



**MIZIWE BIIK ABORIGINAL
EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**
**CARPENTRY PRE-
APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING
PROGRAM**



AUGUST NEWSLETTER

The sun is shining on our carpentry pre-apprentices doing work placements in the construction industry. They started their 8-week work placements on July 16 and will continue until September 7. Each pre-apprentice has been given a customized training plan that outlines duties and work skills for the placement. These skill areas include work habits, essential skills (such as measuring and calculating), and technical skills (such as operating tools and equipment, executing form work, and framing floors and walls, etc.).

Tanya Anakons is working on a home renovation in the west end of Toronto for **Native Suns Construction Inc.** Native Suns is a Native-owned construction company that has been in the business for over 10 years.



Owned and operated by brothers Jon and Ben Bird, and Scott Sniedzins, Native Suns Construction Inc. offers commercial (i.e. leasehold improvements, renovations and alterations) as well as

residential projects (from design to construction). **James Boissoneau**, also working for Native Suns, is working on a project in Pickering.

Mathew Baldwin is doing carpentry finishing projects for **Canadian and American Concrete, Renovation and Drain Ltd.**, owned and



operated by Roman Ritacca, as well as working on a

townhouse complex for Vito Lapolla, of Monte Carlo Construction Company Limited, in Pickering.

Randy Dament is currently working for **JAM Property Services Ltd.** He is currently working on a coach house renovation project in Thornhill under the watchful eye of Charles Granato, owner and operator.



Michael Moore is also working for JAM Property Services in Thornhill as well.

Melissa Isaac is working for Sandra Baldwin, owner and operator, and Jeremy Alexander, project manager, of **A Lifetime Contractor Ltd.** where she is doing a landscaping and pool construction project in Thornhill.



Canon Cook is working for **My Haven Homes Ltd.** in Richmond Hill. She started on her placement doing computer research for Paul Caverly, project manager,



but is now doing residential renovation on one of his projects in Yorkville.

Each pre-apprentice needs to complete a minimum of 280 hours of supervised carpentry on the job placement in order to meet program requirements, so they are quite busy right now. Say hello to our students if you see them swinging their hammers out in the hot sun!

This project was funded by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. Contact Marlene Finn, Project Coordinator, for more information at Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Training, 416-591-0354 or email marlene.finn@miziwebiik.com