September 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024 September 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 September 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	3	North Bay (2) Parry Sound	Crystal Meth Don't Know Fentanyl Unknown Opioid
Week 18: September 16 <sup>th</sup> to September 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	7	1	September 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 September 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (2) September 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 September 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024 (3)	7	North Bay (4) Parry Sound Seguin West Nipissing	Crack Fentanyl Unknown Opioid (5)
Week 17: September 9 <sup>th</sup> to September 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	5	0	September 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (3) September 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 September 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	5	North Bay (2) On Reserve (Name Suppressed) Parry Sound Powassan	Alcohol (2) Cocaine (2) Crack Fentanyl (2) Prescription Opioids Unknown Opioid (2)
Week 16: September 2 <sup>nd</sup> , to September 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	4	0	September 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (2) September 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 September 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	4	Mattawa McDougall North Bay Parry Sound	Cocaine Don't Know Fentanyl Non-Opioid Pharmaceutical Prescription Opioids
Week 15: August 26 <sup>th</sup> to September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	5	0	August 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 August 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (2) August 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 September 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	5	North Bay (3) Parry Sound Strong	Benzodiazepines Crack Fentanyl (3)

Week 14: August 19 <sup>th</sup> to August 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	6	0	August 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (2) August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 August 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024 August 23 <sup>rd,</sup> 2024 August 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	6	North Bay (3) The Archipelago (2) On Reserve (Name Suppressed)	Alcohol (2) Cocaine (3) Fentanyl Unknown Opioid (2)
Week 13: August 12 <sup>th</sup> to August 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	4	0	August 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (2) August 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (2)	4	North Bay (3) Seguin	Benzodiazepines Fentanyl Marijuana/Cannabis Polypharmacy Unknown Opioid (2)
Week 12: August 5 <sup>th</sup> to August 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	6	1	August 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 August 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 August 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 August 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 August 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (2)	5	North Bay (5) West Nipissing	Unknown Opioid (6)
Week 11: July 29 <sup>th</sup> to August 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	1	0	August 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	1	Sundridge	Alcohol Marijuana/Cannabis
Week 10: July 22 <sup>nd</sup> to July 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	4	0	July 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 July 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	4	Nipissing Township Parry Sound (2) Whitestone	Alcohol Fentanyl Hallucinogens/Party Drugs (2) Marijuana/Cannabis Non-Opioid Pharmaceutical (2) Unknown Opioid

Week 9: July 15 <sup>th</sup> to July 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Week 8: July 8 <sup>th</sup> to July 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	1	0	July 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	1	Parry Sound	Alcohol Non-Opioid Pharmaceutical
Week 7: July 1 <sup>st</sup> to July 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Week 6: June 24 <sup>th</sup> to June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	10	0	June 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 June 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (2) June 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (2) June 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (3) June 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (2)	10	Parry Sound (3) North Bay (6) West Nipissing	Fentanyl (7) Unknown Opioid (3) Cocaine Marijuana/Cannabis
Week 5: June 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 to June 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	2	0	June 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 June 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2024	2	Parry Sound North Bay	Fentanyl Unknown Opioid
Week 4: June 10 <sup>th</sup> to June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	7	0	June 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (3) June 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 June 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 June 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 June 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	7	North Bay Parry Sound (4) West Nipissing (2)	Alcohol (2) Cocaine (3) Crack (2) Fentanyl (3) Unknown Opioid
Week 3: June 3 <sup>rd</sup> to June 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	3	0	June 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024 June 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 June 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	3	Kearney Parry Sound Powassan	Alcohol Benzodiazepines Crack Marijuana/Cannabis Non-Opioid Pharmaceutical

Week 2: May 27 <sup>th</sup> to June 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	6	0	May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 May 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 May 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024 June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 June 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024	6	Carling Machar North Bay On Reserve (Name Suppressed) Sundridge West Nipissing	Fentanyl (4) Polypharmacy (2)
Week 1: May 20 <sup>th</sup> to May 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	2	0	May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 May 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024	2	North Bay (2)	Fentanyl (2)
Week 52: May 13 <sup>th</sup> to May 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	2	0	May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 May 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	2	North Bay (2)	Fentanyl Unknown Opioid
Week 51: May 6 <sup>th</sup> to May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	5	0	May 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (2) May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	5	North Bay (2) Parry Sound (2) Strong	Fentanyl (2) Non-Opioid Pharmaceuticals Polypharmacy Prescription Opioids Unknown Opioid (2)
Week 50: April 29 <sup>th</sup> to May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	2	0	April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 May 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,2024	2	North Bay Parry Sound	Fentanyl (2)
Week 49: April 22 <sup>nd</sup> to April 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	11	0	April 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (3) April 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 April 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2024 April 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2024 April 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024 April 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 (3) April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	11	Magnetawan North Bay (9) West Nipissing	Cocaine Crystal Meth Fentanyl (6) Non-opioid pharmaceutical Unknown Opioid (2)
	3	0	April 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024 April 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	3	Burk's Falls North Bay	Crack

Week 48: AprilApril 18th, 2024Parry SoundFentanyl (2)15th to AprilNon-opioid21st, 2024pharmaceutical

# **LABOURFOCUS**

# **JOBS REPORT FEBRUARY 2025**

TOTAL NUMBER OF JOB POSTINGS

489 NIPISSING

154 PARRY SOUND



January

+6 from January

TOP INDUSTRY WITH VACANCIES

#### **NIPISSING**

Health Care & Social Assistance (25.2%)

#### **PARRY SOUND**

Health Care & Social Assistance (27.3%)

To view the full report, visit our website www.thelabourmarketgroup.ca readysethired.ca

Questions or concerns? Feel free to contact us at info@thelabourmarketgroup.ca











T. 705.478.9713

150 First Ave. West Suite 103, North Bay, ON P1B 3B9

The Labour Market Group is funded by:



# LABOUR FORCE APPRENTICESHIP AND SKILLED TRADES

The number of new apprentice registrations for the last ten years.



COVID had a clear impact on the number

of new registrations across all three areas in 2020-21 (Nipissing/ Parry Sound, Northern Region, and Ontario).

Number of new apprenticeship registrations, 2018-19 to 2023-24



These numbers recovered somewhat in 2021-22, and in 2022-23 they recovered some more.

In 2023-24, there was a decline in the number of new registrations at the local and provincial levels, although the figure did increase at the regional level.

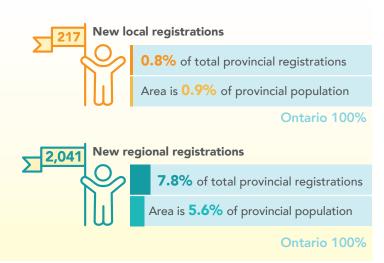


Compared to the 2019-20, the number of **new registrations is slightly lower this year** in all three areas, which already was lower than 2018-19.

LOCAL 243 236 143 209 235 217 **REGION** 2.104 2.065 1,264 1,708 1.970 2.041 **ONTARIO** 26,771 16,730 22,056 27,178 26,296 '21-'22 '19-'20 '20-'21 '22-'23 '23-'24

## Number of New Registrations as a Percent of Ontario

In 2023-24, new registrations at the local and regional levels were roughly in line with historic values, with the local area accounting for 0.8% of the provincial totals, roughly equal to the local area representing 0.9% of the provincial population. And the regional area accounting for 7.8% of provincial new registrations, when the regional area represents 5.6% of the provincial population.





#### **NOW AVAILABLE!**

LOCAL LABOUR MARKET PLAN 2025



APRIL 7-11, 2025
STAY TUNED FOR A FULL
WEEK OF EVENTS!

Questions or concerns? Feel free to contact us at info@thelabourmarketgroup.ca



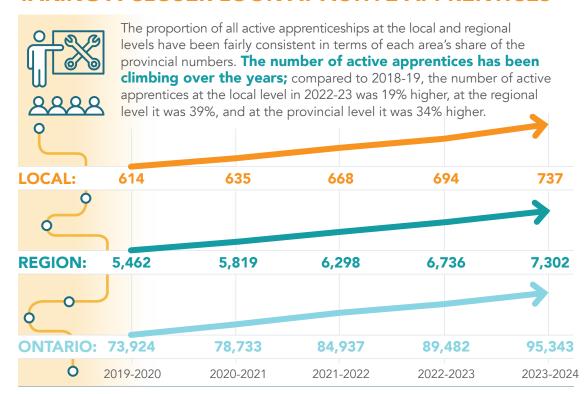
T. 705.478.9713

150 First Ave. West Suite 103, North Bay, ON P1B 3B9

The Labour Market Group is funded by:



#### TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT ACTIVE APPRENTICES



In terms of the number of Certificates of Apprenticeship (CofAs) issued

over the last five years, the number has stayed within the same range (between 64 & 70) at the local level; at the regional level the number has fluctuated



within a broader range; and at the provincial level, it has continued to grow since 2021-22.

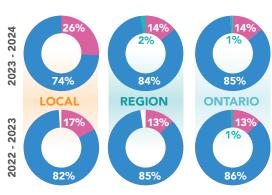
	LOCAL	REGION	ONTARIO
2023-2024	68	621	9,837
2022-2023	66	583	9,564
2021-2022	65	629	8,120
2020-2021	64	420	5,877
2019-2020	67	680	8,892
2018-2019	70	750	9,878

## Distribution by Age and Gender of Apprenticeship

More than 95% of participants are youth (15-24 years old) or young adults (25-44 years old), across all three levels, that proportion inched up slightly from last year.

•15-24 years •25-44 years •45-64 years

The distribution by gender is very **heavily skewed male.** At the local level, the proportion of females has been slightly higher than for the regional and provincial levels, and it increased over the previous year.



• Female • Male • Other/not disclosed/trans

Source: Skilled Trades Ontario

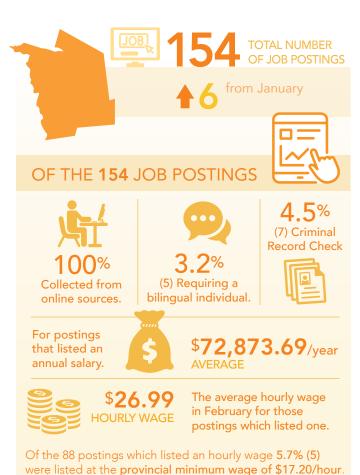
#### NIPISSING DISTRICT

There were 489 job postings recorded for Nipissing District in February. Significantly higher in year-over-year (+19.0%,+78) comparisons, and slightly lower in month-over-month (-3.0%%, -15) comparisons. Putting a damper on the positive trend from January and December which saw an end to 4 consecutive months of declining job postings, the drop is minor and the increase in year-over-year numbers shows that this is in-line with expectations. This month, there were 237 unique employers; slightly higher in month-over-month (+4.4%, +10) comparisons and continues to build on the momentum from December.



### PARRY SOUND DISTRICT

There were 154 job postings recorded for the Parry Sound District in February. This is a slight increase in month-over-month (+4.1%, +6) comparisons and a significant increase in year-over-year (+17.6%, +23) comparisons. The month-over-month increase suggests a return to normalcy and stability after an almost 95% increase last month. This month, there were 89 unique employers; slightly lower in month-over-month (-3.3%, -3) comparisons, again, a return to normalcy from the increases seen last month (a 2 for 1 increase).



#### **TOP 5 EMPLOYERS POSTING JOBS**

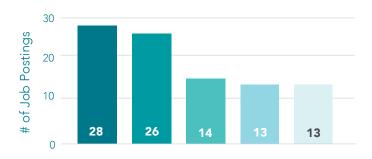


North Bay Regional Health Centre

Ontario Northland

Conseil Scolaire Catholique Franco-Nord

Canadore College



#### **TOP 5 INDUSTRIES HIRING (NAICS)**

25.2% of all job postings

Health Care & Social Assistance (NAIC 62)

#### **Top 5 Positions**

Personal/Home Support Worker

**Registered Nurse** 

Administrative Assistant / Officer

Social Service Worker / Case Manager

Registered Practical Nurse

**2 13.7**%: Retail Trade (NAIC 44-45)

**3 13.5**%: Transportation & Warehousing (NAICS 48-49)

4 10.2%: Educational Services (NAIC 61)

**6.7**%: Accommodation & Food Services (NAICS 72)

The Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS-62) industry saw the most number of job postings in February with 25.2% (123) of the total, with the largest month-over-month decrease of -3.2%, related to demand for healthcare falling as the cold and flu season is behind us. The Health Care and Social Assistance industry continues to be an important part of the Nipissing labour market. Transportation and Warehousing (NAICS-48-49) saw the largest month-over-month increase in job posting with a +5.8% change from January. Accommodation and Food Services (NAICS-72) was almost identical to last month's numbers, returingn to normalcy following the holiday period.

#### **TOP 5 EMPLOYERS POSTING JOBS**

West Parry Sound Health Centre

The Home Depot - Parry Sound

Victorian Order of Nurses / VON

Adams Bros. Construction

Legend Spirits



#### **TOP 5 INDUSTRIES HIRING (NAICS)**

27.3%

of all job postings

Health Care & Social Assistance (NAIC 62)

#### **Top 5 Positions**

10 Home / Personal Support Worker

**7** Registered Nurse

4 Registered Practical Nurse

4 Administrative Assistant / Officer

Social Service Worker / Case Manager

2 18.2%: Accommodation & Food Services (NAICS 72)

**3 14.3**% : Retail Trade (NAICS 44-45)

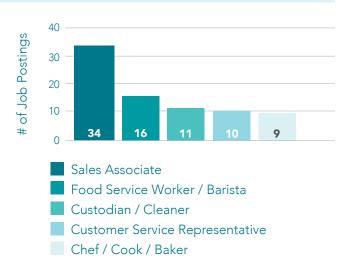
4 **11.0**% : Construction (NAICS 23)

**8.4**%: Manufacturing (NAICS 31-33)

The Health Care and Social Assistance (NAICS-62) industry saw the greatest number of job postings in February with 27.3% (42) of the overall share amongst all major industry classifications, similar to Nipissing it also saw the largest decrease, this can likely be explained by forward-looking expectations around demand for healthcare falling as the cold and flu season is behind us. The Construction (NAICS-23) industry saw the largest month-over-month increase of +5.6% when compared to January; likely in preparation for the warmer months wherein construction will be at an all-time high.

#### **TOP 3 OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES (NOC)**

# 28.8% Sales & Service (NOC 6)





- Registered Nurse (15)
- Registered Practical Nurse (13)
- Personal Support Worker (10)
- Veterinary Technician (7)
- Pharmacist (5)

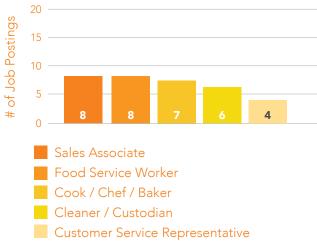


- Transport Truck Driver (12)
- Building Maintenance Worker (7)
- Mechanic Truck / Bus / Train (6)
- Bus Driver (4)
- Automotive Service Technician (4)

Sales and Service (NOC-6) occupations made up the lion's share of job postings with 28.8% (141) of all postings in February. The largest decrease (-5.5%) was seen in Education, Law and Social, Community and Government Services (NOC-4), displacing it from the top three or the first time since March 2024. The Natural and Applied Sciences (NOC 2) saw the largest monthover-month increase with a +3.4% change. Managerial roles, 16 of 39 fell in the Sales and Service occupations and, 10 fell in Business, Finance and Administration occupations.

#### **TOP 3 OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES (NOC)**







- Snow Plow Operator (4)
- Postal Worker (3)
- Material Handler (3)
- Transport Truck Driver (3)
- Carpenter (2)
- **14.3%** Health (NOC 3)

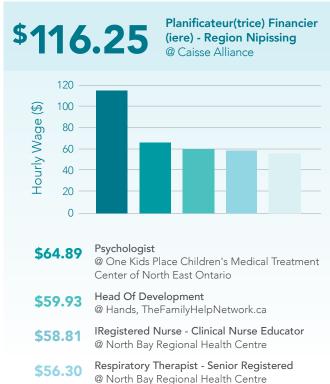


- Registered Nurse (7)
- Registered Practical Nurse (4)
- Physiotherapist (3)
- Personal Support Worker (2)
- Pharmacist (2)

Sales and Service (NOC-6) occupations represented the largest number of job postings in February with 37.0% (57) and saw the largest increase (+4.6%) in job postings this month. Similar to Nipissing, Education, Law and Social, Community and Government Services (NOC-4) saw the largest month-over-month decrease; -4.6%. Looking at managerial roles, of the 11 roles advertised, 7 fell in the Sales and Service occupations, with the other another 3 split evenly. The one senior manager role advertised belonged to the Community and Social Services occupations.

#### **TOP 5 HOURLY WAGE VACANCIES**





#### **TOP 3 ANNUAL SALARY VACANCIES**

\$150,00.00

**Sales Associate - Automotive** @ Hopper Buick GMC

\$150,000.00

**Sales Associate - Automotive** @ BNorth Bay Toyota

\$137,476.00

Pharmacy Manager

@ Sturgeon Falls IDA



Lowest Annual Salary \$37,000.00

Receptionist

@ North Bay Insurance Brokers

The average hourly wage in February, for those postings which listed (40.7%) one, was \$27.82/hour. This is slightly higher (+2.5%, +\$0.65) than the current 12-month average of \$27.14/hour. Of the 199 postings, which listed an hourly wage, 12.1% (24) were listed at the provincial minimum wage of \$17.20/hour. This is higher than previous months but this is likely due to the increased number of jobs that are hiring summer students for internships. For postings that listed an annual salary, the average was \$79,080.55/year. This is a slight increase (+1.8%) from the current 12-month average of \$77,714.71/year.

#### **TOP 5 HOURLY WAGE VACANCIES**





#### **TOP 3 ANNUAL SALARY VACANCIES**

\$130,000.00

**Sales Associate - Automotive** @ Bourgeois Ford North

\$110,000.00

**Automotive Service Technician** @ Bourgeois Ford North

\$99,000.00

Telecommunications Technician

@ Integrated Solutions



**Lowest Annual Salary** 

\$**39,900**.00

Food Service Worker

@ Glen Bernard Camp

The average hourly wage in February for those postings which listed (57.1%) one was \$26.99/hour. Though, an increase from last month, this figure is a slight decrease; -2.1% (-\$0.58/hour), to the current 12-month average of \$27.57/hour. Of the 88 postings which listed an hourly wage 5 (5.7%) were listed at the new provincial minimum wage of \$17.20/hour, almost identical to last month. The average annual salary listed was \$72,873.69; slightly lower -1.9% (-1,407.18/year), than the current 12-month average annual salary.

#### **FULL-TIME / PART-TIME BREAKDOWN**

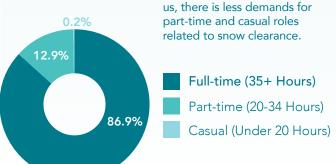
86.9% of listings in February



86.9% (425) of the listings in February indicated that the employment offered would be classified as full-time. This figure represents a significant increase; +8.9%, from the previous month when



78.0% of the job postings were classified as full-time. This is inline with expectations, as the winter period is now behind



489 Postings listed hours offered (100%)

#### **TERM OF EMPLOYMENT**

93.3% of listings in February



93.3% (456) of the listings in February stated that the opportunity in question would be permanent. This is a slight increase (+3.2%) to the previous



month's figure of 90.1%, this increase is also almost identical to the increase seen in January, which solidifies that jobs in December were hiring more temporary / seasonal workers for the



489 Postings listed hours offered (100%)

#### **FULL-TIME / PART-TIME BREAKDOWN**

97% of listings in February

7.3% from January

87% (134) of the listings in February indicated that the employment offered would be classified as full-time. This is a significant increase; +7.3%, from the previous month where 79.7% of the



job postings were classified as full-time. This is inline with expectations, as the winter period is now behind us, there is less demands for part-time and

casual roles.

2.6%

10.4%

Full-time (35+ Hours)

Part-time (20-34 Hours)

Casual (Under 20 Hours)

154 Postings listed hours offered (100%)

#### **TERM OF EMPLOYMENT**

96.1% of listings in February



96.1% (148) of the listings in February stated that the opportunity in question would be permanent. This is, again, significantly higher than (+7.6%) than the previous month's figure of 88.5% but inline with expectations as mentioned above.



154 Postings listed hours offered (100%)

### ALL EMPLOYERS WITH POSTINGS IN MONTH



#### **NIPISSING DISTRICT**

241 Pizza Sturgeon Falls 401 Auto - North Bay Chrysler

A&S Towing A&W (Sturgeon Falls) A.G. Electric LTD Access Storage

Actlabs

Advance Auto Parts Inc. Airport Animal Hospital

Alzheimer Society Sudbury-Manitoulin

North Bay and Districts
American Eagle Outfitters

Arugula

Auto Parts Centres (APC)
Battano Construction Limited
Bay Roofing and Exteriors Ltd.

Bay Vision Care

Bayland Property Management Bee-Clean Building Maintenance

Best Care Kennels Beyond Sushi Binx Professional Cleaning BioPed Footcare Blue Sky Animal Hospital

BMO - North Bay Bo Mark Motel Boart Longyear Inc. Boutique Marie Claire Inc Bumper to Bumper - H.E. Brown

Burger King - Pinewood Park Dr. C.A. Sellers Cleaning Services Ltd Caisse Alliance

Callon Dietz
Campus Living Centres

Canada Post
Canadian Career College

Canadian Mental Health Association -

North Bay and Area Canadian Red Cross

Canadian Shield Health Care Services

Inc.

Canadian Tire - North Bay Canadore College - College Drive Canadore College - Commerce Court

Canarino Nissan CarePartners Cascades Casino Cash 4 You Corp.

Cassellholme Home for the Aged Cassells Animal Hospital Cementation Canada Closing the Gap Healthcare Columbia Forest Products Ltd

Comfort Inn - Airport

Commonwealth Plywood Distribution Community Counselling Centre of

Nipissing

Community Living North Bay

Conseil Scolaire Catholique Franco-Nord Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de

l'Ontario

Contrans Flatbed Group
Cooper Equipment Rentals
Crawford & Company
Crisis Centre North Bay
CTS Canadian Career College

Davedi Club Dawson Dental Degagne Carpentry Dentistry on Airport Designed Roofing Inc

District of Nipissing Social Services

Administration Board
East Ferris Public Library

Ed Seguin & Sons Trucking and Paving

EllisDon Corporation EMCO Corporation Empire Living Centre Enterprise Rent-A-Car Evergreen Landscaping Executive Aviation exp Global Inc. Express Parcel

Eye Associates of North Bay

FDM4

Fire & Flower Inc First Onsite

First Student / First Transit Foundation Health G&P Welding and Ironworks Gangnam Korea - North Bay

GardaWorld GeoVerra Inc.

Gervais Restaurant and Tavern, Country

Style Donuts
GFL Environmental
Giant Tiger - North Bay
Godspeed Group
goeasy

Grant's Transport Ltd. Greco's Pizza Presto Green Fox Kitchen Green Vision

GRW Transport Limited Guy's Tire Sales Inc

Hampton Inn by Hilton North Bay Hands, TheFamilyHelpNetwork.ca

Haskins Industrial Inc.

Homewood Suites by Hilton North Bay

Hopper Buick GMC

J.L. Richards & Associates Limited

Kal Tire

Karis Disability Services (formerly

Christian Horizons) Kia North Bay Lafarge Canada Inc Levante Living - Barclay House

Levante Living - Barclay House
Loblaw Companies Limited
Loss Prevention Services Limited
Lucenti Orlando Professional Corporation

Manitoulin Group of Companies

Marina Point Village Mattawa Hospital Mattawa River Resort

McDougall Insurance and Financial

MHM General Contracting

Michaels Miller Paving

Miller Technology Incorporated Moneris Solutions Corp. Municipal Property Assessment

Corporation .

Municipality of East Ferris Municipality of West Nipissing National Diabetes Trust

Nedco Ontario

Nipissing Serenity Hospice Nipissing University  ${\bf Nipissing\text{-}Parry\ Sound\ Catholic\ District}$ 

School Board

 $Nordic\ Minesteel\ Technologies\ Inc.$ 

North Bay Animal Hospital North Bay Farmers Market North Bay Golf & Country Club North Bay Humane Society

North Bay Hydro

North Bay Insurance Brokers

North Bay Mazda North Bay Museum

North Bay Parry Sound District Health

Unit

North Bay Police Service North Bay R.C Cemeteries North Bay Regional Health Centre

North Bay Toyota

North Bay Welding & Metal

Fabrications Inc.

North Bay-Mattawa Conservation

Authority NorthCleanCo

Northern Diversified Limited One Kids Place Children's Medical Treatment Center of North East Ontario

One Plant

Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services

Ontario Health

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

and Forestry

Ontario Ministry of Transportation

Ontario Northland
Ontario Power Generation
Ontario Public Service
Orchards Fresh Food Market
OSL Retail Services

OSL Retail Service P&G Auto Parts

Paramed Home Health Care

PartSource Pepsico Perimeter Aviation

Peter Conti Custom Woodworking &

Design Petsmart PHARA

Platinum Patient Transfer Service Premier Mining Products Quantum Lifecycle Partners LP Recipe Unlimited Corporation -

. Montana's

Redpath Mining Contractors and

Engineers

Reliance Home Comfort

Respite Services

Rexall Pharmacy Group ULC

Rideau Supply Roots Canada Royal Bank of Canada SafeSight Exploration Inc. Science North

Scotiabank - North Bay Seaboard Transport Group

Sephora Canada Shoppers Drug Mart

Shoppers Drug Mart / Pharmaprix

Sienna Senior Living Sobeys - North Bay Sobey's Inc. Spencer Gifts

Springer Animal Hospital

Stantec

Staples Canada Steeltech Machining Inc

Stock Transportation

StorageVault Canada Inc.

Sturgeon Falls IDA

Subway - Lakeshore Drive Subway - Main Street

Subway - Pinewood Park Drive

Subway - Shirreff Ave. Subway - Sturgeon Falls

Subway - Trout Lake Road

Sword Managment

Syl's Neighbourhood Kitchen

Talize

TD Bank - North Bay The Block Public House

The Corporation of the City of North Bay

The Crown and Beaver Pub, North Bay The Erb Group of Companies The Home Depot - North Bay The Lindsay Weld Centre for Children The Sisters of St. Joseph of Sault Ste.

Marie

The Skyline Group of Companies

The Submarine Place
Thermo Coustics Limited
Talana Craalia

Tokyo Smoke Top Picks Auto Sales Trans Canada Safety

True North Chevrolet Cadillac Ltd / Fix

Auto North Bay
Tutor Match

Twiggs - Sturgeon Falls
Union of Ontario Indians
Victorian Order of Nurses / VON

Virgin Plus
Vista Radio Ltd
Voyageur Aviation Corp

Voyago Wacky Wings Walmart - North Bay

Waters Edge Care Community

Wendy's Restaurant
West Nipissing General Hospital

Wine Rack Winmar Property Restoration YMCA of Northeastern Ontario

**Zedd Customer Solutions** 



#### PARRY SOUND DISTRICT

180 Smoke

1886 Lake House Bistro Adams Bros. Construction

Almaguin Highlands Community Living

Almex Group Aramark Canada Ltd. Bayshore Health Care Bourgeois Ford North

Bowman Landscaping and Excavation

Camp Manitou
Canada Post

Canadian Addiction Treatment Pharmacy Canadian Mental Health Association -Muskoka Parry Sound Branch

Continued on next page

Canadian Shield Health Care Services Inc. CarePartners Caswell Resort Hotel Closing the Gap Healthcare Compass Group Canada Connor Industries Crofters Food Ltd Danielle Smith Professional Accounting Dawson Dental - Callander Bay Dental District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board Dominos Pizza Dunn's Parry Sound Self Storage Eastholme Home for the Aged Elections Ontario **Fowler Construction** Fowler Construction Company Limited Gardens of Parry Sound Retirement Home Georgian Bay RentAll GGB Exhaust Technologies Giesler Marine Limited

Glen Bernard Camp **Grand Tappattoo Resort** Grant Home Hardware Building Centres Harvey's Parry Sound IDA pharmacy Integrated Solutions Jolly Roger Inn & Resort Jolly Roger Restaurant & Bar Lake House Property Management Lakeside Cottage Care Legend Spirits Little Gardens Loblaw Companies Limited Lofthouse Manufacturing (a Division of Brawo Brassworking Limited) Log Cabin Inn & Catering Magnetawan Grill and Grocery McDonald's Municipality of Powassan Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board

Novo Peak Health

Oak Ridge Timber Company One Kids Place Children's Medical Treatment Center of North East Ontario Ontario Federation of Anglers and Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) Ontario Health Ontario Municipal Administrators Association (OMMA) Paramed Home Health Care Parry Air Heating & Cooling Parry Sound Animal Hospital Parry Sound Friendship Centre Parry Sound Fuels RONA - Parry Sound Royal Bank of Canada - Parry Sound Royal Bank of Canada - Sundridge Science North Scotiabank - Parry Sound Scott Custom Building

Stan Darling Insurance Inc. Sturgeon Falls IDA Subway - Burk's Falls Subway - Parry Sound Sundridge & District Medical Centre The Beer Store The Friends The Home Depot - Parry Sound Tim Hortons - Parry Sound Town of Parry Sound Township of the Archipelago True North Cannabis Company **URJ Camp George** Victorian Order of Nurses / VON Walmart - Parry Sound West Parry Sound Health Centre Wolseley Canada Inc. YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka Wireman Inc Wolf Mechanical Inc Wylaw Professional Corporation



This Jobs Report is a monthly publication produced by the Labour Market Group. Each month we compile this report based on our job portal **readysethired.ca**.

**Readysethired.ca** is an online job portal that provides and collects real time job postings within the districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound. These postings are updated daily and provide job seekers with a one stop shop for local current employment opportunities.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION & FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT LOCAL JOBS, PLEASE CONTACT:

The Labour Market Group readysethired.ca info@thelabourmarketgroup.ca

