

MARATHON AREA ACTION CENTRE

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Newsletter



ANNOUNCEMENT

The extension request recently submitted by the Marathon Area Action Centre has been approved by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. Through this MTCU funding initiative, the Centre will remain open until approximately the end of October 2010. The Centre will be working closely with all Service Providers to help ensure your needs are met once the centre closes.

The Marathon Labour Adjustment Committee (LAC) was formed to assist individuals affected by the indefinite idling of Marathon Pulp Inc. (MPI) to move toward suitable re-employment or other satisfactory options. The Marathon Area Action Centre opened in May 2009 and with the main focus of assisting affected workers in the Marathon area. Individuals are encouraged to access the services of the centre as soon as possible.



The MAAC will be offering another round of GED. If you are interested in taking the GED course, please contact the centre at 229-1134 or 229-2051. Deadline to register is April 9, 2010. Classes begin April 13th.

E-CHANNEL LEARNING

E-Channel Learning is now 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 Adult Learning Centre in Schreiber / Terrace Bay Adult Learning Association (STBALA), we have a new E-Channel learning lab that consists of 6 new computer laptops.

Some of the courses offered include:

- ↳ Introduction to Aviation
- ↳ Heavy Equipment Operator
- ↳ Pre-GED Subjects
- ↳ Communications
- ↳ Transitions
- ↳ Internet Banking
- ↳ Introduction to Blogging
- ↳ Stretching Your Dollar: Budgeting
- ↳ Self-Defeating Behaviours
- ↳ Time Management



E-Channel Learning

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 229-1 134 or 229-2051 or better yet...come visit us at the centre!

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- Power Engineering
- Confederation College
- On-line Courses
- Employment Insurance Special Benefits

CONFEDERATION COLLEGE — NORTHSHORE CAMPUS

Basic Underground Hard Rock Miner Common Core Training Course

The Basic Underground Hard Rock Miner Common Core training course is being offered through the joint cooperation of:

Williams Operating Corporation and
Confederation College
Northshore Campus (Marathon)

An application form and an up-to-date resume must be submitted in order to apply for this course.

The training location will be at the Williams Operation Corporation mine site.

The duration of the course is 240 hours (30 x 8-hour training days).

For more information, or to apply, please contact Confederation College, Northshore Campus, Marathon at 229-2464.

Underground Diamond Driller (Helper) Common Core Training Course

The Basic Underground Diamond Driller (Helper) Common Core training course is being offered through the joint cooperation of:

Williams Operating Corporation
Boreal Drilling and
Confederation College
Northshore Campus (Marathon)

To apply, you must submit an application and include an up-to-date resume.

The training location will be at the Williams Operation Corporation mine site.

The duration of the course is 360 hours (30 x 10-hour training days).

For more information, or to apply, please contact Confederation College, Northshore Campus, Marathon at 229-2464.



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CONSTRUCTION SAFETY TRAINING SYSTEM COURSE

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

The Construction Safety Training System (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 on average 5–6 hours to complete.

Cost is \$75.00 per person.

To book an appointment call
(807) 825-3315 Ext. 240



FREE ONLINE COURSES OFFERED TO MAAC CLIENTS



FREE On-line Courses

The Marathon Area Action Centre has teamed up with Superior North Community Futures Development

Corporation to offer FREE on-line courses to MAAC clients.

The following are some of the courses offered:

- ↪ Basics of Budgeting
- ↪ Basics Business Math Skills
- ↪ Marketing Skills
- ↪ Microsoft Office 2007

To take advantage of these courses you need to complete an individual Needs Assessment which registers you as a client of the Centre.

For more information call the MAAC at 229-1134 or 229-2051 or drop by the centre. We're located in the Marathon Plaza Mall.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

NEW EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR SELF-EMPLOYED PEOPLE



As of January 31, 2010, self-employed individuals can register for Employment Insurance (EI) special benefits.

The four (4) types of special benefits are:

- maternity benefits*
- parental benefits*
- sickness benefits
- compassionate care benefits

Register online using My Service Canada Account anywhere you can access the Internet, including at a Service Canada Centre near you.

For more information visit their web site at:

www.servicecanada.gc.ca

You can also call their EI Telephone Information Service at:

1-800-206-7218

Register by April 1, 2010, and you could be eligible to apply for benefits as early as January 1, 2011. If you register after April 1, 2010, you will have to wait 12 months before you can apply for benefits.

* Self-employed people in Quebec are already eligible to apply for maternity and parental benefits under the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan.



WHMIS

The Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) is Canada's national hazard communication standard. The key elements of the system are cautionary labelling of containers of WHMIS "controlled products", the provision of material safety data sheets (MSDS's) and worker education and training programs.

The MAAC 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.



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 MAAC offers **FREE** TDG training on-line for clients requiring to update their Transportation of Dangerous Goods certification.

For more information, contact the MAAC. We're located in the Marathon Plaza Mall.

4TH CLASS POWER ENGINEERING COURSE

Confederation College, Employment Ontario and the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities have worked together to bring a 4th Class Power Engineering Course to the Northshore.

This course is Second Career and Skills Link funding eligible.

A grade 12 diploma or mature student equivalency is a minimum entrance

requirement to the course.

This program is a full-time 12 week computer based course.

For more information contact Confederation College and / or Employment Ontario as soon as possible for funding eligibility.



4th Class Power Engineering Course

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MAAC?

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Hours:
Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



EMPLOYMENT ONTARIO

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

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us"

— Helen Keller



Coffee is always on
at the MAAC!

GED Program Participants

Congratulations to all of the participants who participated in the last GED course.

It takes special dedication and perseverance to partake in this course of study.



Service Canada

Do you need help filling out your Employment Insurance application or your application for Income Security Benefits? Are you looking for information on the Government of Canada's programs and services?

Come and meet with a Service Canada Agent at the Marathon Area Action Centre

Listen to CFNO for date and time

NEW HORIZONS FOR SENIORS PROGRAM

Community Participation and Leadership Funding

The New Horizons for Seniors Program helps to ensure that seniors are able to benefit from and contribute to the quality of life in their community through their social participation and active living. Community Participation and Leadership funding encourages seniors to contribute to their communities through volunteerism, mentorship and civic leadership.

Objectives:

- Encourage seniors to contribute their skills, experience and wisdom in support of social well-being in their communities; and
- Promote the ongoing involvement of seniors in their communities to reduce their risk of social isolation.

Key Features:

- Grant funding is up to \$25,000.

- Funding priorities are set for each province and territory by review committees.
- Seniors play a leadership role. Local communities benefit from and support the project.
- Partnerships are an asset.
- Volunteerism in the community is promoted
- Innovative ideas and approaches are encouraged.

Eligible Applicants:

- Non-profit organizations, community-based coalitions, networks and ad-hoc committees;
- Municipal governments, band / tribal councils and other Aboriginal organizations; and
- Post-secondary, social services and public health institutions.

Eligible Activities:

Projects involve the active engagement of seniors in the social well-being of

their communities. For example:

- reach out to isolated seniors;
- mentor or support others in their community;
- provide opportunities for intergenerational learning
- get involved in important community issues.

For more information, visit the New Horizons for Seniors Program website at:

www.hrsdc.gc.ca/seniors

Or call

1-800-277-9914

To speak with an agent

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