

FORESTRY STUDENT

(Temporary position from May to August 2018)

The Municipality of North Cowichan invites applications from candidates with the proven skills, qualifications and abilities for the position of Forestry Student. The successful candidate will report directly to the Municipal Forester and work 8 hours per day, usually from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursday through Monday. This position will be responsible for silviculture surveys, fire patrols, security checks, and other related duties; the majority of the work is performed while working alone. Deployment to other duties may be required from time to time.

This is a unionized position (CUPE Local 358) and the collective agreement may be viewed on our website. This position will receive an additional 6% pay in lieu of vacation.

Required Skills, Qualifications and Abilities

1. Registered as a full-time, post-secondary student at an accredited institution during the current academic year (2017-2018) and returning to school full-time in the upcoming academic year (2018-2019).
2. Forestry Program student (technical school, college, or university).
3. Ability to work weekends for the duration of the work term (May to August 2018).
4. Organizational and communication skills.
5. Knowledge of and background in forest firefighting and silviculture surveys.
6. Self-motivated, capable of working alone with minimal supervision, and independence of judgment.
7. Possession and maintenance of a valid Class 5 BC Driver's License with a satisfactory current driver's abstract.
8. Ability to start fire pumps on a weekly basis. The position is physically demanding, and the candidate must be able to successfully perform all duties associated with the position. A medical certificate attesting to suitability for this position may be required.

The following will be considered an asset: experience in and familiarity within a local government environment; knowledge and understanding of invasive species; knowledge of and familiarity with the local area; knowledge and understanding of the use of iPads; and valid CPR "C" and First Aid certification.

Candidates will be selected based on how their skills, qualifications, abilities, and previous experience best meet the requirements listed in this posting. Offers of employment will be contingent upon successful completion of a criminal record check and proof of a satisfactory current driver's abstract.

How to Apply

Please submit your application by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, **January 29, 2018** to the Human Resources Department by email hrappl@northcowichan.ca or by fax to 250-746-3139. If sending your application by email, PDF format is preferred. Visit our website at www.northcowichan.ca for more information about student employment and the application procedures.

Application Checklist

- Cover letter (quote competition # and position title) and résumé detailing relevant work experience and education.
- Proof of full-time enrolment (or equivalent) at an accredited post-secondary institution.
- If you would like to include your driver's abstract as part of your application package, call ICBC at 1-800-663-3051 or go online at www.icbc.com for a free copy.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.