

# Marathon Area Action Centre

September 2010 Newsletter



## Northwest Employment Works (NEW)

Northwest Employment Works Employment Ontario Employment Services provide one stop access to employment programs and services.

NEW offers a wide range of resources, supports and service components to career and employment needs of individuals and HR planning services.

Northwest Employment Works is an Employment Ontario Assessment Centre where you can obtain information on careers, apprenticeships, occupations, the local job market training opportunities and job search strategies. You can receive help with identifying skills, setting goals, developing career plans and job search.

NEW services are free of charge for job seekers and include:

- Job postings
- Computer and Internet access
- Fax machine access
- Information on apprenticeships
- One-on-one job search coaching
- Help acquiring successful interview skills
- Information on careers and occupation.
- Develop an action plan to achieve employment

Employment Services is designed to assist employers with:

- Access to the local labour force
- Ability to post employment opportunities
- Support for human

resource planning and recruitment

There are a number of services available for employers such as:

### Pre-screening and resume collection

Employment Services will accept resumes and prepare a preliminary short list.

### Job candidates

Employment Services have job seekers registered that they can refer to.

### Job listings

Advertise available jobs free of charge.

For more information on Northwest Employment Works Employment Ontario Employment Services, call 229-3223 or visit [www.northwestworks.ca](http://www.northwestworks.ca)



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- Northwest Employment Works
- TDG & WHMIS
- Low Income Programs
- Persons with Disabilities



## Northwest Employment Works

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### Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday  
8:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.



## E-Channel Learning

E-Channel Learning is available at the Centre. The Sioux Hudson Literacy Council is actively involved in their e-channel learning project entitled "Good Learning Anywhere." The mandate of the project is to reach adult literacy learners and offer them a variety of literacy and numeracy programs.

In partnership with the Schreiber / Terrace Bay Adult Learning Association (STBALA), we have an e-channel learning lab that consists of 6 computer laptops.

Some of the courses offered include:

- Introduction to Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Word 2

- Introduction to Microsoft Excel
- Microsoft Excel 2
- Introduction to Powerpoint
- Pre-GED Math
- Pre-GED Social Studies
- Pre-GED Science
- English Upgrading
- Money Management
- Self Management / Self Direction
- Introduction to Online Learning
- Introduction to Internet Safety
- Introduction to Facebook

Registration for e-Learning courses is now available.

Class registration is limited so register early.

Best of all.....IT'S FREE!

For more information call the MAAC at 229-1134 or 2029-2051 or better yet...come visit us at the Centre.



Good Learning Anywhere  
SIOUX HUDSON LITERACY COUNCIL

## Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)



Transport Canada, based on risks, develops safety standards and regulations, provides oversight and gives expert advice (through the Canadian Transport Emergency Centre — CANUTEC) on dangerous goods accidents to promote public safety in the transportation of dangerous goods by all modes of transport in Canada.

Dangerous goods safety marks give a quick identification of dangerous goods in the event of an emergency situation such as an accident or an accidental

release of dangerous goods from a means of containment.

The Marathon Area Action Centre offers **FREE** TDG training on-line for clients requiring to update their Transportation of Dangerous Goods certification.

For more information, contact the MAAC at 229-1134 or 229-2051.



## Workplace Hazardous Material Information System (WHMIS)

### What is WHMIS?

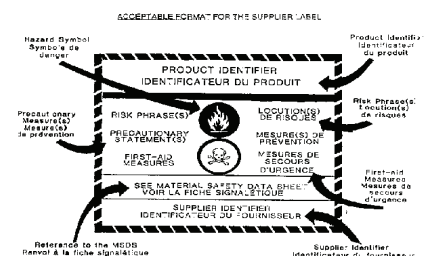
WHMIS stands for Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System. WHMIS was designed to ensure the safety of employers and employees while at the workplace. In particular, the system was designed to keep workers and employers informed of the dangers and hazards associated with the chemicals and substances that they may come into contact with while

on the job.

The key elements of WHMIS and WHMIS training are labeling of containers, the provision of material safety data sheets (MSDSs) and worker education / training programs.

The Marathon Area Action Centre offers **FREE** WHMIS training on-line for clients who need to update their WHMIS certification.

For those who are interested or for more information, drop by the centre and speak with one of the MAAC staff.





## Provincial Rent Bank Program

The purpose of the Provincial Rent Bank is to promote housing stability and prevent homelessness by assisting low income households through the provision of provincial funding for short term rental / occupancy charge arrears.

A household is eligible for financial assistance under the Provincial Rent Bank Program if:

- At least one member of the household is sixteen (16) years of age or older and a resident within the District of Thunder Bay.
- At least one member of the household is either a Canadian Citizen, landed immigrant or has refugee claimant status with no outstanding deportation, departure or exclusion order.
- At least one member of the household is the legal tenant / member

residing in a residential dwelling / unit that is in a good state of repair and fit for habitation and complies with health, safety, housing and maintenance standards. You are not renting from a family member who is the legal owner / tenant / member residing in the dwelling.

- You are in receipt of a "Notice to Terminate Early for Non-payment of Rent Form N4" from your landlord or, in the case of a cooperative, some form of written documentation indicating that the cooperative is evicting you for non-payment of occupancy charge.
- Your landlord / cooperative has agreed to stop eviction proceedings and will sign an Intent to Dismiss Eviction Proceeding.
- You can demonstrate that your housing situation is sustainable, the financial crisis is temporary and

that it can be addressed through a one-time provision of assistance.

- Rental / Occupancy Charge arrears cannot exceed two times the average market rent, as set by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
- Your household has not received financial assistance under the Provincial Rent Bank within the last two (2) years.
- Your household is currently not in receipt of Rent / Occupancy Charge-Geared-To-Income (RGI) Assistance.
- It is your intention to reside in the rental unit for at least twelve (12) months from the date of application.

For complete program and application details contact (807) 766-2111 Ext. 2104 or visit [www.tbdssab.on.ca](http://www.tbdssab.on.ca).



## Northern Home Repair Program

The Northern Home Repair Program is designed to assist low to moderate income households to make urgently needed home repairs to address home health and safety problems or to make modifications to their home to accommodate members with disabilities.

Repairs may include:

- Electrical, plumbing, heating, structural, wells, septic
- Windows, doors, roofing, insulation
- To increase accessibility and mobility in the home

Funding:

- May be eligible for up to \$20,000 in repairs
- Funding is an interest free Loan / Mortgage forgiven over a 20 year period (i.e. on \$10,000, 8% or \$800 is forgiven each year for the first 10 years and 2% or \$200 for the next 10 years)

Eligibility guidelines

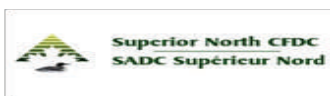
- Must be your sole and principal residence and within the jurisdiction of the District of Thunder Bay Social Services

Administration Board

- Total Household Income (Single person \$34,500, 2 persons \$39,500, 3 persons \$44,500, 4 persons \$54,000, 5 persons 64,500)
- Assets must be less than \$20,000 (bank accounts, investments, GIC's, RRSP's, etc)

For further information

and details on how you can apply visit the TBDSSAB website at [www.tbdssab.on.ca](http://www.tbdssab.on.ca) or call (807) 766-2111 Ext. 4070 or 2104.



## Free Online Courses offered to MAAC Clients



The Marathon Area Action Centre has teamed up with Superior North Community Futures Development Corporation to offer FREE online courses to MAAC Clients.

The following are some of the courses offered:

- Microsoft Office 2007
- Workplace and Personal Skills

- Small Business Skills
- Effective Business Communication
- Customer Service
- Business Grammar Essentials

For more information contact the MAAC at 229-1134 or 229-2051 or drop by the centre. We're located in the DH Foods Mall.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

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The Marathon Area Action Centre is a initiative funded by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

## EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO

Coffee is always on



### Construction Safety Training System Course

The Terrace Bay—Schreiber Action Centre is hosting the Construction Safety Training System Course (CSTS).

The CSTS is a general construction safety awareness program for workers in the construction industry and in Alberta it is a pre-requisite for gate / site access.

This course is designed for the individual worker and is offered through an e-Learning, high media based, computer system.

The training is done individually and takes an average of 5 - 6 hours to complete.

For more information call (807) 825-3315 Ext. 240.

### Northern Ontario Energy Credit

The 2010 Ontario Budget announced a new permanent Northern Ontario Energy Credit to recognize the higher energy costs in the north. The refundable credit provides assistance to help low-to middle-income families and single people in the north with their energy costs. Applications are available for pick-up at the Marathon Area Action Centre.

## Opportunities Fund

Employment Program for Persons with Disabilities

### Objective

The objective of the Opportunities Fund is to assist persons with disabilities in preparing for and obtaining employment or self-employment, as well as developing the skills necessary to maintain that new employment.

### Types of Activities

Examples of suitable activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Encouraging employers to hire individuals with disabilities whom they would not normally hire;
- Assisting individuals to start their own business;
- Providing work experience to individuals that can lead to on-going

employment;

- Assisting individuals to increase their employment skill level
- Assisting individuals to integrate into the workplace through services tailored to meet their special needs; and
- Providing their personal supports required to enable individuals to participate in employment and employment services.

Activities considered for funding must:

- Enhance the employability of the individual and help them move towards paid employment or self-employment;
- Produce results that can be measured on the number of participants served and employed or self-employed;
- Provide for the sharing of practices; and

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- Be complementary to initiatives funded through other sources.

As well, activities should:

- Provide for the active participation of persons with disabilities and their organizations;
- Raise funds from other public and private sector sources,
- Encourage employers, unions, and other partners to develop employment opportunities;
- Provide post-placement follow-up with participants and employers.

For more information about this program, there will be an information session on:

**Persons with Disabilities  
Wednesday, September 22, 2010  
At 10 a.m.  
DH Food Mall**