



Ontario Working for Workers by Investing in Training for Good Jobs in Milton

Provincial is helping workers in Milton earn bigger paycheques and advance their careers

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Milton, ON — The Ontario government is working for workers by investing over \$2.6 million in the Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association through the Ontario Skills Development Fund. Parm Gill, MPP for Milton, announced the details of this project today that will offer workers in Milton with the training they need to pursue the in-demand and well-paying jobs in our community.

“Our government recognizes the importance of investing in skills trades for our future generations”, said Parm Gill, MPP for Milton. “I am proud that our government is investing in Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association to train, recruit and upskill the workers of Ontario”

"The landscape horticulture trade, like many others, is struggling to find a skilled workforce. With today's funding announcement, we are able to continue our important work to support new workers wishing to begin their careers, current professionals seeking to expand their skills, and employers striving to attract and retain the best possible teams," said Amanda Laszcz, Landscape Ontario's GROW Program Manager. "Landscape Ontario's Getting Ready for Opportunities at Work (GROW) Program is going into its third year thanks to the funding provided through the Skills Development Fund, we are grateful for the opportunity to continue this important work." For more information on the GROW Program please visit: growoutdoors.ca.

This initiative is supported through the government's Skills Development Fund, which has [provided over \\$200 million in funding for innovative projects that address challenges to hiring, training, or retraining workers](#) during the pandemic.

“Our government is working for workers every day. Through our Skills Development Fund, we're giving workers the training they need to fill in-demand jobs, earn bigger paycheques and advance in rewarding careers that make their families and communities stronger,” said Minister McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. “Our government has a

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workers-first plan to deliver a stronger Ontario. As we build today for a better tomorrow, we need all hands-on deck. We're leaving nobody behind and we're getting it done.”

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The bottom section of the page features a background image of a large, ornate building, likely a government or institutional structure. Overlaid on the right side of this image is a portrait of Parm Gill, a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark blue suit jacket, a white shirt, and a red and blue patterned tie. He is smiling slightly.

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Quick Facts

- Data suggests that the need to replace retiring workers is greater for skilled trades workers than for other occupations. In 2016, nearly 1 in 3 journeypersons in Ontario were aged 55 years or older.
- In the fall of 2021, there were more than 360,000 jobs vacant in Ontario.
- Ontario's Skills Development Fund is supported through labour market transfer agreements between the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario.

Additional Resources

- [Skills Development Fund](#)
- [Employment Ontario: Free Programs and Services for Job Seekers, Workers and Employers](#)
- [The 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario](#)

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