

CASUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY IN FOREST FUEL MANAGEMENT Competition #2019-01

The First Nations' Emergency Services Society of British Columbia (FNESS) is a charitable not-for-profit organization, under the governance of a First Nations Board of Directors and assists BC First Nations in developing and sustaining safer, healthier and thriving communities. Our programs and services based upon prevention include Fire Training, Education and Awareness, Emergency Community Planning and Response, and Forest Fuel Management (FFM). The goals of a self-sustaining and resilient First Nations community must keep *safety* as a priority, as we support the development of community and professional capacity.

FNESS is expanding with exciting new initiatives to increase the capacity of First Nations communities within forest fuel management actions. Our team is looking for talented individuals passionate about making a difference for communities and empowering others across the province.

Do you have a forest fuel management background?

FNESS is currently inviting applications/resumes for the casual position: FOREST FUEL MANAGEMENT (FFM) Liaison

Reporting to the FFM Manager, this is a technical position based in the Kamloops Office. The position involves travel, extensive at times, along with a hands-on approach with duties within the office. The position also plays a crucial role in advising the management team, through the FFM Manager. The FFM Liaison, in accordance with the Mission Statement and Guiding Strategic principles of FNESS, is responsible for providing guidance, support and technical expertise for the operational needs of the Forest Fuel Management Department, as a team leader with regards to planning, programs, and administration upon request, community relations and committees.

Duties and responsibilities of the position include, but are not limited to:

- Provide leadership, support and direction to the Forest Fuel Management (FFM) staff in meeting the goals, objectives and deliverables of the FFM Department.
- Develop and maintain a progressively effective and efficient forest fuel management project-approach throughout First Nations' communities in BC, from community to landscape levels inclusive, developing best management practices.
- Provide technical and administrative approval recommendations of both applications and complete First Nation FFM projects.
- Project Management, include financial reporting.
- Builds relationships and collaborates with forest licensees, professional associations, First Nations, stakeholders and other resources agencies to promote a coordinated approach in data collection and information sharing;
- Provide support to the FFM department with the FireSmart Canada Community Recognition Program;
- Analyze FFM issues, consult experts and advise on FFM options, including policy based input, and recommend solutions to the FFM Manager consistent with the Wildfire Act and other pertinent acts and legislation;
- Participate in working groups, advisory committees, conferences and workshops;
- Support and/or lead in the development and coordination of special events and projects

Applicants for this position should possess the following competencies:

- Sound knowledge of scientifically-based FFM standards and management practices;
- Sound knowledge of legislation, policy, standards and practices related to FFM;
- Good understanding of the FireSmart Canada Community Recognition Program and FireSmart principles;
- Physically capable to participate in field work, as often required throughout BC and other Provinces;
- Experience (demonstrated) working closely with First Nations Service Organizations;
- Strong communication skills; written & public speaking.

Applicants for this position must possess the minimum following qualifications:

- Diploma in Natural Resources Technology, Forestry option;
- Registered Forest Technologist (RFT) with 3-5 years of related field experience may be considered for this position;
- Have taken the Local FireSmart Representative training;

Preferred qualifications:

- Degree in Forestry or Natural Resource Management.
- Registered Professional Forester (RPF) with minimum 3-5 years related field experience.

We are looking for the right fit to support the FFM Department. The successful candidate must possess a valid BC driver's license, clear current criminal record check and will be required to supply a current driver's abstract. Wage dependent on education and experience in the field.

Preference may be given to individuals who self-identify as being of Indigenous ancestry.

Position will remain open until a successful candidate is found to join the team.

Please forward a current resume and cover letter to:

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