

Base has 90 civil service positions unfilled due to bilingualism requirements

Description

OROMOCTO: Recruiters at 5th Canadian Division Support Base Gagetown are looking for some good men and women. But not ones who wear uniforms. Base commander Col. Dan MacIsaac said the huge military training facility is searching for talented individuals to fill civilian positions. MacIsaac said the base has around 900 non-military workers and a 10 per cent vacancy rate.

"It's actually very hard to grow the labour force," MacIsaac said in an interview. "We're finding it very difficult, frankly. We are looking for a skilled employees and, in many of our jobs, we are also looking for the bilingual employee. It is hard to find that combination, quite honestly." According to the military, the base is the second largest public-sector employer, after the province itself, in New Brunswick and third as the largest employer in the province.

The base contributes more than \$220 million to the local economy and more than \$500 million to the provincial economy annually. "That returns to the community, too," MacIsaac said. The commander said 78 per cent of civilian positions on base are full-time and include a "pretty competitive" pension and benefits package.

"We have worked very hard in our hiring processes this past year," he said.

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