

employerone Survey

NTAB sends out survey to businesses
gathering labour market information

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A familiar-looking survey is being emailed to business owners across Ontario.

The employerone Survey from the Northwest Training and Adjustment Board is being sent out to all sizes of local businesses to gather information about the current labour market. A similar one was sent out last June, but the training and adjustment board said it was simply too complicated and not enough people completed the survey the first time around.

“This year’s has been shortened,” a spokesperson from Northwest Training and Adjustment Board said. “It would have taken a medium-sized business close to an hour to fill out, but this year should be 15 minutes. It’s more user-friendly to a obtain a lot more usable results.”

The Northwest Training and Adjustment Board is part of six workforce planning boards across Ontario and looks after the Northwestern districts of Kenora and Rainy River. The questions in the 2014 and 2015 surveys are

similar, but the way they’re asked is now easier to understand.

“It’s definitely more simple this year,” said summer student Riley Pihulak, who has been working on the survey and contacting the businesses. “I think a lot of the questions were broken down too far last year, and now they’re more general.”

Employers are asked questions about their employee demographics, current and projected vacancies, how they go about hiring employees and challenges with that, what they want in employees, challenges with training and for other concerns.

According to the 2014 report, 44 businesses in the Kenora and Rainy River districts started the survey while only 23 completed it. The majority of workers (38 per cent) were 25 to 44-years-old with 55 to 64-years-old coming in second at 28 per cent.

The report also stated that the top job hired for in the past 12 months was a food and beverage server with kitchen helper in second and college professor in third.

The results from the 2014 employerone Survey are published

online at ntab.on.ca. Businesses have until Nov. 30 to fill out this year’s survey.

The Northwest Training and Adjustment Board said it hopes more businesses will complete the survey thanks to its newly condensed and easy-to-swallow format. The information is used to better the workforce across Ontario, so filling out the survey would only be helpful.

“We hope that our partners and stakeholders throughout the two districts will take that information and use it to better our labour market whether it be through education or even smaller training programs,” said the board spokesperson.

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WALMART CORRECTION NOTICE

Flyer ending August 19th, 2015.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the St. Ives Hand and Body Lotion (#254789) shown in our current flyer will not be available.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Thank You

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say.
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Just thought of us that day,
Whatever you did to console our hearts.
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ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED

Union Gas Limited has applied for approval to change its gas commodity, storage and transportation rates effective January 1, 2016.

Learn more. Have your say.

Union Gas Limited has applied to change its rates to better reflect how it supplies natural gas to its customers. The proposed changes include the following:

- A change in the reference price used to set rates on a quarterly basis for a majority of its customers; and
- A change to how it allocates costs to the different types of customers that it serves.

An average residential customer would see the following annual bill impact, but these impacts would only start in 2018:

Residential Customer – Service Area	Approximate Bill Impact
Southern Ontario (Windsor to Hamilton)	Decrease of \$20
Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing)	Increase of \$26
All Other Delivery Areas	Decrease of \$1.50 – \$51.50

Other customers in Union Gas Limited’s service area, including businesses, will also be affected.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Union Gas.

We will question Union Gas on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the changes that Union Gas has requested in this application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Union Gas on the OEB’s website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 25, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB’s decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0181**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0181** from the list on the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 25, 2015**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).

