

The North Connect NEWSLETTER

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CONNECTING PEACE REGION EMPLOYERS WITH INCLUSIVE WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

Welcome to the June edition of The North Connect Newsletter. As we head into the peak summer season, Grande Prairie's labour market is experiencing high demand across the construction, hospitality, and seasonal services sectors.

To help local businesses stay competitive, this month we are focusing on adaptive onboarding. Employers who offer flexible training schedules or micro onboarding sessions are seeing a higher retention rate in the first 90 days. Our team specializes in helping you tailor these strategies to successfully integrate diverse talent into your existing teams. To help offset onboarding and training costs, Employabilities Grande Prairie provides wage subsidies for the first 12 weeks when you hire an employee with a disability.

UNLOCKING POTENTIAL: WHY YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS ALBERTA'S YOUTH

Bringing youth into your workforce does more than just secure the next generation, it drives business growth and strengthens Alberta's economy. Supporting Alberta's youth means building a stronger business and a brighter province. Young workers offer the innovative thinking, adaptable skills, and passion required to push your company forward. The Alberta Youth Employment Incentive makes it easier.

Learn more at: ayeincentive.ca

Or scan the QR code here



ADAPTIVE ONBOARDING

is a personalized training and integration process that tailors the new-hire experience to an individual's specific role, skill level, and learning pace.

Community Events

- **Day of Friendship:** Join the Grande Prairie Friendship Centre in celebration of Friendship on June 5th!
- **Here Comes Summer Event:** Kick off the summer season on June 6 at Muskoseepi Park. It features the seasonal opening of the Aquatera Outdoor Pool with free family-friendly activities and a community barbecue.
- **Grande Prairie Traditional Pow-Wow:** Taking place at Evergreen Park from June 19 to June 21, this vibrant event celebrates Indigenous culture with traditional dancing, drumming, and community gathering.
- **Pride Family Carnival:** Head to the Bonnetts Energy Centre for an inclusive, free family event on June 20 at 9:00 a.m

Talent Pool Highlights

The following candidate profiles are job-ready and actively seeking opportunities in the Grande Prairie region. In strict compliance with privacy regulations, all profiles are anonymized:



Candidate A.M.

- Experienced in diverse roles across the Peace Region, including technical instrument repair, retail customer service, outdoor well testing, and site security.
- Mechanically inclined, physically fit for demanding tasks, highly reliable, and possesses strong customer service and cash-handling skills.
- Seeking adaptable, hands-on roles such as Shop Assistant, Security Guard, Retail Clerk, or General Laborer.



Candidate W.H.

- Over 7 years of experience as an industrial supply Assistant Manager, specializing in procurement, purchasing, inventory control, and inside/outside sales.
- 9 years of hands-on experience as an oilfield Inspection Operator, with a strong background in industry standards, equipment maintenance, and safe all weather driving.
- Seeking senior level operational or service roles such as Parts/Inventory Coordinator, Industrial Sales Representative, Warehouse Lead, or Assistant Operations Manager.



Candidate S.C.

- Features over a decade of dedicated experience as a retail Customer Service Representative, alongside 4 years of independent, fast-paced city courier and delivery logistics experience.
- Brings a unique background of high integrity and empathy, proven through international humanitarian mission work and extensive local volunteering with charities and homeless support.
- Seeking community oriented or roles such as Delivery Driver, Customer Service Specialist, Guest Relations Coordinator, or an Assistant for a not-for-profit.

Canada-Alberta Workforce Resilience Initiative

The Canada-Alberta Workforce Resilience Initiative is offering critical funding through two distinct grant streams to support Employers.

- **The Workforce Planning Grant** (Now Open) This stream helps employers and industry groups better understand their current workforce, map out future skills needs, and build actionable transition strategies.
- **The Employer-Led Training Grant** (Intake Closes Sept. 30, 2026) This stream directly funds the development and delivery of training programs to help employees learn new skills, retain their jobs, and keep your business competitive.

Partner With Us: Streamline Your Staffing

Interested in one of our candidates? Or are you looking to fill a completely different vacancy? The EmployAbilities Grande Prairie Liaison team is here to help at no cost to your business.

What we provide to our employer partners:

- Pre-screened, job-ready candidates tailored to your specific industry.
- Recruitment support
- Information on resources such as grants
- On-site onboarding support and job coaching to ensure long-term retention.
- Guidance on wage subsidies and inclusive workplace modifications.

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