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Learn How We Help Thousands of Job Seekers, Including Youth, Reach Their Employment Goals!

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Welcome

Thanks to your votes we are 2018 Reader's Choice Winners again!

Through Metroland Media, the Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre was awarded Diamond Status for Best Employment Agency in Ajax/Pickering and Whitby/Oshawa regions.

We consistently build upon our services to offer the most relevant and effective resources for employers and job seekers.

Come in and learn how we help thousands of people, each year, reach their employment goals!

[Schedule an appointment with an Employment Counsellor and share in our success!](#)

Oshawa: 905-579-1821

Pickering: 905-420-4010

DRUHC Job Portal

It's been one year since we launched our new website - one of the most popular and active features of the website is the [DRUHC Job Portal](#).

The word is getting out... both employers and job seekers are taking advantage of the no cost job posting environment.

Every day, we see a continuous stream of employers posting available positions and job seekers submitting their résumés.

The dynamic job portal is fully accessible from multiple devices and features a variety of employment opportunities right here in the Durham Region - from Draft Beer Technician to School Crossing Guard to Data Entry Clerks and much more.

Join us on the portal as we continue to grow services to help job seekers meet their employment goals and employers hire skilled job ready employees.

Spread the word! The DRUHC Job Portal is an incredible resource - the perfect place for job seekers to find work and for employers to find employees.

[View the portal for available positions.](#) Don't see a position that suits your skills and interests? [Connect with an Employment Counsellor.](#) We can help!

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering can help you expand your knowledge, increase your confidence, learn valuable skills, gain experience and grow your network.

Are you interested in Volunteer Opportunities in Durham Region?

At [Information Durham](#), you will find plenty of volunteer opportunities in many fields of interest.

Help yourself by helping others.

Create a New Volunteer Profile and you can opt-in to receive notifications about updated positions matching your search criteria. [View Information Durham.](#)

Newcomer Fair Success!

The first Newcomer Volunteer Fair was a great success!

Speakers and local community organizations provided insights into Canadian workplace culture, the benefits of volunteering when job searching and settling in a new community.

Visitors explored volunteer opportunities in the fields of Arts & Culture, Social Services, Administrative, Fitness & Leisure, Education and Hospitality.

[View the video of the Volunteer Newcomer Fair by clicking here.](#)

Volunteering helps people in need, provides organizations with assistance they would not be able to afford, and helps make a difference in our communities for the people around us.

The Newcomer Volunteer Fair was a partnership between the Durham Region Unemployed Help Centre, Welcome Centre Immigrant Services and Oshawa Public Libraries, funded by the Province of Ontario.

Campus Projects

Due to a billion-dollar provincial deficit, funds for campus expansions at three universities and colleges in the GTA will be re-directed.

More than \$300 million in funding for colleges and universities in Brampton, Milton and Markham will no longer be allocated to these initiatives.

Post-Secondary Minister, Merrilee Fullerton, also indicated that cuts may be made to the province's free tuition program.

[Learn more.](#)

Repeal of Bill 148

In late October, the Government of Ontario announced Bill 47, "Making Ontario Open for Business Act, 2018".

The Bill includes an almost full repeal of Bill 148, the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017, and Ontario's apprenticeship system.

How is Bill 148 affected?

- Minimum wage paused at \$14 per hour
- Partial repeal of scheduling provisions
- Removal of equal pay for equal work
- Return to previous calculation of holiday pay
- Return to previous union certification policies
- Amended personal emergency leave
- Maintain domestic or sexual violence leave
- Maintain paid vacation expansion
- Apprenticeship ratios set at 1:1
- Dissolution of the Ontario College of Trades (OCOT)

Read a CBC article about [Bill 148 Labour Reforms](#). [View Policy Update from the Ontario Chamber of Commerce](#).

Population Growth

Between 2017-2018, Canada's population grew by 518,588+. That translates into a population increase of almost one person every minute.

The country's annual population growth rate was 1.4% from 2017-2018 - the highest since 1989/1990. Canada's current population is 37,058,856.

[Click here for more information about Canada's population.](#)

New Data Security Rules

Strict new data security requirements will be in effect on November 1, 2018 for any organization that collects, uses and discloses personal information in Canada.

Organizations subject to the [Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act \(PIPEDA\)](#) must now follow mandatory privacy breach record-keeping, reporting and notification rules.

Consequences for non-compliance are significant. [Learn more about the Digital Privacy Act.](#)

Pickering City Centre

In October 2018, a vision for Pickering's City Centre was revealed. The downtown will be transformed with a new arts centre, a new library, a combined youth and senior centre, three condominium towers, and a hotel - all connected via pedestrian-friendly walkways.

The City of Pickering, Pickering Town Centre (PTC), Cushman & Wakefield, and CAPREIT announced a partnership to redevelop lands on the east side of the mall and south of Esplanade South.

The goal is to create a vibrant, sustainable, accessible, and bustling downtown that acts as a community hub for residents, businesses and visitors.

The landmark project will connect to the GO Station via the world's longest enclosed pedestrian bridge.

Live, work, gather and be inspired by Pickering's evolving City Centre.

[Click to learn more.](#)

Remembrance Day

There are plenty of Remembrance Day service and observance events happening in the Durham Region to Pay tribute to all war veterans and fallen comrades.

Take a look at some of the ceremonies taking place in [Clarington](#), [Oshawa](#) and [Pickering](#).

You can search for your local municipal website on-line to find events closest to you.

Oshawa is Intelligent!

Recently, the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF) released comprehensive rankings of intelligent communities grouped by population - Oshawa was part of the top 10!

The Intelligent Community Forum is a global network with a think tank at its core.

The Top 10 Intelligent Communities by Population provides a useful guide to the relative strengths of communities.

[View the list by clicking here.](#)

Age Friendly Fair

On October 24th, City of Pickering Residents, age 55+ are invited to the Age Friendly Information & Active Living Fair.

[Complimentary lunch for the first 200 people to register.](#)

Job Opportunities

[- Community Clinical Supervisor](#)

[- Early Childhood Assistant](#)

[- Data Entry Clerk](#)

[- Line Cook](#)

[- School Crossing Guard](#)

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